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Research interests

Broad

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

Narrow

Reconstruction in \bar{A} -movement dependencies, Binding Principle C, ATB-movement, parasitic gaps, 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](#).

Papers

Unscrambling German parasitic gaps. To appear in: Proceedings of “Gisbert Fanselow’s contributions to syntactic theory”, Linguistische Arbeitsberichte (LAB) 96, University of Leipzig.

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

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) April 2024

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

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) June 2023

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

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

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 (SinFonJA 13), Hungarian Academy of Sciences. September 2020

Theses

Case and Agreement in Turkish nonsubject relative clauses: An experimental approach. Master's thesis, University of Potsdam June 2021

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 (advanced), Italian (basic), Latin (basically gone)

Annotating Tools

Proficient in: ELAN, Praat, Exmaralda, MaxQDA.