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Education

Stony Brook University *Stony Brook, NY*
PhD in Linguistics *since 2024*

HSE University *Moscow, Russia*
BS in Fundamental and Computer Linguistics *2020–2024*
- Minor in Data Science
- Undergrad research advisor: Pavel Rudnev, PhD

Professional Experience

since 2023	**NLP engineer**, Sberbank
since 2021	**Research assistant**, HSE Laboratory in Formal Models in Linguistics
2022–2023	**Data scientist**, Megafon
2022	**Machine learning & big data intern**, Megafon

Publications

Published

Shikunova, A. 2023. There is no small clause in Russian phrasal comparatives. In Proceedings of ConSOLE XXXI, P. 134–150.

Shikunova, A. 2023. Case and agreement puzzle in the Moksha debitive. In Journal of Uralic Linguistics, Vol. 2. No. 2. P. 194–213.

Shikunova, A. 2022. Mermaid construction: a case of Kazym Khanty. In Proceedings of ConSOLE XXX, P. 89–101.

Shikunova, A. & Rudnev, P.. 2022. Idioms, NP position and control: Evidence from Russian. In Typology of Morphosyntactic Parameters 2022. Vol. 5. No. 1. P. 91–106.

In Review

Shikunova, A. 2023. Quality-conditioned stress as length: glide epenthesis in Moksha. Submitted to Radical: A Journal of Phonology

Awards

2023	**Second place in HSE Student Research Paper Competition**, HSE University
2022	**Third place in HSE Student Research Paper Competition**, HSE University

Presentations

Invited Talks

Shikunova, A. 2023. The three faces of Kazym Khanty schwa. Invited talk: Atelier de phonologie (SFL, CNRS & Université Paris 8)

Conference Talks

Shikunova, A.. 2023. Laryngeal contrast in L2 Russian of Forest Nenets speakers. Oral presentation: 20th Conference on Typology and Grammar for Young Scholars, Saint Petersburg, Russia.

Shikunova, A. & Belov, P.. 2023. Forest Nenets vowel alternations and licensing of final nuclei. Oral presentation: 20th Conference on Typology and Grammar for Young Scholars, Saint Petersburg, Russia.

Shikunova, A.. 2023. The three faces of Kazym Khanty schwa. Oral presentation: WoSSP, Nantes, France.

Shikunova, A.. 2023. A case for stress as empty CVs: glide epenthesis in Moksha. Oral presentation: RFP2023, Nice, France.

Shikunova, A.. 2023. A case for stress as empty CVs: glide epenthesis in Moksha. Poster presentation: NAPhCxii, Montreal, Canada.

Shikunova, A. & Kasenov, D.. 2023. Russian iotation: length is key. Poster presentation: NAPhCxii, Montreal, Canada.

Shikunova, A.. 2023. More than a small clause: Russian adverbial comparatives. Oral presentation: ConSOLE 31, Bielefeld, Germany.

Shikunova, A. & Sidorkina, D.. 2022. Plural quantification in Kazym Khanty. Oral presentation: 19th Conference on Typology and Grammar for Young Scholars, Saint Petersburg, Russia.

Shikunova, A. & Rudnev, P.. 2022. Idioms, NP position and control: evidence from Russian. Oral presentation: Typology of Morphosyntactic Parameters 2022, Moscow, Russia.

Shikunova, A. & Kasenov, D.. 2022. Stress shift in Russian prepositional phrases: A strict CV approach. Oral presentation: FDSL15, Berlin, Germany.

Shikunova, A. 2022. Case and agreement puzzle in the Moksha debitive. Oral presentation: Syntax of Uralic Languages 4, online.

Shikunova, A. 2022. Mermaid construction: a case of Kazym Khanty. Poster presentation: ConSOLE 30, online.

Teaching Experience

Summer 2023	**Stress in a lateral theory of phonology**, Eastern Generative Grammar 2023 (Novi Sad)	*Instructor*
Summer 2023	**Topics in the phonology of Uralic**, Eastern Generative Grammar 2023 (Novi Sad)	*Instructor*
Spring 2023	**Probability theory and mathematical statistics**, HSE University, linguistics BA program	*TA*
Fall 2022	**Programming in Python**, HSE University, data science minor	*TA*
Fall 2021	**Discrete mathematics**, HSE University, linguistics BA program	*TA*
2020–2023	**English as a foreign language**, Vzlyot education centre	*Tutor*

Fieldwork Experience

HSE Laboratory in Formal Models in Linguistics   *Moscow, Russia*
ADVISORS: RUDNEV, P. & TOLDOVA, S.   *since 2021*
- Research in formal syntax and morphophonology
- Participation in reading groups and seminars organised in the laboratory

Fieldwork Experience

Khanty (Uralic)   *Kazym, Khanty-Mansi AO, Russia*
ADVISORS: TOLDOVA, S. & KOZLOV, A.   *Aug. 2021, Apr. 2022, Apr. 2024*
- Syntax of constructions with non-finite adnominal clauses (mermaid constructions)
- Interpretation of number marking on negative universal quantifiers
- Vowel-zero alternations
- Interaction between relativisation and mixed A/A-bar movement

Forest Nenets (Uralic)

Kharampur, YNAO, Russia

Advisors: Toldova, S. & Kozlov, A.

Jul. 2023

- Vowel-zero alternations
- Quantitative and qualitative vowel reduction in unstressed positions

Moksha (Uralic)

Lesnoye Tsibaevo, Mordovia Republic, Russia

Advisors: Toldova, S. & Kozlov, A.

Sep. 2021

- Case and agreement in a dative-infinitive construction

Additional education

2023 **V-NYI #6 Winter School in Linguistics, Cognitive and Cultural Studies**, Advanced courses on phonology and syntax

2022 **Winter school of HSE and KFU "Qualitative and quantitative approaches to language variation"**, Student talk: *Quantifying lexical diversity for small texts*

2022 **Summer school in Logic and Formal Philosophy of LLFP HSE**,

2022 **V-NYI #5 Summer School in Linguistics, Cognitive and Cultural Studies**, Advanced courses on phonology and syntax

2022 **V-NYI #4 Winter School in Linguistics, Cognitive and Cultural Studies**, Advanced courses on syntax and semantics

Skills

Programming & markup languages

- **Programming** Python, SQL, JavaScript for PCIbex, Praat scripting
- **Markup** TeX, Markdown

Spoken languages

- **Russian** native
- **English** proficient
- **French** basic
- **German, Persian, Polish** elementary