

Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Syntax – Semantics – Prosody, Language Acquisition & Processing
Languages of interest: English, Greek, Slavic Languages, Balkan Sprachbund

POSITION HELD

10. 2016-current **Post-doctoral researcher**, Research Unit on Experimental Syntax and Heritage Languages (led by Artemis Alexiadou), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany

EDUCATION

9.2011 – 9.2016 **PhD in Linguistics**
MIT Department of Linguistics & Philosophy
THESIS TITLE: *Covert Modality in Root Contexts*
COMMITTEE: Sabine Iatridou, Kai von Stechow, Edward Flemming, Irene Heim

9.2008 – 9.2010 **MA in Linguistics**
Department of Philology, University of Crete (Greece)
MA THESIS: *Contrastive Discourse Markers in Greek*

9.2002 – 9.2006 **BA in Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies**
Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies
University of Macedonia (Thessaloniki, Greece)
UNDERGRAD THESIS: *Loans and Calques from Medieval Greek to Old Slavonic and their Semantic Evolution in Modern Russian*

FURTHER EDUCATION

7.2017 **CreteLing Summer School** (Crete)

7.2014 – 8.2014 **NYI summer school** in Linguistics (St. Petersburg)
The New York – St.Petersburg Institute of Linguistics

6.2005 – 7.2005 **Summer School on Russian Language** (Moscow)
State Pushkin Institute of Russian Language

PUBLICATIONS & MANUSCRIPTS

- 2018 On the force of imperatives and its source. Submitted ms.
- 2017 French causatives: The reflexivity puzzle (with Paul Marty). In: *Clair Halpert, Hadas Kotek and Coppe van Urk* eds. *A Pesky Set: Papers for David Pesetsky. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics, Volume 80*
- 2017 Sloppy pro in Greek: An E-type analysis. *Proceedings of Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS) 52. Chicago, IL.: Chicago Linguistic Society, pp. 149-391 – 403*
- 2017 Island Obviation in Fragment Answers: Evidence from Bulgarian Li-Questions (with Snejana Iovtcheva). *Proceedings from the 24th Annual meeting of Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL), NYU*
- 2017 Root Realization in Albanian verbal morphology. In *Snejana Iovtcheva and Benjamin Strome* eds. *Papers in Morphology. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics, Volume 81* (with Isaac Gould and Snejana Iovtcheva)
- 2016 Imperatives are existential modals: *Deriving the strong reading as an Implicature. Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 26*, eds. Mary Moroney, Carol-Rose Little, Jacob Collard, and Dan Burgdorf, 1043–1062
- 2016 Covert Modals in Root Contexts. Phd Thesis, MIT
- 2015 The meaning of *alos* ‘other’ in Modern Greek. MIT Generals paper, Ms.
- 2014 In the Middle of Passive: Middle Voice in Modern Greek vs. Passive Voice in English. MIT Generals paper, Ms.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 Difficult Imperatives in Turkish (with Ömer Demirok). Poster presented at the *14th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL-14)*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2018 Inverse scope in Greek: Scope transparency and alternative constructions (with Artemis Alexiadou). Talk presented at the *Workshop on Ambiguity (AMBIGO 2018)*, University of Göttingen
- 2018 Imperative Imperfective Interrogatives in Greek and German. Poster presented at the *Workshop on Non-Canonical Questions (MiQ2018)*, University of Konstanz
- 2018 Subjunctive interrogatives in Greek: Prosody & meaning. Poster presented at the *39th Annual Meeting of the Department of Linguistics (AMGL-39)*, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- 2017 Imperatives: How minimal are they? Poster presented at *Sinn und Bedeutung (SUB) 22*, ZAS & University of Potsdam

