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Research interests

Broad

Experimental syntax and morphology, syntax-semantics interface, architecture of grammar

Narrow

Filler-gap dependencies, ATB-movement, parasitic gaps, reconstruction of PP modifiers, binding principle C, acceptability and coreference judgment experiments, statistical modeling of ordinal and categorical data (frequentist and Bayesian)

Education

University of Potsdam

Potsdam, Germany

PhD in Linguistics

07/2021 –

Thesis: Reconstruction phenomena in ATB-movement and parasitic gap constructions

Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Doreen Georgi, Prof. Dr. Malte Zimmermann.

University of Potsdam

Potsdam, Germany

MSc in Linguistics, with distinction

10/2018 – 06/2021

Thesis: Case and Agreement in Turkish Nonsubject Relative Clauses

Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Malte Zimmermann, Andreas Schmidt. *Grade: 1,0*

Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

Tübingen, Germany

BA in Deutsch als Zweitsprache, General Linguistics

10/2015 – 08/2018

Thesis: The Impact of Serbocroatian Morphosyntax on the Acquisition of German as a Second Language

Supervisor: Benjamin Siegmund. *Grade: 2,0*

Current Position

Hidden Variability in Sharing Constructions (CRC 1287, University of Potsdam)

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Doreen Georgi

02/2021 – present

PhD student. Project website accessible [here](#).

Teaching experience

Lecturer (University of Potsdam)

Winter 2024-2025

Empirical methods in grammar research: Experimental Syntax.

Introductory course for undergraduate students of linguistics and computational linguistics.

Papers

To appear. On reconstruction in German ATB-movement and the optimization of experimental designs. In: Sgrizzi, T., Shahbazi, A. & Tamleh, H. (eds): *Proceedings of the 32nd Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe*, Leiden Centre of Linguistics.

To appear. Unscrambling German parasitic gaps. In: Alexiadou, A., Georgi, D., Heck, F., Müller, G. & Schäfer, F. (eds): *Proceedings of the workshop on Gisbert Fanselow's contributions to syntactic theory*, Linguistische Arbeitsberichte (LAB) 96, University of Leipzig.

2022. Scope ambiguities among suffixes in Hungarian: mood and modality at LF. In: Holtz, A., Kovač, I. & Puggaard-Rode, R. (eds): *Proceedings of the 30th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe*, p. 102–124. Leiden Centre of Linguistics.

Talks & Posters

2024. PP modifiers do not reconstruct for principle C. Evidence from German wh- and ATB-movement. Poster at The 55th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS 55), Yale University, October 17-18 2024.

2024. On the unreliability of the principle C reconstruction test. Poster at the DGfS summer school, University of Göttingen, August 12-23 2024.

2024. Find the gap: Diagnosing syntactic structure in ATB and RNR constructions. Talk at the 60th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society, University of Chicago, April 26-28 2024. (with Doreen Georgi, Andrew Murphy and Johannes Rothert)

2024. Experimenting with principle C in German ATB movement. Poster at Linguistic Evidence 2024, University of Potsdam, February 22-23 2024.

2024. On reconstruction in German ATB movement and the optimization of experimental designs. Talk at the 32nd Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 32), Queen Mary University of London, January 17-19 2024.

2023. On the markedness of number features in embedded free relative questions in Akan. Poster at the 54th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 54), University of Connecticut, June 12-14 2023. (with Nadine Bade, Abigail Bimpeh & Jeanne Lecavelier)

2023. Unscrambling German parasitic gaps. Poster at the Workshop on Gisbert Fanselow's Contributions to Syntactic Theory, Humboldt University Berlin, April 27-29 2023.

2022. All that glitters is not syntax. On the deceptive comfort of the armchair. Talk at the 9th Linguistics Meetup Berlin-Brandenburg, University of Potsdam, September 29 2022.

2022. Scope ambiguities among suffixes in Hungarian: Mood and modality. Talk at the 30th Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE 30), University of Nantes, January 25-27 2022.

2020. Challenges for theories of (post-)syntactic head movement: Tense and modality in Hungarian. (with Johannes Rothert)

Poster at the 13th conference on Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SinFonIJA 13), Hungarian Academy of Sciences, September 24-26 2020.

Theses

2021. Case and Agreement in Turkish nonsubject relative clauses: An experimental approach.

Master's thesis, University of Potsdam

Experience

The Limits of Variability in Extraction Asymmetries (CRC 1287, University of Potsdam)

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Doreen Georgi 09/2020 – 01/2021

Research assistant, preparation of items and experiments.

Variation and variability in grammatical systems (University of Potsdam)

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Doreen Georgi 04/2020 – 08/2020

Research assistant, preparation of items and experiments.

SPAGAD: Speech Acts in Grammar and Discourse (Leibniz Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft Berlin)

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Manfred Krifka 05/2019 – 03/2020

Student assistant, corpus and video annotation.

CoALLa: Computational Analysis of Learner Language (Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen).

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Detmar Meurers 10/2017 – 07/2018

Student assistant, annotation of linguistic materials.

Tübingen School of Education (TüSE) (Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen)

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Kristina Peuschel 09/2017 – 07/2018

Student assistant, transcription and annotation of spoken language. Project website accessible.

Lehrstuhl für Deutsch als Zweitsprache (Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen)

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Doreen Bryant

09/2016 – 07/2017

Student assistant, videography, transcription and annotation.

Skills

Coding

Proficient in: R

Familiar with: Python

Novice: JavaScript (particularly jsPsych), Matlab

Typesetting

Proficient in: \LaTeX , HTML

Languages

Hungarian (native), German (native), English (fluent), Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian (basic), Latin (basically gone)

Annotating Tools

Proficient in: ELAN, Praat, Exmaralda, MaxQDA.

Service and outreach

Summer School on Understanding and Modelling Linguistic Variability

Member of the organizing committee of an international summer school within the CRC 1287, University of Potsdam.

August 2023