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EDUCATION

2011	Ph.D. in Linguistics (*summa cum laude*), University of Leipzig Dissertation: *Typological variation in grammatical relations* Advisors: Balthasar Bickel and Johanna Nichols
2006	M.A. in Linguistics, English studies, and German as a foreign language, University of Leipzig Thesis: *Aspects of information structure in Richtersveld Nama* Advisors: Balthasar Bickel and Tom Güldemann

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

October 2025–	Professor of general and comparative linguistics (W3), Faculty 10: Linguistics and Literary Studies, University of Bremen
November 2023–September 2025	Associate professor in linguistics (tenured), Department of Linguistics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
September 2018–October 2023	Senior lecturer in linguistics (tenure track), Department of Linguistics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2013–2018	Assistant professor (*Juniorprofessorin*, non-tenure track) for typology and linguistic variance, Institute for Scandinavian Studies, Frisian and General Linguistics, Department of General Linguistics, Christian Albrecht University of Kiel
2010–2013	Postdoctoral researcher, University of Leipzig / U. of Zurich, project: Typological Variance in the Processing of Grammatical Relations
2006–2010	Research assistant, U. of Leipzig, project: Typological Variance in the Processing of Grammatical Relations
2004–2006	Student assistant in the project Expression of Focus in Southern African Languages (ZAS, Berlin), research on Richtersveld Nama (Khoe-Kwadi) PIs: Dr. Tom Güldemann and Prof. Dr. Manfred Krifka
2002–2004	Student assistant in the project AUTOTYP, U. of Leipzig, PIs: Prof. Dr. Balthasar Bickel and Prof. Dr. Johanna Nichols

GRANTS, AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS

Major grants

2026–2028 (declined)	DFG-Israel Science Foundation *The intersection of microvariation and pragmatics in urban and youth varieties in Africa* Role: principal investigator (with Nico Nassenstein and Ellen Hurst Harosh) Decline due to relocation to the University of Bremen
2025–2028	Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (ELDP), major documentation project *Documentation and description of the linguistic repertoires, culture, and oral tradition of the Nsua of Semuliki Forest* Role: principal investigator (with Saudah Namyalo)
2025–2028	DFG Middle East Collaboration *Differential object marking and reference tracking in the Northeastern Neo-Aramaic dialect of Christian Urmi* Role: principal investigator (with Maria Ovsjannikova, University of Potsdam)
2023–2025	The Global Strategy and Partnerships Funding Scheme of the University of Zürich *Event packaging in language* Role: principal investigator (together with Balthasar Bickel and Jessica Ivani)
2020–2024	Israel Science Foundation *Peripheral Khoekhoe varieties: A comprehensive documentation and description* Role: principal investigator
2017–2019	Volkswagen Foundation, funding Initiative Knowledge for Tomorrow – Cooperative Research Projects in Sub-Saharan Africa *The comprehensive bilingual talking Luruuli/Lunyara-English dictionary* Role: German partner (with Saudah Namyalo as principal investigator)
2015–2017	Volkswagen Foundation, DOBES-Programme, Project II/89 550, *Articulation speed variation cross-linguistically* (follow-up project), Role: Principal investigator (with Frank Seifart, Nikolaus Himmelmann, Balthasar Bickel, Swintha Danielsen, Iren Hartmann, Roland Meyer, Brigitte Pakendorf, Jan Strunk, Søren Wichmann, and Taras Zakharko)
2012–2015	Volkswagen Foundation, DOBES-Programme, Project II/86 292; *The relative frequencies of nouns, pronouns, and verbs cross-linguistically*, Role: Principal investigator (with Frank Seifart, Hans-Jörg Bibiko, Balthasar Bickel, Swintha Danielsen, Roland Meyer, Sebastian Nordhoff, Brigitte Pakendorf, and Taras Zakharko)

Scholarships and other grants

2019–2020	Ben Zvi Institute for the study of Jewish communities in the East *Documenting Juhuri, an Iranian language of the Jews of the Caucasus.* with David Erschler, Eitan Grossman, and Dmitry Nikolaev
2019–2020	Teaching and Learning Centre at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem *Educational innovation in linguistics* with Eitan Grossman
2018–2019	Golda Meir Fellowship Fund at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Position funding for the 2018/2019 academic year
2017	BMBF and MESRI (French Ministry for Higher Education, Research and Innovation) Travelling grant to participate at *LexMC: Lexical Data Masterclass* (declined)
2015	Alumni Kiel e.V., Grant to video record the series of lectures *Sprachwandel mit Migrationshintergrund*
2015	COST (European cooperation in science and technology) Two travelling grants for the summer school *Standard Tools and Methods for Retrodigitising Dictionaries* (Lisbon)
2014	DNSZ (Deutsch-Norwegischen Studienzentrum an der Universität Kiel) Seed grant for the Trondheim-Kiel Valency Project
2014	NetWordS – The European Network on Word Structure A grant to attend the summer school *Words: structure, meaning, acquisition, processing* (4–9 August 2014, Trondheim, Norway)
2013	Graduate Campus of Zurich University, Conference organization grant for the conference *Landscape through the prism of language* with Giorgio Iemmolo, Curdin Derungs, and Flurina Wartmann
2011	University of Zurich, International Relations – North-South Cooperation Teaching staff mobility grant to teach at Makerere-Zurich Summer school, Makerere (Uganda), 1–15 August 2011

Awards

2020	Hebrew University of Jerusalem Outstanding teacher/top teacher of the Faculty of Humanities award
2019	Hebrew University of Jerusalem Outstanding teacher/top teacher of the Faculty of Humanities award
2013	Association for Linguistic Typology, The 6th Joseph Greenberg Award Honorable mention (the award recognizes the best piece of typological research embodied in a doctoral dissertation)

RESEARCH PROJECT TEAM MEMBER

2025–2031   *The system of shape representations in cognition, development and across languages SHAPE (ERC Synergy Grant 2024*
PIs Mila Vulchanova (NTNU, Trondheim), Pamela Perniss (University of Cologne), Linda Smith (Indiana University), Frank Seifart (SeDyL Lab, CNRS)
Role: associated researcher, language expert for Ruuli and Khoekhoe

2023–   *Open Text Collections*
DFG/German Research Foundation, 2023–2025
Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities
Principal investigator Mandana Seyfeddinipur
Role: regional editor for Africa

2021–2024   *Out of Asia Sinergia Project*
University of Zurich
PIs Balthasar Bickel, Kentaro Shimizu, Robert Weibel, Paul Widmer
Role: associated researcher, supervisor of the data modules on grammatical relations

2020–2023   *The dynamics of language variation: A study of linguistic repertoires of Ruruuli-Lunyara speakers*
Volkswagen Foundation, funding Initiative Knowledge for Tomorrow – Cooperative Research Projects in Sub-Saharan Africa
PI Saudah Namyalo (Makerere University)
Role: mentor and associated researcher

2016–2022   *DoReCo – Language Documentation Reference Corpora*
Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft
PIs Frank Seifart and Manfred Krifka
Role: associated researcher, corpus creator of N‖ng and Ruuli

