Maria Ovsjannikova's CURRICULUM VITAE

(as of December, 2025)

PERSONAL

Date and place of birth	21.07.1988 in St. Petersburg, Russia (then Leningrad, USSR)
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Children	2 children, born in 2020 and 2025

CURRENT POSITION

since March, 2025	Postdoc research fellow, DFG Project "Differential object marking and reference tracking in the Northeastern Neo-Aramaic dialect of Christian Urmi"

EDUCATION AND DEGREES AWARDED

2019	Ph.D., Linguistics Institute for Linguistic Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg Thesis title: *Accusative-experiencer verbs in Russian: Semantic groups and syntactic properties*, principal advisor Dr. Maria D. Voejkova
2009–2011	M. A., with distinction, Linguistics: General Linguistics, Department of General Linguistics, St. Petersburg State University
2005–2009	B. A., with distinction, Philology: Linguistic Theory, Department of General Linguistics, St. Petersburg State University

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

February 2024–February 2025	Alexander von Humboldt Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Slavic Linguistics, Potsdam University
August 2022–January 2024	visiting researcher, Department of Slavic Linguistics, Potsdam University
May–July 2022	visiting researcher, Department of Linguistics, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

2020–2022	research fellow, Department of the Theory of Grammar, Institute for Linguistic Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg
2014–2020	junior research fellow, Department of the Theory of Grammar, Institute for Linguistic Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg
2009–2014	research assistant, Department of the Theory of Grammar, Institute for Linguistic Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg
2013	assistant lecturer at St. Petersburg State University, Department of General Linguistics

RESEARCH AWARDS AND FUNDING

2025–2028	*Differential object marking and reference tracking in the Northeastern Neo-Aramaic dialect of Christian Urmi* DFG Project "Eigene Stelle", Near East Collaboration Program
2024–2025	*Perception verbs in Slavic: lexicon and grammar* Potsdoc Fellowship from Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
2021–2022	*The Ontology of the Stative Situations in the Models of Language: A Contrastive Analysis of Bulgarian and Russian Languages*, Russian Foundation for Basic Research, research project, team member
2020–2022	*Documentation of Northeastern Neo-Aramaic Spoken in Russia*, Russian Foundation for Basic Research, research project, team member
2017–2018	*The syntax of Enets in a typological perspective*, Russian Foundation for Basic Research, research project, team member
2016	*Fieldwork on collecting spontaneous texts with the last Enets speakers*, Russian Foundation for Humanities, fieldwork project, PI
2015	*Fieldwork on Enets*, Grant for young scholars from the Committee for Education and Research of the Government of St. Petersburg, fieldwork project, PI
2015	Best oral presentation award among PhD students, Slavic Cognitive Linguistics Conference-2015, Sheffield/Oxford, UK, December 9-13, 2015
2010–2014	*St. Petersburg School of Functional Grammar*, Scientific Schools grant program, research grant, team member

2012–2013   *Syntactic expression of arguments of emotive verbs in Russian: A corpus study*, Grant for young scholars from the Russian Foundation for Basic Research, research grant, PI

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022-2024   "Digital Slavic studies: Corpus-based approaches", Department of Slavic linguistics, Potsdam University

2020   "R for linguists", extracurricular seminar for the students of General Linguistics Department, St. Petersburg State University

2013   "Methods in linguistic research", General Linguistics Department, St. Petersburg State University

SUPERVISED THESES

MASTER'S THESIS

2024   Alex Zhang. "Grammatical Aspect and Iterative/ Habitual Expressions in Polish: A Corpus-Based Study". (Second Supervisor)

BACHELOR'S THESES

2023   Laura Alice Letizia. "The Echo of товарищ (comrade). A Corpus-Based Diachronic Study Tracing the Term's Shifts in Meanings, Functions, and Collocational Patterns Over Time". (Second Supervisor)

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- Syntax of the World's Languages X, 2025, University of Potsdam, member of the local organizing committee
- Annual Conference of the Department of Languages of Russia, Institute for Linguistic Studies (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021), member of the organizing committee
- 15th Slavic Cognitive Linguistics Conference (2017), member of the organizing committee / local co-organizer
- Constructional & Lexical Semantic Approaches to Russian (2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019), member of the organizing committee

REVIEWING FOR

- Glossa: a journal of general linguistics
- Russian Linguistics

- Slovo. Journal of Slavic Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
- Studi Slavistici
- Russian Language and Linguistic Theory (Русский язык в научном освещении)
- Acta Linguistica Petropolitana. Труды Института лингвистических исследований
- Ural-Altaic Studies (Урало-алтайские исследования)

RESOURCES & ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

Ovsjannikova, Maria, Sergey Say, Ekaterina Aplonova, Anna Smetina, Elena Sokur. Spoken corpus of Bashkir (Rakhmetovo and Baimovo). 2017. St. Petersburg: Institute for linguistic studies; Moscow: Linguistic Convergence Laboratory, NRU HSE. Available online at https://lingconlab.ru/spoken_bashkir/, accessed on August, 19, 2024.

