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Curriculum vitae (updated March 2025)

Contact information

Current position Post-doctoral researcher
Seminar for English Philology and Center for Text Structures
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Education

Academic programs

2021–pres. post-doctoral researcher, University of Göttingen, Germany
DFG-funded project “Action sensitivity in grammar”
(led by Hedde Zeijlstra and Thomas Weskott)

2019 post-doctoral researcher, University of Tromsø, Norway
CLEAR group (led by Laura A. Janda and Tore Nessel)

2016–2019 post-doctoral researcher, University of Göttingen, Germany and
Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
project “The landscape of neg-words”
(led by Luka Crnič, Ivy Sichel, and Hedde Zeijlstra)

2009–2015 Ph.D (linguistics), University of Toronto, Canada
Thesis: *In search of reference: The case of the Russian adjectival intensifier ‘samyj’*

2007–2009 Maître ès arts (HMA, linguistics), Université Laval, Canada
Thesis: *Comparative study of degree expressions in English, French, and Russian*

2004–2007 HBA with distinction, University of Toronto, Canada
Majors: French linguistics, philosophy, translation

1997–2002 Honours Bachelor degree in law (HLL.B), Moscow State Academy of Law, Russia
Specialization: Civil law and Family law

Non-academic programs

2021 European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI), held virtually

2018 North American Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (NASSLLI)
Carnegie Mellon University, USA

Visiting

2010 Visiting student, Advanced Syntax with Richard S. Kayne, New York University, USA

2010 Visiting student, Advanced Semantics with Anna Szabolcsi, New York University, USA

Teaching

Instructor

- 2023 Polarity-sensitivity: triviality, agentivity and their tension
NYI Global Institute of Cultural, Cognitive, and Linguistic Studies
(co-taught with H. Zeijlstra)
- 2021–2022 Action sensitivity in grammar (graduate level)
Georg-August University in Göttingen, Germany
(co-taught with H. Zeijlstra)
- 2021 Intentions in grammar (invited lecture)
New York University, USA
- 2013–2015 Introduction to linguistics, English words
University of Toronto, Canada
- 2009 French-English translation
Université Laval, Canada

Teaching assistant

- 2009–2015 Introduction to Linguistics, 1st and 2nd year Syntax and Semantics courses
University of Toronto, Canada
- 2007–2009 Introduction to Linguistics
Université Laval, Canada

Supervision

- 2017–2019 Einat Keren (PhD program), LLCC/University of Jerusalem, Israel

Research assistant

- 2013–2014 project: “A cross-linguistic investigation of clitics” (led by M. Ippolito)
University of Toronto, Canada
- 2007–2008 project: “Natural Language Asymmetries” (SSHRC, 2004–2008)
Université Laval, Canada
- 2007 project: “Acquisition of clitics by bilingual children”
University of Toronto, Canada

Private sector employment

- 2021–2024 NLU developer, Cerence, Germany
development of voice and AI systems for the automotive industry
- 2016 linguistic consultant, What3words, UK
development of annotated categorized trees for address generating algorithms

Publications

Book editions

- 2023 *Agency and Intentions in Language*
Brill Research Perspectives in Linguistics, Brill: Leiden
(eds., joint with H. Zeijlstra)

Doctoral thesis

- 2015 *In Search of Reference: The Case of the Russian Adjectival Intensifier ‘samyy’*
University of Toronto, Canada

Monographs

- 2011 *Comparative Constructions Compared*
VDM Verlag Dr. Müller: Saarbrücken

Journals

- in press Subject obviation and self-locating knowledge
Linguisticae Investigationes
- in press Decisive modality and intentionality effect
Canadian Journal of Linguistics
- 2024 About *very*
Linguistics and Philosophy, 48(1), 1–41
- 2022 Some notes on experiencer causatives and DOM in Romanian
Rasprave, 48(1), 306–326
(joint with M. Irimia)
- 2016 Binding without agree
Semantics-Syntax Interface, 3(1), 49–72
- 2015 P-doubling in split PPs and information structure
Linguistic Inquiry, 46(4), 731–742

Conference proceedings

- 2023 Intentionality effect in imperatives
Annual Workshop on Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 2018, 105–127
- 2023 Polarity, homogeneity, and authority
Proceedings of the 58th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society, 139–152
(joint with G. Kaur)
- 2022 Parasitic licensing in uncertainty
Empirical Issues in Syntax and Semantics, 14, 61–84
(joint with H. Zeijlstra)
- 2022 Aspect in Hindi-Urdu and transition between syntactic domains
Proceedings of the 13th Generative Linguistics in the Old World in Asia, 133–148
(joint with G. Kaur)
- 2022 What weakness of will can teach us
Proceedings of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS 52), 297–306
- 2021 Deriving polarity from granularity
Proceedings of the Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 31), 638–702
(joint with L. Wolf)
- 2020 Whom to oblige?
Advances in formal Slavic linguistics 2017, 51–73
- 2020 Epistemic comparatives and other expressions of speaker’s uncertainty
Advances in formal Slavic linguistics 2017, 75–95
(joint with M. Irimia)
- 2020 Dynamic presupposition of *want* and polarity sensitivity
Proceedings of the Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT 30), 779–800

