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Curriculum Vitae

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1 Academic employment

- 2015-current Postdoctoral researcher at the University of Amsterdam.
Project: 'Argument structure in three sign languages: typological and theoretical aspects.'
- 2016-current Part-time lecturer in linguistics at the University of Amsterdam.
- 2014-2015 Part-time lecturer in linguistics at the University of Amsterdam.
- 2010-2014 PhD candidate at the University of Amsterdam.
Project: 'Information Structure in Russian Sign Language and Sign Language of the Netherlands.'

2 Education

- 2014 PhD in linguistics (cum laude), University of Amsterdam
- 2013 Short-term guest researcher at the University of Connecticut, USA
- 2010 Undergraduate Degree in Linguistics (cum laude), Russian State University for the Humanities (Moscow)
- 2009 MA "General Linguistics" (cum laude), University of Amsterdam

3 Publications

Books

- [1] Kimmelman, V. (2019). *Information Structure in Sign Languages*. Sign Language and Deaf Community series. Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton.
- [2] Kimmelman, V., N. Korotkova, & I. Yanovich (eds) (2015). *Proceedings of MOSS 2: Moscow Syntax and Semantics*. Boston: MITWPL.
- [3] Aloni, M., V. Kimmelman, F. Roelofsen, G. Weidman Sassoon, K. Schulz, & M. Westera (eds) (2012). *Logic, Language and Meaning - 18th Amsterdam Colloquium, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, December 19-21, 2011, Revised Selected Papers*. Dordrecht: Springer

Peer-reviewed journal articles

- [1] Kimmelman, V. (accepted). Basic argument structure in Russian Sign Language. To appear in *Glossa*.
- [2] Kimmelman, V. (accepted). Impersonal reference in Russian Sign Language. To appear in *Sign Language and Linguistics*.
- [3] Burkova S., V. Kimmelman, E. Filimonova, V. Kopylova, N. Semushina. (accepted). Time-related signs in Russian Sign Language, to appear in *Sign Language Studies*.

- [4] Kimmelman, V., M. Kyuseva, Y. Lomakina & D. Perova (2018). On the notion of metaphor in sign languages: some observations based on Russian Sign Language. *Sign Language and Linguistics* 20 (2), 157-182. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1075/sll.00001.kim>
- [5] Kimmelman, V. & L. Vink (2017). Question-answer pairs in Sign Language of the Netherlands. *Sign Language Studies* 17 (4), 417-449.
- [6] Kimmelman, V., Sáfár, A. & O. Crasborn (2016). Towards a classification of weak hand holds. *Open Linguistics* 2, 211-234. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1515/opli-2016-0010>.
- [7] Sáfár, A. & V. Kimmelman (2015). Weak hand holds in two sign languages and two genres. *Sign Language & Linguistics* 18(2), 205-237.
- [8] Kimmelman, V. (2015). Topics and topic prominence in two sign languages. *Journal of Pragmatics* 87, 156-170. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.pragma.2015.08.004>.
- [9] Kimmelman, V. (2012). Word order in Russian Sign Language. *Sign Language Studies* 12(3), 414-445.
- [10] Kimmelman, V. (2009). Parts of speech in Russian Sign Language: The role of iconicity and economy. *Sign Language & Linguistics* 12(2), 161-186.

