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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Broad

Semantics, pragmatics, cross-linguistic variation, linguistic universals, philosophy of language

Narrow

Evidentiality, modality, subjective language, attitudes, clausal complementation, speech acts, question bias

TEACHING COMPETENCE

Broad:

Language, logic, argumentation

Narrow:

Typology, fieldwork, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, rhetoric, formal logic

EMPLOYMENT

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|-----------|--|
| 2023- | Assistant professor (tenured; <i>Universitair Docent</i>)
<i>Utrecht University</i> |
| 2022 | Replacement professorship in General and English Linguistics (Vertretungsprofessur in Allgemeine und Anglistische Sprachwissenschaft)
<i>Linguistics Department, University of Konstanz</i>
50% W3, 2 semesters |
| 2017-2022 | Post-doctoral researcher
<i>Linguistics Department, University of Konstanz</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal grant from the Alexander von Humboldt foundation• Position in the project “Universal preferences for natural concepts” (Joint initiative with the Philosophy Department) |
| 2016-2017 | Post-doctoral researcher
<i>Collaborative Research Center 833 “Construction of meaning”, University of Tübingen</i> |

QUALIFICATIONS

2023 University Teaching Qualification (BKO)
Instructor certification in academic education, the Netherlands

EDUCATION

2010-2016 **PhD in Linguistics**
University of California, Los Angeles
PhD dissertation: [Heterogeneity and uniformity in the evidential domain](#)
Committee: Yael Sharvit and Dominique Sportiche (co-chairs), Pranav Anand, Roumyana Pancheva, Timothy Stowell

2003-2009 **BA+MA in Linguistics** (Specialist degree pre-Bologna)
Russian State University for the Humanities [RGGU]; Moscow, Russia
MA Thesis: Temporal and aspectual suffixes in Adyghe [In Russian]
Chair: Yakov Testeleks

VISITING AFFILIATIONS

February-March 2020
Formal Linguistics Research Group, Pompeu Fabra University; Barcelona, Spain

February 2019
Department of English, Arizona State University; Phoenix, USA

July 2017 *Linguistics Department, UC Santa Cruz; Santa Cruz, USA*

August-December 2015
Philosophy Department, Carnegie Mellon University; Pittsburgh, USA

September-December 2013
Institut Jean-Nicod, CNRS-ENS-EHESS; Paris, France

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Third-party

2020; declined
Juan de la Cierva Programme
Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
Spanish State Research Agency

2017–2019 “*Wh*-scope marking and *wh*-parentheticals across Slavic”
Postdoctoral Research Fellowship; €63.600
Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany

On campus

- 2022 “Subjectivity in language”
Young Scholar Fund
University of Konstanz
- 2020–2021 Konstanz Transition Fellowship
University of Konstanz
- 2020 “Biased questions in Russian”
Young Scholar Bridge Fellowship
University of Konstanz
- 2019 “Ignorance and grammar”
Mentorship program, mutual visits with Tyler Peterson; €2.400
Center for Advanced Studies, University of Konstanz
- 2014–2015 Dissertation Year Fellowship; \$20.000 (+tuition)
University of California, Los Angeles
- 2010–2011 Mellon fellowship in the Humanities; \$10.000
University of California, Los Angeles

MANUSCRIPTS

Draft 2019 [The subjective heart of evidentiality.](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

- 2023 C. Bary and N. Korotkova. [Expressing evidence](#). *Journal of Pragmatics* 218, 1-5. Editorial for the special issue “Expressing evidence”.
- 2022 P. Anand and N. Korotkova. [How to theorize about subjective meaning: A lesson from ‘de re’](#). *Linguistics and Philosophy* 45 (3), 619-681.
- 2021 N. Korotkova. [The embedding puzzle: Constraints on evidentials in complement clauses](#). *Linguistic Inquiry* 52(1):210-226.
- 2020 N. Korotkova. [Interrogative flip and indexical shift are distinct phenomena](#). *Snippets* 39 (2):3-5.
- 2020 N. Korotkova. [Evidential meaning and \(not-\)at-issueness](#). *Semantics & Pragmatics* 13(4).
- 2010 N. Korotkova and Y. Lander. [Deriving affix ordering in polysynthesis: Evidence from Adyghe](#). *Morphology* 20(2):299–319.

