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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Broad

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

Narrow

Evidentiality, epistemic modality, predicates of personal taste, subjective language, attitudes, clausal complementation, speech acts, question bias

EMPLOYMENT

2017-present Post-doctoral researcher

Linguistics Department, University of Konstanz

2016-2017 Post-doctoral researcher

Collaborative Research Center 833 "Construction of meaning", University of Tübingen

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, Tim Stowell

2003-2009 **BA+MA in Linguistics** (Specialist degree)

Russian State University for the Humanities; 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

2020–2021 Konstanzia 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)
UCLA

2010–2011 Mellon fellowship in the Humanities; \$10.000
UCLA

MANUSCRIPTS

Under review

[Theories of evidential meaning: Taking stock](#), *Journal of Pragmatics*.

In prep. The subjective heart of evidentiality, *Journal of Semantics*.

In prep. Evidentiality in the Georgian tense and aspect system, *Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft*.

In prep. Biased questions across Slavic, an invited contribution to B. Gehrke and R. Šimík (Eds.) *Semantics of Slavic Languages* (peer-reviewed).

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

- 2021 P. Anand and N. Korotkova. [How to theorize about subjective meaning: A lesson from ‘de re’](#). *Linguistics and Philosophy*. Online first.
- 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)

- 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 Yenan 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

- Forth "Expressing evidence", a special issue of *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 -ʒ'ə- v adygejskom jazyke [On the refractive marker -ʒ'ə- in Adyghe. In Russian]. In *Field Studies of RGGU students. Ethnological, folklore, and linguistic studies*, 1, 180–183. Moscow: RGGU.

TALKS

Invited talks

- 2022 (with P.Anand) TBA. Workshop *Subjectivity in semantic interpretation*, NASS-LLI, University of Southern California.
- 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.
- 2021 "*Find, must* and conflicting evidence". Colloquium of the English Department, University of Stuttgart. (Based on joint work with Pranav Anand)
- 2021 "*Find, must* and conflicting evidence". Linguistics Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. (Based on joint work with Pranav Anand)
- 2020 "*Find, must* and conflicting evidence". Colloquium of the Formal Linguistics Group, University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain. (Based on joint work with Pranav Anand)
- 2020 "*Find, must* and conflicting evidence". *Colloquium of the Oberseminar General Linguistics*, University of Tübingen. (Based on joint work with Pranav Anand)
- 2019 "Evidentiality and not-at-issue content". *Colloquium of the Oberseminar English Linguistics* (Lehrstuhl Beck), University of Tübingen.
- 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 Ethic 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*, Universität 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.

Conference presentations (peer-reviewed abstracts)

- 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). [[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. [[video and handout](#)]
- 2019 (with P. Anand) “Find”. Workshop *Evaluative language*, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris.
- 2018 “Less is more: Revisiting interrogative flip”. Workshop *Meaning in non-canonical questions*, University of Konstanz.
- 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.
- 2017 “Diagnosing the semantic status of evidentials”. Workshop *Questioning speech acts*, University of Konstanz.
- 2017 (with P. Anand) “Acquaintance content and obviation”. *Sinn und Bedeutung* 22, ZAS / University of Potsdam.
- 2017 (with P. Anand) “Acquaintance inferences and the grammar of directness”. Workshop *Subjectivity in language and thought*, University of Chicago.
- 2016 “On the semantic uniformity of evidentials” (poster presentation). *New Ideas in Semantics and Modelling*, Paris.
- 2016 (with P. Anand) “Predicates of personal taste and ‘de re’ construal”. Workshop *Perspectivization*, GLOW 39, University of Göttingen.
- 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.
- 2015 “Evidentials and attitudes” (poster presentation). *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 25*, Stanford University.
- 2014 “Varieties of evidential shift”. *Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 19*, University of Göttingen.
- 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.
- 2012 “How perfect is the perfect of evidentiality: Evidence from Georgian”. *The Nature of Evidentiality*, Leiden University.
- 2012 “Against partial *wh*-movement in Russian” (poster presentation). *West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL) 30*, UC Santa Cruz.
- 2008 (with Y. Lander) “Affix ordering in polysynthesis: Evidence from Adyghe”. Workshop “Affix Ordering” during the *13th International Morphology Meeting*, University of Vienna.

2006 “Circassian *double* past and its counterparts in other West Caucasian languages”. *International Workshop on Morphosyntax of Caucasian Languages*, IN-ALCO, Paris.

TEACHING

Summer schools

June 2022 [NASSLLI](#), University of Southern California, Los Angeles
“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

University of Konstanz (instructor)

2021 Pragmatics 1

2021 Typology

UCLA (teaching assistant)

2013–2015 Introduction to Study of Language, online

2013 Semantics 1

2013	Introduction to Historical Linguistics
2012	Syntactic Typology and Universals
2012	Field Methods (Dholuo)
2012	Introduction to Linguistics (for non-majors)
2011	Introduction to Linguistics (for majors)

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> (x1), <i>Natural Language Semantics</i> (x2), <i>Philosophical Studies</i> (x1), <i>Probus: International Journal of Latin and Romance Linguistics</i> (x1)
Grants	<i>National Science Foundation</i> (USA)

- Conferences *Experimental Pragmatics Conference (XPRAG), Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL), General Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW), Pronouns in the embedded contexts at the syntax-semantics interface, Northeastern Linguistics Society (NELS), Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT), Semantics and Philosophy in Europe (SPE), Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB), TripleA Workshop, Web School for Logic, Language and Information Student Session, West Coast Conference in Formal Linguistics (WCCFL)*
- Other *Affix Ordering Across Languages and Frameworks (book chapter)*

Organizing

- October 2022 *The Acquaintance Inference*
workshop in linguistics and philosophy, co-organizer
University of Konstanz
- March 2022 *Natural Concepts*
workshop in linguistics and philosophy, co-organizer
University of Konstanz
- June 2019 *Expressing Evidence*
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 "Empirical Foundations for Theories of Language"
Stanford University, USA

LANGUAGES

Russian, native

English, fluent

German, advanced (TELC C1 certificate)

French, conversational

Bulgarian, intermediate

Polish, intermediate

OTHER

2019-present [Corpus of Bilingual Russian Child Speech](#)
consultant

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