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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

## Areas of Research

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

## Memberships and Collaboration

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2025-present **Associate Researcher**  
ERC Synergy Grant project *Realizing Leibniz's Dream: Child Languages as a Mirror of the Mind*  
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Compressor Team, PI: Artemis Alexiadou

07/2025-present **Associate Researcher**  
**RTG 2636: Form-meaning mismatches**  
Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

## Institutional Responsibilities

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05/2025-present **Beratung für den BA-Studiengang (Undergraduate Advisor)**  
Department of General Linguistics, University of Göttingen

10/2025-present **O-Phase Organizer**  
Department of General Linguistics, University of Göttingen

02/2026 **Department Representative**  
ENLIGHT University Alliance, Bilateral meeting between the University of Göttingen and the University of Bern, held at the University of Bern

## Additional Training

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WiSe 2025/26 **Crafting competitive DFG research proposals**  
Central Administration, Research and Transfer Services, University of Göttingen

## Publications

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### JOURNAL PAPERS

2025 Martin, Fabienne, Ivona **Ilić**, Gert-Jan Schoenmakers, and Artemis Alexiadou. What do children do with *do*? Superfluous *do* in child English. *Glossa* 10(1).

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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2025 **Ilić**, Ivona. *Double marking in contextual allomorphy: The view from pronouns*. **Distributed Morphology (DM) meets Nanosyntax (Nano) workshop**, University of Vienna, July 15-16, 2025

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 Presentations

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

## Other Presentations

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- 2025 **Ilić**, Ivona. *(Un)agreement and Clitic Doubling*, October 1, 2025, Fieldwork Friends Internal Workshop, University of Göttingen
- 2025 **Ilić**, Ivona. *Unagreement and Clitic Doubling*, June 6, 2025, Göttinger Zentrum *Textstrukturen*, Tag der offenen Tür
- 2025 **Ilić**, Ivona. *Directionality of Allomorphy*, May 15, 2025, General Linguistics Colloquium, University of Göttingen
- 2024 **Ilić**, Ivona. *Unagreement and Clitic Doubling*. December 10, 2024, Syntax/Semantics Colloquium, HU Berlin
- 2024 **Ilić**, Ivona. *The structure of pronouns and allomorphy*. September 23, 2024, LeibnizDream Retreat, ZAS Berlin
- 2024 **Ilić**, Ivona. *Allomorphy and multiple allomorphy: The view from pronouns*. June 10, Research seminar, ZAS Berlin
- 2024 **Ilić**, Ivona. *The structure of pronouns*. June 3, 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 11, 2023, Research seminar, ZAS Berlin

## Teaching

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### UNIVERSITY OF GÖTTINGEN

*For all courses listed below, I serve as the primary instructor. My responsibilities include designing the syllabus and course structure, developing instructional materials, delivering lectures, mentoring students on term papers and projects, and evaluating all coursework and exams.*

- SoSe 2026 **Syntax**  
 Module B.ASp. 202 Sprachstruktur (Language Structure)  
 BA program in General Linguistics  
 Language of instruction: German

- SoSe 2026 **Syntactic Typology: The Syntax of Agreement**  
 B.Asp.212 Feldforschung und Typologie (Fieldwork and Typology)  
 BA program in General Linguistics  
 Language of instruction: German

WiSe 2025/26 **Distribuierte Morphologie (Distributed Morphology)**

Module SK.ASp.233a.Mp Linguistische Disziplinen I  
Module SK.ASp.233b.Mp Linguistische Disziplinen II  
Module B.ASp.211.Mp Empirie und Analyse  
Module B.ASp.213.Mp Sprache, Gesellschaft, Wandel  
BA program in General Linguistics  
Language of instruction: German

WiSe 2025/26 **Code-Switching**

Module B.ASp.211.Mp Empirie und Analyse  
Module B.ASp.213.Mp Sprache, Gesellschaft, Wandel  
BA program in General Linguistics  
Language of instruction: German

SoSe 2025 **Syntax**

Module B.ASp. 202 Sprachstruktur (Language Structure)  
BA program in General Linguistics  
Language of instruction: German

SoSe 2025 **pro-drop parameter**

B.Asp.212 Feldforschung und Typologie (Fieldwork and Typology)  
BA program in General Linguistics  
Language of instruction: German

**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

## Advising

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2026 Ayyoub Abid. *Tense in Standard Arabic*. University of Göttingen. M.A. Thesis. Second supervisor.

## Committee Membership

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**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

## Organizations

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2026- Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE)  
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

## Summer Schools & Stays Abroad

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2018 Fall **Visiting Student**  
• Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics  
• Advisor: Prof. Dr. Ekaterina Lyutikova

LOMONOSOV MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY

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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