

Annika Tjuka

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Education

- from Sept. 2019 **Ph.D. candidate**, *International Max Planck Research School (IMPRS)*, Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History and Friedrich Schiller University, Jena.
- 2016 – 2019 **Master of Arts in Linguistics**, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
Final Grade: 1.2
Thesis 'Body-part metaphors as a window to cognition: A cross-linguistic study of object and landscape terms' supervised by Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Verhoeven and Dr. Kilu von Prince (Grade: 1.3)
- 2013 – 2016 **Bachelor of Arts in German Linguistics and Scandinavian Studies**, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
Final Grade: 1.7
Thesis 'Emotionalisation through texts – A contrastive analysis of donation letters and stock market letters with the help of the Berlin Affective Word List Reloaded' supervised by Prof. Dr. Katharina Spalek and Prof. Dr. Manfred Krifka (Grade: 1.5)
- 2012 – 2013 **Bachelor of Arts in Culture & Technology – Language and Communication**, Technische Universität Berlin.

Work Experience

- 2019–present **Research associate**, *FAHMRRR project*, funded by the European Research Council (ERC), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
An investigation of how humans process meaning in utterances, concentrating on focus alternatives. Currently, I conduct a study which investigates the recall of focus alternatives in Vietnamese. Principal investigator: Prof. Dr. Katharina Spalek
- 2017 – 2019 **Student research assistant**, *MelaTAMP project*, funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
A corpus-based research on TAM and polarity expressions in Oceanic languages of Melanesia. Principal investigators: Dr. Kilu von Prince, Prof. Dr. Manfred Krifka
- 2016 – 2019 **Student research assistant**, *FAHMRRR project*, funded by the European Research Council (ERC), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
Principal investigator: Prof. Dr. Katharina Spalek
- 2018 **Internship and student research assistant**, *Group 'Modulation of Language Networks'*, Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Leipzig.
Group head: Dr. Gesa Hartwigsen
- 2013 – 2016 **Assistant**, *WWF Germany*, Berlin, Department of Dialog Marketing.

Full-time, before I began my academic career

- 2011 – 2012 **Junior Account Manager**, *McCann Berlin*.
- 2011 **Store Manager**, *BFN Berlin Fashion Network*.
- 2010 **Junior Account Manager**, *Wunderman GmbH*, Frankfurt a. M..
- 2008 – 2010 **Trainee for Marketing Communication**, *Wunderman GmbH*, Frankfurt a. M., Dual vocational training.

Publications

Journal

- Articles
- **Tjuka, Annika**, Huong Thi Thu Nguyen, and Katharina Spalek (2020). Foxes, deer, and hedgehogs: The recall of focus alternatives in Vietnamese. *Laboratory Phonology: Journal of the Association for Laboratory Phonology* 11(1). 1–29.

Proceedings

- **Tjuka, Annika** (2020). General patterns and language variation: Word frequencies across English, German, and Chinese. In M. Zock, E. Chersoni, A. Lenci, and E. Santus (Eds.), *Proceedings of the Workshop on the Cognitive Aspects of the Lexicon* (pp. 23-32). Stroudsburg: Association for Computational Linguistics.
- **Tjuka, Annika**, Lena Weißmann and Kilu von Prince (2019). Tagging modality in Oceanic languages of Melanesia. In *Proceedings of 13th Linguistic Annotation Workshop*. ACL Special Interest Group on Annotation.
- **Tjuka, Annika**, Lena Weißmann, and Kilu von Prince (2019). Habitual aspect as a property of text spans. In Zygmunt Vetulani and Patrick Paroubek (eds.) *Human language technologies as a challenge for computer science and linguistics. Proceedings of 9th Language & Technology Conference*. Poznań: Wydawnictwo Nauka i Innowacje, 195-199.

Talks

2020

- December. *General patterns and language variation: Word frequencies across English, German, and Chinese*. 6th Cognitive Aspects of the Lexicon Workshop (CogALex) at COLING 2020, online.
- October. *The eye/ear of the needle – Cross-linguistic differences in body part extensions*. 1st Words in the World (WoW) International Conference, online.
- September. *Defining the obvious: How to measure similarity?* 16th Sprachwissenschaftliche Tagung für Promotionsstudierende, online.
- April. *Similarity as the basis for meaning extensions*. Meeting of the Department of Linguistic and Cultural Evolution, Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, online.

2019

- September. *Revealing cognitive patterns: A cross-linguistic study of body-part metaphors*. 13th International Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology. Pavia, IT.
- August. With Lena Weißmann and Kilu von Prince. *Tagging modality in Oceanic languages of Melanesia*. The 13th Linguistic Annotation Workshop. Florence, IT.
- May. With Lena Weißmann and Kilu von Prince. *Habitual aspect as a property of text spans*. 9th Language & Technology Conference. Poznań, POL.
- May. (job talk) *Finding patterns – How to discover part-whole relations in cross-linguistic data*. Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Jena, DE.
- March. (job talk) *The cognitive foundation of body-part metaphors*. Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen, NL.

