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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 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

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 and POSTERS

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. (accepted) The semantics of *ky* particle in Tundra Nenets. West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics. 2026.
- Kusliy, P. Negative concord in the antecedent blocks negation inside the ellipsis site. UNPAG Kick-off Workshop. University of Göttingen, March 10-12, 2026.
- Kusliy, P., Vostrikova E. (2026) A Polarity Phenomenon in the Propositional Domain in Tundra Nenets. Oberseminar. University of Göttingen, February 10, 2026.
- Kusliy, P. (2026) Double negation and negative concord in Russian. Semantics Colloquium. University of Göttingen, January 8, 2026.
- Kusliy, P. (2025) Canonical readings of the imperfective: towards a unified analysis. Semantics Colloquium. University of Göttingen, June 26, 2025.
- Kusliy, P. (2024). Imperfective Aspect and Tense: Rethinking the Kleinian Semantics. Oberseminar in Linguistics. University of Göttingen. December 10, 2024.
- 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).
- Kusliy, P. (2024) *De re* reporting without acquaintance relations. The Semantics Workshop at the Department of Linguistics (UMass Amherst, USA. October 11, 2024)
- 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.
- Kusliy, P. (2023). *De re* reporting without acquaintance relations. Oberseminar in linguistics. University of Göttingen. November 21, 2023.
- 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.
- Kusliy, P. (2023). (Anti-)reconstruction effects in predicate-fronting constructions. Oberseminar in linguistics. University of Göttingen. February 7, 2023.
- 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.
- 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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2024 – now The English Department of the University of Göttingen
 New courses forthcoming in the Summer Semester of 2026:
 Puzzles in intensional semantics: perspective, memory, and attitude reports
 The semantics of imperative and optative constructions
 Other courses:
 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.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Fulbright

01.09.2006 – 31.05.2007

Visiting scholar at the Philosophy
Department at Rutgers University, USA