

Curriculum Vitae Diana Forker

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EDUCATION

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| 2016 | Habilitation in General Linguistics, University of Bamberg |
| 2007-2011 | PhD studies in General Linguistics, University of Leipzig, Dissertation: "A Grammar of Hinuq", Supervisor: Bernard Comrie; Examiners: Martin Haspelmath, Johanna Nichols Date of defense: June 15, 2011, overall mark: Summa cum laude |
| 2009 | Linguistic Institute, Berkeley |
| 2007 | M.A. in Philosophy, General Linguistics, Logic, University of Leipzig, Thesis: "Tense and Aspect in Bezhta", Supervisors: Bernard Comrie, Balthasar Bickel |
| 2006 | Leipzig Spring School on Linguistic Diversity |
| 2005 | ESSLLI Summer School, Edinburgh |
| 2003-2004 | Linguistics and logics, Moskovskij Gosudarstvennyj Universitet, Moscow, Russia |
| 2001-2007 | Philosophy, linguistics and logics, University of Leipzig |
| 1999-2001 | Philosophy, University of Pisa, Italy |

EMPLOYMENT / POSITIONS

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| 04/2019- | University of Jena, Department of Slavonic languages and Caucasus Studies Professor of Caucasus Studies (W3) |
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- 08/2017-03/2019 University of Jena, Department of Slavonic languages and Caucasus Studies
Akademische Rätin
- 08/2016-03/2019 University of Jena, Department of Slavonic languages and Caucasus Studies
Substitute Professor (Vertretungsprofessorin)
- 2011-2017 University of Bamberg, Chair of General Linguistics,
Lecturer
- 2013-2014 James Cook University, Cairns Institute,
Feodor Lynen Research Fellow
- 2007-2011 Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology,
Department of Linguistics,
Doctoral fellow

ACADEMIC SELF-ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICES

- 2019-2025 Chairwoman of the coordination team for the Profile Line LIBERTY that
encompasses six faculties of the FSU Jena
- 2019-2022 Member of the Senate of FSU Jena
- 2019- Staff member of the International Max Planck Research School for the
Science of Human History (IMPRS-SHH)
- 2018-2022 Panel Member of the Endangered Languages Documentation Programme
(ELDP) at SOAS, London

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2022 AATSEEL Book Award "Best Book in Linguistics" for "Language Contact in the
Territory of the Former Soviet Union"
- 2017 Georg von der Gabelentz Award (Association for Linguistic Typology)
- 2016 Habilitationspreis (prize for the best habilitation) (University of Bamberg)
(1,500 Euro)
- 2016 Travel grant for a visiting fellowship at the University of Buffalo (Humboldt
Foundation) (2,600 Euro)
- 2013-2014 Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship of the Humboldt Foundation at the Cairns
Institute, James Cook University
- 2012 Wilhelm von Humboldt-Preis (German Linguistic Society) (2,000 Euro)
- 2011 Otto Hahn Medal (Max Planck Society) for the dissertation "A Grammar of
Hinuq" (6,500 Euro)

