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## Education

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11/2021-  
04/2025

### Ph.D. in Linguistics

HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN

- ERC Synergy Grant project *Realizing Leibniz's Dream: Child Languages as a Mirror of the Mind*
- Dissertation: *The Structure of Pronouns and Allomorphy*
- Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Artemis Alexiadou and Prof. Dr. Uli Sauerland
- Reviewers: Professor Elisabeth Verhoeven (HU Berlin), Professor Phoebos Panagiotidis (University of Cyprus), Professor Nicholas Rolle (Princeton University)
- Grade: Summa cum Laude (from all reviewers; mit Auszeichnung, highest distinction)
- Defended: April 28, 2025

2019-2021

### M.A. in Linguistics

HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN

- Institute of German Language and Linguistics
- Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Artemis Alexiadou and Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Verhoeven
- Thesis: *Argument Structure, Ergativity, Aspect, and Agreement: A view from n-based nominalizations*
- Thesis grade: 1.0
- Grade point average: 1.3 (Excellent)

## Employment

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05/2025-  
present

### Assistant Professor (Akademische Rätin a. Z)

GEORG-AUGUST-UNIVERSITÄT GÖTTINGEN

- Department of General Linguistics (Sprachwissenschaftliches Seminar)
- Head of the Department: Prof. Dr. Stavros Skopeteas

11/2021-  
10/2024

### Doctoral Researcher

HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN

- ERC Synergy Grant project *Realizing Leibniz's Dream: Child Languages as a Mirror of the Mind*
- PIs: Artemis Alexiadou (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), Uli Sauerland (Leibniz-Centre General Linguistics), Maria Teresa Guasti (University of Milan-Bicocca)
- Compressor group, PI: Artemis Alexiadou

07/2020-  
09/2021

### Research Assistant

LEIBNIZ-CENTRE GENERAL LINGUISTICS (ZAS)

- DFG project *Bo1 Register and the development of periphrasis in the history of English, CRC 1412 Register: Language-Users' Knowledge of Situational-Functional Variation*
- PIs: Prof. Dr. Artemis Alexiadou and Dr. Thomas McFadden

01/2020-  
09/2021

### Research Assistant

HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN

- Institute of German Language and Linguistics
- Chair of General Linguistics: Syntax
- DFG Project *Typology of the Psych Alternation in Morphology, Syntax and Discourse*
- PI: Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Verhoeven

## Research Interests

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allomorphy, suppletion, underspecification, Impoverishment, morphology-syntax interface, nominal syntax, argument structure, clitic doubling, (un)agreement, Distributed Morphology

## Publications

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### JOURNAL PAPERS

- 2023 Oikonomou, Despina and Ivona **Ilić**. Subjunctive Questions in Serbian, *Journal of Slavic Linguistics. FASL 30 Special Issue*. 1-18.
- 2023 Driemel, Imke, Johannes Hein, Cory Bill, Aurore Gonzalez, Ivona **Ilić**, Paloma Jeretič, and Astrid van Alem. Negative Concord without Agree: Insights from German, Dutch and English Child Language. *Languages*, 8(3).

### PROCEEDINGS PAPERS

- 2024 **Ilić**, Ivona. Complements and modifiers: Implications for typologies of pronouns. *Proceedings of the 98th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA)*. 9(1). 5720.
- 2024 Alexiadou, Artemis, Johannes Hein, Ivona **Ilić**, Uli Sauerland. The third person is present: An argument from determiners in generic statements. *Proceedings of the 54th Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society (NELS)*.
- 2023 Alexiadou, Artemis and Ivona **Ilić**. Acquiring Japanese passives: A production study. In P. Gappmayr and J. Kellogg (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 47th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development*. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press
- 2023 Hein, Johannes, Cory Bill, Imke Driemel, Aurore Gonzalez, Ivona **Ilić**, and Paloma Jeretič. Negative concord in the acquisition of English and German: Some results from a corpus study. *Proceedings of CLS 58*.