2016–2023   *Grambank* (part of the international research consortium Glottobank)
MPI for the Science of Human History, Jena; since 2021 MPI for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig
Role: leader of Kiel team, supervision of over 20 research assistants, patron of multiple typological features

2016–   *Khoisan phonological typology project*
JSPS Grant-in-aid for Scientific Research (KAKENHI)
PI Hirosi Nakagawa (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)
Role: associated researcher, technical lead, coordinator of data collection and processing

2009–2012   *Referential Hierarchies in Morphosyntax*
EuroCORES program "Better Analyses Based on Endangered Languages (EuroBABEL)"
PI Katharina Haude
Role: associated researcher

2007–2011   *A text documentation of N|uu*, Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (ELDP), PI Tom Güldemann
Role: associated researcher

2006–2013   Research Group 742 *Grammar and Processing of Verbal Arguments*
German Science Foundation

Coordinator Gereon Müller
Role: associated researcher

2002–   *AUTOTYP typological database network*
Role: associated researcher, developer of database modules on grammatical relations

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

2021   Saudah Namyalo, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Anatole Kiriggwajjo, Amos Atuhairwe, Zarina Molochieva, Ruth Mukama & Margaret Zellers. *A dictionary and grammatical sketch of Ruruuli-Lunyala* (African Language Grammars and Dictionaries 5). Berlin: Language Science Press.

2011   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. *Typological Variation in Grammatical Relations*. University of Leipzig Dissertation.
DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.4191665.

Edited volumes and special issues

2022   Chief editors: Bonny Sands, Kerry Jones;
Editorial team: Chris Collins, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Sylvanus Job, Francoise (Betta) Steyn, Dietloff van der Berg, Dotty Mantzel & Willem Damarah. *Nǀuuki Namagowab Afrikaans English: ǂXoakiǂxanisi/Mîdi di ǂKhanis/Woordeboek/Dictionary.*
Cape Town: African Sun Media.

2021   Janic, Katarzyna & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. 2021. *Antipassive: typology, diachrony, and related constructions*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

2019   Grossman, Eitan, Ilja A. Seržant & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich** (guest editors). Valency and transitivity in contact: theoretical and empirical issues. Special issue of *Journal of Language Contact* 12(1).

2019   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena** & Balthasar Bickel. *Argument selectors: A new perspective on grammatical relations*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

2018   Seržant, Ilja A. & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. *Diachrony of differential argument marking*. Berlin: Language Science Press.

2016   Haude, Katharina & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich** (guest editors). Referential Hierarchies in Morphosyntax. Special issue of *Linguistics* 54(3).

2013   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena** & Martina Ernszt. *Khoisan languages and linguistics. Proceedings of the 3rd International Symposium July 6–10, 2008, Riezlern/Kleinwalsertal.* (Research in Khoisan Studies 29). Cologne: Rüdiger Köppe.

Journal articles

2025 Inman, David, Natalia Chousou-Polydouri, Marine Vuillermet, Kellen Parker van Dam, Shelece Easterday, Françoise Rose, Alena Witzlack-Makarevich, Kevin Baetscher, Oscar Cocaud-Degrève, Anna Graff, Selma Hardegger, Thomas Huber, Tai Hong, Diana Krasovskaya, Raphaël Luffroy, Nora Muheim, André Müller, Alexandra Nogina, David Perrot, Melvin Steiger & Balthasar Bickel. The Areal Typology of Languages of the Americas (ATLAs) database. *Scientific Data* 12, 933. https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-025-05169-4

2024 Thalmayer, Amber Gayle, David M. Condon, Kendall A. Mather, Luzelle Naudé, Maria Florence, Tracey-Ann Adonis, Elizabeth N. Shino, Stephen Asatsa, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Lea Z. M. Bächlin & Gerard Saucier. The cross-cultural Big Two: A culturally de-centered theoretical and measurement model for personality traits. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: PPID* 128(5): 1181–1208. https://doi.org/10.1037/pspp0000528

2024 Inman, David, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Natalia Chousou-Polydouri & Melvin Steiger. Alignment everywhere all at once: Applying the late aggregation principle to a typological database of argument marking. *Journal of Language Modelling* 12(2): 287–347. https://doi.org/10.15398/jlm.v12i2.360

2024 Veselovsly, Anna & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich.** Modal verbs of strong necessity in Ruruuli-Lunyala (Bantu JE.103). *Africana Linguistica* 30, 129-158. DOI: 10.2143/AL.30.0.3293838

2023 Skirgård, Hedvig, Hannaah Haynie, Damián Blasi, Harald Hammarström, Jeremy Collins, Jay Latarche, Jakob Lesage, Tobias Weber, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich** … Russel Gray. Grambank reveals the importance of genealogical constraints on linguistic diversity and highlights the impact of language loss. *Science Advances* 9(16), eadg6175, 1–15. https://doi.org/10.1126/sciadv.adg6175

2023 Nakagawa, Hirosi, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Daniel Auer, Anne-Maria Fehn, Linda Gerlach Ammann, Tom Güldemann, Sylvanus Job, Florian Lionnet, Christfried Naumann, Hitomi Ono & Lee J. Pratchett. Towards a phonological typology of the Kalahari Basin Area languages. *Linguistic Typology* 27(2): 509–535. https://doi.org/10.1515/lingty-2022-0047

2022 Veselovsky, Anna & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Linguistic variation in customer reviews: One's own vs. another's experience narrative. *Register Studies* 4(2), 288–322. https://doi.org/10.1075/rs.22004.ves

2022 Sietze Norder, Laura Becker, Hedvig Skirgård, Leonardo Arias, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich** & Rik van Gijn. glottospace: R package for language mapping and geospatial analysis of linguistic and cultural data. *Journal of Open Source Software* 7(77), 4303. https://doi.org/10.21105/joss.04303.

2022 Just, Erika & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. A corpus-based analysis of P indexing in Ruuli (Bantu, JE103). *South African Journal of African*

