

Employment

- 2018–present **Post-doc (wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin)**,
Chair of Language and Cognition, Department of English and American Studies,
University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany.
- 2018 **Post-doc (wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin)**,
Department of Romance Studies, SFB “Prominence in Language”,
University of Cologne, Germany.

Education

- 2015–2018 **PhD Program in Theoretical Linguistics**,
Graduate School “Interaction of Grammatical Building Blocks”,
University of Leipzig, Germany.
Thesis: *Articles in the world’s languages*
Supervisors: Prof. Martin Haspelmath, Prof. Barbara Stiebels
- 20013–2015 **MA Program in General Linguistics**,
University of Mainz, Germany.
Thesis: *Hungarian and Russian preverbs and their contribution to aspectual meaning*
Supervisors: Prof. Björn Wiemer, Prof. László Károly
- Sep-Dec 2014 **Research stay**
Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow, Russia
- 2010–2013 **BA Program in General Linguistics & Portugese**,
University of Mainz, Germany.
Thesis: *Hungarian preverbs and their functioning*
Supervisor: Prof. Walter Bisang
- Aug-Dec 2012 **Erasmus program**
Nova University of Lisbon, Portugal

Teaching

Department of English and American Studies, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg.

- Summer term Introduction to English Linguistics II (Aufbaukurs).
2020 Extra-linguistic factors that shape grammar (Proseminar).
Ultimate attainment in SLA. A practical class introducing R in psycholinguistics (Übung).
- Winter term Introduction to English Linguistics I (Einführungskurs).

- 2019/20 Functional and diachronic motivations in language typology (Proseminar).
The influence of written and spoken modalities on language (Übung).
- Summer term Introduction to English Linguistics II (Aufbaukurs).
2019 English-based pidgins and creoles (Proseminar).
Automatic and controlled processes in language use. Designing a psycholinguistic experiment (Übung).
- Institute of Linguistics, Leipzig University.**
- Summer term The structure of Hungarian (Seminar).
2017

Publications and conference proceedings

- [1] Matías Guzmán Naranjo and Laura Becker. "Coding Efficiency in Nominal Inflection: Expect- edness and Type Frequency Effects". In: *Linguistic Vanguard* (accepted).
- [2] Laura Becker, Imke Driemel, and Jude Nformi. "Focus in Limbum". In: *African Linguistics across the Disciplines: Selected Papers from the 48th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*. Contemporary African Linguistics. Berlin: Language Science Press, 2019.
- [3] Laura Becker. "Aspectuality in Hungarian, German, and Slavic. A Parallel Corpus Study". In: *Grammar and Corpora 2016*. Ed. by Beata Trawinski et al. Heidelberg: Heidelberg University Publishing, 2018, pp. 183–207.
- [4] Matías Guzmán Naranjo and Laura Becker. "Quantitative Word Order Typology with UD". In: *Proceedings of the 17th International Workshop on Treebanks and Linguistic Theories (TLT 2018), December 13–14, 2018, Oslo University, Norway*. Linköping: Linköping University Electronic Press, 2018, pp. 91–104.
- [5] Laura Becker and Jude Nformi. "Focus and Verb Doubling in Limbum". In: *Replicative Processes in Grammar*. Vol. 93. LAB. Leipzig: Institut für Linguistik der Universität Leipzig, 2016, pp. 57–84.
- [6] Laura Becker. *Articles in the World's Languages*. Linguistic Studies. De Gruyter Mouton, under review.
- [7] Laura Becker and Matías Guzmán Naranjo. "Psych Predicates in European Languages: A Parallel Corpus Study". In: *Language Typology and Universals* (under review).
- [8] Laura Becker and Gertrud Schneider-Blum. "Morphological Marking of Contrast in Tima". In: *Glossa* (under review).
- [9] Ewa Dąbrowska, Laura Becker, and Luca Miorelli. "Is Adult Second Language Acquisition Defective?" In: *Frontiers in Psychology* (under review).
- [10] Andrej L. Malchukov and Laura Becker. "Semantic Maps and Typological Hierarchies. The Actionality Hierarchy (Re)Constructed in a Top-down and Bottom-up Fashion". In: *Zeitschrift für Sprachwissenschaft* (under review).

Presentations and posters

Invited talks

- Nov 2019 **The crosslinguistics distribution and development of articles.**
Linguistische Werkstatt, University of Bamberg

- Nov 2019 **The crosslinguistics distribution and development of articles.**
Linguistic colloquium, University of Mainz
- Dec 2018 **Articles in the world's languages**
Nordic Night Seminar for linguistics, University of Helsinki
- Jan 2018 **A typology of articles**
Linguistic colloquium, Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena
- Dec 2017 **Articles across the world's languages**
Linguistic colloquium, University of Mainz
- Conference talks and posters**
- Sep 2020 **Predicting case marking: A comparison of different language-external factors** Syntax of the World's Languages XI, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru [with Matías Guzmán Naranjo]
- Sep 2020 **The influence of literacy on conditional constructions** Syntax of the World's Languages XI, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru [with Matías Guzmán Naranjo]
- Aug 2020 **The influence of modality vs. register on grammar** 53rd Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea [with Ewa Dąbrowska]
- Aug 2020 **Word order flexibility across types of argument realizations and argument structures** 53rd Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea [with Matías Guzmán Naranjo]
- Jul 2020 **Does experience with written language influence grammaticality intuitions?** UK Cognitive Linguistics Conference, University of Birmingham [with Ewa Dąbrowska]
- Sep 2019 **The development of nonspecific articles** 13th Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology, University of Pavia
- Jun 2019 **What do grammaticality judgements tell us about grammar?** Workshop "What is grammaticality?", University of Bamberg [with Ewa Dąbrowska and Luca Miorelli]
- Jun 2019 **The contrast marker =i/= in Tima (Niger-Congo).** 41st Annual Meeting of the German Linguistic Society (DGfS), University of Bremen [with Gertrud Schneider-Blum]
- Nov 2018 **Quantitative word order typology with UD** 17th International Workshop on Treebanks and Linguistic Theory, University of Oslo [with Matías Guzmán Naranjo]
- Nov 2018 **Expressing Referentiality in languages with and without articles** Grammar and Corpora, LLF Paris
- Nov 2018 **Word order correlations from a quantitative perspective** Grammar and Corpora, LLF Paris [with Matías Guzmán Naranjo]
- Sep 2018 **A typology of articles** Syntax of the world's languages VIII, INALCO Paris
- May 2018 **The typology of article inflection** 18th International Morphological Meeting, The Research Institute for Linguistics Budapest
- Dec 2017 **Definiteness in languages with and without articles: A parallel corpus study** 12th Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology, Australian National University

- Sep 2017 **Testing the form-frequency hypothesis in case systems** 50th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, University of Zurich [with Matías Guzmán Naranjo]
- Jun 2017 **Limbum focus strategies** Triple A 4, University of Gothenburg [with Imke Driemel & Jude Nformi]
- May 2017 **Vowel-consonant harmony in Uyghur (Poster)** The 13th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics, ICU Tokyo
- Apr 2017 **Two types of focus in Limbum** Annual Conference on African Linguistics 48, Indiana University Bloomington [with Imke Driemel & Jude Nformi]
- Mar 2017 **Quantitative methods in African linguistics: predicting plurals in Hausa** Annual Conference on African Linguistics 48, Indiana University Bloomington [with Matías Guzmán Naranjo]
- Mar 2017 **Testing the Form-Frequency Hypothesis** 39. Jahrestagung der DGfS, Universität des Saarlands [with Matías Guzmán Naranjo]
- Nov 2016 **Definiteness in languages with and without articles** Conference on Typology and Grammar for Young Scholars, Institute for Linguistic Studies St Petersburg [with Jingting Ye]
- Nov 2016 **Does Hungarian have grammatical aspect? A parallel corpus study** Grammar and Corpora, Institut für Deutsche Sprache Mannheim
- Aug 2016 **Psych predicates from a cross-linguistic perspective** Syntax of the World's Languages VII, UNAM Mexico City [with Matías Guzmán Naranjo]
- Aug 2016 **Focus constructions in Limbum (Grassfields Bantu)** Syntax of the World's Languages VII, UNAM Mexico City [with Jude Nformi Awasom]
- Jun 2016 **Aspect in Hungarian and Slavic** 2nd Usage-based Linguistics Conference, Tel Aviv University
- Jun 2016 **A typology of psych-verbs. A parallel corpus study** Olomouc Linguistics Colloquium, Palacký University Olomouc [with Matías Guzmán Naranjo]
- Jun 2015 **The existential construction in Hungarian** Budapest Linguistics Conference, Eötvös Loránd University
- Sep 2014 **The pragmatic functions of Hungarian preverbs** Syntax of the World's Languages VI, University of Pavia

Fieldwork

- Nov 2017 **Fieldwork** (Guatemala)
the use of articles, referentiality
languages: Kaqchikel (Patzún), Q'anjobal (Santa Eulalia), Awakateko (Aguacatán), Tz'utujil (Santiago Atitlán)
- Oct 2017 **Fieldwork** (Bogotá, Colombia)
referentiality
languages: Tikuna, Cubeo, Bora
- Mar 2017 **Fieldwork** (Buea, Cameroon)
the use of articles, referentiality
languages: Ejagham, Mokpe

Related experience

- 2018 **Workshop convenor** (together with Jingting Ye)
The typology of the syntax of articles
workshop adjacent to the conference “Syntax of the world’s languages 8”, INALCO
Paris, 3-5 September 2018
- 2017 **Conference organization**
ConSOLE XXV, University of Leipzig, 3-5 January 2017
- Student assistant**
- 2015 Student assistant at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology,
Leipzig: literature research, database organization
- 2014 Teaching assistant for syntax and typology, University of Mainz
- 2013-2014 Student assistant, Goethe University Frankfurt: manual morphosyntactic annota-
tion of German corpus data

Languages

German	native
English	fluent
Spanish	fluent
Hungarian	fluent
French	fluent
Portuguese	upper intermediate
Russian	lower intermediate

Computer skills

- IT \LaTeX , R, JavaScript (and jsPsych library for online experiments), (basic) Python,
PsychoPy (psycholinguistic experiments), MMAX2 (corpus annotation), HTML,
CSS
- statistics Generalized mixed effect modelling with Bayesian methods,
classification methods (clustering, MDS, PCA, random forests)