

Sabine Laszakovits

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Linguist

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Programming skills

SQL

Java

Python

Linux

Languages

Native German (Austrian Standard G.)
Bavarian

Good English (C2)
French (C1)
Turkish (B1)
Latin (4 years)

Basic ASL, Mandarin Chinese,
Persian, Russian,
SerBoCroatian, Spanish

Fieldwork Kyrgyz, Nepali, Yaadre.

about me

I build formal models of human grammar based on empirical data from natural languages. I develop a mathematical characterization of syntactic dependencies such as subject-verb agreement, case assignment, and wh-movement. By linking linguistic theory with results from formal language theory, I derive properties of syntactic parsing that inform general cognition as well as computational linguistics (NLP).

education

- 2014–2020 Ph.D. in Linguistics University of Connecticut, USA
Generative grammar, computational linguistics, syntax, morphology, fieldwork; GPA 4.061
- 2008–2013 B.Sc. in Software and Information Engineering Vienna UT, Austria
Formal language theory, databases, OOP, functional programming, knowledge-based programming; GPA 1.41 (Range: 1.00 (perfect) to 5.00)
- 2007–2013 Diploma in General Linguistics University of Vienna, Austria
Generative grammar, phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics; GPA 1.23 (Range: 1.00 (perfect) to 5.00)

experience

- 2017–2019 Research Assistant at “Bimodal Binational Bilingual” project UConn
identified predictions of PI’s theory; developed stimuli for adults
- 2017 Fieldwork in Kyrgyzstan UConn
identified predictions; designed questionnaires; organized 3-week trip to Bishkek; executed elicitation sessions
- 2016–2017 Teaching Assistant for LING 1010 UConn
taught 3 weekly discussion sections of 30 students each; reviewed and extended the lecture content
- 2011–2014 Programmer at “Syntax of Hessian Dialects” project Univ. of Vienna
developed and maintained database (Postgres) for data collection with questionnaires and interviews; designed, developed, and maintained front-end for data entry (MS Access)
- 2010, 2011 Teaching Assistant for Theoretical Computer Science and Logic Vienna UT
led and graded 3 weekly exercise sessions of 30 students each
- 2010 Teaching Assistant for Object Oriented Programming Vienna UT
assisted 13 groups of 3 students through 8 programming exercises; graded the first 3 exercises

awards

- 2014–2019 Predoctoral Fellowship (UConn)
2018 Student Travel Stipend Award (Indiana University)
2017 Teaching Excellence Commendation by the Provost (UConn)

publications

- to appear “On Possessed Relative Clauses in Kyrgyz”, Proceedings of Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL) 14
- 2018 (with Marcin Dadan, Kadir Gökgöz, Jayeon Park, and Yongsuk Yoo) “The Real(is) Distinction in Before and After Clauses: A Crosslinguistic Study”, Proceedings of Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics (FASL) 25
- 2018 “Case Theory in Minimalist Grammars”, Proceedings of Formal Grammar (FG) 23
- 2018 “What Turkish conditionals teach us about the question particle”, Proceedings of Workshop on Turkish, Turkic, and the languages of Turkey (TU+) 1
- 2017 “A configurational account of Turkish Differential Subject Marking”, Proceedings of Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (ConSOLE) 25