	Languages (SAJAL) 42(2), 234–242. https://doi.org/10.1080/02572117.2022.2094083
2020	Lind Sørensen, Marie-Louise & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Clausal complementation in Ruuli (Bantu, JE103). *Studies in African Linguistics* 49(1), 84–110.
2020	Seifart, Frank, Jan Strunk, Swintha Danielsen, Iren Hartmann, Brigitte Pakendorf, Søren Wichmann, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Nikolaus P. Himmelmann & Balthasar Bickel. The extent and degree of utterance-final word lengthening in spontaneous speech from 10 languages. *Linguistics Vanguard* 7(1), 1–14. https://doi.org/10.1515/lingvan-2019-0063
2020	Strunk, Jan, Frank Seifart, Swintha Danielsen, Iren Hartmann, Brigitte Pakendorf, Søren Wichmann, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich** & Balthasar Bickel. Determinants of phonetic word duration in ten language documentation corpora: Word frequency, complexity, position, and part of speech. *Language Documentation & Conservation* 14, 423–461.
2019	Grossman, Eitan & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Valency and transitivity in contact: An overview. *Journal of Language Contact* 12, 1–26.
2018	Güldemann, Tom, Lee J. Pratchett & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. From pragmatics to sentence type: Non-topical S/A arguments and clause-second particles in the Kalahari Basin. *Gengo Kenkyu (Journal of the Linguistic Society of Japan)* 154, 1–32.
2018	Seifart, Frank, Jan Strunk, Swintha Danielsen, Iren Hartmann, Brigitte Pakendorf, Søren Wichmann, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Nivja H. de Jong & Balthasar Bickel. Nouns slow down speech across structurally and culturally diverse languages. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 115(22), 5720–5725.
2016	Haude, Katharina & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Referential hierarchies and alignment: An overview. *Linguistics* 54(3): 433–441.
2016	Van Lier, Eva, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich** & Joana Jansen. Referential and lexical factors in alignment variation of trivalent verbs. *Linguistics* 54(3), 563–616.
2016	**Witzlack-Makarevich**, Alena, Taras Zakharko, Lennart Bierkandt, Fernando Zúñiga & Balthasar Bickel. Decomposing hierarchical alignment: co-arguments as conditions on alignment and the limits of referential hierarchies as explanations in verb agreement. *Linguistics* 54(3), 531–561.
2015	Bickel, Balthasar, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich,** Kamal K. Choudhary, Matthias Schlesewsky & Ina Bornkessel-Schlesewsky. The neurophysiology of language processing shapes the evolution of grammar: evidence from case marking. *PLOS ONE* 10(8), e0132819. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0132819.
2014	Bickel, Balthasar, Taras Zakharko, Lennart Bierkandt & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Semantic role clustering: An empirical assessment of semantic role types. *Studies in Language* 38(3), 485–511.

2013	**Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena** & Balthasar Bickel. Towards a questionnaire on grammatical relations: a project bridging between typology and field linguistics. In *Tomsk Journal of Linguistics and Anthropology* 2 (2), 124–134.

Peer-reviewed conference proceedings

Accepted	**Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. Idiolectal and dialectal variation in N‖ng. In Lee J. Pratchett & Axel Fanego Palat (eds), *Proceedings of the 24. Afrikanist*innentag* (provisional title). Cologne: Rüdiger Köppe.
2025	Tulchynska Kira, Job Sylvanus and Witzlack-Makarevich Alena. Universal Dependencies Treebank for Khoekhoe (KDT). In Gosse Bomma & Çağrı Çöltekin (eds), *Proceedings of the Eighth Workshop on Universal Dependencies (UDW, SyntaxFest 2025),* 119–128. Ljubljana: ACL.
2024	Tulchynska, Kira, Sylvanus Job, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich** & Margaret Zellers. Prosodic marking of syntactic boundaries in Khoekhoe. In *Interspeech 2024, 1–5 September 2024, Kos, Greece: 3684– 3688.*
2022	Lesage, Jakob, Hannah J. Haynie, Hedvig Skirgård, Tobias Weber & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. 2022. Overlooked data in typological databases: What Grambank teaches us about gaps in grammars. In *Proceedings of the 13th Language Resources and Evaluation Conference (LREC 2022),* 2884–2890, Marseille, 20-25 June 2022. European Language Resources Association. https://aclanthology.org/2022.lrec-1.309/
2021	Zellers, Margaret, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Lilja Saeboe & Saudah Namyalo. An exploration of the acoustic space of rhotics and laterals in Ruruuli. In *Proceedings of 22nd Interspeech, Brno, Czechia,* 1454–1458.
2020	Zellers, Margaret, Saudah Namyalo & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Investigating relationships between intonational and syntactic phrasing in Ruruuli/Lunyala. *Proceedings of Speech Prosody 2020, Tokyo, Japan,* 394–398.
2018	Buanzur, Tuarik, Margaret Zellers, Saudah Namyalo & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. A first investigation of the timing of turn-taking in Ruuli. *Proceedings of Interspeech 2018* (2–6 September 2018, Hyderabad), 622–625. DOI: 10.21437/Interspeech.2018-1254
2015	Marquard, Carina, Oliver Niebuhr & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. 2015. Phonetic reduction of clicks – Evidence from N‖uu. *Proceedings of the 18th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences.* Glasgow, UK: the University of Glasgow. Paper number 0240. https://www.internationalphoneticassociation.org/icphs-proceedings/ICPh2015/Papers/ICPHS0240.pdf

Articles in edited volumes (peer-reviewed)

Submitted	**Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**, Eloisa Ruppert & Saudah Namyalo. Expressions of caritive semantics in Ruuli. In Sofia Oskolskaya, Maksim

Fedotov & Natalia Zaika (eds) *Typology of caritives.* Berlin: Language Science Press.

2025+ Ruppert, Eloisa, Saudah Namyalo & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Forthcoming. Negation in Ruuli (JE.103). In Ljuba Veselinova & Matti Miestamo (eds), *Negation in the languages of the world.* Berlin: Language Science Press.

2023 **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena,** Erika Just & Saudah Namyalo. Reflexive constructions in Luganda. In Katarzyna Janic, Martin Haspelmath & Nicoletta Puddu (eds), *Reflexive constructions in the world's languages*, 185–206. Berlin: Language Science Press.

2022 **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. Khoisan Languages. In Mark Aronoff (ed.), *Oxford Bibliographies in Linguistics.* Oxford: Oxford University Press. DOI: 10.1093/OBO/9780199772810-0294

2022 **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**, Johanna Nichols, Kristine A. Hildebrandt, Taras Zakharko & Balthasar Bickel. Managing AUTOTYP Data: Design Principles and Implementation. Andrea L. Berez-Kroeker, Bradley McDonnell, Eve Koller & Lauren B. Collister (eds), *Open Handbook of Linguistic Data Management*, 631–642. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

2021 Molochieva, Zarina, Saudah Namyalo & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Phasal polarity in Ruuli. In Raija Kramer (ed.), *The expression of phasal polarity in African languages*, 71–89. Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton.

2021 Janic, Katarzyna & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. The multifaceted nature of the antipassive construction. In Katarzyna Janic & Alena Witzlack-Makarevich (eds), *Antipassive: Typology, Diachrony, and Related Construction*s, 1–39. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

2019 **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena** & Hirosi Nakagawa. Linguistic features and typologies in languages commonly referred to as 'Khoisan'. In Ekkehard Wolff (ed.), *The Cambridge Handbook of African Linguistics*, 382–416. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

2019 **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. Argument selectors. A new perspective on grammatical relations: An introduction. In Alena Witzlack-Makarevich & Balthasar Bickel (eds). *Argument selectors: A new perspective on grammatical relations*, 1–38. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

2018 **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena** & Ilja A. Seržant. Differential argument marking: Patterns of variation. In Ilja A. Seržant & Alena Witzlack-Makarevich (eds), *Diachrony of differential argument marking*, 1–40. Berlin: Language Science Press.

2015 Bickel, Balthasar, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich** & Taras Zakharko. Typological evidence against universal effects of referential scales on case alignment. In Ina Bornkessel-Schlesewsky, Andrej Malchukov & Marc Richards (eds), *Scales: A cross-disciplinary perspective on referential hierarchies*, 7–44. Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton.

