

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Details

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Education

2019-2025

Doctor of Philosophy (Linguistics)
University of Freiburg (formerly Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz)
Title: (Re)contextualising serialisation: Multiverbal constructions in the East Himalaya
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Uta Reinöhl and Univ.-Prof. Dr. Walter Bisang

2016-2017

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
First Class Honours
Australian National University
Specialisation: Linguistics
Supervisor: Professor Jane Simpson

2012-2016

Bachelor of Asia-Pacific Studies (Year in Asia)
Australian National University
Majors: Korean Language, Year in Korea
Minors: Japanese Linguistics
Exchange to Korea University in 2014

Work Experience

2026.03 –

Assistant Professor at the Chair of General Linguistics, University of Bremen

- Researching syntax in interaction in understudied languages
- Teaching two courses per semester

2024.10 – 2026.02

Researcher/Student Coordinator at the Department of General Linguistics, University of Freiburg

- Research on multiverbal constructions in the Himalayas
- Teaching two courses per semester
- Co-coordination of the programme MA Linguistics – Language, Communication and Cognition
- Advising students on academic issues, including career opportunities and study planning

2019.05 – 2024.09

Researcher in Emmy-Noether Research Group Non-Hierarchicality in Grammar

- Construction and analysis of Kera'a (Trans-Himalayan) corpus
- Collaborating on analysis of information units in four different languages

2018.07 – 2019.05

Research Assistant with Prof. Alan Rumsey, School of Culture, History and Language, ANU

- Analysis of Ku Waru (Trans-New Guinea) child language acquisition corpus
- Setting up and maintaining FLEx infrastructure for the project

2017.11 – 2019.05

Research Assistant at Grambank, ANU Node

- Coding 195 typological features for morphosyntactically diverse languages
- Co-authoring research articles related to the process of coding

Research Interests

typology, syntax-prosody interface, interaction, intonation units, Trans-Himalayan languages, descriptive linguistics, serial verb constructions

Publications

Peck, Naomi & Laura Becker. Accepted. Reusing language corpora for token-based typology. *Journal of Open Humanities Data*.

Peck, Naomi. Under review. Are serial verb constructions realised without pauses? A conceptual replication of Givón (1991). *Linguistic Typology at the Crossroads*.

Reinöhl, Uta, Kirsten Culhane & **Naomi Peck**. In revisions. The mystery of word-initial consonant loss in Kera'a. *Phonological Data and Analysis*.

Peck, Naomi. 2026. Verbalisation and the One-New-Idea Constraint. *Functions of Language*. <https://doi.org/10.1075/fol.26011.pec>.

Reinöhl, Uta & **Naomi Peck**. 2026a. The 'idea' in the one-new-idea constraint. *Functions of Language*. <https://doi.org/10.1075/fol.26012.rei>.

Reinöhl, Uta & **Naomi Peck**. 2026b. How much is too much?: The one-new-idea constraint and the information–intonation interface. *Functions of Language*. <https://doi.org/10.1075/fol.25065.rei>.

Reinöhl, Uta & **Naomi Peck** (eds). 2026c. The one-new-idea constraint: What is it and does it hold up? Special issue of *Functions of Language*.

Reinöhl, Uta & **Naomi Peck** (eds). 2026d. The one-new-idea constraint and the information-intonation interface. Special issue of *Functions of Language*.

Peck, Naomi. 2025. *(Re)contextualising serialisation: Multiverbal constructions in the East Himalaya*. PhD Thesis, University of Freiburg. <https://doi.org/10.6094/UNIFR/274498>.

Culhane, Kirsten, **Naomi Peck** & Uta Reinöhl. 2025. The mystery of word-initial consonant loss in Kera'a. Preprint. SocArXiv. <https://doi.org/doi:10.31235/osf.io/zvfdw>

Peck, Naomi & Laura Becker. 2024. Syntactic pausing? Re-examining the associations. *Linguistics Vanguard* 10(1), 223-237. <https://doi.org/10.1515/lingvan-2022-0156>

Skirgård, Hedvig, Hannah J Haynie, Damián E Blasi, Harald Hammarström, Jeremy Collins, Jay J Latache, Jakob Lesage ... **Naomi Peck** ... et al. 2023. Grambank reveals the importance of genealogical constraints on linguistic diversity and highlights the impact of language loss. *Science Advances*. <https://doi.org/10.1126/sciadv.adg6175>

Peck, Naomi. 2020. Kera'a (Arunachal Pradesh, India) – Language Snapshot. *Language Documentation and Description* 19, 26-34.