Peer-reviewed book chapters and papers in proceedings

- [1] Kimmelman, V. (2018). Reduplication and repetition in Russian Sign Language. In R. Finkbeiner, U. Freywald (eds.), *Exact Repetition in Grammar and Discourse*. (pp. 91–109). Berlin: De Gruyter. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110592498-004>
- [2] Kimmelman, V., A. Klezovich & G. Moroz (2018). IPSL: A Database of Iconicity Patterns in Sign Languages. Creation and Use. In N. Calzolari, K. Choukri, C. Cieri, T. Declerck, S. Goggi, K. Hasida, H. Isahara, B. Maegaard, J. Mariani, H. Mazo, A. Moreno, J. Odijk, S. Piperidis & T. Tokunaga (eds.), *Proceedings of the Eleventh International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC 2018)* (pp: 4230-4234). Paris: ELRA. Available online
- [3] Kimmelman, V., U. Klomp & M. Oomen (2018). Where methods meet: Combining corpus data and elicitation in sign language research . In M. Bono, E. Efthimiou, S.-E. Fotinea, T. Hanke, J. Hochgesang, J. Kristoffersen, J. Mesch and Y. Osugi (eds.), *Proceedings of 8th Workshop on the representation and processing of Sign Languages: Involving the linguistic community* (pp: 95-100). Paris: ELRA. Available online
- [4] Kimmelman, V. & E. Khristoforova (2018). Quotation in Russian Sign Language: a corpus study. In M. Bono, E. Efthimiou, S.-E. Fotinea, T. Hanke, J. Hochgesang, J. Kristoffersen, J. Mesch and Y. Osugi (eds.), *Proceedings of 8th Workshop on the representation and processing of Sign Languages: Involving the linguistic community* (pp: 91-94). Paris: ELRA. Available online
- [5] Kimmelman, V. (2017). Quantifiers in Russian Sign Language. In Keenan, E., & D. Paperno (eds.), *Handbook of Quantifiers in Natural Languages, volume II* (pp: 803-855). Springer.
- [6] Kimmelman, V. (2016) Transitivity in RSL: a corpus-based account. In E. Efthimiou, S. Fotinea, T. Hanke, J. Hochgesang, J. Kristoffersen & J. Mesch (eds.) *Proceedings of the 7th Workshop on the representation and processing of Sign Languages: Corpus Mining* (pp. 117-120). Paris: ELRA. Available online
- [7] Kimmelman, V. & R. Pfau (2016). Information Structure in Sign Languages. In Fery, C. & S. Ishihara (eds.), *The Oxford handbook on information structure* (pp. 814-833). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

- [8] Kimmelman, V. (2013). Doubling in RSL and NGT: a pragmatic account. In M. Balbach, L. Benz, S. Genzel, M. Grubic, A. Renans, S. Schalowski, M. Stegenwallner & A. Zeldes (Eds.), *Information Structure: Empirical Perspectives on Theory* Vol. 17. Interdisciplinary Studies on Information Structure: ISIS: working papers of the SFB 632 (pp. 99-118). Potsdam: Universitätsverlag Potsdam.
- [9] Kimmelman, V. (2009). On the interpretation of èto in so-called èto-clefts. In G. Zybatow, D. Lener-tová, U. Junghanns, & P. Biskup (eds.): *Studies in Formal Slavic Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics and Information Structure: Proceedings of FDSL 7* (pp. 319-329). Frankfurt: Peter Lang.

Other papers

- [1] Kimmelman, V. (2018). Null arguments in Russian Sign Language. *FEAST* 1, 27-38. <https://doi.org/10.2436/20.8050.03.3>
- [2] Kimmelman, V. (2017). Linearization of weak hand holds in Russian Sign Language. *Linguistics in Amsterdam* 10(1), 28-59.
- [3] Kimmelman, V. (2015). Information Structure in Russian Sign Language and Sign Language of the Netherlands. Dissertation abstract. *Sign Language & Linguistics* 18(1), 142-150.
- [4] Kimmelman, V. (2015). Multiple tiers, multiple trees. *Proceedings of CLS 49 proceedings*, pp. 225-238.
- [5] Kimmelman, V. (2015). Quantifiers in RSL: distributivity and compositionality. In P. Arkadiev, I. Kapitonov, Y. Lander, E. Rakhilina, & S. Tatevosov (Eds.) *Donum Semanticum* (pp. 121-134). Moscow: Jazyki Slavjanskij Kul'tury. Full book available here.
- [6] Kimmelman, V. (2012). Doubling in Russian Sign Language and Sign Language of the Netherlands: looking for a unified account. In *Proceedings of IATL 27* (pp. 57-81), MITWPL.
- [7] Kimmelman, V. (2012). Word order in RSL. An extended report. *Linguistics in Amsterdam* 5(1), 1-59.
- [8] Kimmelman, V. (2012). Binding Theory and Sign Languages. In D.V. Gerasimov (Ed.), *ACTA LINGUISTICA PETROPOLITANA* (pp. 88-92). Saint Petersburg: Nauka. (In Russian)
- [9] Kimmelman, V. (2007). Irregular Negation in Russian Sign Language. In *Proceedings of MSCL-2*, Moscow (in Russian)
- [10] Kimmelman, V. (2006). Grammaticalization of Stative Predicates in Adyghe. *Proceedings of the Field Research of the students of RSUH*, Moscow (In Russian)