2015 Bickel, Balthasar, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Taras Zakharko & Giorgio Iemmolo. Exploring diachronic universals of agreement: alignment patterns and zero marking across person categories. In Jürg

Fleischer, Elisabeth Rieken & Paul Widmer (eds), *Agreement from a diachronic perspective*, 29–52. Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton.

2015   Ernszt, Martina, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich** & Tom Güldemann. Valency in N‖ng. In Andrej Malchukov & Bernard Comrie (eds), *Valency Classes in the World's Languages. Volume 1: Introducing the Framework, and Case Studies from Africa and Eurasia*, 185–220. Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton.

2013   Bickel, Balthasar, Giorgio Iemmolo, Taras Zakharko & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Patterns of alignment in verb agreement. In Dik Bakker & Martin Haspelmath (eds), *Languages across boundaries: Studies in memory of Anna Siewierska*, 15–36. Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton.

2008   Bornkessel-Schlesewsky, Ina, Kamal K. Choudhary, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich** & Balthasar Bickel. Bridging the gap between processing preferences and typological distributions: initial evidence from the online comprehension of control constructions in Hindi. In Andrej Malchukov & Marc Richards (eds), *Scales* (=Band 86 der Linguistischen ArbeitsBerichte), 397–436. Leipzig: Institut für Linguistik.

2008   Bickel, Balthasar & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Referential scales and case alignment: reviewing the typological evidence. In Andrej Malchukov & Marc Richards (eds), *Scales* (=Band 86 der Linguistischen ArbeitsBerichte), 1–37. Leipzig: Institut für Linguistik.

Databases and electronic corpora

2025   Tulchynska, Kira, Robert Schikowski & Alena Witzlack-Makarevich. UD Chintang CTNTB (a Universal Dependencies (UD) treebank for the Chintang language). In Zeman, Daniel et al. *Universal Dependencies 2.17*. LINDAT/CLARIAH-CZ digital library at the Institute of Formal and Applied Linguistics (ÚFAL), http://hdl.handle.net/11234/1-6036.

2025   Tulchynska, Kira, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Sylvanus Job, Michael Hahn. UD Khoekhoe KDT. In Zeman, Daniel et al. *Universal Dependencies 2.16*. LINDAT/CLARIAH-CZ digital library at the Institute of Formal and Applied Linguistics (ÚFAL), http://hdl.handle.net/11234/1-5901.

2025   David Inman, Natalia Chousou-Polydouri, Marine Vuillermet, Kellen Parker van Dam, Shelece Easterday, Françoise Rose, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, … and Balthasar Bickel. ATLAs (The Areal Typology of Languages of the Americas database). https://atlas.evolvinglanguage.ch/

2025   Tulchynska, Kira, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Sylvanus Job & Michael Hahn. *Khoekhoe-KDT* (Universal Dependencies treebank for Khoekhoe). https://universaldependencies.org/naq/index.html

2024   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena** and Sylvanus Job. Bivalent patterns in Khoekhoe. In Sergey Say (ed.). *BivalTyp: Typological database of bivalent verbs and their encoding frames.* https://www.bivaltyp.info/languages/descriptions/Khoekhoe.html

2023	The Grambank Consortium (eds). *Grambank*. Leipzig: Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology. http://grambank.clld.org
2023	Namyalo, Saudah, Margaret Zellers, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich** & Mandy Lorenzen. *A corpus of conversational Luganda* (Version 1). https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8432340
2022	Bickel, Balthasar, Johanna Nichols, Taras Zakharko, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Kristine Hildebrandt, Michael Rießler, Lennart Bierkandt, Fernando Zúñiga & John B. Lowe. 2022. The AUTOTYP database (v1.1.0). https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6793367
2021	Güldemann, Tom, Martina Ernszt, Sven Siegmund & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. N‖ng DoReCo data set. In Seifart, Frank, Ludger Paschen & Matthew Stave (eds). *Language Documentation Reference Corpus (DoReCo) 0.1*. Berlin & Lyon: Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft & laboratoire Dynamique Du Langage (UMR5596, CNRS & Université Lyon 2). https://doreco.huma-num.fr/languages/nngg1234
2021	**Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**, Saudah Namyalo, Anatol Kiriggwajjo, Zarina Molochieva & Amos Atuhairwe. Ruuli DoReCo data set. In Seifart, Frank, Ludger Paschen & Matthew Stave (eds). *Language Documentation Reference Corpus (DoReCo) 0.1*. Berlin & Lyon: Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft & laboratoire Dynamique Du Langage (UMR5596, CNRS & Université Lyon 2). https://doreco.huma-num.fr/languages/ruul1235
2019	**Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**, Saudah Namyalo, Zarina Molochieva, Amos Atuhairwe & Anatol Kiriggwajjo. *A corpus of spoken Ruuli*, 200,000 words.
2017	Bickel, Balthasar, Johanna Nichols, Taras Zakharko, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Kristine Hildebrandt, Michael Rießler, Lennart Bierkandt, Fernando Zúñiga & John B. Lowe. *The AUTOTYP typological databases.* Version 0.1.1 https://github.com/autotyp/autotyp-data/tree/0.1.1
2013	Ernszt, Martina, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich** & Tom Güldemann. N‖ng Valency Patterns. In Iren Hartmann, Martin Haspelmath & Bradley Taylor (eds). *Valency Patterns Leipzig*. Leipzig: MPI-EVA. http://valpal.info/languages/nllng
2010	Güldemann, Tom, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Martina Ernszt & Sven Siegmund. *Text documentation of N|uu*. Leipzig, London: MPI-EVA, ELDP. https://elar.soas.ac.uk/Collection/MPI194591

Reprints

2018	**Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**, Taras Zakharko, Lennart Bierkandt, Fernando Zúñiga & Balthasar Bickel. Decomposing Hierarchical Alignment: Co-arguments as Conditions on Alignment and the Limits of Referential Hierarchies as Explanations in Verb Agreement. In Irina Nikolaeva (ed.), *Linguistic Typology: Critical Concepts in Linguistics*. 531–561.

2016   Bickel, Balthasar, Taras Zakharko, Lennart Bierkandt & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Semantic role clustering: An empirical assessment of semantic role types. Seppo Kittilä & Fernando Zúñiga (eds), *Advances in Research on Semantic Roles*, 51–78. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

Reviews

2017   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. Review of *Qualitative-quantitative analyses of Dutch and Afrikaans grammar and lexicon* (2014), Robert Kirsner (Amsterdam: John Benjamins). *Germanistik* 58/3–4: 640.

2014   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena** & Csilla Kász. Review of *Impersonal constructions: A cross-linguistic* perspective (2011), ed. by Andrej Malchukov, Anna Siewierska. *Anthropological Linguistics* 56(2): 226–228.

2008   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena.** Review of *Brahui, a Dravidian language* (2006), Mikhail S. Andronov, (Munich: LINCOM Europa). *LinguistList* 16.