Peck, Naomi, Thomas Wyatt & Mark Donohue. 2020. The asymmetrical categories of negation in Bumthang. *Himalayan Linguistics* 19.1, 347-364. <https://doi.org/10.5070/h919139421>

Peck, Naomi. 2017. *Predication, reference and modification: Major word classes in Bumthang, a Tibeto-Burman language*. Honours thesis, Australian National University. <http://hdl.handle.net/1885/139197>

Invited Talks

Peck, Naomi. 2026. Title to be confirmed. Seminar series “Identifying units of organization in spoken discourse: theory and methods”, University of Bologna.

Peck, Naomi. 2026. Reusing language corpora for token-based typology. CLARIN Café: JOHD Special Collection on Language Dataset Reuse. Online, 24 June 2026.

Peck, Naomi. 2026. Revisiting Himmelmann 2014: ditropic clitics and the suffixing preference. Linguistisches Kolloquium. University of Bremen, 18 June 2026.

Peck, Naomi. 2026. Towards interactionally-informed typology. Linguistisches Kolloquium. University of Mainz, 19 January 2026.

Peck, Naomi. 2024. Untangling complexity: Bottom-up approaches to verb serialisation. HPCL Lecture Series Language, Communication & Cognition. University of Freiburg, February 2 2024.

Kashima, Eri, Sunny Ananthanarayan, Siva Kalyan & **Naomi Peck**. 2018. Linguistic cartography: mapping linguistic theory. CoEDL-ANU Linguistics Seminar Series, Australian National University, 6 July 2018.

Peck, Naomi, Daniel Prestipino, Rhiannon Schembri, Hedvig Skirgård, Henry Wu & Steph Yam. 2018. Humans who Code Grammars: advice to grammar writers regarding typological surveys. CoEDL-ANU Linguistics Seminar Series, Australian National University, 15 June 2018.

Conferences

Peck, Naomi. Accepted. The status of non-final markers in languages of the Eastern Himalaya: a microtypological approach. Oral presentation at 59th Annual Meeting of *Societas Linguistica Europaea*, University of Osnabrück.

Witzlack-Makarevich, Alena, **Naomi Peck** & Margaret Zellers. Accepted. Clausality in conversational Khoekhoe (Khoekwadi). Oral presentation at 59th Annual Meeting of *Societas Linguistica Europaea*, University of Osnabrück.

Peck, Naomi. Accepted. Variation and change in demonstrative determiners in Sümi: A corpus study. Oral presentation at Workshop on variation and change in endangered languages (VACEL), University of Hamburg.

Peck, Naomi. Accepted. Variation and change in demonstrative determiners in Sümi: A corpus study. Oral presentation at TTM26, LMU Munich.

Peck, Naomi, Laura Becker & Frank Seifart. 2026. Does pausing contribute to the suffixing preference? Disruptive pauses between determiner and noun as a test case. Oral presentation at the 16th International Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology, University Lumière Lyon 2.

Becker, Laura, **Naomi Peck,** Saida Asvarova, Christian Klöckner, Luisa de Moura Alves, Ronja Potstawa & Anja Spasovski. 2026. Disruptive pauses at relative clause boundaries: Does prosody reflect syntactic structure? Oral presentation at Vielfaltslinguistik 8, University of Kiel.

Peck, Naomi. 2025. Temporal dynamics of the event network. Oral presentation at 58th Annual Meeting of *Societas Linguistica Europaea*, University of Bordeaux.

Peck, Naomi & Wifek Bouaziz. 2025. Hear say: Quotation in Kera'a. Oral presentation at 58th International Conference on Sino-Tibetan Languages and Linguistics (ICSTLL58), University of Bern.

Becker, Laura, **Naomi Peck,** Saida Asvarova, Marlene Kaminski, Christian Klöckner, Ronja Potstawa & Anja Spasovski. 2025. Clausal boundaries and silent pauses: Does prosody reflect syntactic structure? Oral presentation at Syntax of the World's Languages X, University of Potsdam.

Peck, Naomi. 2025. Verbose exponence in serial verb constructions. Poster presentation at the Transalpine Typology Meeting 2025, University of Pavia.

Culhane, Kirsten, **Naomi Peck & Uta Reinöhl.** 2025. Lexical tone and stress in Kera'a, an endangered Trans-Himalayan language. Poster presentation at the 3rd International Conference on Tone and Intonation, Herrsching.