- 2020 The role of time in double NPI constructions with epistemic accessibility relations
Proceedings of the North East Linguistics Society (NELS 50), 275–289
(joint with L. Wolf)
- 2019 Time matters: the role of temporal boundaries in NPI licensing
Proceedings of the 22nd Amsterdam Colloquium, 132–141
(joint with L. Wolf)
- 2018 Epistemic comparatives: A cross-linguistic investigation
Proceedings of the 35th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, 169–176
(joint with M. Irimia)
- 2017 Anchoring in grammar: Puzzles with epistemic comparatives
Proceedings of the Canadian Linguistic Association 2017, 1–15
(joint with M. Irimia)
- 2017 *Samyj* in fragment answers
Annual Workshop on Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 2015, 156–179
- 2015 About *many*
Annual Workshop on Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 2014, 99–121
- 2014 Comparing propositional attitudes
McGill Working Papers in Linguistics, 24(1), 17–36
- 2013 ‘Self’-superlatives
Proceedings of the Canadian Linguistic Association 2013, 1–15
- 2012 P-doubling in split scrambling: a renaissance analysis
Proceedings of the Canadian Linguistic Association 2012, 1–15
- 2009 Les structures comparatives en russe
Actes des XXIIIes Journées de linguistique, 1–8

Presentations

Conference presentations

- 2025 ‘Self-location without indexicals’
Ontology As Structured by the Interfaces with Semantics 4, University of York, UK
- 2024 ‘Rationalizing statements and causation’ (invited)
2nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy of Causation, University of Göttingen, Germany
- 2024 ‘Rationalizing statements and self-locating information’ (invited)
Philosophy and Generative Grammar 2, Utrecht University, Netherlands
- 2024 ‘Pragmatics of intentions’ (poster)
Chronos 15, Université Jean Jaurès, France
- 2023 ‘Beliefs about actions’ (keynote)
Ontology As Structured by the Interfaces with Semantics 3, Université Côte d’Azur, France
- 2023 ‘Actions and beliefs’
Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics 20, Osaka University, Japan
- 2023 ‘Beyond the classic de re belief ascription problem’
Semantics and Philosophy in Europe, Université Côte d’Azur, France
- 2023 ‘On Asp* in Hindi-Urdu’
Workshop on Verbal Domains, Newcastle University, UK
(joint with G. Kaur)
- 2022 ‘Polarity sensitivity and epistemic widening’

- Generative Linguistics in the Old World 45, Queen Mary University of London, UK
(joint with H. Zeijlstra)
- 2022 ‘Aspect in Hindi-Urdu and transition between syntactic domains’
Generative Linguistics in the Old World in Asia 13, University of Hong Kong, China
(joint with G. Kaur and N. Banerjee)
- 2022 ‘Emphatic definite descriptions across languages’
58th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society, Chicago University, USA
- 2022 ‘Polarity, homogeneity, and authority’
58th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society, Chicago University, USA
(joint with G. Kaur and N. Banerjee)
- 2022 ‘Emphatic definite descriptions and detached reference’
Theoretical Linguistics at Keio (TaLK), University of Keio, Japan
- 2022 ‘Identity in emphatic definite descriptions’
Philosophy and Generative Grammar 1, Colombia
- 2022 ‘Attitudes and polarity’ (invited)
Workshop on Alternatives, Expectations, and Domain Widening, Bar-Ilan University, Israel
- 2021 ‘Weakness of will’
Colloque de Syntaxe et Sémantique à Paris 2021, Paris, France
- 2021 ‘Parasitic licensing in uncertainty’
Colloque de Syntaxe et Sémantique à Paris 2021, Paris, France
(joint with H. Zeijlstra)
- 2021 ‘Polarity and granularity properties of *some* polarity items and minimizers’
Generative Linguistics in the Old World 44, USA
(joint with L. Wolf)
- 2021 ‘Two types of causatives and DOM’
Expressing causality in L1 and L2, Lublin, Poland
(joint with M. Irimia)
- 2021 ‘Two types of causatives and DOM’
Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages 51, University of Illinois at Urbana, USA
(joint with M. Irimia)
- 2021 ‘Deriving polarity from granularity’
Semantics and Linguistic Theory 31, Brown University, USA
(joint with L. Wolf)
- 2021 ‘Granularity in the polarity system’
57th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society, Chicago University, USA
(joint with L. Wolf)
- 2021 ‘What weakness of will can teach us’ (poster)
North East Linguistics Society 52, Rutgers University, USA
- 2021 ‘Weakness of will in action’
Moscow HSE Pragmatics workshop, Higher School of Economics (HSE), Russia
- 2021 ‘Polarity licensing and diagonalization’
Moscow HSE Pragmatics workshop, Higher School of Economics (HSE), Russia
(joint with H. Zeijlstra)
- 2021 ‘Dynamic presupposition of *want* and polarity sensitivity’
Semantics and Linguistic Theory 30, Cornell University, USA
- 2020 ‘Language and intentions’
Generative Linguistics in the Old World 43, Humboldt University, Germany