### THESES

- 2025 **Ilić**, Ivona. *The Structure of Pronouns and Allomorphy*. Doctoral dissertation, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
- 2021 **Ilić**, Ivona. *Argument Structure, Ergativity, Aspect, and Agreement: A view from n-based nominalizations*. M.A. Thesis, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

## Conference Presentations

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- 2024 Alexiadou, Artemis, Johannes Hein, Ivona **Ilić**, and Uli Sauerland. *The third person is present: An argument from determiners in generic statements*, **NELS 54**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, January 26-27, 2024
- 2024 **Ilić**, Ivona. *Unagreement and modifiers: Implications for typologies of pronouns*, 98th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, **LSA 98**, New York, January 4-7, 2024
- 2023 Alexiadou, Artemis, Johannes Hein, Ivona **Ilić**, and Uli Sauerland. *The third person is present: An argument from determiners in generic statements*, **Issues in the Syntax and Semantics of Definiteness**, Bucharest University, December 8-9, 2023
- 2023 **Ilić**, Ivona. *Unagreement and Clitic Doubling: Realization of Definiteness in External and Internal Arguments*, **Topic, Focus and Subject (TFS)**, Osnabrück University, September 19-23, 2023
- 2022 Alexiadou, Artemis and Ivona **Ilić**. *Acquiring Japanese passives: a production study*, The 47th Annual Boston University Conference on Language Development, **BUCLD 47**, Boston University, November 3-6, 2022

- 2022 Alexiadou, Artemis and Ivona **Ilić**. *Overt and implicit arguments and Voice in Japanese passives: a child language perspective*, Brussels Conference on Generative Linguistics **BCGL 15**, CRISSP, Brussels, October 6-7, 2022
- 2022 Hein, Johannes Cory Bill, Imke Driemel, Aurore Gonzalez, Ivona **Ilić**, and Paloma Jeretič. *Do child languages have negative concord: A corpus study*, **GALA 15**, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, September 22-24, 2022
- 2022 **Ilić**, Ivona and Artemis Alexiadou. *Silent and overt arguments in child language*, **SinFonIJa 15**, University of Udine, Italy, September 22-24, 2022
- 2022 **Ilić**, Ivona, Fabienne Martin, and Artemis Alexiadou. *What do children do with do? Superfluous do as a marker of agency in child English*, Linguistics Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, **LAGB 2022**, Ulster University, Belfast, UK, September 12-15, 2022
- 2022 Hein, Johannes, Cory Bill, Imke Driemel, Aurore Gonzalez, Ivona **Ilić**, Paloma Jeretič and Maria Teresa Guasti. *Negative concord in the acquisition of non-negative concord languages*, Chicago Linguistic Society, **CLS 58**, April 22, 2022
- 2021 **Ilić**, Ivona. *Argument Structure Inheritance: Evidence from Deverbal Compounds*, 16th Annual Meeting of the Slavic Linguistics Society, **SLS 16**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, September 3-5, 2021
- 2021 **Ilić**, Ivona. *The Interaction of Aspect and the Height of Affixation*, 9th Workshop on Nominalizations, **JENom9**, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin and the University of Silesia, Poland, June 17-18, 2021
- 2021 Oikonomou, Despina and Ivona **Ilić**. *Subjunctive Questions in Serbian*, Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 30, **FASL 30**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), May 13-16, 2021
- 2019 **Ilić**, Ivona. *Non-Contrastive Gender in Serbian Language: One-Many Mismatches*, 12th Mediterranean Morphology Meeting, **MMM 12**, University of Ljubljana, June 27-30, 2019
- 2019 **Ilić**, Ivona. *Gender Underspecification in Serbian Language: One-Many Mismatches*, Connecting roots and affixes, **CRAFF 2019**, Masaryk University Brno, May 13-15, 2019
- 2019 **Ilić**, Ivona. *Extended Projection Principle (/EPP) in Serbian: A Cross-Theoretical Perspective*, Master Class with Professor Artemis Alexiadou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, March 19, 2019

## Invited Talks

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- 2025 **Ilić**, Ivona. *The Structure of Pronouns and Allomorphy*. **General Linguistics Colloquium**, University of Göttingen, January 13, 2025

