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Positions held

2007–present

Pre-doctoral research fellow, Center for Advanced Study in Theoretical Linguistics (CASTL), University of Tromsø, Norway

PhD project supervisor: [Dr Bruce Morén-Duolljá](#)

Project title: *Representation and variation in substance-free phonology: a case study in Celtic*
(temporary leave July–December 2010)

July–December 2010

Research assistant to [Dr Øystein Vangsnes](#), Center for Advanced Study in Theoretical Linguistics (CASTL), University of Tromsø, Norway

Work on *Nordnorsk satt på kartet* (*Putting Northern Norwegian on the map*)

Education

2002–2007

Specialist (roughly MA equivalent) with distinction in theoretical and applied linguistics
Moscow State University, Moscow, Russian Federation

Thesis: *Initial consonant mutations in the world's languages: typology, theory, diachrony*

Supervisor: [Dr Vladimir Plungian](#)

Thesis reader: [Dr Sergei Knyazev](#)

Publications

Journal articles

To appear

Vowel reduction in Russian: no phonetics in phonology. Forthcoming in *Journal of Linguistics* (early 2013).

2012

A representational approach to final devoicing and vowel lengthening in Friulian. *Lingua* 122(8), 922–951

2008

Teorija optimal'nosti: obzor osnovnoj literatury. In Russian: "Optimality Theory. A survey of the principal literature". *Voprosy jazykoznanija* 4, 104–121

Articles in edited volumes

2010

Right at the left edge: initial consonant mutations in the world's languages. In Michael Cysouw and Jan Wohlgemuth (eds.) *Rethinking universals: How rarities affect linguistic theory.* (Empirical Approaches to Language Typology 45.) Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. Pp. 105–138

Kassitskij jazyk [Cassite]. In N. N. Kazanskij, A. A. Kibrik and Yu. B. Koryakov (eds.) *Jazyki mira. Drevnije reliktovyje jazyki Perednej Azii* [Languages of the world. Ancient relic languages of the Middle East]. Moscow: Academia (RAS Institute of Linguistics). Pp. 184–187. (In Russian.)

Book reviews

2009

Zalznjak, A. A. 2008. *Drevnerusskie ènklitiki* [Enclitics in Old Russian]. Moscow: Jazyki slavyanskoj kul'tury. *Voprosy jazykoznanija*, vol. 5/2009, pp. 132–136 (in Russian)

2005

Mattissen, Johanna, 2003. *Dependent-Head Synthesis in Nivkh: A Contribution to a Typology of Polysynthesis.* Amsterdam: John Benjamins. *Voprosy jazykoznanija*, vol. 1/2005, pp. 135–140 (in Russian)

Encyclopedic articles

Various years

Articles for *Bol'saja rossijskaja ènciklopedija*:

Vakaškije jazyki (Wakashan languages), *Irlandskij jazyk* (Irish [Gaelic]), *Idoma*, *Yoruba*, *Idžoidnyje jazyki* (Ijoid languages), *Irokezskije jazyki* (Iroquois languages), *Kel'tskije jazyki* (Celtic languages), *Kornskij jazyk* (Cornish)

Presentations

Abstract accepted

A unified account of the behaviour of high vowels in Bothoa Breton. 7th Celtic Linguistics Conference, University of Rennes II, Rennes, France.

Deconstructing mutation in Breton. Workshop on the Selection and Representation of Morphological Exponents, University of Tromsø/CASTL, Tromsø, Norway.

Laryngeal realism revisited: voicelessness in Breton. 20th Manchester Phonology Meeting, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK.

2012

"Pitch accent" and prosodic structure in Scottish Gaelic: historical implications. 11th International Conference of Nordic and General Linguistics, University of Freiburg, Freiburg, Germany.

2011

Explaining licensing mismatches in Welsh. Old World Conference in Phonology 8, Marrakech, Morocco.

On (some) dimensions of headship in phonology. The PJ Workshop, University of Tromsø/CASTL, Tromsø, Norway.

2010

Final devoicing and vowel lengthening in the north of Italy: a representational approach. Going Romance 24, Leiden University, Leiden, Netherlands.

A bad case of excessive computation: the rôle of morphology in palatalization-related alternations in Russian. Workshop on Morphosyntax – Phonology Interface Theories, Leiden University, Leiden, Netherlands. (Invited.)

