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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

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| 2022-23 | 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> |
| 2016-2017 | Post-doctoral researcher
<i>Collaborative Research Center 833 "Construction of meaning", University of Tübingen</i> |

EDUCATION

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| 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 Testelefs |

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

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

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*. 1-63.

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. Benett (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 “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 Pranav Anand)
- 2021 “*Find*, *must* and conflicting evidence”. Linguistics Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA. (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, Germany. (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, 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 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*, 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.

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.

Other presentations

- 2022 (with F. Frühauf, H. Karawani, T. Koev & D. Penka) “Impersonal rules: The case of general prohibitives”. *The 46th Conference of Generative Grammar in the South*, University of Stuttgart.

TEACHING

University of Konstanz

Undergraduate courses

Summer semester 2022

Lexical semantics of English (BA English Education)

Summer semester 2022

Morphology 2 (BA Linguistics)

Winter semester 2021/22

Pragmatics 1 (BA German Education)

Winter semester 2021/22

Typology (BA Linguistics)

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 *Glossa* (x2), *Inquiry* (x1), *Journal of Semantics* (x4), *Languages of the Caucasus* (x1), *Linguistic Inquiry* (x1), *Linguistics and Philosophy* (x1), *Natural Language Semantics* (x2), *Philosophical Studies* (x1), *Probus: International Journal of Latin and Romance Linguistics* (x1)
- Grants National Science Foundation (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
- 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