Timea Szarvas

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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 (SFB1287, 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.
	2024. On the unreliability of the principle C reconstruction test. Poster at the DGfS summer school, University of Göttingen.
	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. (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.
	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.
	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. (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.

2022. All that glitters is not syntax. On the deceptive comfort of the armchair. Talk at LMBB 9, University of Potsdam.

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.

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.

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 (SFB1287, University of Potsdam)**

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Doreen Georgi   09/2020 – 01/2021
Research assistant, preparation of items and experiments. Project website accessible here.

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. Project website accessible here.

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. Project website accessible here.

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. Project website accessible here.

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 here.

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.