2008   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena.** Review of *Exploring the syntax-semantics interface* (2005), Robert D. Van Valin, Jr., (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press). *Linguistische Berichte* 213, 115–118.

2007   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena.** Review of *The Tujia language* (2006), Cecilia Brassett, Philip Brassett & Meiyan Lu (Munich: LINCOM Europa) in *LinguistList* 29.

TALKS

Keynote lectures

2023   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. Creating and utilizing corpora for language description and development: lessons learned from three projects across the African continent. LAEA 3 (Language Association of Eastern Africa), 15 August 2023, Makerere University.

2021   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. Lexical restriction on diathetical operations of promotion and demotion. Presented at *Lexical restrictions on grammatical relations*. University of Amsterdam (online), 29–30 March 2021.

2019   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. Typological variation of differential argument marking: How to capture it and what it tells us. Presented at *IGDAL 7: International Student Graduate Conference on Diverse approaches to Linguistics*, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 8 April 2019.

2018   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. Rapid collection of a spoken corpus of Ruuli (Bantu). Presented at *Fieldwork: methods and theory*, University of Gothenburg, 13–14 December 2018.

2018   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. Typological variation of differential argument marking: How to capture it and what it tells us. Presented at *Conference on Typology and Grammar for Young Scholars*, St. Petersburg, 22–24 November 2018.

2018   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. Current research on ideophones: Meaning, typology and how to study them. Presented at *StuTS 62*, University of Kiel, 25 May 2018.

2018   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena.** Differential argument marking: From linguistic typology to corpus studies and back. Presented at *Perspectives on Low-Resource Languages and Language Varieties*, 9 February 2018, Saarland University.

2016   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. Typological variation of grammatical relations: How to capture it and what it tells us. Presented at *Typology of Morphosyntactic parameters*, 12 October 2016, Moscow State University of Education.

2012   Bickel, Balthasar, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Taras Zakharko & Giorgio Iemmolo. Are there diachronic universals of agreement systems? Presented at *Agreement from a diachronic perspective*, Philipps-Universität Marburg, 3–5 October 2012.

Presentations at peer-reviewed conferences

2025   Gipper, Sonja, Anastasia Bauer, Alice Mitchell & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Cross-linguistic variation in multimodal feedback in conversation. 24. *Arbeitstagung zur Gesprächsforschung Responsives Verhalten: Praktiken, Handlungen und Affordanzen*, 19–21 March 2025. Leibniz-Institut für Deutsche Sprache (IDS, Mannheim).

2025   Gipper, Sonja, Anastasia Bauer, Alice Mitchell & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Cross-linguistic variation in multimodal feedback in

conversation. Global South Studies Center 11. Anniversary Symposium, University of Cologne, December 11–12, 2025.

2025 Hong, Tai, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich** & Balthasar Bickel. The evolutionary dynamics of ergative case. *58th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea*, 26–29 August 2025. Université Bordeaux Montaigne.

2025 Hong, Tai, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich** & Balthasar Bickel. 2025. The evolutionary dynamics of ergative case. *27th International Conference on Historical Linguistics*, 18–22 August 2025. Santiago de Chile.

2025 Tulchynska, Kira, Sylvanus Job & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Universal Dependencies Treebank for Khoekhoe (KDT) (poster). *8th Universal Dependencies Workshop at SyntaxFest 2025*, Ljubljana, August 26–29 2025.

2025 **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. Omnipredicativity in Khoekhoe (Khoe-Kwadi). *58th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea*, 26–29 August 2025. Université Bordeaux Montaigne.

2024 Tulchynska, Kira, Sylvanus Job, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich** & Margaret Zellers. Prosodic marking of syntactic boundaries in Khoekhoe (poster). *INTERSPEECH 2024*, 1–5 September 2024, Island Kos, Greece.

2024 **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**, Sylvanus Job & Anna Veselovsky. Interaction and competition between borrowed and native discourse particles in Khoekhoe (Khoe-Kwadi). *57th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea*, 21–24 August 2024. Helsinki: University of Helsinki.

2023 Veselovsky, Anna, Aynat Rubinstein, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich** & Saudah Namyalo. The subjunctive in Ruruuli-Lunyala (Bantu): A corpus-based study. *Workshop on modality in underdescribed languages: Methods & insights*. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 20–22 April, 2023.

2023 Haynie, Hannah J., Jakob Lesage, Hedvig Skirgård, Tobias Weber & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Overlooked information in large-scale typological databases reveals trends in grammaticography. *Linguistic Society of America (LSA) 97th Annual Meeting*. Denver, Colorado, 5–8 January 2023.

2022 Lee J. Pratchett, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, ... & Hirosi Nakagawa. Typological features of consonants in Khoisan languages of the Kalahari Basin Area. *Francqui International Professorship Symposium Diversity and Documentation of Speech Sounds in the Languages of the World*. Antwerp University, 9 December 2022.

2022 Jakob Lesage, Hannah J. Haynie, Hedvig Skirgård, Tobias Weber & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Mind the gap! What typological databases tell us about the state of grammatical descriptions. *Where do we need to go from here? – Language Documentation & Archiving Conference*. Berlin, 3–7 October 2022.

2022 Anna Graff, Balthasar Bickel, Natalia Chousou-Polydouri, David Inman, Chiara Barbieri, Nico Neureiter, Peter Ranacher, Russell Gray, Russell Barlow & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. A global search for linguistic

areas using Bayesian mixture modelling. *ICHL25 (International Conference on Historical Linguistics 2022)*. Oxford, 1–5 August 2022.

2022 | Jakob Lesage, Hannah J. Haynie, Hedvig Skirgård, Tobias Weber & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Overlooked data in typological databases: What Grambank teaches us about gaps in grammars (poster). *LREC 2022 (Language Resources and Evaluation Conference)*, Le Palais du Pharo, Marseille. 20–25 June 2022.

2022 | Hildebrandt, Kristine A., **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Johanna Nichols, Taras Zakharko & Balthasar Bickel. Managing AUTOTYP data: Design principles and implementation. *LSA 2022 Annual Meeting* (Workshop *Scholarly Communication in Linguistics: Resource Workshop and Poster Session*). Washington, DC (and on-line), 6–9 January 2022.

2021 | Lesage, Jakob, Hedvig Skirgård, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Hannah Haynie & Tobias Weber. Seeing the forest or the trees: lessons for grammar writing from Grambank, a large-scale typological database. Presented at *Descriptive grammars and typology II: The challenges of writing grammars of underdescribed and endangered languages*. Paris (and on-line), 1–3 December 2021.

2021 | Zellers, Margaret, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Lilja Saeboe & Saudah Namyalo. 2021. An exploration of the acoustic space of rhotics and laterals in Ruruuli. Presented at I*NTERSPEECH 2021*. Brno, Czech Republic, 30 August–3 September 2021.

2021 | Zellers, Margaret, Mandy Lorenzen, Saudah Namyalo & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Forms and functions of backchanneling in Ruruuli and Luganda. Presented at the workshop *Centering pragmatic phenomena on the margins, WOCAL10 (10th World Congress of African Linguistics)*. Leiden University (online), 7–12 June 2021.

