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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of Massachusetts, Amherst: awarded in September, 2020  
Dissertation title: The emptiness of the Present: Fronting constructions as a window to the semantics of tense  
Specialization: linguistics  
Adviser: Seth Cable  
Committee members: Rajesh Bhatt, Kyle Johnson, Barbara Partee  
Alejandro Pérez Carballo (outside member).  
2014-2020
- Candidate of Sciences (Ph.D.) Department of Logic and Epistemology of the Institute of Philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences  
Candidate of Science: awarded in July, 2007  
Specialization: Ontology and Theory of Cognition  
Dissertation title: Language and ontological relativity  
Adviser: Dr. Alexander Nikiforov  
2004-2007
- M.A., B.A. Russian State University for the Humanities (Moscow)  
Degree in Philosophy, awarded in 2004 Summa Cum Laude  
1999-2004

## EMPLOYMENT

- 2024 – now Lecturer position at the English Department, Göttingen University (10 SWS)  
2023 – 2024 Guest scholar at the English Department, Göttingen University  
2022 – 2022 dozent at the Department of Philosophy, People’s Friendship University of Russia (Moscow, Russia) – part-time position  
2020 – 2022 senior researcher, Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences (Moscow, Russia)  
2014 – 2020 PhD student, lecturer at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
2007 – 2014 researcher, Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2024 – now English Department, postdoc and lecturer of courses in linguistics:  
Issues in contemporary semantics and pragmatics (Hauptseminar),  
Topics in contemporary semantics and pragmatics (Hauptseminar),  
Tense and modality (Proseminar)  
The semantics of aspect (Proseminar)  
The seminar of adjunct tense (Proseminar)  
The semantics of attitude reports (Proseminar)  
The semantics of tense from a cross-linguistic perspective (Proseminar)  
Introduction to Formal Semantics and Pragmatics (lab class)  
Introduction to Syntactic theory (lab class)  
Introduction to English linguistics

- 2022 – 2024 V-NYI (NYI Global Institute of Cultural, Cognitive, and Linguistic Studies) – co-instructor of courses in semantics (with E. Vostrikova and H. Zeijlstra):  
 Introduction to Formal Semantics  
 Continuing with Semantics  
 Puzzles in semantics
- 2022 – 2022 Department of Philosophy, People’s Friendship University of Russia
- 2015 – 2020 Department of Linguistics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.  
 Instructor in *Linguistics 201* - Introduction to Linguistic Theory  
 Teaching assistant in  
*Linguistics 201* – Introduction to Linguistic Theory  
*Linguistics 101* – People and Their Language  
*Linguistics 409* – Introduction to Computational Linguistics  
*Linguistics 510* – Introduction to Semantics
- 2012 – 2014 Department of Philosophy, National Research University – Higher School of Economics (Moscow, Russia)

### **FIELDWORK**

In collaboration with E. Vostrikova, I work on Tundra Nenets (a Uralic, Samoyedic language spoken in the Arctic region of North-Western Siberia). I have explored tense and polarity phenomena in Tundra Nenets.

### **EDITORIAL WORK**

2012 – now Editor at the journal *Epistemology and Philosophy of Science* (Scopus Q1)

### **WORK AS A REVIEWER**

I write reviews of papers for the following journals *Natural language semantics*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Epistemology and Philosophy of Science*, *Voprosy filosofii*.

I have acted as an anonymous reviewer for the following conferences: FASL-26, TripleA 4, SuB-22, LoTo 2018, NELS 50, NELS 51, NELS 52, SeMaSe-2022, IATL 37.

### **INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

Fulbright	01.09.2006 – 31.05.2007
	Visiting scholar at the Philosophy Department at Rutgers University, USA

### **PUBLICATIONS**

**Kusliy, P.**, [with E. Vostrikova] (2025) Discontinuous past: a semantic account. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 29*. Vol. 29, pp. 825-842.