How good is the internal evidence for multiple-level phonological computation? A view from Russian. “What’s in a word? Exploring the relationship between syntax and phonology”, University of Tromsø/CASTL, Tromsø, Norway.

Incomplete neutralization and unorthodox markedness in Breton laryngeal phonology. 6th Celtic Linguistics Conference, University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

Feature geometry meets contrastive specification: incomplete neutralization reloaded. 18th Manchester Phonology Meeting, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK

A good old-fashioned approach to Russian palatalization. Invited talk, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway.

(with Bruce Morén-Duolljá) *Russian palatalization: the true(r) story.* Old World Conference in Phonology 7, University of Nice, Nice, France

(poster presentation) *Structure versus prominence: evidence from Munster Irish.* Old World Conference in Phonology 7, University of Nice, Nice, France

2009

(with Bruce Morén-Duolljá) *Russian (morpho)phonological palatalization: a holistic approach.* Formal Description of Slavic Languages 8, University of Potsdam, Potsdam, Germany

Cuique suum: vowel reduction in Russian. Formal Description of Slavic Languages 8, University of Potsdam, Potsdam, Germany

Tre problemer i russisk fonologi: vokaler, palatalisering og nivåer. In Norwegian: “Three problems in Russian phonology: vowels, palatalization, and levels”. Novemberseminaret i russisk, University of Tromsø, Tromsø, Norway

Russian palatalization in substance-free phonology. CASTL Colloquium series, University of Tromsø, Tromsø, Norway

Sandhi, mutation, and contrast: laryngeal phonology in Plougrescant Breton. Toronto – Tromsø Phonology Workshop, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

Russian vowel reduction without functional motivation. Third Scandinavian PhD Conference in Linguistics and Philology. University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway

Cuique suum: vowel reduction in Russian. Laboratory Phonology course workshop. University of Tromsø, Tromsø, Norway

2008

- Fonetikk versus fonologi: den ubehagelige sannheten om vokalreduksjon i russisk.* In Norwegian: “Phonetics vs phonology: the inconvenient truth about Russian vowel reduction”. Novemberseminaret i russisk, University of Tromsø, Tromsø, Norway
- Too many levels, too few solutions: mutations and postlexical phonology in Breton.* 16th Manchester Phonology Meeting, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK
- All that glistens is not gold: against autosegmental approaches to initial consonant mutation.* GLOW 31 Colloquium, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK
- Liquids and spirants: a phonological perspective.* GLOW workshop on “Categorical phonology and gradient facts”, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK
- Against autosegmental approaches to initial consonant mutation.* CASTL Colloquium series, University of Tromsø, Tromsø, Norway
- Initial consonant mutation and information flow in Mende.* Old World Conference in Phonology 5, University of Toulouse II – Le Mirail, Toulouse, France

2007

- Leksikalizovannyje veršiny v vallijskom sintaksise.* In Russian: “Lexicalized heads in Welsh syntax”. Syntactic Structures 1, Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow, Russia
- Phonological processes as lexical insertion: more evidence from Welsh and elsewhere.* Old World Conference in Phonology 4, University of the Aegean, Rhodes, Greece

2006

- Vallijskij jazyk i tipologija čeredovanij načal’nyx soglasnyx.* In Russian: “Welsh and the typology of initial consonant mutations”. Third Conference on Typology and Grammar for Young Researchers, Institute of Linguistic Studies (Russian Academy of Sciences), St. Petersburg, Russia
- Brythonic “second lenition” revisited.* Second Colloquium of Societas Celto-Slavica, Moscow State University & Institute of Linguistics (Russian Academy of Sciences), Moscow, Russia
- Grammatikalizacija načal’nyx čeredovanij v vallijskom jazyke: nekotoryje nablyudenija.* In Russian: “Some observations on the grammaticalization of Welsh initial consonant mutations”. Moscow Student Conference in Linguistics, Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia
- Right at the left edge: Initial consonant mutations in the world’s languages.* Rara & Rarissima: Collecting and interpreting unusual characteristics of human languages, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany

