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## Interests and skills

**Theoretical interests:** Minimalist syntax, experimental syntax, syntactic probing, morphophonology, Strict CV phonology, Uralic & Slavic languages

**Technical skills:** Python, TeX, SQL, JavaScript (for PCIBex)

## Education

- 2021-2023 Data science minor, Faculty of computer science, HSE University, Moscow
- 2020-2024 Computational linguistics major, Faculty of humanities, HSE University, Moscow

## Work experience

- since 2022 **Data analyst, NLP team, Megafon**
- since 2021 **Research assistant at HSE Laboratory in Formal Models in Linguistics**
- 2022 Machine learning & big data intern, NLP team, Megafon

## Teaching

- 2023 **Eastern Generative Grammar 2023 (Novi Sad)**  
Advanced courses in phonology:  
[Stress in a lateral theory of phonology](#)  
[Topics in the phonology of Uralic](#)
- 2020-2023 Tutoring in English as a foreign language
- 2023 Teaching assistant in probability theory and mathematical statistics
- 2022 Teaching assistant in Python for data science minor, HSE
- 2021 Teaching assistant in discrete mathematics

## Talks

- 2023 **WoSSP**  
The three faces of Kazym Khanty schwa

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| 2023 | <b>RFP2023</b><br>No derivation levels needed: an alternative take on glottalisation of vowel-initial words in Slavic                  |
| 2023 | <b>RALFE2023</b><br>A case for stress as empty CVs: glide epenthesis in Moksha   |
| 2023 | <b>NAPhCxii</b><br>Russian iotation: length is key   |
| 2023 | <b>ConSOLE 31</b><br>More than a small clause: Russian adverbial comparatives  |
| 2022 | <b>19th Conference on Typology and Grammar for Young Scholars</b><br>Plural quantification in Kazym Khanty (with Daria Sidorkina, HSE) |
| 2022 | <b>TMP 2022</b><br>Idioms, NP position and control: evidence from Russian (with Pavel Rudnev, HSE)                                     |
| 2022 | <b>FDSL 15</b><br>Stress shift in Russian prepositional phrases: A strict CV approach (with Daniar Kasenov, HSE)                       |
| 2022 | <b>SOUL 4</b><br>Case and agreement puzzle in the Moksha debitive  |
|      | <b>ConSOLE 30</b><br>Mermaid construction: a case of Kazym Khanty  |

## Publications

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| under review | <b>Stress shift in Russian prepositional phrases: A strict CV approach</b><br>in <i>Advances in formal Slavic Linguistics 2022</i> with Daniar Kasenov, HSE          |
| in prep      | <b>More than a small clause: Russian adverbial comparatives</b><br>in <i>Proceedings of ConSOLE XXXI</i>   |
| in print     | <b>Case and agreement puzzle in the Moksha debitive</b><br>in <i>Journal of Uralic Linguistics</i>   |
| 2022         | <b>Mermaid construction: a case of Kazym Khanty</b><br>in <i>Proceedings of ConSOLE XXX, P. 89–101</i>   |
| 2022         | <b>Idioms, NP position and control: Evidence from Russian</b><br>in <i>Typology of Morphosyntactic Parameters 2022. Vol. 5. No. 1. P. 91-106</i> (with Pavel Rudnev) |

## Additional education

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| 2023 | <b>V-NYI #6 Winter School in Linguistics, Cognitive and Cultural Studies</b><br>Advanced courses on phonology and syntax   |
| 2022 | <b>Winter school of HSE and KFU “Qualitative and quantitative approaches to language variation”</b><br>Student talk: <i>Quantifying lexical diversity for small texts</i>  |
| 2022 | <b>Summer school in Logic and Formal Philosophy of LLFP HSE</b>  |
| 2022 | <b>V-NYI #5 Summer School in Linguistics, Cognitive and Cultural Studies</b><br>Advanced courses on phonology and syntax<br>Student talk: <i>Do transformers dream of syntactic trees? Hierarchical biases in language acquisition by transformer-</i> |

*based language models*

**V-NYI #4 Winter School in Linguistics, Cognitive and Cultural Studies**

Advanced courses on syntax and semantics

## **Languages**

**Russian** native

**English** proficient

**German, French, Persian** beginner

**Khanty, Moksha, Forest Nenets** fieldwork