Reviews

- [1] Kimmelman, V. (2018). Review of 'Plaza-Pust, Carolina (2016). Bilingualism and Deafness'. *Voprosy Jazykoznanija* 1, 155-158. (In Russian).
- [2] Kimmelman, V. (2016). Review of 'Signs and Structures: Formal Approaches to Sign Language Syntax, ed. by Pawel Rutkowski'. *Sign Language Studies* 16(4), 592-595.
- [3] Kimmelman, V. (2015). Review of 'Herrmann, Annika (2013): Modal and Focus Particles in Sign Languages: A Cross-Linguistic Study'. *Linguistische Berichte* 241.
- [4] Kimmelman, V. (2013) Review of 'Reeve, Mathew (2012) Clefts and their relatives'. *Journal of Slavic Linguistics* 21(2), 317-340.

- [5] Kimmelman, V. (2011) Review of ‘Sign Languages. Ed. by Diane Brentari (2010)’. *Voprosy Jazykoznanija* 4, 135-143. (In Russian).
- [6] Kimmelman, V. (2010). Review of ‘Cross-linguistic Semantics of Tense, Aspect, and Modality, Eds. Lotte Hogeweg, Helen de Hoop and Andrej Malchukov (2010)’. *Voprosy Jazykoznanija* 6, 138-145. (in Russian)

Dissertation

- [1] Kimmelman, V. (2014). *Information Structure in Russian Sign Language and Sign Language of the Netherlands*. PhD dissertation, University of Amsterdam. Available [here](#).

4 Selected presentations

Peer-reviewed

- [1] Kimmelman, V. & E. Khristoforova (2018) On the nature of classifiers in Russian Sign Language. *GLOW 41: Sign Language Syntax and Linguistic Theory*, Budapest, April 14.
- [2] Börstell, C., T. Jantunen, J. Mesch, V. Kimmelman, M. Oomen & V. de Lint (2018) Transitivity prominence within and across modalities. *ASAM 2018*, Amsterdam, February 1-2.
- [3] Kimmelman, V., V. de Lint, C. de Vos, M. Oomen, R. Pfau, L. Vink & E.O. Aboh (2018) Non-canonical argument structure in classifier predicates in four sign languages. *ASAM 2018*, Amsterdam, February 1-2.
- [4] Kimmelman, V., M. Oomen & V. de Lint (2017). Overt arguments in three sign languages: A corpus study. *Corpus-based approaches to sign language linguistics: Into the second decade*. Birmingham, July 24.
- [5] Kimmelman, V. (2017) Null arguments, agreement, and classifiers in Russian Sign Language. *FEAST*, Reykjavik, June 22-23.
- [6] Kimmelman, V., R. Pfau & E.O. Aboh (2017) Event coordination in Russian Sign Language classifier predicates.” *GLOW 40*, Leiden, March 14-17.
- [7] Kimmelman, V. (2017) Grammaticality judgements in sign language research. *LSA annual meeting*, Austin TX, USA, January 4-7.
- [8] Kimmelman, V., R. Pfau & E.O. Aboh (2016) Word-internal coordination in handling classifier predicates. *FEAST*, Venice, Sep. 1.
- [9] Kimmelman, V. (2016) Transitivity in RSL based on corpus data. *7th Workshop on the Representation and Processing of Sign Languages: Corpus Mining*, Portorož, May 28 (poster).
- [10] Kimmelman, V. (2016) Question-answer pairs in the corpus of NGT. *TISLR 12*, Melbourne, January 4-7.
- [11] Kimmelman, V., R. Pfau & E.O. Aboh (2016) Argument structure of Russian Sign Language classifiers: insights from corpus data. *TISLR 12*, Melbourne, January 4-7 (poster).
- [12] Kimmelman, V. (2015) Repetition, reduplication, and doubling in Russian Sign Language. *DGFS, Workshop “Exact repetition in grammar and discourse”*, Leipzig, March 4.
- [13] Kimmelman, V. (2014) Weak hand holds and types of merge. *Venice FEAST*, Venice, June 9-11.