Ovsjannikova, Maria, Kirill Kozhanov, Natalia Logvinova, Alexey Lyavdansky, Alina Russkikh, Sergey Say, Varvara Shuvalova, Elena Shvedova, and Elizaveta Zabelina. 2022– Corpus of NENA varieties spoken in Russia. Available online at https://nena-dict.ru/corpus, accessed on August, 19, 2024.

Zabelina, Elizaveta, **Maria Ovsjannikova**, and Sergey Say. 2022– Sound dictionary of NENA varieties spoken in Russia. (Available online at https://nena-dict.ru/dictionary, accessed on August, 19, 2024).

Ovsjannikova, Maria. 2020. Bivalent patterns in Enets (Forest). In: Say, Sergey (ed.). BivalTyp: Typological database of bivalent verbs and their encoding frames. St. Petersburg: Institute for Linguistic Studies, RAS. (Data first published on November 3, 2020; last revised on November 3, 2020.) (Available online at https://bivaltyp.info, Accessed on 26 December 2025.)

Ovsjannikova, Maria. 2020. Bivalent patterns in Turkish. In: Say, Sergey (ed.). BivalTyp: Typological database of bivalent verbs and their encoding frames. St. Petersburg: Institute for Linguistic Studies, RAS. (Data first published on November 29, 2020; last revised on September 28, 2025.) (Available online at https://bivaltyp.info, accessed on 26 December 2025.)

Ovsjannikova, Maria, Sergey Say, Ekaterina Aplonova, Anna Smetina, & Elena Sokur. Spoken corpus of Bashkir (Rakhmetovo and Baimovo). 2017. St. Petersburg: Institute for linguistic studies; Moscow: Linguistic Convergence Laboratory, NRU HSE. (Available online at https://lingconlab.ru/spoken_bashkir/, accessed on 26.12.2025.)

INVITED TALKS

Ovsjannikova, Maria. 2025. Verben des Fühlens im Slawischen: Grammatische und Lexikalische Unterscheidungen in parallelen Texten. Invited talk at the Department of Slavic studies and the Caucasus, Friedrich-Schiller University of Jena.

Ovsjannikova, Maria, & Say, Sergey. 2024. Form-meaning mismatches in the possessive domain: Three case studies. Invited talk at the Linguistics Colloquium, Faculty of Humanities, University of Hamburg.

Ovsjannikova, Maria, Say, Sergey. 2024. "North-Eastern Neo-Aramaic Varieties Spoken in Russia". Invited talk at „Semitistisches Forschungskolloquium", Freie Universität Berlin.

Ovsjannikova, Maria. 2024. Русские глаголы *смотреть* и *глядеть*: взгляд из корпуса (Russian verbs *смотреть* and *глядеть* 'look': A view from the corpus). Invited lecture at the Department of Russian Language and Literature, Faculty of Education, Masaryk University, Brno.

Ovsjannikova, Maria. 2023. The history of Russian transitive impersonal verbs: *знобить*, *осенить* and others. Invited lecture at the Department of Russian Language and Literature, Faculty of Education, Masaryk University, Brno.

Ovsjannikova, Maria. 2023. Possessive constructions in Forest Enets: Syntax and discourse. Invited talk at the Institute of Finno-Ugric and Uralic Studies, Faculty of Languages and Literature, University of Munich.

Morozova, Maria, **Maria Ovsjannikova**, Alexander Rusakov. 2020. Dialectometric study of Albanian varieties: Linguistic complexity and language contact history. HSE University, Linguistic Convergence Laboratory, Moscow.

OTHER EDUCATION AND EXPERTISE

September 2023   Seventh Summer School on Statistical Methods for Linguistics and Psychology, Course "Foundational Methods in Frequentist Statistics" by Daniel Schad & João Veríssimo

August 2017   SLE Summer School in Linguistics, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland
Courses "Data science applied to language: a bag of methods to wrangle with linguistic data" by Damian Blasi and "Semantics in space: semantic maps, MDS, correspondence analysis and graph-theoretical approaches" by Natalia Levshina

December 2013   Visiting Research Student, University of Sheffield, UK,
supervisor Dr. Dagmar Divjak

August 2010   DGfS-CNRS Summer School on Linguistic Typology, University of Leipzig.
Courses "Quantitative Methods in Typology" by Balthasar Bickel, "Features in

Typology" by Greville Corbett, "Space in Language" by Jean-Michel Fortis, and "The Nature of Morphosyntactic Universals" by Martin Haspelmath

FIELD WORK

2019–2022	Northeastern Neo-Aramaic (Semitic, Afro-Asiatic)
2011–2015, 2017	Bashkir (Turkic)
2009–2010, 2015–2016	Enets (Samoyedic, Uralic)
2016, 2017	Arkhangelsk dialect of Russian
2007–2008	Kalmyk (Mongolic)

LANGUAGES

Russian	native
English	C1-C2
German	B2-C1
French	B2
Serbian	B1
Spanish	B1