2018

- November. *The belly of the cabbage – Body-part metaphors as a window into the mind*. Colloquium Syntax and Semantics. Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, DE.
- October. *Elicitation in linguistic fieldwork – or how to capture a speaker's view of the world*. 3rd Conference for Student Research. Bochum, DE.
- August. *Can typological studies show us how the brain processes language?* 5th Linguistik Meet-up Berlin-Potsdam. Potsdam, DE.
- July. (job talk) *Including linguistic variation to understand the processing of language*. Universität des Saarlandes, Saarbrücken, DE.
- May. *Don't judge from the outside: A deeper look into the Vietnamese tense system*. 63rd Linguistics Student Conference (StuTS). Kiel, DE.
- April. *Time and perspective in a supposedly tenseless language*. 12th T.W.I.S.T. Student Conference for Linguistics. Leiden, NL.

2017

- September. *Panda vs. Bank – Wörter als Auslöser von Emotionen*. 2nd Conference for Student Research. Berlin, DE.

Blog posts

2020

- Tjuka, Annika. *How to organize a virtual journal club (How to do X in linguistics 3)*. Computer-Assisted Language Comparison in Practice, 20/01/2021, <https://calc.hypotheses.org/2613>.
- Tjuka, Annika. *Possibilities of digital communication in linguistics (How to do X in linguistics 2)*. Computer-Assisted Language Comparison in Practice, 07/12/2020, <https://calc.hypotheses.org/2556>.

2019

- Tjuka, Annika. *A list of 171 body part concepts*. Computer-Assisted Language Comparison in Practice, 28/09/2020, <https://calc.hypotheses.org/2512>.
- Tjuka, Annika. *Adding concept lists to Concepticon: A guide for beginners*. Computer-Assisted Language Comparison in Practice, 29/01/2020, <https://calc.hypotheses.org/2225>.

Posters

2019

- August. *A cross-linguistic study of body-part metaphors and their cognitive basis*. 52nd Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea. Leipzig University, Germany.
- July. *'The leg of the table' – Universal patterns of mapping body-part terms to object and landscape properties*. Concepts of Humans and Nature between Specificity and Universality Conference. Johannes Gutenberg-Universität, Mainz, Germany.
- July. With Huong Thi Thu Nguyen and Katharina Spalek. *Shirts, scarves or socks – Remembering focus alternatives in Vietnamese*. Summer Neurolinguistics School 2019. National Research University Higher School of Economics, Center for Language and Brain, Moscow, Russia.
- March. *The heel of the bread and the tongue of the sea – Body-part metaphors in object and landscape terms*. The Creative Power of Metaphor Conference. University of Oxford, Worcester College, Oxford, United Kingdom.

Grants and Prices

2019 **Nomination for Humboldt-Price**, in the category *Master's thesis at Sprach- und literaturwissenschaftlichen Fakultät*, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Teaching

Winter
semester
2020/21

- Seminar on 'The mental lexicon from a cross-linguistic perspective' for BA students at Friedrich Schiller University Jena, online.

Administrative Service

2020 – 2021 **PhD representative**, *DLCE department*, Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Jena.

2017 – 2018 **Women's representative**, *Institute of Romance Studies*, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Outreach Activities

- 2019 **Long night of science, Mitmachangebot:** “*Versuchen Sie auf gleiche Art und Weise wie die Krähen Neukaledoniens an Nahrung zu gelangen*”, Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Jena.

Participation

2020

- Workshop on ‘Research ethics’ organized by Graduate Academy Friedrich Schiller University, online.
- 8 weeks course on ‘Using Python for Research’ organized by Harvard edX course, online.
- Workshop on ‘Communicating Science to Non-Scientists and Media Training for Researchers’ organized by Max Planck Society, online.
- Workshop on ‘Crash Course Teaching in Higher Education’ organized by LehreLernen Friedrich Schiller University, online.
- Workshop on ‘Effective and dynamic presentations’ organized by Max Planck Society, online.
- Workshop on ‘Reproducible Research Data Management’ organized by Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Jena.
- Workshop on ‘Good Scientific Practice – Protecting Scientific Integrity’ organized by Graduate Academy Friedrich Schiller University, Jena.

2019

- Summer School on ‘Neurolinguistics’ organized by Center for Language and Brain at National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia.

Memberships

2020–present **Cognitive Science Society.**

2019–present **Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE).**

2019–present **Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT).**

Experience in Psycholinguistic Methods

- MRI Operation and safety training of a 3 Tesla Siemens Tim Trio MRI scanner at the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience Berlin (CCNB), Freie Universität Berlin.
- EEG Data acquisition with a six 32-channel EEG cap (BrainAmp).
- Behavioral Independently conducted experiments.

Languages

- German Native language
- English Intermediate (IELTS Score: 7.5)
- Danish Good passive knowledge
- Vietnamese Good passive knowledge

Computer Skills

Scripting R, MATLAB, Python, Bash Shell

Mark-up \LaTeX , RStudio

Systems Mac, Windows, Linux

Software PRAAT, Presentation, Plone, ELAN, EXMARaLDA, MS Office