2005

- K morfonologičeskoj tipologii: “reradikalizacija” v jazykax mira.* In Russian: “On morphophonological typology: ‘reradicalization’ in the world’s languages”. Second Conference on Typology and Grammar for Young Researchers, Institute of Linguistic Studies (Russian Academy of Sciences), St. Petersburg, Russia
- (with A. G. Pazel’skaya, M. A. Tsyurupa) *Tipologičeski značimnye parametry glagol’noj leksiki: imperfektivirujuščije derivacii neneckogo jazyka.* In Russian: “Typologically significant parameters in the verbal lexicon: the imperfectivising derivations in Nenets”. Given at the Fourth International School in Linguistic Typology and Anthropology, Yerevan, Armenia

Grants and awards

2006

Grant under the “Talented Youth Support” programme, National project “Education” (Education and Science Ministry of Russia)

“Some observations on the grammaticalization of initial consonant mutations in Welsh” recognized as “best presentation in the Theoretical and Applied Linguistics section”, “Lomonosov” International Scientific Olympiad (Moscow State University, Moscow, Russian Federation)

2002

Winner of the Nationwide Competition in Russian language, Pskov, Russian Federation (1st place)

Winner of the Nationwide Competition in mathematical and computational linguistics, Ruse, Bulgaria (1st place)

2001

Winner of the 32nd Traditional Olympiad in linguistics and mathematics for high school students, Moscow State University & Russian State University for the Humanities (1st place)

2000

Winner of the 31st Traditional Olympiad in linguistics and mathematics for high school students, Moscow State University & Russian State University for the Humanities (1st place)

Teaching

Spring 2010

LIN-1014 Historical Linguistics (introductory Bachelor course); with Violeta Martínez-Paricio

Fall 2009

EXF-0720, EXF-0723 *Examen facultatum* for the Humanities (introductory linguistics course); with Ove Lorentz

Spring 2009

RUS-2040 Structures of Russian (intermediate Bachelor course); with Tore Nessel and Laura Janda

Fall 2008

RUS-3010 Language and Literature of Medieval Russia (Master course); with Tore Nessel and Laura Janda

L^AT_EX for Linguists; with Sylvia Blaho and Patrik Bye

Spring 2008

LIN-1030 Phonetics (introductory Bachelor course); with Dragana Šurkalović

RUS-2040 Structures of Russian (intermediate Bachelor course); with Tore Nessel and Laura Janda

Fieldwork experience

2003–2004

Tundra Nenets (Nel'min Nos, Nenets Autonomous District, Russian Federation. Part of Moscow State University linguistic expedition, under the guidance of Sergei Tatevosov), 5 weeks total

Computer skills

General

Linux, L^AT_EX, HTML/CSS

Programming

Common Lisp, Python (fair knowledge); Haskell, Clojure, JavaScript (some knowledge); C, R, SQL, Ruby (basic knowledge)

Specialized

Praat, Xerox finite-state software (xfst, lexc), PC-KIMMO

Language skills

Russian

Native

English

Proficient (IELTS General, overall band 8.5)

Norwegian

Advanced (Test i norsk—høyere nivå, bok-mål: 650/700)

Swedish

Advanced (9 semesters at university level)

Italian

Intermediate to advanced (7 semesters at university level)

French

Good reading knowledge

German

Good reading knowledge

Welsh

Fair, extensive structural knowledge

Ukrainian

Fair

Irish

Elementary, good structural knowledge

Scottish Gaelic

Elementary

Breton

Elementary, good structural knowledge

Tundra Nenets

Fieldwork experience

Ancient

Latin (fair knowledge), Middle Welsh (fair knowledge), Old Russian (fair knowledge), Old Irish, Sanskrit, Old Church Slavic

Other professional service

Reviewing

Journals: *Lingua*

Abstracts: Moscow Student Conference in Linguistics

Proceedings: *Formal Description of Slavic Languages*, *Going Romance*

Publishing

Typesetting support for *Oslo Studies in Language* (OSLa) journal

Website management

Website management for [Generative Linguistics in the Old World \(GLOW\)](#), [Saami Documentation and Revitalization Network](#)

Administrative tasks

Representative for temporary scientific staff on the CASTL Board (substitute representative from 2009, representative from 2011)

Membership in professional organizations

2010–present

Linguistic Society of America

2009–present

Societas Celtologica Europaea

2008–2009

Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW)

Other professional experience

2007

Kommersant publishing house, copy editor

Copy editing, fact checking

2004–2007

Sekret Firmy publishing house, copy editor

Copy editing, fact checking

2004–2007

Freelance translator and editor

Translation (experience with English to Russian, Italian to Russian, Russian to English), copy editing and fact checking

Referees

Available upon request