

Education

- 2017–2020 **PhD, Linguistics (*summa cum laude*)**, *University of Vienna*, Vienna, Austria.
Thesis: The pragmatics of sentence-final and second-position particles in Wolof
Supervisor: Dr. Daniel Buring
Examiners: Dr. Malte Zimmermann & Dr. Mamarama Seck
- 2014–2017 **ResMA, Linguistics (*cum laude*)**, *Leiden University*, Leiden, the Netherlands.
Thesis: Cross-linguistic comparison of conjunctions, conditionals and questions
Supervisors: Dr. Felix Ameka & Dr. Crit Cremers
- 2010–2014 **BA, General Linguistics with minor in Film and Theatre**, *Leiden University*, Leiden, the Netherlands.
Thesis: Semantic properties of Wolof reduplication
Supervisor: Dr. Maarten Mous

Academic Employment

- 2021–current Postdoctoral Research Assistant in ERC-funded project **Discourse reporting in African storytelling**, *CNRS LLACAN, Villejuif*
PI: Dr. Tatiana Nikitina
- 2017–2021 Editorial Assistant for the **Journal of West African Languages**, *University of Vienna*
- 2017–2020 Project Employee in FWF-funded project **Unalternative Constraints Cross-Linguistically**, *University of Vienna*
PI: Dr. Daniel Buring
- 2016–2017 Editorial Assistant for the **Journal of African Languages and Linguistics**, *Leiden University*
- 2015 Research Assistant in project **Processing Lexical Bundles**, *Leiden University*
- 2014 Intern in project **Segments and rules: a comparative study into the computational mechanisms underlying language acquisition**, *Babylab, Leiden University*

Manuscripts

- Submitted **Relational Focus Semantics**, with Daniel Buring, Muriel Assmann and Max Prüller.

Submitted **Towards a theory of morphosyntactic focus marking**, with Daniel Buring, Muriel Assmann and Max Prüller.

Book chapters

in prep. **There is a(nother) quotative on the rise in Macedonian**, with Leonardo Contreras Rea, In: *Reported Speech – New Data Studies*. Studies in Diversity Linguistics, Spronck, S. and Casartelli, D. (Eds.)

Peer-reviewed proceedings

2021 **The pragmatic effects of Macedonian *li***, with Erlinde Meertens, *Advances in Formal Slavic Linguistics 2018*.

Conference proceedings

in prep. **Between agreement and concession: Two Wolof particles on the road to grammaticalization**, *Proceedings of World Congress of African Linguistic 10*, Leiden University, the Netherlands.

To appear **Verum particles in Wolof**, *Proceedings of TripleA6*, MIT, Cambridge, USA.

To appear **Second Occurrence Focus in Wolof: patterns and consequences**, with Daniel Buring, Max Prüller and Muriel Assmann, *Proceedings of TripleA6*, MIT, Cambridge, USA.

2020 **Focus size in non-prosodically focus-marking languages**, with Daniel Buring, Muriel Assman and Max Prüller, to appear in *Proceedings of North East Linguistic Society (NELS 49)*, Cornell University, Ithaca, USA.

2018 **Focus constraints on ellipsis – an Unalternatives account**, with Muriel Assmann, Daniel Buring and Max Prüller. *Proceedings of Sinn & Bedeutung 2017*, Potsdam University, Germany.

Invited talks

2020 **Towards a theory of morphosyntactic focus marking**, with Daniel Buring, Muriel Assmann and Max Prüller, *Oberseminar English Linguistics*, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany.

2019 **Macedonian *li*: Opening a window into multiple layers of focus marking**, with Erlinde Meertens, *Workshop Relatives, Interrogatives, Alternatives*, Charles University, Prague, Czechia.

2019 **Two types of ‘topic markers’ in Wolof**, *Linguistics colloquium*, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany.

2019 **Crosslinguistic Relational Focus Semantics. A Report from the Unalternatives Project**, with Muriel Assmann, Daniel Buring and Max Prüller, *New approaches to focus and related phenomena workshop*, Graz, Austria.

2019 **Second Occurrence Focus in Wolof**, with Muriel Assmann, Daniel Buring and Max Prüller, *New approaches to focus and related phenomena workshop*, Graz, Austria.

- 2018 **Towards an unalternative account of focus size in morphologically focus-marking languages**, with Muriel Assmann, Daniel Büring and Max Prüller. University of Konstanz, Germany.

