

# Iuliia Zaitova

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## Research Interests

Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning, Language Typology, Representation Learning

## Education

- 2022-present **Universität des Saarlandes**  
PhD in Computational Linguistics in [SFB 1102](#), [project C4](#)  
Advisors: Prof. Dr. Tania Avgustinova, Prof. Dr. Dietrich Klakow, Prof. Dr. Bernd Möbius  
Thesis: Non-Compositionality in Cross-Linguistic Intercomprehension
- 2019-2022 **Universität des Saarlandes**  
MSc in Language Science and Technology  
Advisors: Badr M. Abdullah, Prof. Dr. Dietrich Klakow  
Thesis: [Modeling Mutual Spoken Word Intelligibility between Slavic languages](#)
- 2014-2018 **Udmurt State University**  
BA with Honours in Linguistics and Translation  
Advisor: Dr. Irina Ryabkova  
Thesis: Summary translation in the media: strategies, trends, problems

## Skills and Qualifications

**Programming Languages:** Python, R, SQL

**NLP and ML frameworks:** PyTorch, Transformers, NLTK, spaCy, Gensim, Stanford NLP

**Tools:** Git, VSCode, bash, LaTeX etc.

**Natural Languages:** Russian (native), English (C1, 113/120 TOEFL), German (B2), Udmurt (A2)

## Teaching

- 2023 [Basic Tools for NLP](#) – course encompassing Unix systems, Bash, Vim, Git, Python, cluster computing, LaTeX, etc. tailored for students with non-technical background

## Work experience

- 2021-2022 [Language Technology and Multilinguality Lab](#) at DFKI  
student research assistant
- 2020-2022 [Spoken Language Systems \(LSV\)](#) at Universität des Saarlandes  
student research assistant
- 2019-2020 [Information and Service Systems](#) at Universität des Saarlandes

student research assistant

2016-2019

**Amara**

translator (English > Russian)

## Publications

2023

**"Microsyntactic Unit Detection using Word Embedding Models: Experiments on Slavic Languages"** Iuliia Zaitova, Irina Stenger, and Tania Avgustinova *RANLP 2023 (In Press)*

2022

**"Mapping Phonology to Semantics: A Computational Model of Cross-Lingual Spoken-Word Recognition"** Iuliia Zaitova, Badr M. Abdullah, and Dietrich Klakow *VarDial 2022*

2021

**"How familiar does that sound? Cross-lingual representational similarity analysis of acoustic word embeddings"** Badr M. Abdullah, Iuliia Zaitova, Tania Avgustinova, Bernd Möbius, Dietrich Klakow *BlackboxNLP 2021*

2021

**"Do Acoustic Word Embeddings Capture Phonological Similarity? An Empirical Study"** Badr M. Abdullah, Marius Mosbach, Iuliia Zaitova, Bernd Möbius and Dietrich Klakow *Inter-speech 2021*

## Talks and Posters

2023

**Conference Presentation: "Microsyntactic Unit Analysis using Word Embedding Models: Experiments on Slavic Languages"** - TaCoS Conference

2023

**"Poster presentation: Microsyntactic Units across Slavic Languages"** - UMLV Summer School

2020

**Conference Presentation: "Analyzing and Comparing Speech Disfluency Patterns in Non-Native Dialogue: A Case Study"** Advisor: Dr. Lucia Donatelli Student Session at WeSSLLI 2020.

## Volunteer experience

2023

**PhD Representative** at [SFB 1102](#) at Universität des Saarlandes

2020

**Linguistic corpus annotator**, OpenCorpora

2016-2017

**Translator (English-Russian)**, TED Open Translation Project

2017

**Interpreter (English-Russian)**, World Festival of Youth and Students

## Additional experience

2019

**Au Pair** in Germany, Essen

2017

**Work & Travel** in the US, Baltimore

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