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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 2023 **NLP engineer at Sberbank**
- since 2021 **Research assistant at HSE Laboratory in Formal Models in Linguistics**
- 2022-2023 Data analyst, NLP team, Megafon
- 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

Publications

- in print **More than a small clause: Russian adverbial comparatives**
in *Proceedings of ConSOLE XXXI*
- in print **Case and agreement puzzle in the Moksha debitive**
in *Journal of Uralic Linguistics*
- 2022 **Mermaid construction: a case of Kazym Khanty**
in *Proceedings of ConSOLE XXX, P. 89–101*

2022 **Idioms, NP position and control: Evidence from Russian**
in *Typology of Morphosyntactic Parameters 2022. Vol. 5. No. 1. P. 91-106* (with Pavel Rudnev)

Invited talks

2023 **Atelier de phonologie (SFL, CNRS & Université Paris 8)**
The three faces of Kazym Khanty schwa

Talks

2023 **20th Conference on Typology and Grammar for Young Scholars**
Laryngeal contrast in L2 Russian of Forest Nenets speakers

2023 **20th Conference on Typology and Grammar for Young Scholars**
Forest Nenets vowel alternations and licensing of final nuclei (with Pavel Belov, HSE)

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

2023 **RFP2023**
No derivation levels needed: an alternative take on glottalisation of vowel-initial words in Slavic

2023 **RALFE2023**
A case for stress as empty CVs: glide epenthesis in Moksha

2023 **NAPhCxii**
Russian iotation: length is key

2023 **ConSOLE 31**
More than a small clause: Russian adverbial comparatives

2022 **19th Conference on Typology and Grammar for Young Scholars**
Plural quantification in Kazym Khanty (with Daria Sidorkina, HSE)

2022 **TMP 2022**
Idioms, NP position and control: evidence from Russian (with Pavel Rudnev, HSE)

2022 **FDSL 15**
Stress shift in Russian prepositional phrases: A strict CV approach (with Daniar Kasenov, HSE)

2022 **SOUL 4**
Case and agreement puzzle in the Moksha debitive

2022 **ConSOLE 30**
Mermaid construction: a case of Kazym Khanty

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**

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

Student talk: *Do transformers dream of syntactic trees? Hierarchical biases in language acquisition by transformer-based language models*

V-NYU #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