- [14] Kimmelman, V. (2014) Focus in Russian Sign Language." *Linguistic Evidence 2014*, Tübingen, February 13-15.
- [15] Kimmelman, V. (2013) Topics in RSL and NGT: how prominent are they? *TISLR 11*, London, July 10-13.
- [16] Kimmelman, V. (2013) Topics in Sign Language of the Netherlands: insights from a corpus study. *Workshop on Information Structure in Spoken Language Corpora*. Bielefeld, June 10-12.
- [17] Kimmelman, V. (2013) Multiple tiers, multiple trees. Weak hand holds in Russian Sign Language." *Chicago Linguistic Society Meeting*, Chicago, April 18-21.

Invited

- [1] Kimmelman, V. (2015) Weak hand holds in RSL and NGT. *SKIL conference*, Moscow, April 2.
- [2] Kimmelman, V. (2015) Information Structure in Sign Languages. *RGGU seminar*, Moscow, April 1.
- [3] Kimmelman, V. (2015) R-impersonals in Sign Language of the Netherlands. *Workshop on Sign languages and R-impersonal pronouns*, Paris, February 6.
- [4] Kimmelman, V. (2013). Information Structure in RSL and NGT. *SLLS Festa*, Osaka, September 27-29.

5 Teaching and supervision

Courses taught

- 2018 “Transcription of sign languages” (In English), University of Amsterdam
- 2017 (together with Enoch Aboh) “Perspectives on Universals II.” (In English), University of Amsterdam
“Typology and lexicon in sign languages.” A three-day course at the TyLex Summer School (In Russian), Higher School of Economics
(together with Frank Seifart) RMA course “Perspectives on Universals I” (In English), University of Amsterdam
- 2016 BA course “Semantics” (In Dutch), University of Amsterdam
(together with Roland Pfau) BA course “Psycholinguistics of sign languages” (In Dutch), University of Amsterdam
mini-course “Introduction to Sign Linguistics” (In Russian), Moscow Polytech
- 2015 (together with Enoch Aboh) RMA course “Perspectives on Universals I” (In English), University of Amsterdam
(together with Roland Pfau) BA course “Phonology and morphology of sign languages” (In Dutch), University of Amsterdam
(together with Frank Seifart) BA course “Morphology and syntax”, University of Amsterdam
- 2014 (together with Joni Oyserman) BA course “Introduction into Sign Linguistics” (in Dutch), University of Amsterdam
(together with Enoch Aboh and Dana Niculescu) BA course “Linguistics of European Languages” (in English), University of Amsterdam
- 2013 BA course “Psycholinguistics of sign languages” (In Dutch), University of Amsterdam
(together with Beppie van den Bogaerde and Joni Oyserman) BA course “Introduction into Sign Linguistics” (in Dutch), University of Amsterdam
- 2012 Supervising MA term papers related to sign linguistics
(together with Anne Baker) BA course “Psycholinguistics of sign languages” (in Dutch), University of Amsterdam
- 2011 MA course “Topics in Sign Linguistics” (in English), University of Amsterdam

Supervision

- ongoing Co-supervisor of PhD student Marloes Oomen within the project “Argument structure in three sign languages”, University of Amsterdam
- ongoing Co-supervisor of PhD student Vanja de Lint within the project “Argument structure in three sign languages”, University of Amsterdam
- 2015 Dissertation committee member for Brendan Costello’s PhD thesis “Language and modality: Effects of the use of space in the agreement system of *lengua de signos española* (Spanish Sign Language)”, University of Amsterdam
- 2012-current supervising term papers by BA and MA students at the University of Amsterdam
- 2012-current supervising BA theses by students at the Russian State University for the Humanities and Higher School of Economics (Moscow)