- 2020 ‘A semantic account of Negative Inversion and Horn-clauses’
DegPol Workshop, Humboldt University, Germany
(joint with H. Zeijlstra)
- 2019 ‘Time matters: the role of temporal boundaries in NPI licensing’ (poster)
Amsterdam Colloquium, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
(joint with L. Wolf)
- 2019 ‘The role of time in double NPI constructions with epistemic accessibility relations’
North East Linguistics Society 50, MIT, USA
(joint with L. Wolf)
- 2019 ‘Desires, belief revisions, and polarity sensitivity’
Ontology As Structured by the Interfaces with Semantics 2, University of Nantes, France
- 2019 ‘The world is not enough: the role of time in double NPI constructions’ (poster)
Ontology As Structured by the Interfaces with Semantics 2, University of Nantes, France
(joint with L. Wolf)
- 2019 ‘Licensing Horn-clauses at a distance’
Incontro di Grammatica Generativa 45, University of Padua, Italy
(joint with H. Zeijlstra, I. Sichel, L. Crnič, and M. Stelling)
- 2019 ‘Reasoning about ignorance of others’
Reasoning, Argumentation and Logic in Natural Language, Ruhr University of Bochum, Germany
- 2018 ‘Counterfactuality and focus’
93rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, New York University, USA
(joint with M. Irimia)
- 2018 ‘Counterfactuality is not obligatory!’
Going Romance 32, Utrecht University, Netherlands
(joint with M. Irimia)
- 2018 ‘Counterfactuality and imperfect’
Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics 11, Brussels University, Belgium
(joint with M. Irimia)
- 2018 ‘Intentionality and polarity sensitivity’
Societas Linguistica Europaea 2018, Tallinn University, Estonia
- 2018 ‘Parasitic licensing in English and cross-linguistically’
Societas Linguistica Europaea 2018, Tallinn University, Estonia
(joint with I. Sichel, M. Stelling, L. Crnič & H. Zeijlstra)
- 2018 ‘Intentionality effect in imperatives’
Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 27, Stanford University, USA
- 2018 ‘Imperatives and intentions’
Non-Canonical Imperatives, Humboldt University, Germany
- 2018 ‘Differential object marking: what type of licensing?’
48th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages, York University, Canada
(joint with M. Irimia)
- 2017 ‘Whom to oblige?’
Formal Description of Slavic Languages 12.5, University of Nova Gorica, Slovenia
- 2017 ‘Epistemic comparatives and other expressions of speaker’s uncertainty’
Formal Description of Slavic Languages 12.5, University of Nova Gorica, Slovenia
(joint with M. Irimia)
- 2017 ‘Modal comparatives: a cross-linguistic picture’

- Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association, Ryerson University, Canada
(joint with M. Irimia)
- 2017 ‘Modal comparatives: a cross-linguistic investigation’
Cambridge Comparative Syntax 6, Cambridge University, UK
(joint with M. Irimia)
- 2017 ‘Epistemic comparatives cross-linguistically’ (poster)
West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 35, University of Calgary, Canada
(joint with M. Irimia)
- 2017 ‘Modal comparatives: a cross-linguistic picture’
Generative Linguistics in the Old World 40, Leiden University, Netherlands
(joint with M. Irimia)
- 2016 ‘Comparison under uncertainty’
Formal Description of Slavic Languages 12, Humboldt University, Germany
- 2016 ‘What silent elements can tell us?’
Slavic Linguistic Society 2016, University of Toronto, Canada
- 2016 ‘Binding without Agree’
43rd Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Association of Canada and the United States,
Saint Mary’s University, Canada
- 2016 ‘Control in gerundives’
Control Workshop, Humboldt University, Germany
- 2015 ‘Semantics of emphatic identity’
Semantics and Philosophy in Europe 8, Cambridge University, UK
- 2015 ‘Please, trim your replies! A hybrid fragment answer in Russian’
Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association, University of Ottawa, Canada
- 2015 ‘Samyj’ in fragment answers’
Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 24, New York University, USA
- 2014 ‘Many’ and determiner systems’ (poster)
Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association, Brock University, Canada
- 2014 ‘About ‘many’’
Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 23, University of California, USA
- 2013 ‘Self-superlatives’
Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association, University of Victoria, Canada
- 2013 ‘P-doubling in Russian’
35th Annual Conference of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft,
University of Potsdam, Germany
- 2012 ‘P-doubling in split scrambling: a renaissance analysis’
Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada
- 2010 ‘Definite’ articles in Slavic’ (poster)
Annual Conference of the Canadian Linguistic Association, Concordia University, Canada
- 2009 ‘Les structures comparatives en russe’
Les XXIIIes Journées de linguistique, Université Laval, Canada