Peck, Naomi. 2025. Use, reuse, redistribute: Open Data practices in typology and language documentation. Oral presentation at "Linguistic data and language comparison in light of the 'quantitative turn' and 'big data' – a workshop and symposium", University of Bern.

Peck, Naomi, Filipe Figueiredo Cruz, Myriam Michalopolou, Pramodya Sewwandi Perera, & Albert Tallai. 2025. Zur Sprache kommen: Making research on endangered languages visible. Poster presentation at LingComm25, Online.

Peck, Naomi. 2024. Towards an interaction-based understanding of SVCs in Tibeto-Burman languages. Oral presentation at ÖLT2024, University of Innsbruck.

Peck, Naomi. 2024. A complex adaptive system approach to serial verb constructions. Oral presentation at Crosslinguistic Perspectives on Processing and Learning 2024, University of Zürich.

Peck, Naomi. 2024. Prosodic chunking and verbal complex predication. Oral presentation at 57th Annual Meeting of *Societas Linguistica Europaea*, University of Helsinki.

Peck, Naomi & Uta Reinöhl. 2024. Zur Sprache kommen: Bringing endangered languages to the wider public in a museum context. Oral presentation at Language Documentation & Archiving 2024, Online/Berlin. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3iGqnewLPo4>

Culhane, Kirsten, **Naomi Peck**, Wifek Bouaziz & Uta Reinöhl. 2023. The loss of word-initial consonants in Kera'a: a challenge for phonological theory. Oral presentation at the 26th Himalayan Linguistics Symposium, INALCO Paris.

Holz, Rolf & **Naomi Peck**. 2023. Related but divergent: Clausal nominalisations in Kera'a and Tawrä. Oral presentation at the 26th Himalayan Linguistics Symposium, INALCO Paris.

Reinöhl, Uta, Kirsten Culhane, **Naomi Peck** & Wifek Bouaziz. 2023. The loss of word-initial consonants in Kera'a: a challenge for phonological theory. Oral presentation at the 26th International Conference of Historical Linguistics, University of Heidelberg.

Peck, Naomi. 2023. Serial verb constructions package information, not events. Oral presentation at the 16th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf.

Reinöhl, Uta, Kirsten Culhane, Simon Fries, **Naomi Peck** & Maria Vollmer. 2023. "One new idea" constraint holds cross-linguistically even in "flat" expressions. Oral presentation at the 16th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf.

Reinöhl, Uta, Kirsten Culhane, **Naomi Peck** & Wifek Bouaziz. 2023. The loss of word-initial consonants in Kera'a: a challenge for phonological theory. Oral presentation at the 12th North-East Indian Linguistics Society Conference, Gauhati University.

Peck, Naomi & Laura Becker. 2022. Towards typologising silent pauses. Oral presentation at the 14th Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology, University of Texas Austin.

Peck, Naomi. 2022. Are all serial verb constructions realised in a single intonation unit? Poster presentation at the 14th Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology, University of Texas Austin.

Peck, Naomi. 2021. Multi-verbal expressions and the "one intonation unit" constraint. Oral presentation at Language Documentation and Linguistic Theory 6, SOAS/Online.

Peck, Naomi & Laura Becker. 2021. Syntactic pausing? Re-examining the associations. Oral presentation at Language Documentation and Linguistic Theory 6, SOAS/Online.

Peck, Naomi, Constantijn Kaland & T. Mark Ellison. 2021. An initial exploration of the interaction of tone and intonation in Kera'a. Poster presentation at the 1st Intonation Conference on Tone and Intonation, Sonderborg/Online.

Peck, Naomi. 2021. Piloting a multivariate approach to complex verbal constructions: Kera'a (Idu) SVCs and other multi-verbal expressions. Oral presentation at SEALSXXX, Online. https://youtu.be/U8VTaQ1K_e4

Peck, Naomi, Kirsten Culhane & Maria Vollmer. 2021. Comparing cues: a mixed methods study of intonation unit boundaries in three typologically diverse languages. Oral presentation at the 43rd Annual Conference of the German Linguistic Society (DGfS), Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg/Online.

Peck, Naomi. 2020. The phonetics and phonology of Mindri, a dialect of Kera'a (Idu). Oral presentation at ICSTLL53, University of North Texas/Online. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQdzfjKntxc>

Peck, Naomi. 2019. Problematizing the typology of comparison: the lexicalisation of implicit comparison. Poster presentation at the 13th Conference of the Association of Linguistic Typology, University of Pavia.