2020 | **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena** & Saudah Namyalo. 2020. Expressions of caritive semantics in Ruuli. Presented at the conference *Caritive constructions in the languages of the world*. St. Petersburg (online), 30 November–2 December 2020.

2020 | Zellers, Margaret, Saudah Namyalo & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. 2020. Investigating relationships between intonational and syntactic phrasing in Ruruuli/Lunyala. Presented at *Speech Prosody 2020*. Tokyo, 25–28 May 2020.

2019 | **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. Reported discourse in Ruuli (Bantu, JE103): a corpus-based study. Presented at *Reported Discourse across Languages and Cultures*. CNRS Campus in Villejuif, 22–23 May 2019.

2019 | Widmer, Manuel, Erik van Gijn, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Yingqi Jing, Erika Just, Nico Neureiter & Peter Ranacher. On the evolution of so-called hierarchical person-marking systems in Tupian and Sino-Tibetan. *ALT 2019 (The 13th Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology)*. University of Pavia, 4–6 September 2019.

2019 | Nakagawa, Hirosi, Tom Güldemann, Florian Lionnet & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Khoisan Phonological Typology database and the relative frequency of consonants in the Khoisan languages. *ALT*

2019 (The 13th Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology). University of Pavia, 4–6 September 2019.

2019   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**, Saudah Namyalo & Erika Weinberger. 2019. Reflexives in Ruuli (Bantu, JE103). *SLE 2019 (52nd Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea)*. Leipzig University, 21–24 August 2019.

2018   Buanzur, Tuarik, Margaret Zellers, Saudah Namyalo & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. A first investigation of the timing of turn-taking in Ruuli. Presented *at INTERSPEECH 18*. Hyderabad, India, 2–6 September 2018.

2018   Levshina, Natalia & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Explaining scale effects in differential argument case marking: Evidence from dialogue corpora. Presented at *SLE 2018 (The 51st Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea)*, Tallinn, 29 August–1 September 2018.

2018   Lind Sørensen, Marie-Louise & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Complementation strategies in Luruuli/Lunyara (Bantu). Presented at *WOCAL9 (The 9th Word Congress of African Linguistics)*, Rabat, 25–28 August 2018.

2018   Lind Sørensen, Marie-Louise & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. 2018. Complementation strategies in Ruuli. Presented at *SWL8 (The 8th Syntax of the World's Languages conference)*, Paris, 3–5 September 2018.

2018   Van Gijn, Rik, Manuel Widmer, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Yingqi Jing & Erika Weinberger. On the evolution of so-called hierarchical person-marking systems in Tupian and Sino-Tibetan. Presented at workshop *New Fields for Morphology*. University of Surrey, 2–3 November 2018.

2017   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**, Lennart Bierkandt & Fernando Zúñiga. Competition in verbal agreement paradigm: Are conflicts resolved in a systematic and historically stable way? Presented at *SLE50 (The 50th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea)*, Zurich, 10–13 September 2017.

2017   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**, Taras Zakharko & Johanna Nichols. Late aggregation as a design principle for typological databases. Presented at *ALT12 (The 12th Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology)*, Canberra, 12–14 December 2017.

2016   Neshcheret, Natalia & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Passives with intransitive verbs: typology and distribution. Presented at *PLM 2016 (46th Poznań Linguistic Meeting)*, 15–17 September 2016, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań.

2016   Janic, Katarzyn & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. The cross-linguistic diversity of antipassives: function, meaning and structure. Presented at *SLE 2016 (49th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea)*, University of Naples Federico II, Naples, 31 August–3 September 2016.

2016   Sands, Bonny & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Towards a minimally useful dictionary of Nǀuu. Presented at *Dictionaria Workshop*. University of Leipzig, 12 April 2016.

2015	Bickel, Balthasar, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Taras Zakharko & Giorgio Iemmolo. The distribution of zeros in agreement paradigms: exploring diachronic universals. Presented at *SLE 2015 (The 48th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea)*. Leiden, 2–5 September 2015.
2015	Güldemann, Tom & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Clause-second elements in languages of the Kalahari Basin with particular reference to Richtersveld Nama and N‖ng. Presented at *The 8th World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL 8)*. Kyoto, 20–24 August 2015.
2015	Marquard, Carina, Oliver Niebuhr & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Phonetic reduction of clicks – Evidence from N|uu. Presented at The *18th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences*. Glasgow, 10–14 August 2015.
2014	Seifart, Frank, Jan Strunk, Balthasar Bickel, Brigitte Pakendorf, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Iren Hartmann, Swintha Danielsen, Søren Wichmann & Taras Zakharko. Noun to verb ratio and word order. Presented at *The 8th Days of Swiss Linguistics*, University of Zurich, 19–21 June 2014.
2014	Seifart, Frank, Jan Strunk, Balthasar Bickel, Swintha Danielsen, Brigitte Pakendorf, Søren Wichmann & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Noun to verb ratio and word order. Presented at *SLE 2014 (The 47th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea)*. Poznań, 11–14 September 2014.
2014	Marquard, Carina, Oliver Niebuhr & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Acoustic characteristics and variation of clicks in the endangered language N|uu. Poster presented at *The 14th International Conference on Laboratory Phonology*. Tokyo, 25–27 July 2014.
2014	**Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena** & Tom Güldemann. Valency patterns of N‖ng in contact. Presented *at SLE 2014 (The 47th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea)*. Poznań, 11–14 September 2014.
2013	Güldemann, Tom & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. The risks of analysis without spoken language corpora: clause-second *ke* in Richtersveld Nama and N‖ng. Presented at the conference *Information structure in Spoken Language Corpora (ISSLaC)*. University of Bielefeld, 10–12 June 2013.
2013	**Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**, Balthasar Bickel & Taras Zakharko. Typological evidence against universal effects of referential scales on agent case marking. Presented at *SLE 2013 (The 46th Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea)*. Split, 18–21 September 2013.
2013	Iemmolo, Giorgio & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. When is there agreement? Typologizing restrictions on agreement. Presented at *ALT 10 (The Association for Linguistic Typology 10th Biennial Conference)*. Leipzig, 15–18 August 2013.
2012	Bickel, Balthasar, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Taras Zakharko & Lennart Bierkandt. Semantic Role Clustering: An Empirical Assessments of Semantic role types. Presented at the workshop *Non-*

Canonically Case-Marked Subjects within and across Languages and Language Families. Reykjavík, 4–8 June 2012.

2012   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**, Balthasar Bickel & Fernando Zúñiga. Grammatical relations beyond subjects and objects: 40 years later. Presented at *SLE 2012 (The 46th Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea).* Stockholm University, Stockholm, 29 August–1 September 2012.

2012   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**, Giorgio Iemmolo, Taras Zakharko & Balthasar Bickel. Same but different: Formal discrepancies in determining alignment of agreement systems. Presented at SWL5 (The Syntax of the World's Languages). Dubrovnik, 1–4 October 2012.