2003-2004 DAAD scholarship for studies in Moscow

EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS

- 2025 BMBF (Forschungsvorhaben auf dem Gebiet der Regionalstudien (area studies) "Tradition bewahren – Zukunft sichern: nachhaltiges Gestalten des deutsch-georgischen Wissenschaftsnetzwerkes Tbilisi / Jena (DGW)" (39.964,40 Euro)
- 2024-2027 BMBF (Forschungsvorhaben auf dem Gebiet der Regionalstudien (area studies) "Der Südkaukasus nach der "Zeitenwende": Von regionaler Resilienz zu lokaler Teilhabe" (Jena-Cauc 2.0) (590.220,53 Euro)
- 2022-2025 DFG (project partner) "Caucasian narratives in the discourse of comparative fairy tale research", PI Elguja Dadunashvili
- 2021-2024 BMBF (Forschungsvorhaben auf dem Gebiet der Regionalstudien (area studies) "Resilienz im Südkaukasus: Perspektiven und Herausforderungen des neuen EU-Außenpolitikansatzes" (Jena-Cauc) (895.409,09 Euro)
- 2020-2023 VW Foundation (Between Europe and the Orient – A Focus on Research and Higher Education in/on Central Asia and the Caucasus) "Der Kaukasus aus sozialwissenschaftlicher Perspektive" (249.800 Euro)
- 2019-2024 DFG (Heisenberg Programm) "Language contact, language history and areal typology in the Caucasus and beyond" (477.000 Euro)
- 2017-2020 BMBF (Kleine Fächer, große Potenziale) "LexCauc - A lexical database for the languages of the Caucasus", PI Oleg Belyaev & Diana Forker (299.900 Euro)
- 2012-2019 VW Foundation (DoBeS Initiative) "Documenting Dargi languages in Daghestan - Shiri and Sanzhi" (291.000 Euro)
see <http://www.kaukaz.net/cgi-bin/blosxom.cgi/english/dargwa>
- 2013 FNK Support (University of Bamberg) for the International Workshop "Agreement in Discourse" (1.490 Euro)
- 2012 Daimler and Benz Foundation, Support for the International Workshop "Agreement in Discourse" (2.500 Euro)
- 2012-2014 Post-Doc research stipend of the Daimler and Benz Foundation for the research project "Agreement in Discourse" (40.000 Euro)
- 2011 VW Foundation (DoBeS Initiative) "Documenting Dargi languages in Daghestan - Shiri and Sanzhi" (7.000 Euro)
- 2006 DAAD travel grant for fieldwork in Daghestan (800 Euro)

CONDUCTED COURSES

University of Jena (2016-today)

Introduction to Caucasus Studies
Cultures and ethnic groups of the Caucasus
North Caucasian Languages
South Caucasian Languages
Oral Literature and Mythology of the Caucasus
Contemporary literature of the Caucasus
Ethnography of communication
Linguistic anthropology / Anthropological linguistics
Language and identity
Language policy and linguistic ideologies
Language and culture

Courses conducted at the University of Bamberg (2011-2016)

Introduction to linguistics
Introduction to historical linguistics
Contact linguistics
Introduction to phonology & morphology
Introduction to sociolinguistics
The structure of Kumyk (Turkic)
Minority languages in Europe (with H.-I. Radatz)
Methods in sociolinguistics (with O. Schuetzler)
German dialectology (with P. Noel)
Topics in Armenian morphology and syntax (with A. Poghosyan)

Courses conducted at other universities (including summer schools)

Electronic dictionaries for languages of the Caucasus
Cognitive approaches to language and space and linguistic evidentiality
Aspect (with O. Mueller-Reichau)
Introduction to the Nakh-Daghestanian languages
Languages of the former USSR (with O. Mueller-Reichau)
Caucasian languages (with B. Comrie and Z. Khalilova)

SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE

1. PhD dissertation: Veronika Pfeilschifter, *Ideological consciousness and resilience: The 'new' post-Soviet left in the South Caucasus* (Jena, ongoing)
2. PhD dissertation: Irena Gonashvili, *To What Extent Can the New Global Strategy of the European Union Contribute to the Region-Building in the South Caucasus?* (Jena, ongoing)
3. PhD dissertation: Natia Botkovieli, *Resilience of students from Post-Soviet countries* (Jena, ongoing)
4. PhD dissertation: Vitalii Shtybin, *Virtual Circassia: Networking for a transnational community* (Jena, ongoing)
5. PhD dissertation: Rainer Feer, *Semantic Transitivity and Ablaut in Circassian and West Caucasian* (Jena, ongoing)
6. PhD dissertation: Felix Anker, *Reported speech in Caucasian languages* (Jena, 2024)
7. PhD dissertation: Tamar Khutsishvili, *Land use strategies in an Armenian border village* (Jena, 2022)