Course development

- 2016-current development of courses (Introduction to Sign Linguistics, Transcription, Semantics) for the new BA program in Linguistics, University of Amsterdam

6 Research Grants

- 2017 Russian Science Foundation (RSF) grant “Managing information structure in spoken and sign natural discourse”, approximately €210,000 (main applicant: V. Podlesskaya, PI’s: V. Kimmelman & Y. Lander).

Description: *In this project, we investigate how information structure is expressed on the discourse level in signed and spoken languages, and how discourse strategies give rise to syntactic phenomena. My sub-project is specifically devoted to the means of expressing quotation and to grammaticalization of complex sentences (wh-clefts, relative clauses) in RSL.*

- 2015 The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) grant “Argument Structure in Three Sign Languages”, €722,835 (main applicants: dr. R. Pfau & prof. dr. E. Aboh)

Description: *In this project, we investigate how argument structure is expressed in the visual modality and whether new evidence can be found in favor of a syntactic vs. lexical approaches to argument structure. We look at three sign languages using corpus data and newly developed elicitation tasks. My subproject is devoted to Russian Sign Language and to cross-linguistic comparison and general theoretical analysis.*

- 2012 Russian Foundation for Basic Research Grant for “Corpus investigation of morphosyntax and lexicon of Russian Sign Language”, €21,117 (main applicant: dr. S. Burkova)

Description: *In this project, we investigated basic morphosyntactic and pragmatic properties of Russian Sign Language (reduplication, aspect marking, information structure, conditional clauses). A practical outcome of the project was the first on-line corpus of RSL: <http://rsl.nstu.ru/>.*

- 2010 The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) grant for the PhD project “Information Structure in Sign Language of the Netherlands and Russian Sign Language”, approximately €150,000

Description: *In this project, I investigated information structure in two sign languages: Russian Sign Language and Sign Language in the Netherlands looking for universal and modality-specific patterns in this domain. I described how topic, focus, and contrast are expressed in these languages and compared them to other spoken and signed languages.*

7 Professional activities

Editing

- 2018-... Editorial board member of a peer-reviewed journal *Moscow Linguistic Journal*: <http://mjlr.suh.ru/>
- 2017-... A founder and editor of the open access journal *FEAST* (Formal and Empirical Advances in Sign Language Theory): <http://www.raco.cat/index.php/FEAST>

Organizing

Organizing committee member for the following conferences:

- 2017 Workshop “Argument Structure Across Modalities (ASAM2018)”, University of Amsterdam;
- 2011 Workshop “Formal Semantics and Pragmatics of Sign Languages” at the *Amsterdam Colloquium*, Universiteit van Amsterdam;
- 2011 MOSS-2 (*Moscow Syntax and Semantics*), Moscow, Institute of Russian Language of the Russian Academy of Sciences;
- 2009 MOSS (*Moscow Syntax and Semantics*), Moscow, Institute of Russian Language of the Russian Academy of Sciences;
- 2008 *Syntactic Structures*, Moscow, RSUH.

Reviewing

Reviewing for the following journals: *Science, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, Journal of Semantics, Semantics & Pragmatics, Linguistic Inquiry, Lingua, Sign Language & Linguistics, Sing Language Studies, Russkij Jazyk (Russian Language), Linguistics in Amsterdam.*

8 Languages

Russian (native), English (advanced), Dutch (advanced), German (intermediate), French (intermediate), Russian Sign Language (intermediate), Sign Language of the Netherlands (intermediate), International Sign (beginner).

9 Research interests

Sign Linguistics; Argument Structure; Information Structure; Corpus Linguistics; Grammaticality Judgments; Formal Approaches to Syntax; Linguistic Typology; Russian Sign Language; Sign Language of the Netherlands; Russian.