2011   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**, Lennart Bierkandt, Taras Zakharko & Balthasar Bickel. Decomposing hierarchical alignment: participant scenarios as conditions on alignment. Presented at *SLE 2011 (The 44th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea).* Universidad de la Rioja, Logroño, 8–11 September.

2011   Bickel, Balthasar, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Taras Zakharko & Lennart Bierkandt. Semantic Role Clustering: An Empirical Assessments of Semantic Role Types. Presented at the Workshop on *Role Complexes: (New) approaches to defining semantic roles*, University of Zurich.

2011   Molochieva, Zarina & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Noun-verb complex predicates in Chechen. Presented at the conference on *Caucasian languages.* MPI-EVA Leipzig, 13–15 May 2011.

2011   Bierkandt, Lennart, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Taras Zakharko & Balthasar Bickel. Synchronic variation and diachronic trends in the alignment of Kiranti agreement. Presented at International workshop on Gradualness in change and its relation to synchronic variation and use. University of Pavia, 30–31 May 2011.

2011   **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**, Lennart Bierkandt, Taras Zakharko & Balthasar Bickel. Beyond "basic types": accounting for the full variation in alignment typology. Presented at *ALT9 (Association of Linguistic Typology 9th Biennial Conference)*, University of Hong Kong, 21–24 July 2011.

2011   Lier, Eva van, Anna Siewierska & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Alignment typology in three-participant construction. Presented at *ALT9 (Association of Linguistic Typology 9th Biennial Conference).* University of Hong Kong, 21–24 July 2011.

2011   Bierkandt, Lennart, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**, Taras Zakharko & Balthasar Bickel. Diachronic trends in the alignment of the Kiranti agreement system. Presented at ICHLXX (International Conference on Historical Linguistics). National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka, 25–30 July 2011.

2010   Molochieva, Zarina & **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich**. Noun-verb complex predicates in Chechen. Presented at *Syntax of the World's Languages 4.* CNRS and the Université Lumière Lyon II, Lyon, 23–26 September 2010.

2010	Balthasar Bickel, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich** & Taras Zakharko. Alignment across the lexicon. Presented at *Syntax of the World's Languages 4*. CNRS and the Université Lumière Lyon II, Lyon, 23–26 September 2010.
2010	**Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. Grammatical relations without syntactic transitivity. Presented at SLE2010 (43rd Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea). Vilnius, 2–5 September 2010.
2009	Bickel, Balthasar, **Alena Witzlack-Makarevich** & Taras Zakharko. Is differential case marking caused by a universal referential scale? *ALT8 (The 8th meeting of the Association for Linguistic Typology)*. University of California, Berkeley, 23–26 July 2019.
2009	**Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. What is left after passivization? On the syntactic status of derived arguments. *ALT8 (The 8th meeting of the Association for Linguistic Typology)*. University of California, Berkeley, 23–26 July 2019.
2009	**Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena** & Martina Ernszt. Referential Density in Nǀuu. *WOCAL6 (6th World Congress of African Linguistics), University of Cologne*. Cologne, 17–21 August 2009.
2007	**Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. Construction-centered database on grammatical relations. Presented at *ALT7 (The 7th Biannual Meeting of the Association for Linguistic Typology)*. Paris, 25–28 September 2007.

Outreach

2025	**Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. Mehrsprachigkeit jenseits der Städte: Vergleichende Perspektiven auf kleinräumige Sprachökologien. Lecture series *Grenzen erfahren – verschieben – überschreiten – ... Zur Dynamik von Mehrsprachigkeit im Spannungsfeld von Identität, Zeit und Raum*, University of Bremen, December 2025.
2020	**Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. Languages of Uganda. Presented in the seminar for excursion preparation of the African Studies Program, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, January 2020.
2018	**Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. Catching Ruuli (Bantu, Uganda): How to compile a grammar and a dictionary of an undescribed minority language in three years. *Africounters* (an interdisciplinary workshop series focused on Africa). The Harry S. Truman Research Institute for The Advancement of Peace, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 20 December 2018.
2018	**Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. Lebhafte Anschauung von Ideen in Lautgestalt: Ideophone [Ideophones: Lively representations of ideas in sound]. Lecture series *An den Rändern der Sprache: Ringvorlesung über Rand-, Grenz- und Übergangsphänomene in der Sprache*, 24 April 2018, University of Kiel.
2017	**Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. Was macht man so als Sprachwissenschaftler? [What do linguists do?] Lecture series organized by *Evangelische Studierendengemeinde an den Kieler Hochschulen*, January 2017.

| 2015 | **Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena**. Lecture series for general public *Sprachwandel mit Migrationshintergrund* [*Language change with migration background*] (with Steffen Höder). University of Kiel, nine events in April–June 2015. |

PRIMARY DATA ACQUISITION AND FIELDWORK

Primary data acquisition

2025–	Kusua (Bantu): audiovisual documentation and corpus development, elicitation in situ (Uganda)
2022–	Khoekhoe (Khoe-Kwadi): audiovisual documentation and corpus development, elicitation in situ (Namibia)
2016–	Ruuli (Ruruuli/Lunyala) (Rutara, Great Lakes Bantu): elicitation in situ, audiovisual documentation and corpus development (Uganda)
2019–	Ganda (Rutara, Great Lakes Bantu): elicitation in situ, audiovisual documentation and corpus development (Uganda)
2009–2015	Nǀuu (Tuu): audiovisual documentation and corpus development, including ethnography and language revitalization attempts, elicitation in situ (South Africa)
2009–2010, 2020	Chechen: elicitation in Leipzig and Kiel
2006–2011	Nama/Khoekhoe (Khoe-Kwadi): audiovisual documentation and corpus development, elicitation in situ (South Africa)

Fieldwork

In the field: over 15 months

2025	Kusua (Bantu, Bundibugyo, Uganda), 8 weeks
2023–2024	Khoekhoe (Khoe-Kwadi), 2–3 hours per week remote fieldwork
2023	Khoekhoe (Khoe-Kwadi), multiple locations (Namibia), 4 weeks
2022	Khoekhoe (Khoe-Kwadi), multiple locations (Namibia), 4 weeks
2019	Ganda (Bantu), Kampala (Central Uganda), 1 week
2019	Ruuli (Bantu), Kayunga, Nakasongola (Central Uganda), 5 weeks
2018	Ruuli (Bantu), Kayunga, Nakasongola (Central Uganda), 4 weeks
2017	Ruuli (Bantu), Kayunga, Nakasongola (Central Uganda), 5 weeks
2015	Nǀuu (Tuu), Upington/Andriesvale (Northern Cape, South Africa), 3 weeks

2014	N‖uu (Tuu), Upington/Andriesvale (Northern Cape, South Africa), 3 weeks
2011	N‖uu (Tuu), Upington/Andriesvale (Northern Cape, South Africa), 3 weeks
2011	Khoekhoe (Khoe-Kwadi), Kuboes (Northern Cape, South Africa), 1 week
2007	N‖uu (Tuu). Upington/Andriesvale (Northern Cape, South Africa), 10 weeks
2005	Khoekhoe (Khoe-Kwadi), Kuboes (Northern Cape, South Africa), 9 weeks
2004	Khoekhoe (Khoe-Kwadi), Kuboes (Northern Cape, South Africa), 12 weeks