Papers in collections (peer-reviewed)

- 2016 N. Korotkova. [Disagreement with evidentials: A call for subjectivity](#). J. Hunter, M. Simons and M. Stone (Eds.), *JerSem: The 20th Workshop on the Semantics and Pragmatics of Dialogue*, 65-75.

Proceedings (peer-reviewed by abstract)

- Forth N. Korotkova. [Conversational dynamics of Russian questions with *razve*](#). *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 27.
- Forth F. Frühauf, H. Karawani, T. Koev, N. Korotkova, D. Penka and D Skibra. [Vanilla rules: The “no ice cream” construction](#). *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 27.
- 2021 N. Korotkova and P. Anand. [Find, must and conflicting evidence](#). In P. G. Grosz, L. Martí, H. Pearson, Y. Sudo, and S. Zobel (Eds.) *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 25, 515–532. University College London and Queen Mary University of London.
- 2019 J. Harris and N. Korotkova. [Preference for single events guides perception in Russian: A phoneme restoration study](#). In Eszter Ronai, Laura Stigliano and Yen-an Sun (Eds.) *Proceedings of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*. 149-164. CLS, Chicago.
- 2018 P. Anand and N. Korotkova. [Acquaintance content and obviation](#). U. Sauerland and S. Solt. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 22, vol. 1, ZASPiL 60, 55–72. ZAS, Berlin.
- 2017 N. Korotkova. [Evidentials and \(relayed\) speech acts: Hearsay as quotation](#). S. D’Antonio, M. Moroney, and C.R. Little (eds.), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 25, 676–694.
- 2015 N. Korotkova. [Evidentials in attitudes: Do’s and dont’s](#). E. Csipak and H. Zeijlstra (eds.), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 19, 340–357.
- 2012 N. Korotkova. [On alleged *wh*-scope marking in Russian](#). N. Arnett and R. Bennett (eds.), *Proceedings of West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics* 30, 205–215.

Volumes edited

- 2023 [“Expressing evidence”](#), a special issue of the *Journal of Pragmatics*. (with C. Bary).
- 2015 Kimmelman, V., N. Korotkova and I. Yanovich (eds.). [Proceedings of MOSS 2: Moscow Syntax and Semantics](#). MIT Working Papers in Linguistics 75. Cambridge, MA.

Other publications

- 2009 N. Korotkova. Proshloe i “sverxproshloe” v adygejskom jazyke [The past and the “superpast” in Adyghe. In Russian]. In *Aspects of Polysynthesis: Essays on the Adyghe grammar*, 262–286. Moscow: RGGU.
- 2006 N. Korotkova. O pokazatele refaktiva -ʒʹə- v adygejskom jazyke [On the refractive marker -ʒʹə- in Adyghe. In Russian]. In *Field Studies of RGGU students. Ethnological, folklore, and linguistic studies*, 1, 180–183. Moscow: RGGU.

TALKS

Invited talks

- 2023 “Conversational dynamics of Russian questions with *razve*”. [Discourse and Philosophy Colloquium](#), ILLC, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2022 “Hearsay and (non-)commitment”. [New York Philosophy of Language Workshop](#), New York University, USA.
- 2022 “Refining *find*”. Workshop *Subjectivity in semantic interpretation*, NASSLLI, University of Southern California, USA. (with P. Anand)
- 2022 “Hearsay and (non-)commitment”. Meaning in Language Colloquium, Institute for Language and Information, University of Düsseldorf, Germany.
- 2021 “Hearsay and (non-)commitment”. Keynote talk at [TripleA 8](#), hosted online by the National University of Singapore. [\[video\]](#)
- 2021 “Evidentiality and not-at-issue content”. Oberseminar English Linguistics, University of Tübingen, Germany.
- 2021 “*Find, must* and conflicting evidence”. Colloquium of the English Department, University of Stuttgart, Germany. (Based on joint work with P. Anand)
- 2021 “*Find, must* and conflicting evidence”. Linguistics Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA. (Based on joint work with P. Anand)
- 2020 “*Find, must* and conflicting evidence”. Colloquium of the Formal Linguistics Group, University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain. (Based on joint work with P. Anand)
- 2020 “*Find, must* and conflicting evidence”. *Colloquium of the Oberseminar General Linguistics*, University of Tübingen, Germany. (Based on joint work with P. Anand)
- 2019 “Evidentiality and not-at-issue content”. *Colloquium of the Oberseminar English Linguistics*, University of Tübingen, Germany.
- 2019 “Hearsay and (non-)commitment”. *Semantics Babble*, University of California, San Diego, USA.
- 2019 “Subjective language”. *Interdisciplinary Committee on Linguistics Colloquium*, Arizona State University, Phoenix, USA.
- 2019 “The subjective heart of evidentiality”. Colloquium of the Formal Linguistics Group, University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2018 “The subjective heart of evidentiality”. *Colloquium of the Oberseminar English Linguistics*, University of Göttingen, Germany.
- 2018 “The subjective heart of evidentiality”. Job talk, University of Southern California, USA.