Conference talks

- 2021 **An overview of the Wolof sentence-final particles (and what they can teach a linguist)**, *LAGB Annual General Meeting 2021*, online.
- 2021 **The *d-* and *k-*particles in Manding and Wolof**, with *Lacina Silué*, *LAGB Annual General Meeting 2021*, online.
- 2021 **Reče: An emerging quotative marker in Macedonian**, with *Leonardo Contreras Roa*, *Slavic Linguistics Society 16*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA.
- 2021 **Between agreement and concession: Two Wolof particles on the road to grammaticalization**, *World Congress of African Linguistic 10*, Leiden University, the Netherlands.
- 2021 **The pragmatics of Wolof *daal***, *Annual Conference on African Linguistics 51*, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, USA (Conference moved from 2020).
- 2021 **Macedonian: Interwoven discourse reporting events or quotative markers?**, *A data oriented workshop: The grammatical variation of reported speech across languages*, University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 2021 **The five 'buts' of Macedonian and the typology of adversative coordinators**, *Slavic Linguistics Colloquium*, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany.
- 2020 **Focus marking strategies in polar questions in Macedonian**, with Erlinde Meertens, *Workshop Focus alternatives: Theoretical and empirical perspectives*, Berlin, Germany.
- 2019 **About Macedonian *li*-questions**, with Erlinde Meertens, *ReSSP 2*, Olot, Spain.
- 2019 **About verum, response particles, and Contrastive Topics: insights from Wolof**, *Conference on Syntax, Phonology and Language Analysis (SinFonJA 12)*, Brno, Czech Republic.
- 2019 **Contrastive Topics in Wolof**, *Colloquium of African Languages and Linguistics 49*, Leiden University, the Netherlands.
- 2019 **What do topics have to do with exclamatives? A case study of Wolof *de***, *RTANJ Linguistics 3*, Rtanj, Serbia.
- 2019 **The pragmatic functions of topic markers in Wolof**, *Journee langues Atlantiques 6*, *Laboratoire Dynamique du Langage*, Lyon, France.
- 2019 **Verum particles in Wolof**, *TripleA 6*, MIT, Cambridge, USA.
- 2019 **Second Occurrence Focus in Wolof: patterns and consequences**, with Muriel Assmann, Daniel Büring, and Max Prüller, *TripleA 6*, MIT, Cambridge, USA.
- 2018 **The pragmatic effects of Macedonian *li*: an empirical study**, with Erlinde Meertens, *Formal Description of Slavic Languages 13*, Göttingen, Germany.

- 2018 **Focus interpretation is relational (but not stochastic)**, with Muriel Assmann, Daniel Büring and Max Prüller, *Prosody and Meaning*, Aix-en-Provence, France.
- 2018 **Focus size in morphologically focus-marking languages**, with Muriel Assmann, Daniel Büring and Max Prüller, *North East Linguistic Society (NELS 49)*, Cornell University, Ithaca, USA.
- 2018 **The interpretive contribution of *li* in Macedonian**, with Erlinde Meertens, *Balkan Languages and Dialects: Corpus-Based and Quantitative Studies*, Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg, Russia.
- 2018 **Questions and disjunctions in three West-African languages**, with Hasiyatu Abubakari, *World Congress of African Linguistic 9*, Mohammed V University, Rabat, Morocco.
- 2017 **Questions, coordination and conditionals in Wolof**, *Colloquium of African Languages and Linguistics 47*, Leiden University, the Netherlands.
- 2016 **Adverbial agreement in Ripano**, with Roberta d'Alessandro, Francesco Burroni and Sofja Volkova, *Cambridge Italian Dialects and Syntax Meeting*, University of Vienna, Austria.

Teaching

- Main instructor **Theory of Grammar and Structure of a Non-Indo-European Language - Wolof**, *University of Vienna* (Summer 2018, 2020)
- TA **Word and Meaning**, *Leiden University*, with Dr. Felix Ameke (Summer 2016)

Summer/Winter Schools

- 2017 **ESSLLI**, *University of Toulouse*, France.
- 2016 **Leiden Summer School**, *Leiden University*, the Netherlands.
- 2016 **LOT Winter School**, *Tilburg University*, the Netherlands.

Awards

- 2016 LUF International Study Fund, for fieldwork in Dakar

Fieldwork

- Nov 2021 three weeks of fieldwork on Macedonian in Skopje and Prilep, North Macedonia
- 2017–2019 urban fieldwork with consultants in Vienna on various West African languages
- Aug.–Nov. 2018 nine weeks of fieldwork on Wolof in various places in Senegal
- May–July 2016 six weeks of fieldwork on Wolof in Dakar, Senegal

Service

- 2022 Program Committee and Co-organizer of the workshop **Language in narrative and song: Dedicated grammar, linguistic creativity and endangered oral traditions**, *55th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea*, *University of Bucharest*.

- 2022 Program Committee and Co-organizer of the workshop **How to mark the truth: a cross-linguistic approach to verum**, *55th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, University of Bucharest*.
- 2019-2021 Co-organizer of the **28th FILLM Congress**, *University of Vienna* (Originally planned for 2020).
- 2019 Program Committee and Co-organizer of the **Stress-free Focus Workshop**, *University of Vienna*.
- 2018 Co-organizer of **Brno meets Vienna: Student conference on general linguistics**, *University of Vienna and University of Brno*.
- 2018 Co-organizer of the **23rd International Lexical-Functional Grammar Conference**, *University of Vienna*.
- 2018 Program Committee and Co-organizer of the workshop **Information Structure: Form and Interpretation**, *The 23rd International Lexical-Functional Grammar Conference, University of Vienna*.
- 2015-2016 Chair, T.W.I.S.T., *Leiden University*.

Reviewing

- Conferences Sinn und Bedeutung 25 special session on the Semantics of Understudied Languages and Semantic Fieldwork (2020)
- Journals Journal of African Languages and Linguistics (2020 2x, 2019 1x, 2017 1x)

Technical skills

LaTeX, R statistics, ELAN, Toolbox, FieldWorks, Praat

Languages

Native/Fluent: Dutch, Macedonian, English

Advanced: German, French

Intermediate: Wolof

Passive knowledge: Spanish, Italian, Bulgarian, Bosno-Serbo-Croatian, Hausa

Elicitation: Wolof, Hausa, Jóola (Karon and Foñy), Buli, Manding, Ewe, Pulaar, Dagbani