Dr. Natalia Levshina: Curriculum vitae

PERSONAL DETAILS

Nationality	German	**Website**	https://www.mpi.nl/people/levshina-natalia
Born	29 June 1978	**ORCID**	https://orcid.org/0000-0002-3669-8784

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2019	Habilitation, Leipzig University. Venia legendi: General and English Linguistics. Thesis *Towards a Theory of Communicative Efficiency in Human Languages.* Referees: Prof. Beata Hampe, Prof. Martin Haspelmath, Prof. Benedikt Szmrecsanyi
2007-2011	PhD in Linguistics. University of Leuven. Thesis *Doe wat je niet laten kan [Do what you cannot let]: A usage-based study of Dutch causative constructions.* Supervisors: Dirk Geeraerts, Dirk Speelman.
2006	Candidate's degree, Saint Petersburg State University (Department of General, Social and Psycholinguistics). Thesis *Indirect Speech Tactics in Pre-Election Discourse.*
1995-2000	Pskov Pedagogical University. Teacher of English and German, with high distinction.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2019 –	Postdoctoral researcher at the Neurobiology of Language Department, **Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics**, Nijmegen, the Netherlands.
2020 –	External lecturer at **Radboud University**, the Netherlands.
2016 – 2019	Postdoctoral researcher in the ERC-funded project "Grammatical Universals", headed by Martin Haspelmath. **Leipzig University**, Germany
2017 – 2019	External lecturer at **Friedrich-Schiller University Jena**, Germany.
2013 – 2015	Postdoctoral researcher at the **F.R.S.-FNRS – Université catholique de Louvain**, Belgium.
2012 – 2013	Postdoctoral researcher at the **University of Marburg**, Germany.
2012	Research fellow at the **University of Jena**, Germany.
2001 – 2007	Linguist and project manager at PROMT Ltd. (Machine Translation systems)

FUNDED PROJECTS

2021 –	Levelt Innovation Award from the MPI for Psycholinguistics
2013 – 2015	Individual postdoctoral grant from F.R.S.-FNRS (Belgium)

SKILLS

Statistics	Advanced multivariate methods, frequentist and Bayesian regression, causal inference
Programming	R and Python, including numpy, scipy, Keras etc.
Languages	Russian (native), English C2 (Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency), German C1 (Goethe-Zertifikat), Dutch B2 (Nederlandse Taalunie certificate), French B2

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

2021 –	Editorial board member, journal *Language Dynamics and Change* (Brill)
2020 –	Consulting Editor, *Linguistics: An Interdisciplinary Journal of the Language Sciences* (De Gruyter Mouton)
2019 –	Statistics consultant, journal *English Language and Linguistics* (Cambridge University Press)
2013 –	Associate editor, *Trends in Linguistics. Studies and Monographs* series (De Gruyter Mouton)

PLENARY LECTURES

March 2022   Erfurt, Germany/online. "Communicative efficiency: typological, corpus-based and

experimental evidence". The 9th conference of the German Cognitive Linguistics Association, University of Erfurt.

Sept. 2021	Bertinoro, Italy. "Corpora for cross-linguistic comparison: opportunities and challenges". The 6th UCCTS (Using Corpora in Contrastive and Translation Studies) conference, University of Bologna.
Nov. 2019	St. Petersburg, Russia. "Typology in the age of corpora: Applications and challenges". The 16th conference on typology and grammar for young scholars.
June 2019	Neuchâtel, Switzerland. "How efficient is English grammar? A new perspective on alternations". ICAME40. Université de Neuchâtel.
October 2017	Voronovo, Russia. "What can corpora tell us about linguistic universals?" Plenary lecture at the ConCorT conference, organized by the Higher School of Economics, Moscow.

AWARDS

Sept. 2013	3rd prize for the best paper presentation by postdoctoral researchers at the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE) conference
Oct. 2021	Levelt Innovation Award (together with Rowena Garcia and Yevheniy Skyra)

COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

2021 –	Deputy Equality Officer at the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE MEMBER

Jan. 2022	Opponent at the Alex Reuneker's PhD defence, University of Leiden. Thesis "Connecting Conditionals. A Corpus-Based Approach to Conditional Constructions in Dutch". Supervisors: Arie Verhagen and Ronny Boogaart.
Feb. 2022	Examiner at Svenja Wagner's PhD defence, University of Edinburgh. Thesis "The role of transparency in the acquisition of inflectional morphology: experimental studies using artificial language learning". Supervisors: Jennifer Culbertson and Kenny Smith.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Personal blog	https://www.text-grinder.com on political discourse, AI and other topics
Other activities	Popular science writer for www.mpi-talkling.mpi.nl and http://www.hettaligebrein.nl/

ORGANIZED THEME SESSIONS (SELECTION)

2013	*Parallel Corpora and Linguistic Theory* at the 46th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, Split (with Volker Gast, Johan van der Auwera)
2018	*Comparative Corpus Linguistics: New applications and perspectives* at the 51st Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, University of Tallinn (with Annemarie Verkerk, Steven Moran)
2020	*New Perspectives on Word Order Flexibility* at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, Online (with Savithry Namboodiripad, Alex Kramer)
2023	*New Perspectives on Communicative Efficiency* at the International Cognitive Linguistics Conference, Düsseldorf (with Anita Slonimska)