- 2017 “Subjective language”. Forum Scientiarum, Center for Ethics in Sciences and Humanities, University of Tübingen, Germany.
- 2016 “Evidentiality: An opinionated guide”. Linguistics Department, Stanford University, USA.
- 2015 “Evidentials and questions”. Workshop *Differentiating contents*. Center for Formal Epistemology, Carnegie Mellon University, USA.
- 2015 “Evidentials across languages: one class or not”. Workshop *New work on speech acts and modality*. Zukunftskolleg, University of Konstanz, Germany.
- 2014 “Varieties of evidential shift”. *Cross-linguistic semantics colloquium*. Amsterdam Center for Language and Communication & Institute for Logic, Language and Computation, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2014 “Varieties of evidential shift”. *Semantics circle*, Center for General Linguistics (ZAS), Berlin, Germany.
- 2014 “Non-uniformity of indexicals”. Commentary on Orin Percus’ paper “Unpronounced indexicality (and pronouns)” at the workshop *Pronouns in embedded contexts at the syntax-semantics interface*, University of Tübingen, Germany.
- 2013 “Embedding evidentials across languages”. *Discourse and Philosophy Colloquium*, Institute for Logic, Language and Computation, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2013 “How to embed evidentials”. UiL OTS, Utrecht University, Netherlands.

Conference presentations (peer-reviewed papers)

- 2016 “Disagreement with evidentials: A call for subjectivity”. *JerSem: the 20th Workshop on the Semantics and Pragmatics of Dialogue*, Rutgers University, USA.

Conference presentations (peer-reviewed abstracts)

- 2024 (with P. Anand) “Today I learned: English ‘coming-to-know’ predicates”. Workshop *(De-)composition and modification of attitude predicates* at the 46th Annual Meeting of the German Linguistic Society (DGfS), University of Bochum, Germany.
- 2023 (with M. Esipova) “To *li* or not to *li*”. Formal Descriptions of Slavic Languages 16, University of Graz, Austria.
- 2022 “Conversational dynamics of *razve*-questions in Russian” (poster presentation). *Sinn und Bedeutung 27*, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic.
- 2022 (with F. Frühauf, H. Karawani, T. Koev, D. Penka & D. Skibra) “Vanilla rules: The “no ice cream” construction”. *Sinn und Bedeutung 27*, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic.

