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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

**Instructor** (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. Diagnosing syntactic structure in ATB and RNR constructions: A reply to Larson (2013, 2014).** In: *Proceedings of the 60th Annual Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*. Joint work with Doreen Georgi, Andrew Murphy and Johannes Rothert.

**2024. 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.

**2024. 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

**2025. ATB = parasitic gaps? Considering inter-individual variability and the limits of principle C reconstruction.** Invited talk at the Syntax Workshop, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, April 17 2025.

**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