1. PhD dissertation: Ani Yeghiazaryan, *Armenia's European Aspirations: Bridging EU Standards and Balancing Regional Commitments* (Jena, 2025, evaluation)
 2. PhD dissertation: Jingting Ye, *Property words and adjective subclasses in the world's languages* (University of Leipzig, 2021, evaluation)
 3. PhD dissertation: Sotirios Rousiakos, *The modern Greek dialect of the Karagouns in West Thessaly* (Jena, 2021, evaluation)
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1. MA thesis: Narmin Gurbanova. Study of indigenous rituals in Northern Azerbaijan (2025, Jena)
 2. MA thesis: Tobias Schneider. Verwandtschaftsbezeichnungen in den Sprachen des Kaukasus (2025, Jena)
 3. MA thesis: Helmut Sandeck. *Inverse Verben im Abchasischen*. (2024, Jena)
 4. MA thesis: Maximilian Grübsch. *Georgische Fremdwörter im Tschetschenischen: Gender-Assignment*. (2023, Jena)
 5. MA thesis: Jana Hesina. *Sprachliche Ideologie und Identität von russischen Herkunftssprechern in Deutschland*. (2021, Jena)
 6. MA thesis: Khatuna Jashi. *Das orthodoxe Christentum im postsowjetischen Georgien: Tradition und Neuheit*. (2020, Jena)
 7. MA thesis: Michael Stürmer. *Perzeptionen von Europa und migrantische Strategien georgischer Asylbewerber*. (2020, Jena)
 9. MA thesis (co-supervisor): Julia Schmidt. *Nacht und Meer als Sinnbilder der Unendlichkeit in Bunins Lyrik*. (2019, Jena)
 10. MA thesis: Felix Anker. *Topological relations in Tsova-Tush*. (2019, Bamberg)
 11. MA thesis: Simone Gasch. *Politisierte Kunst und Künstler in Jerewan*. (2017, Jena)
 12. MA thesis (co-supervisor): Steffen Reetz. *A quantitative corpus-based analysis of post-predicate goals in spoken Oghuz Turkic varieties*. (2015, Bamberg)

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION (since 2016)

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| November 25-26, 2025 | Joint Workshop Jena-Cauc + ZOiS on the South Caucasus, ZOiS Berlin |
| March 25-26, 2025 | Kick-off workshops of the German-Georgian Science Network (DGW) at TSU and Ilia University, Tbilisi |
| December 9, 2024 | Roundtable: "Georgia after the parliamentary elections", Jena |
| May 28, 2024 | Workshop: "Looking back and moving forward: Wrapping-up JENA-CAUC (First Phase)", Jena |
| November 9-10, 2023 | Second International Jena-Cauc Conference "South Caucasus after "Zeitenwende": Dimensions of translocality and societal change", Jena |
| November 3-4, 2022 | First International Jena-Cauc Conference "Bouncing back or moving forward? Contextualizing <i>Resilience</i> in the South Caucasus", Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi |
| November 25, | Round-Table Discussion "Recovery, Risk and Resilience: |

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| 2021 | Re-thinking the future of EU-South Caucasus relations”, Centre for East European and International Studies (ZOiS), Berlin |
| November 10, 2021 | Kick-off Meeting “Resilience in the South Caucasus”, Jena |
| August 21-24, 2019 | “Discourse particles and epistemic stance”, workshop at the 52 nd SLE conference, Leipzig (with A. Alvanoudi) |
| June 5-7, 2019 | Second LexCauc workshop “Towards a lexical database of Caucasian languages”, Jena |
| April 12-13, 2018 | First LexCauc workshop “Towards a lexical database of Caucasian languages”, Jena |
| September 19-20, 2017 | Panel on Caucasian languages and cultures at the conference Deutscher Orientalistentag, Jena |
| September 31- August 1, 2016 | “Language contact in the territory of the former Soviet Union”, workshop at the 49 th SLE conference, Naples (with L. Grenoble) |
| April 15-16, 2016 | Workshop on reflexive and logophoric pronouns in Nakh-Daghestanian languages (with D. Ganenkov), Bamberg |
| March 29 - April 1, 2016 | Workshop “Language and social cognition” organized by Nicholas Evans, Diana Forker and Danielle Barth, Bamberg |

INVITED TALKS (since 2016)

1. Language and resilience among linguistic minorities in the South Caucasus (with a special focus on Georgia), June 30, 2025, Pázmány Péter Catholic University Budapest
2. From body to space and spatial orientation: East Caucasian patterns, Universität Düsseldorf, June 2, 2025
3. Word order in Georgian, Armenian, and Russian. Universität Freiburg, January 25, 2024.
4. Dealing with diversity: Word order in some languages of the Caucasus. University of Göttingen, May 17, 2023.
5. At the crossroads of Occident and Orient: What is on and in the Hinuq heart? Invited talk at the conference *Concepts in sociocultural space: The Balkans and the Caucasus in focus*, Vienna, Austrian Academy of Sciences, 10–13 May 2023.
6. Linguistic diversity in and beyond the Caucasus. Invited discussant at the Kick-off-Conference KonKoop, Zentrum für Osteuropa und Internationale Studien ZOiS, Berlin, March 4, 2023.
7. Complex predicates in Sanzhi Dargwa. Invited talk at the ComPLETE conference, University of Mainz, November 14, 2022.