Minor workshops, seminars, and research groups

- 2025 ‘Acquaintance or causation?’
Converging On Causal Ontology Analyses, CNRS, France
- 2024 ‘Subject obviation and self-locating knowledge’
Converging On Causal Ontology Analyses, CNRS, France

- 2023 ‘A non-trivial problem’
Oberseminar English Linguistics, University of Göttingen, Germany
(joint with H. Zeijlstra)
- 2023 ‘Triviality in context’
Network “History of Negation”
(joint with H. Zeijlstra)
- 2022 ‘Aspect in Hindi-Urdu and the indeterminacy of future’
Oberseminar English Linguistics, University of Göttingen, Germany
(joint with G. Kaur)
- 2021 ‘Parasitic licensing and diagonalization’
Oberseminar English Linguistics, University of Göttingen, Germany
(joint with H. Zeijlstra)
- 2018 ‘Three imperfect puzzles’
Oberseminar English Linguistics, University of Göttingen, Germany
- 2018 ‘The Romance imperfect and polarity sensitivity’ (poster)
Polynesian Workshop, University of Toronto, Canada
(joint with M. Irimia)
- 2017 ‘Intentionality, desires, and polarity sensitivity’ (invited talk)
Linguistic Colloquium at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel
- 2017 ‘Relativization in the grammar’
6th annual Dog Days summer workshop, University of Toronto, Canada
- 2017 ‘Deontic modals, negation and aspect in Russian’
The Landscape of Neg-words Workshop, University of Göttingen, Germany
- 2017 ‘Modal comparatives’
Language, Logic and Cognition Center Seminar, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
(joint with M. Irimia)
- 2016 ‘Advantages of silence’
5th annual Dog Days Workshop, University of Toronto, Canada
- 2015 ‘Mindful de se constructions’
4th annual Dog Days Workshop, University of Toronto, Canada
- 2014 ‘Many dimensions of ‘many’’
Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal Semantics Workshop 7, University of Toronto, Canada
- 2013 ‘Comparing propositional attitudes’
Toronto-Ottawa-Montréal Semantics Workshop 6, McGill University, Canada

Awards and Grants

- 2023 Van Riemsdijk Foundation workshop grant
- 2013–2015 Doctoral Completion Award, University of Toronto
- 2013 Best Student Paper Award, Canadian Linguistic Association
- 2013 SIG research grant (fieldwork), University of Toronto
- 2013 SIG travel grant, University of Toronto
- 2009–2013 University of Toronto Open Fellowship, University of Toronto
- 2007–2009 Norah Whitney Scholarship, University of Toronto
- 2007 Provost W.T. Delworth Graduation Bursary and Scholarship, University of Toronto
- 2007 Dean’s List Scholarship in recognition of academic excellence, University of Toronto
- 2005 Membership in Golden Key International Honour Society
- 1998–2002 Mayor’s Fellowship for academic excellence, Moscow State Academy of Law, Russia

Memberships and services

Member	Ontology As Structured by the Interfaces with Semantics, CNRS, France
Reviewer	<i>Linguistic Inquiry</i> , <i>Natural Language and Linguistic Theory</i> , <i>Canadian Journal of Linguistics</i> , <i>Journal of Slavic Linguistics</i> , <i>Advances in Formal Slavic Linguistics</i> , <i>Behavioral Sciences</i> , SALT, NELS, LSA, Chronos, FASL, FDSL
Organizer	Interdisciplinary conference ‘Agency and Intentions in Artificial Intelligence’ (AIAI, 2024, https://ail-workshop.github.io/aiai-conference/)
Organizer	Interdisciplinary workshop series ‘Agency and Intentions in Language’ (AIL, 2020–present, https://ail-workshop.github.io)
Co-organizer	Winter School in Syntax (Jerusalem, 2017) Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal Semantics Workshop (Toronto, 2014, 2011) Dog Days – Summer Workshop on Syntax (Toronto, 2014, 2012) Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition North America (Toronto, 2010)
Secretary	Syntax-Semantic Research Group (Toronto, 2010)

Languages: English, French, Russian

References

Prof. Dr. Hedde Zeijlstra

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