- Kusliy P.** (2024) English fronting constructions as a window to the semantics of tense. *Natural Language Semantics*, 32, 505-544. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11050-024-09225-4>. (OA)
- Kusliy P., Veretennikov A.** (2024) Analytical truths in R. Carnap's theory and in natural language. *Epistemology & Philosophy of Science*. Vol. 61, No. 1. Pp. 184–201. [In Russian]
- Kusliy P., Nikiforov A.** (2023) Philosophy and linguistics today: points of contact. Review of Altshuler D. (ed.) (2023) *Linguistics meets Philosophy*. *Epistemology & Philosophy of Science*. Vol. 60, No. 4. Pp. 225-236. [In Russian]
- Kusliy P.** (2023) The fateful copula: on an attempt to justify linguistic relativity. *Epistemology & Philosophy of Science*. Vol. 60, No. 3, pp. 210–223. [In Russian]
- Kusliy P.** (2022) Truth as correspondence and unconcealment without self-deception or mysticism. *Philosophy. The journal of the Higher School of Economics*. Vol. 6, No. 1. Pp. 308-320. [In Russian]
- Mikirtumov I., **Kusliy P.** (2022) Perception, knowledge, and natural language. *Epistemology & Philosophy of Science*. Vol. 59, No. 2. Pp. 6–22. [In Russian]
- Kusliy P., Vostrikova E.** (2022) Triviality and grammaticality: current issues in intensional semantics // *Philosophical Journal*. Vol. 13. No. 4. P. 52-69. [In Russian]
- Kusliy P., Vostrikova E.** (2021) Contextualism and the problem of knowledge ascription // *Epistemology and philosophy of science*. Vol. 58. No. 4. Pp. 110-126. [In Russian]
- Kusliy, P.** (2020) Condition C effects in VP fronting constructions and the mode of semantic composition. M. Franke et al. (eds.) *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 24*, vol. 1, pp.464–481. Osnabrück University, 2020.
- Kusliy P., Vostrikova E.** (2019) The elimination of Carnap's critical arguments against metaphysics through formal semantic analysis of natural language. *Epistemology & Philosophy of Science*. Vol. 56. No. 4. Pp. 78-98. [In Russian]
- Kusliy, P.** (2019) Simultaneous Present-under-Past in Relative clauses: Evidence from Fronted Verb Phrases. *U. Penn Working Papers in Linguistics, Volume 25.1, 2019*. Pp. 139-148.
- Kusliy, P. Vostrikova, E.** (2019) *De Re Attitude Reports about Disjunctive Beliefs*. *U. Penn Working Papers in Linguistics, Volume 25.1, 2019*. Pp. 149-157
- Kusliy, P.** (2018) Simultaneous under Past: English Present-under-Past in fronted CP and fronted VP constructions. *Proceedings of NELS-48*.
- Kusliy, P., Vostrikova, E.** (2018) Hard cases of third readings in terms of the Standard Solution. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung-22*. Pp. 37-52.
- Kusliy, P.** (2017) On Incompatibilities Between Tenses and Temporal Adverbs in English, Japanese, and Russian. In *Proceedings of the Forty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistic Society*, edited by Andrew Lamont and Katerina Tetzloff, Vol. 2, 221–330. UMass Amherst: GLSA Amherst.

## TALKS

Kusliy, P. (accepted) Cessation inferences are entailments. GLOW-2026.

Kusliy, P., Vostrikova E. (accepted) The semantics of *ky* particle in Tundra Nenets. SULA-Triple A. 2026.

Kusliy, P., Vostrikova E. (2026) A Polarity Phenomenon in the Propositional Domain in Tundra Nenets. Oberseminar. University of Göttingen, February 10, 2026. (Handout)

Kusliy, P. (2026) Double negation and negative concord in Russian. Semantics Colloquium. University of Göttingen, January 8, 2026. (Slides)

Kusliy, P. (2025) Canonical readings of the imperfective: towards a unified analysis. Semantics Colloquium. University of Göttingen, June 26, 2025. (Handout)

Kusliy, P. (2024). Imperfective Aspect and Tense: Rethinking the Kleinian Semantics. Oberseminar in Linguistics. University of Göttingen. December 10, 2024. (Handout)

Kusliy, P. (2024) How to dispense with acquaintance relations in the semantics of *de re* attitude reports. Meaning in Language Colloquium (University of Düsseldorf. November 6, 2024). (Handout)

Kusliy, P. (2024) *De re* reporting without acquaintance relations. The Semantics Workshop at the Department of Linguistics (UMass Amherst, USA. October 11, 2024) (Handout)

Kusliy, P. (2024) Towards more fine-grained distinctions in the semantics of the imperfective aspect and the past tense. Semantics Colloq. University of Göttingen. July 11, 2024. (Handout)

Kusliy, P. (2023). *De re* reporting without acquaintance relations. Oberseminar in linguistics. University of Göttingen. November 21, 2023. (Handout)

Kusliy, P. [with E. Vostrikova] (2023). Discontinuous Past in Optional Tense languages: old and new challenges for a semantic analysis. Oberseminar in linguistics. University of Göttingen. June 15, 2023. (Handout)

Kusliy, P. (2023). (Anti-)reconstruction effects in predicate-fronting constructions. Oberseminar in linguistics. University of Göttingen. February 7, 2023. (Handout)

Kusliy, P. (2021). On the nature of the Present tense in English: evidence from VP-fronting constructions. Oberseminar English Linguistics. The Georg August University of Göttingen. December 14, 2021. (Handout)

Kusliy, P. (2019) *Heycock's Puzzle and a Semantic Approach to Condition C*. Presented at *Sinn und Bedeutung 24*. Osnabrück University. September 6, 2019.

Kusliy, P. (2019). *Heycock's Puzzle and Similarities between CPs and Indefinites*. Presented at *GLOW 42*. University of Oslo. May 8, 2019.

Kusliy, P. (2018). *English Present tense is relative: evidence from VP-fronting*. Presented at *MIT Ling Lunch*. Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT. February 8, 2018.

Kusliy, P. (2017). *Simultaneous under Past: English Present-under-Past in CP/VP-fronted constructions*. Presented at NELS-48. University of Iceland. October 29, 2017.

Kusliy, P.; Vostrikova, E. (2017). *Hard Cases of Third Readings in Terms of the Standard Solution*. Presented at *Sinn und Bedeutung-22*. U. of Potsdam, Germany. September 8, 2017.

Kusliy, P. (2017). *Embedded Tense in Russian and the Temporal De Re*. Presented at FARL-2, Moscow, Russia. March 29, 2017.

Kusliy, P. (2016). *Past Tense as a Pair of Times*. Presented at the Workshop on the Meaning of Past Tense. Georg-August-Universität Göttingen. December 20, 2016.

Kusliy, P. (2016) *Unexpected Incompatibilities Between Tenses and Adverbs*. Presented at NELS-47. UMass Amherst. October 15, 2016.