- 2022 “Hearsay and (non-)commitment”. Workshop *Commitments in Grammar and Discourse* at the 44th Annual Meeting of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft (DGfS), Tübingen, Germany.
- 2020 (with P. Anand) “Find, must and conflicting evidence”. *Sinn und Bedeutung* 25, hosted virtually by University College London (UCL) and Queen Mary University of London (QMUL), UK. [\[video and slides\]](#)
- 2020 “The subjective heart of evidentiality”. Workshop *Semantic universals in the modal and attitudinal domain*, GLOW 43, hosted virtually by ZAS and Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany. [\[video and handout\]](#)
- 2019 (with P. Anand) “Find”. Workshop *Evaluative language*, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris, France.
- 2018 “Less is more: Revisiting interrogative flip”. Workshop *Meaning in non-canonical questions*, University of Konstanz, Germany.
- 2018 (with J. Harris) “Preference for single events guides perception in Russian: A phoneme restoration study”. *The 54th meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*, University of Chicago, USA.
- 2017 “Diagnosing the semantic status of evidentials”. Workshop *Questioning speech acts*, University of Konstanz, Germany.
- 2017 (with P. Anand) “Acquaintance content and obviation”. *Sinn und Bedeutung* 22, ZAS & University of Potsdam, Germany.
- 2017 (with P. Anand) “Acquaintance inferences and the grammar of directness”. Workshop *Subjectivity in language and thought*, University of Chicago, USA.
- 2016 “On the semantic uniformity of evidentials” (poster presentation). *New Ideas in Semantics and Modelling*, Paris, France.
- 2016 (with P. Anand) “Predicates of personal taste and ‘de re’ construal”. Workshop *Perspectivization*, GLOW 39, University of Göttingen, Germany.
- 2016 (with J. Harris) “Preference for single events guides perception in Russian: A phoneme restoration study” (poster presentation). Workshop “Events in language and cognition” in conjunction with the 29th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, University of Florida, Gainesville, USA.
- 2015 “Evidentials and attitudes” (poster presentation). *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 25*, Stanford University, USA.
- 2014 “Varieties of evidential shift”. *Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 19*, University of Göttingen, Germany.
- 2013 “How do you think? Apparent *wh*-scope marking in Russian”. Workshop “*Parenthesis and ellipsis: Cross-linguistic and theoretical perspectives*” during the 35th annual meeting of the DGfS (the German Linguistic Society), University of Potsdam, Germany.

- 2012 “How perfect is the perfect of evidentiality: Evidence from Georgian”. *The Nature of Evidentiality*, Leiden University, Netherlands.
- 2012 “Against partial *wh*-movement in Russian” (poster presentation). *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 30*, UC Santa Cruz, USA.
- 2008 (with Y. Lander) “Affix ordering in polysynthesis: Evidence from Adyghe”. Workshop “Affix Ordering” during the *13th International Morphology Meeting*, University of Vienna, Austria.
- 2006 “Circassian *double* past and its counterparts in other West Caucasian languages”. *International Workshop on Morphosyntax of Caucasian Languages*, IN-ALCO, Paris, France.

Other presentations

- 2022 (with P. Anand). “Evidence across domains: two pieces on acquaintance and (in)directness”. Workshop *The Acquaintance Inference: Linguistic and Philosophical Perspectives*. University of Konstanz.
- 2022 (with F. Frühauf, H. Karawani, T. Koev, D. Penka & D. Skibra) “Impersonal rules: The case of general prohibitives”. *The 46th Conference of Generative Grammar in the South*, University of Stuttgart.

TEACHING

University of Utrecht

Undergraduate courses, University College Utrecht

- Fall 2023 Language, Form and Meaning
- Spring 2023 Introduction to Linguistics
- Spring 2023, Fall 2023 Logic, Discourse and Representation: Propositional Logic
- Spring 2023, Fall 2023 Predicate Logic
- Spring 2023 Introduction to Rhetoric

University of Konstanz

Undergraduate courses

- Summer 2022 Lexical semantics of English (BA English Education) [\[syllabus\]](#)
- Summer 2022 Morphology 2 (BA Linguistics) [\[syllabus\]](#)

Winter 2021/22

Pragmatics 1 (BA German Education) [\[syllabus\]](#)

Winter 2021/22

Linguistic typology (BA Linguistics) [\[syllabus\]](#)

Short courses and summer schools

Summer schools

- June 2022 [NASSLLI](#), University of Southern California, USA
“Futurity, evidentiality and modality: Cross-disciplinary perspectives”
With Fabrizio Cariani
- August 2021 [ESSLLI 32](#), Utrecht University, Netherlands
“An opinionated guide to the language of opinion”
(Based on joint work with Pranav Anand)
- July 2020 An invited class at
[WeSSLLI \(Web Summer School for Logic, Language, and Information\)](#)
Hosted virtually by Brandeis University, USA
“The notional category of evidentiality”
- August 2019 [ESSLLI 31](#), University of Latvia
“Speech reports”
(Based on joint work with Pranav Anand)
- July 2018 [NASSLLI 8](#), Carnegie Mellon University, USA
“An opinionated guide to predicates of personal taste”
With Pranav Anand