- 2017 Prosody and the interpretation of imperatives in Greek. Invited Talk at the workshop on Experiment and Theory in Syntax and Semantics (CreteLing Summer School 2017), University of Crete
- 2017 Negation in Greek Imperatives. Invited Talk at the circle Oberseminar English Linguistics, Göttingen University
- 2017 Imperatives: minimal but modalized. Talk presented at the workshop 'Imperatives, Performativity, and Commitment', ZAS
- 2016 Voice Allophony in Synthetic Passives: Towards a Phasal Account. Talk presented at Genus Verbi, workshop on linguistic theories of the passive. Wittenberg
- 2016 Imperatives are existential modals; *Deriving the must-reading as an Implicature*. Poster presented at the *26th Semantics and Linguistic Theory Conference (SALT-26)*, University of Texas at Austin
- 2016 Sloppy pro in Greek: An E-type analysis. Talk presented at the *52nd meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS-52)*, University of Chicago
- 2016 Interpretation Domains in the Verbal Spine: *Synthetic vs. Analytic morphology*. Poster presented at the *39th Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW 2016)*, University of Göttingen
- 2015 C-Negation is not Constituent Negation but CP-Negation: *Evidence from Modern Greek*, Talk presented at the *12th International Conference on Greek Linguistics (ICGL)*, Freie Universität Berlin
- 2015 Intonation and interpretation of *alos* 'other' in Modern Greek, *12th International Conference on Greek Linguistics (ICGL)*, Freie Universität Berlin
- 2015 Island Obviation in Fragment Answers: Evidence from Bulgarian *Li*-Questions (with *Snejana Iovtcheva*). Talk presented at the *24th Annual meeting of Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL)*, New York University
- 2015 C-Negation is not Constituent but Clausal-Negation. Talk presented at *Jerusalem Workshop on Syntax and Semantics: Negation & Polarity*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2011 Contrastive Discourse Markers in Modern Greek. Talk presented at the *32nd Annual Meeting of the Department of Linguistics (AMGL-32)*, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Primary instructor

- Summer 2018 Introduction to syntax/semantics (5250154). Department of English and American Studies, Humboldt University of Berlin (Summer semester)

- May 2018 One-day *course* on Greek Linguistics, University of Wroclaw
- May 2017 Four week *seminar* in formal semantics, Visiting lecturer at the
Department of Philology (Linguistics section), University of Crete

Teaching Assistantship in Linguistics

- 2015 **24.903:** Undergraduate course in Semantics (MIT)
Instructor *Roger Schwarzschild* (Spring Semester)
Met with students, graded assignments & exams
- 2014 Introduction to Syntax (NYI Summer School - St.Petersburg)
Instructor *Sabine Iatridou*. *Met with students, graded assignments.*
- 2014 **24.919:** Undergraduate course in Advanced Syntax (MIT) Instructor
David Pesetsky. (Fall semester)
*Met with students, graded assignments and papers. Two primary
lectures taught on the syntax-semantics of Focus and Topic.*
- 2013 **24.902:** Undergraduate course in Syntax (MIT)
Instructor *David Pesetsky*. (Fall Semester)
*Recitation leader and guest lecturer. Two primary lectures taught on
Case Theory and Passive Voice.*
- 2013 **24.900:** Introduction to Linguistics (MIT)
Instructor *Sabine Iatridou*. (Spring Semester)
Recitation leader, met with students, graded assignments & exams

Primary instructor in Greek as a second Language

- 2008-2010 Modern Greek Erasmus Intensive Language Courses (EILC)

Modern Greek Summer Course for Foreigners

Linguistics Lab, University of Crete

ORGANIZATION

- 2018 **Organizing committee**, 2nd Conference on Interdisciplinary Approaches to
Linguistic Theory (CIALT-2), Humboldt University of Berlin & University
of Crete
- 2018 **Co-organizer** (with Artemis Alexiadou), Workshop on Non-Canonical
Imperatives (NCI-Berlin 2018), Humboldt University of Berlin

- 2017 **Organizing committee**, 1st Conference on Interdisciplinary Approaches to Linguistic Theory (CIALT-1), University of Crete & Humboldt University of Berlin
- 2014 – 2016 Member of the MIT Language Acquisition Lab:
<http://web.mit.edu/lacqlab/home.html>
- 2012 –2013 **Co-organizer** (with Suyeon Yun & Isa kerem Bayirli) of the Ling-Lunch Talk Series at MIT

SERVICE

- Reviewer: Glossa: a Journal of General Linguistics
Journal of Greek Linguistics
Natural Language and Linguistic Theory
Natural Language Semantics
Poznan Studies in Contemporary Linguistics
Probus International Journal of Romance Linguistics
Semantics-Syntax Interface Journal
Console 2019 (Conference)

Editorial board member: Semantics-Syntax Interface Journal: <http://semantics-syntax.ut.ac.ir/>

LANGUAGES

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| Fluent | Modern Greek (native), English |
| Intermediate | Russian |
| Beginner | German, Serbian |