## Internal Talks

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- 2025 **Ilić**, Ivona. *Directionality of Allomorphy*, May 15, 2025, General Linguistics Colloquium, University of Göttingen
- 2024 **Ilić**, Ivona. *Unagreement and Clitic Doubling*. December 10th, 2024, Syntax/Semantics Colloquium, HU Berlin
- 2024 **Ilić**, Ivona. *The structure of pronouns and allomorphy*. September 23rd, 2024, LeibnizDream Retreat, ZAS Berlin
- 2024 **Ilić**, Ivona. *Allomorphy and multiple allomorphy: The view from pronouns*. June 10th, Research seminar, ZAS Berlin
- 2024 **Ilić**, Ivona. *The structure of pronouns*. June 3rd, 2024, Research seminar, ZAS Berlin

2024 Alexiadou, Artemis, Ivona **Ilić**, Yoichi Miyamoto, Uli Sauerland. *Acquisition of pronouns in Japanese: A production study*. JSPS Core2Core Network *International Research Network for the Human Language Faculty*, ZAS, March 15-17, 2024

2023 **Ilić**, Ivona. *Invariant building blocks in the structure of personal pronouns*. December 11th, 2023, Research seminar, ZAS Berlin

## Teaching

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### UNIVERSITY OF GÖTTINGEN

SoSe 2025 **Syntax**  
Module B.ASp. 202 Sprachstruktur (Language Structure)  
BA program in General Linguistics  
Language of instruction: German  
Course instructor, responsible for teaching, course materials, and grading

SoSe 2025 **pro-drop parameter**  
B.Asp.212 Feldforschung und Typologie (Fieldwork and Typology)  
BA program in General Linguistics  
Language of instruction: German  
Course instructor, responsible for teaching, course materials, and grading

### HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN

WiSe 2021/22 **Morphology**, B.A. Department of English and American Studies, Guest Lecture *The Acquisition of Morphology*, January 4th, 2022

## Service

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### REVIEWER

*Journal of Slavic Linguistics* (FASL 30 Extra Issue)

### PH.D. COMMITTEE MEMBER

2023 Livia Sommer, *Aspectual composition and effects of definiteness in German and English stative psychological verbs: An empirical investigation*, Department of German Language and Linguistics, HU Berlin

## Scholarships

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2020-2021 **GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA, FUND FOR YOUNG TALENTS**, Scholarship *Dositeja* for outstanding students from Serbia studying at world's leading universities

2019-2020 **GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA, FUND FOR YOUNG TALENTS**, Scholarship *Dositeja* for outstanding students from Serbia studying at world's leading universities

2018 **LOMONOSOV MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY**, Exchange Scholarship

2018 **UNIVERSITY OF GÖTTINGEN**, Summer school travel grant

## Memberships

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2023- Linguistic Society of America (LSA)

## Languages

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**native:** Serbian  
**advanced:** English, German

COMPUTATIONAL  
Statistics: R  
Corpora: CoCoYum, CHILDES, COW, ANNIS, CLAN  
Experimental: ELAN, IbexFarm  
Sound: Praat

## Additional Training

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2018 Fall

### Visiting Student

LOMONOSOV MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY

- Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics
- Advisor: Prof. Dr. Ekaterina Lyutikova

### SUMMER AND WINTER SCHOOLS

2021 Jan-Oct ROLLING Institute on Argument Structure, University of Rovira i Virgili, Spain (Online)  
2021 Winter NYI 2021: The New York-Saint Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture  
2020 Summer CRC 1412 Summer School 2020, Berlin  
2020 Summer NYI 2020: The New York-Saint Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture  
2020 Spring Online experiments with Ibex Farm, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin  
2018 Summer *Form-Meaning Mismatches in Natural Language*, University of Göttingen, Germany  
2017 Summer NYI 2017: The New York-Saint Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture  
2016 Summer Russian Language Summer Course, Pushkin State Russian Language Institute, Moscow

## References

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### Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Verhoeven

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Chair of General Linguistics: Syntax  
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