8. Grammar Writing and Ethical Issues. Chicago University, January 28, 2021. [online]
9. Information structure in Caucasian languages. Higher School of Economics, Moscow, December 2, 2020. [online]
10. Caucasian languages in Turkey. University of Bamberg, November 16, 2020. [online]
11. Describing and documenting endangered languages in the Caucasus. Results and perspectives. Plenary talk at the conference *Descriptive Grammars and Typology*, Helsinki, 27–29 March 2019.
12. Floating agreement and information structure in Sanzhi Dargwa and Lak. Talk at the workshop *Clefts and related focus constructions*, SeDyL & LLACAN CNRS Paris, February 15-16, 2018.
13. Die Sprache Hinuq – Dagestan, Russische Föderation. Talk at the *Salon Sophie Charlotte* der Berlin-Brandenburgischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, Berlin, January 20, 2018.
14. Patterns of multilingualism in Daghestan. University of Kiel, January 9, 2018.
15. Descending from the mountain of tongues: Agreement in Hinuq and beyond. Plenary talk at the *12th Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT)*, December 11-15, 2017, ANU.
16. Code-switching and Multilingualism in Daghestanian communities. Plenary talk at the *7. Diskussionsforum Linguistik in Bayern*, November 17-18, 2017. LMU Munich.
17. Does control explain everything? Argument encoding with experiential predicates. Plenary talk at the conference *Vielfaltslinguistik*, University of Leipzig. March, 28-29, 2017.
18. On the relationship between semantic types of experiencer predicates and argument encoding, University of Cologne. January 30, 2017.
19. The effect of semantics on the morphosyntax of experiencer constructions. Berufungsvortrag. University of Münster. July 4, 2016.
20. Modification in NPs of Sanzhi Dargwa. *SynSem-Colloquium*. University of Potsdam, May 31, 2016.
21. Language policy in Daghestan. *Conference on ethnic and political conflicts in the Caucasus*. Lepsiushaus, Potsdam, April 22-24, 2016.

FIELD RESEARCH

since 2024 Northern Azerbaijan
 Linguistic field work on Avar and Lezgian

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| October 2023 | Q'vareli, Georgia Linguistic field work on Avar, Hunzib, Bezhta, Tsova-Tush |
| November 2022 | Pankisi Gorge, Georgia Linguistic field work on Chechen |
| December 2021 | Amman, Jordan Linguistic field work on Circassian and Chechen |
| July 2018 | Circassia, Russia Linguistic field work on Abaza (in cooperation with MSU and HSE, Moscow) |
| since 2012 | Daghestan, Russia Language documentation within the DoBeS project "Documenting Dargi languages in Daghestan" Data collection on evidentiality in Lak, Lezgian and Avar |
| 2006-2013 | Daghestan, Russia (preparation of dissertation) Around eight months of research on Hinuq comprising video and audio recordings, text collection, transcription, translation, analysis, elicitation, participation in cultural events |
| December 2011 | Litschk, Armenia Interviews with speakers of Western Armenian dialects |
| September 2005 | Daghestan; Russia (preparation of M.A. thesis) Elicitation of Bezhta with a questionnaire on TAM |

ACADEMIC SERVICES AT THE FSU JENA

Spokesperson of the Profile line LIBERTY, FSU Jena
Member of the Faculty Council, FSU Jena
Member of the Senate (2019-2022), FSU Jena

SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY

Series and Founding Editor of *Languages of the Caucasus* at Language Science Press

Reviews for:

Linguistics

International Journal of Bilingualism

Studies in Language

Linguistic Typology

Lingua

Folia Linguistica Historica