Invited mini-courses

- 2020 “The notional category of evidentiality” (4 lectures)
Department of Translation and Language Sciences, Pompeu Fabra University
- 2016 “Evidentiality” (3 lectures)
English Department, University of Tübingen
- 2015 “The landscape of evidentiality” (5 lectures)
Philosophy Department, Carnegie Mellon University

LINGUISTIC FIELDWORK

- 2014–present Turkish (Turkic)
individual work with consultants
Los Angeles, USA and Tübingen, Germany
- 2014–present Bulgarian (South Slavic)
individual work with consultants
Los Angeles, USA and Tübingen, Germany

2012–2015	Georgian (South Caucasian) individual work with consultants Los Angeles, USA
2012–2013	Imbabura Quichua (Quechuan) field methods class Los Angeles, CA
2007	Khakas (Turkic) fieldwork trip with Russian State Humanities University Kazanovka, Khakassia, Russia
2007	Kalmyk (Mongolic) fieldwork trip with St. Petersburg State University Yergenensky, Kalmykia, Russia
2004–2010	Adyghe (Northwest Caucasian) fieldwork trips with Russian State Humanities University Hakurinohabl & Hatazhukay, Adyghea, Russia

SERVICE

Reviewing

Journals	<i>Glossa</i> (x2), <i>Inquiry</i> (x1), <i>Journal of Semantics</i> (x4), <i>Languages of the Caucasus</i> (x1), <i>Linguistic Inquiry</i> (x1), <i>Linguistics and Philosophy</i> (x2), <i>Natural Language Semantics</i> (x2), <i>Philosophical Studies</i> (x2), <i>Probus: International Journal of Latin and Romance Linguistics</i> (x1)
Grants	<i>National Science Foundation</i> (x1) (USA)
Conferences	<i>Experimental Pragmatics Conference</i> (XPRAG), <i>Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics</i> (FASL), <i>General Linguistics in the Old World</i> (GLOW), <i>Pronouns in the embedded contexts at the syntax-semantics interface</i> , <i>Northeastern Linguistics Society</i> (NELS), <i>Semantics and Linguistic Theory</i> (SALT), <i>Semantics and Philosophy in Europe</i> (SPE), <i>Sinn und Bedeutung</i> (SuB), <i>TripleA Workshop</i> , <i>Web School for Logic, Language and Information Student Session</i> , <i>West Coast Conference in Formal Linguistics</i> (WCCFL)
Other	<i>Affix Ordering Across Languages and Frameworks</i> (book chapter)

Organizing

October 2022	<i>The Acquaintance Inference</i> [program] workshop in linguistics and philosophy, co-organizer University of Konstanz
March 2022	<i>Natural Concepts</i> [program] workshop in linguistics and philosophy, organizer University of Konstanz

- 2021-22 Reading group in semantics and philosophy of language
founder and organizer
University of Konstanz
- June 2019 *Expressing Evidence* [\[program\]](#)
workshop in linguistics and philosophy, co-organizer
University of Konstanz
- 2011–2013 *Semantics Tea*
seminar in semantics, founder and organizer
Linguistics department, UCLA
- 2007–2011 *Moscow Syntax and Semantics (MOSS) I, II, Syntactic Structures I, II*
international peer-reviewed conferences, co-founder and co-organizer
Moscow, Russia

SUMMER SCHOOLS

- 2016 NASSLLI 7 (Rutgers University, USA)
- 2014 ESSLLI 26 (University of Tübingen, Germany)
- 2012 NASSLLI 5 (UT Austin, USA)
- 2008 École d’Automne de Linguistique (EALING) IV (ENS, Paris, France)
- 2007 LSA Summer Institute (Stanford University, USA)

LANGUAGES

Russian, native
English, fluent
German, advanced (TELC C1 certificate)
French, conversational
Bulgarian, beginner
Polish, beginner

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

- 2007–2010 [ABBY Production](#), Moscow, Russia
computational linguist
formal description of Russian and English syntax for parsing and machine translation
- 2005-2007 [Russian National Corpus](#), Moscow, Russia
linguist
corpus annotation, morphological homonymy resolution