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Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Education

- from Sept. 2019 **P.h.D. candidate**, *International Max Planck Research School (IMPRS)*, Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History and Friedrich Schiller University, Jena.
- 2016 – 2019 **Master of Arts in Linguistics**, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
Final Grade: 1.2
- 2013 – 2016 **Bachelor of Arts in German Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies**, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
Final Grade: 1.7
- 2012 – 2013 **Bachelor of Arts in Culture & Technology – Language and Communication**, Technische Universität Berlin.

Masters Thesis

- Title *Body-part metaphors as a window to cognition: A cross-linguistic study of object and landscape terms*
- Supervisors Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Verhoeven and Dr. Kilu von Prince
- Description I conducted the first systematic typological study of body-part metaphors in object and landscape terms. The study consisted of 53 pictures illustrating object and landscape parts which were based on 93 body-part metaphors. The analysis showed that some metaphors are far more consistent across languages than others. For example, the expressions 'leg of the chair/table/bed' are present throughout the whole language sample.
Grade: 1.3

Bachelors Thesis

- Title *Emotionalisierung durch Texte – Eine kontrastive Untersuchung von Spendenaufrufen und Börsenbriefen mithilfe der Berlin Affective Word List Reloaded.*
- Supervisors Prof. Dr. Katharina Spalek and Prof. Dr. Manfred Krifka
- Description I collaborated with a software engineer to search my text corpora for emotional words. For this, we created a tool which utilized the Natural Language Processing Kit in Python, so that it could analyze the text corpora and compare them with a list of 3000 words. Afterwards, I analyzed the frequency and psycholinguistic measures of the matching words.
Grade: 1.5

Participation (Summer Schools)

- 2019 Summer Neurolinguistics School at the National Research University Higher School of Economics, Center for Language and Brain, Moscow, Russia.

Work Experience

- 2019–Present **Research associate**, *FAHMRRR project*, funded by the European Research Council (ERC), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
An investigation of how humans process meaning in utterances, concentrating on focus alternatives. Currently, I conduct a study which investigates the recall of focus alternatives in Vietnamese. Principal investigator: Prof. Dr. Katharina Spalek
- 2017 – 2019 **Student research assistant**, *MelaTAMP project*, funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
A corpus-based research on TAM and polarity expressions in Oceanic languages of Melanesia. Principal investigators: Dr. Kilu von Prince, Prof. Dr. Manfred Krifka
- 2016 – 2019 **Student research assistant**, *FAHMRRR project*, funded by the European Research Council (ERC), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
An investigation of how humans process meaning in utterances, concentrating on focus alternatives. Principal investigator: Prof. Dr. Katharina Spalek
- 2018 **Internship and student research assistant**, *Group “Modulation of Language Networks”*, Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Leipzig.
Group head: Dr. Gesa Hartwigsen
- 2013 – 2016 **Assistant**, *WWF Germany*, Berlin, Department of Dialog Marketing.

Full-time, before I began my studies

- 2011 – 2012 **Junior Account Manager**, *McCann Berlin*.
- 2011 **Store Manager**, *BFN Berlin Fashion Network*.
- 2010 **Junior Account Manager**, *Wunderman GmbH*, Frankfurt a. M..
- 2008 – 2010 **Trainee for Marketing Communication**, *Wunderman GmbH*, Frankfurt a. M.,
Dual vocational training.

Administrative Service

- 2017 – 2018 Women’s representative at the Institute of Romance Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Computer Skills

- Scripting R, MATLAB, Python, Bash Shell, Generic Mapping Tools
- Mark-up L^AT_EX, RStudio
- Systems Mac, Windows, Linux
- Software PRAAT, Presentation, Plone, ELAN, EXMARaLDA, MS Office

Experience in Psycholinguistic Methods

- MRI Operation and safety training of a 3 Tesla Siemens Tim Trio MRI scanner at the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience Berlin (CCNB), Freie Universität Berlin.
- EEG Data acquisition with a six 32-channel EEG cap (BrainAmp).
- Behavioral Independently conducted experiments.

Languages

- German Native language
- English Intermediate (IELTS Score: 7.5)
- Danish Good passive knowledge
- Vietnamese Basic knowledge

Publications

2019

- Tjuka, Annika, Lena Weißmann, and Kilu von Prince (accepted). Tagging modality in Oceanic languages of Melanesia. In *Proceedings of 13th Linguistic Annotation Workshop*. ACL Special Interest Group on Annotation.
- Tjuka, Annika, Lena Weißmann, and Kilu von Prince (2019). Habitual aspect as a property of text spans. In *Proceedings of 9th Language & Technology Conference*. Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland.

Posters

2019

- (accepted) August. *A cross-linguistic study of body-part metaphors and their cognitive basis*. 52nd Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea. Leipzig University, Germany.
- (accepted) July. *'The leg of the table' – Universal patterns of mapping body-part terms to object and landscape properties*. Concepts of Humans and Nature between Specificity and Universality. Johannes Gutenberg-Universitaet, Mainz, Germany.
- (accepted) July. *Shirts, scarves, or socks – Remembering focus alternatives in Vietnamese*. Summer Neurolinguistics School 2019. National Research University Higher School of Economics, Center for Language and Brain, Moscow, Russia.
- March. *The heel of the bread and the tongue of the sea - Body-part metaphors in object and landscape terms*. The Creative Power of Metaphor. Worcester College, Oxford, United Kingdom.

Talks

2019

- (accepted) September. *Revealing cognitive patterns: A cross-linguistic study of body-part metaphors*. 13th International Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology, Pavia, IT.
- (accepted) August. *Cross-linguistic patterns of body-part metaphors*. Metaphor Festival 2019 conference, Amsterdam, NL.
- (accepted) August. *Tagging modality in Oceanic languages of Melanesia*. The 13th Linguistic Annotation Workshop, Florence, IT.
- May. *Habitual aspect as a property of text spans*. 9th Language & Technology Conference, Poznań, Poland.
- May. (invited speaker) *Finding patterns - How to discover part-whole relations in cross-linguistic data*. Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Jena, DE.
- March. (invited speaker) *The cognitive foundation of body-part metaphors*. Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen, NL.

2018

- November. *The belly of the cabbage – Body-part metaphors as a window into the mind*. Colloquium Syntax and Semantic. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
- October. *Elicitation in linguistic fieldwork – or how to capture a speaker's view of the world*. 3rd student conference "Research and teaching in student hands". Bochum, DE.
- August. *Can typological studies show us how the brain processes language?* 5th Linguistik Meetup Berlin-Potsdam. Potsdam, DE.
- July. (invited talk) *Including linguistic variation to understand the processing of language*. Universität des Saarlandes. Saarbrücken, DE.
- May. *Don't judge from the outside: A deeper look into the Vietnamese tense system*. 63rd Student Conference Linguistics (StuTS). Kiel, DE.
- April. *Time and perspective in a supposedly tenseless language*. 12th T.W.I.S.T. Student Conference for Linguistics, Leiden, NL.

2017

- September. *Panda vs. Bank – Wörter als Auslöser von Emotionen*. 2nd Conference for student research, Berlin, DE.