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ABOUT ME

I am an MA linguistics student. My interests include a range of topics in Linguistics, including morphosyntax, linguistic typology, sociolinguistics, language contact as well as corpus linguistics. I apply theories and methods from these fields to empirical data to explore how language use reflects and shapes social dynamics and cultural norms.

EDUCATION

Masters in General linguistic   2024-2026
University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland
- ✓ *GPA*:
- ✓ *Courses*: Command Line Tools for Linguists, Field Methods: Language description and documentation, Finnish 1A, Introduction to Linguistic Diversity and Digital Humanities, Programming for Digital Humanities
- ✓ *Thesis:*

Bachelor Studies in World Languages, Literatures and Cultures   2020-2024
Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan
- ✓ *GPA*: 3.82/4.0
- ✓ *Related coursework*: Filled pauses in Kazakh, Lexical composition of Kazakhstani Gansu Dungan, Negation in Russian, Kazakh, and English in a typological perspective
- ✓ *Thesis:* Morphosyntactic accommodation of Chinese content words in Kazakh: The case of Kazakh-Chinese language contact

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Morphosyntactic accommodation of Chinese content words in Kazakh
- ✓ Implemented empirical method - Used conversational data to find the strategies that are used to accommodate Chinese content words in Kazakh.
- ✓ Four different strategies are identified for accommodation - Light Verb Strategy, Direct Insertion, Indirect Insertion, Paradigm Insertion.
- ✓ The most common strategy is Light Verb Strategy

PRESENTATIONS

- ✓ Linguistic corpus design as negotiation: A case study of Kazakhstani Gansu Dungan, Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS 2023)
- ✓ Filled pauses in the Kazakh language, AUA International Academic Conference on Corpus Linguistics 2023
- ✓ Sound changes in Xinjiang Kazakh due to contact with Uyghur, Nazarbayev University
- ✓ Morphosyntactic accommodation of Chinese content words in Kazakh: The case of Kazakh-Chinese language contact, Nazarbayev University

SKILLS

Computational
- Basic Python
- Command line tools

Speech
- ELAN - Annotation tool
- Praat - Speech analyzer

Languages
- Kazakh: Mother tongue
- Chinese: Mother tongue
- English: Fluent
- ✓ IELTS: Reading–8.5, Writing–7.0, Speaking–7.5, Listening–9.
- Russian: Intermediate
- Spanish: Intermediate
- Korean: Beginner

EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant in Dungan Language Documentation Project   Aug 2022 – Current
Helsinki, Finland
- ✓ Worked on documentation and description of minority language
- ✓ Recorded spontaneous and elicited linguistic data from language consultants in fieldwork
- ✓ Transcribed, annotated, and translated speech in Dungan
- ✓ Participated in CESS conference.

Research Assistant in Multimedia Corpus of Modern Spoken Kazakh Language   Mar 2022 - Current
Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan
- ✓ Recorded multimedia naturally occurring spoken Kazakh language
- ✓ Transcribed speech data using orthography and IPA on ELAN software
- ✓ Annotated data by interlinear morpheme-by-morpheme glossing
- ✓ Translated spoken language data

CERTIFICATIONS & AWARDS

- ✓ Received Full Scholarship Award for Nazarbayev University Undergraduate Program 2020-2024
- ✓ Received Full Tuition Fee Waiver for University of Helsinki Master's Program
- ✓ Nominee for President Stipend (2022)
- ✓ Dean's List Awards (2017)