In the office and remote

2023–	Khoekhoe (Khoe-Kwadi), weekly meetings with speakers of Khoekhoe via zoom for elicitation and corpus annotation
2009–2010, 2022	Chechen (Nakh-Daghestanian), elicitation in Leipzig and Kiel, graduate language structure class with elicitations sessions at Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2019	Luganda (Bantu), graduate class in *Field linguistics*, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS
Departmental functions and university committees

2022–2024	Head of Functionalist track, Department of Linguistics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2021–2024	MA advisor, Functionalist track, Department of Linguistics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2020–2025	Academic advisor at The Martin Buber Society of Fellows (a German-Israeli program for postdoctoral fellows in Humanities and Social Sciences), Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2020–	Member of the Language science doctoral committee, Faculty of Humanities, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2018–2024	Student exchange coordinator of the Functionalist track, Department of Linguistics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2018–2025	Library liaison for the linguistic section of the university library, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2016–2018	Member of the central budget and planning committee (*Zentraler Haushalts- und Planungsausschuss*), University of Kiel
2015, 2016	Member of the hiring committee for Phonetics and phonology (W1), University of Kiel
2015–2018	Erasmus coordinator, Institute of Linguistics, University of Kiel

2015–2018	Member of the examination committee of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities (*Fakultäts- und Promotionsprüfungsausschuss*), University of Kiel
2015–2018	Deputy member of the committee for the promotion of young researchers of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities (*Ausschuss für Angelegenheiten des wissenschaftlichen Nachwuchses*), University of Kiel
2014–2018	Examination coordinator for programs in General linguistics, University of Kiel
2014–2018	Library liaison, management of the linguistic section of the university library, University of Kiel

Journal and book series committees

2023–	advisory board of Language Science Press
2021–	review editor of the journal *Linguistic Typology*
2020–	scientific committee of the journal *Linguistique et Langues Africaines*
2020–	academic advisory board of the journal *Afrika und Übersee*

Program committee

2021	scientific committee *Emerging Topics in Typology 2021*
2012–	program committee of *Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE)*
2011, 2026	program committee of the conference of the *Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT)*
2012–2016	program committee of *Workshop on Linked Data in Linguistics*

Reviewing

Journals	*Afrika und Übersee* (2020, 2021, 2022), *Acta Linguistica Petropolitana* (2016 two articles), *Diachronica* (2019, 2024, 2025), *Folia Linguistica* (2021, 2025), *Glossa* (2018, 2022 two articles), *History of Humanities* (2021), *International Journal of American Linguistics (IJAL)* (2018, 2024), *Journal of Historical Linguistics* (2018, 2022), *Journal of Linguistics* (2013), *Language Dynamics and Change* (2013), *Linguistic Typology* (2017, 2021), *Linguistic Typology at the Crossroads* (2022), *Linguistics and African Languages Scholarship at an African University* (2021), *Linguistic Discovery* (2011, 2017), *Linguistics* (2011, 2024), *Linguistics in the Netherlands* (2015), *Linguistic Typology at the Crossroads* (2022, 2024), *Linguistics Vanguard* (2020), *Linguistique et Langues* Africaines (2022, 2023), *Nordic Journal of African Studies* (2020), *SKY Journal of Linguistics* (2012), *Southern African Linguistics and Applied Language Studies* (2025), *Stellenbosch Papers in Linguistics* (2019, 2022, 2024), *Studies in Language* (2013, 2014 two articles, 2015, 2020, 2022, 2023), *STUF - Language Typology and Universals* (2024), *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Cognitive Science* (2012)

Book manuscripts	Brill (series *Studies in South and Southwest Asian Languages*, 2012 and 2016)
	EL Publishing (2020)
	Language Science Press (2021)
	Open Text Collection (2025)
	The MIT Press (2018, 2021)
Contributions to edited collections	John Benjamins (series *Typological Studies in Language*, two articles 2012; series *Studies in Language Companion Series*, one article 2016)
	Language Science Press (2020, 2021)
	DeGruyter Mouton (2011, 2021)
Grants	DFG/German Research Foundation (2014, 2023, 2025)
	Endangered Languages Documentation Programme (ELDP) (reviewer in 2015, 2017, 2019, 2024 (two applications); referee in 2013, 2019, 2021, 2022)
	Mandel Scholion Center (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) postdoctoral scholarship (2023, 2025)
	The Martin Buber Society of Fellows (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) postdoctoral scholarship (2023, 2024)
	National Geographic Society (2013)
Jury member	10th Joseph Greenberg Award (*Association for Linguistic Typology*; 2021)
Proofreading	Proofreading for Language Science Press (16 contributions)

Organization of workshops, conferences, and webinars

2020–2024	Webinar *The Kalahari Basin Area network,* over 20 events (talks and reading groups). https://www.kalaharibasinarea.net/, with Lee J. Pratchett and Anne-Maria Fehn (until 2021).
2016	Workshop *The crosslinguistic diversity of antipassives: Function, meaning and structure* (with Katarzyna Janic). *SLE 2016 (The 49th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea)*, University of Naples Federico II, Naples, 31 August – 3 September 2016.
2014	Conference *The diachronic typology of differential argument marking* (with Ilja A. Seržant). University of Konstanz, 5-6 April 2014.
2014	Workshop *The relative frequencies of nouns, pronouns, and verbs in discourse* (with Frank Seifart, Hans-Jörg Bibiko, Balthasar Bickel, Swintha Danielsen, Roland Meyer, Sebastian Nordhoff, Brigitte Pakendorf, Jan Strunk, and Taras Zakharko). MPI EVA, Leipzig, 12–13 August 3014.
2013	Workshop *Landscape through the prism of language* (with Giorgio Iemmolo, Curdin Derungs, and Flurina Wartmann). University of Zurich, 1st June 2013.

2012	Workshop *Grammatical relations beyond subjects and objects: 40 years later* (with Balthasar Bickel and Fernando Zúñiga). *SLE 2012* (*The 45th Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea*), Stockholm University, 29 August–1 September 2012.
2011	Workshop *Referential hierarchies in alignment typology* (with Balthasar Bickel and Anna Siewierska). *SLE 2011 (The 44th Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea)*, University of La Rioja Logroño, 8–11 September 2011.
2010	Workshop *Referential hierarchy effects on the morphosyntax of verbal arguments* (with Robert Schikowski and Balthasar Bickel). University of Leipzig, August 2010.
2010	Workshop *The fine structure of grammatical relations* (with Petr Biskup). University of Leipzig, December 2010.
2007	Workshop *Grammar and processing of verbal arguments* (with Gereon Müller and Andreas Opitz). University of Leipzig, April 2007.
2006	Workshop *Historical linguistics and hunter-gatherer populations in global perspective* (with Tom Güldemann). MPI-EVA Leipzig, August 2006.

Memberships in professional associations

2024–	Fachverband Afrikanistik
2010–	Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE)
2003–	Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT)