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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

### Broad

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

### Narrow

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

## EMPLOYMENT

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

## EDUCATION

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| 2010-2016 | <b>PhD in Linguistics</b><br>University of California, Los Angeles<br>PhD dissertation: <a href="#">Heterogeneity and uniformity in the evidential domain</a><br>Committee: Yael Sharvit and Dominique Sportiche (co-chairs), Pranav Anand, Roumyana Pancheva, Tim Stowell |
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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 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

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

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

- 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     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.
- Forth     N. Korotkova. Conversational dynamics of Russian questions with *razve*. *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 don’t’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

- In progress “*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

- 2023 TBA. *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)

- 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) “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

- Winter 2023 Introduction to Linguistics
- Winter 2023 Logic
- Winter 2023 Rhetoric

### University of Konstanz

#### Undergraduate courses

- Summer 2022  
Lexical semantics of English (BA English Education)
- Summer 2022  
Morphology 2 (BA Linguistics)
- Winter 2021/22  
Pragmatics 1 (BA German Education)
- Winter 2021/22  
Linguistic 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	<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	National Science Foundation (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: Linguistic and Philosophical Perspectives</i> workshop in linguistics and philosophy, co-organizer University of Konstanz
March 2022	<i>Natural Concepts</i> workshop in linguistics and philosophy, co-organizer University of Konstanz
2021-22	Reading group in semantics and philosophy of language organizer University of Konstanz
June 2019	<i>Expressing Evidence</i> workshop in linguistics and philosophy, co-organizer University of Konstanz
2011–2013	<i>Semantics Tea</i> seminar in semantics, founder and organizer Linguistics department, UCLA
2007–2011	<i>Moscow Syntax and Semantics</i> (MOSS) I, II, <i>Syntactic Structures</i> I, II international peer-reviewed conferences, co-founder and co-organizer Moscow, Russia

## SUMMER SCHOOLS

2016	NASSLLI 7 Rutgers University, USA
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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	<a href="#">Corpus of Bilingual Russian Child Speech</a> consultant
2007–2010	<a href="#">ABBY Production</a> , Moscow, Russia computational linguist formal description of Russian and English syntax for parsing and machine translation
2005-2007	<a href="#">Russian National Corpus</a> , Moscow, Russia linguist corpus annotation, morphological homonymy resolution