Donohue, Mark & **Naomi Peck.** 2019. Valency change in Bumthang, and the grammaticalisations of ‘give’. Oral presentation at the 25th Himalayan Languages Symposium, University of Sydney.

Ananthanarayan, Sunkulp, Eri Kashima, **Naomi Peck** & Siva Kalyan. 2019. Linguistic cartography: Mapping linguistic theory. Poster presentation at the Eighteenth Texas Linguistics Society, University of Texas at Austin.

Peck, Naomi. 2018. The comparative verb in Bumthang. Poster presentation at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain, University of Sheffield.

Peck, Naomi. 2017. What makes an adjective?: The coding of property modification in Bumthang. Oral presentation at the 48th Annual Meeting of the Australian Linguistics Society, University of Sydney.

Donohue, Mark & **Naomi Peck.** 2016. Areal typology, history, and a central Bhutanese language. Oral presentation at the 47th Annual Meeting of the Australian Linguistics Society, Monash University.

Peck, Naomi, Mark Donohue & Thomas Wyatt. 2016. Polarity, case marking and aspect in Bumthang, a central Bhutanese language. Oral presentation at the 47th Annual Meeting of the Australian Linguistics Society, Monash University.

Peck, Naomi. 2016. Learning linguistics and history from Bhutanese Noun Phrases. Poster presentation at the 2nd ANU Student Research Conference, Canberra. <http://hdl.handle.net/1885/108974>

Miscellaneous Publications

Reinöhl, Uta, **Naomi Peck** & Wifek Bouaziz. To appear. Kera’a Archive. Language Archive Cologne.

Peck, Naomi. 2025. Kera’a Corpus. OSF. doi:10.17605/OSF.IO/UX6PV

Peck, Naomi. 2024. Multiple predicates, multiple events? Testing the One New Idea constraint beyond non-hierarchical constructions. Workshop “How much is too much? The one-new-idea constraint and related phenomena at the information-intonation interface”, University of Freiburg, 12 July 2024.

Reinöhl, Uta, Maria Vollmer, Kirsten Culhane, Simon Fries & **Naomi Peck.** 2024. “One new idea” constraint holds cross-linguistically even in serial verb constructions and flat nominal expressions. Workshop “How much is too much? The one-new-idea constraint and related phenomena at the information-intonation interface”, University of Freiburg, 12 July 2024.

Kaland, Constantijn, **Naomi Peck,** T. Mark Ellison & Uta Reinöhl. 2021. An initial exploration of the interaction of tone and intonation in Kera’a. *Conference Proceedings of the 1st International Conference on Tone and Intonation.*

Rumsey, Alan, Andrew Noma, Lauren Reed, **Naomi Peck,** Charlotte van Tongeren & Stephanie Yam. To appear. ACQDIV portion of the Ku Waru Child Language Socialization Study (KWCLSS).

Donohue, Mark (collector), Thomas Wyatt (researcher) & **Naomi Peck** (researcher). In preparation. *Bumthang 2015 Field Methods Materials* (KJZ1), Digital collection managed by PARADISEC.

Donohue, Mark (collector), Thomas Wyatt (researcher) & **Naomi Peck** (researcher). In preparation. *Bumthang and Dzongkha 2016 Archive* (KJZ2), Digital collection managed by PARADISEC.

Donohue, Mark (collector) & **Naomi Peck** (researcher). In preparation. *Bumthang Materials collected in 2013, 2014 and 2017* (KJZ3), Digital collection managed by PARADISEC.

I have also coded 110 language datasets as part of Grambank. These datasets can be found here: <https://grambank.cild.org/contributors/NP>

Third-Party Funding

Total:	4,150€	
2026.06	150€	Konferenzreisen University of Bremen
2026.01	900€	Kongressreisen DAAD
2025.08	500€	Reisenkostenzuschuss Faculty of Philology, University of Freiburg
2023.07	2,600€	Dissertation Completion Scholarship Landesgraduiertenförderung, Baden-Württemberg

Teaching Experience

2026.04-07	University of Bremen Corpus Linguistics Academic Writing
2025.10-2026.02	University of Freiburg Academic Writing and Argumentation Linguistic communication and outreach: Infographics
2025.04-08	University of Freiburg Field Methods
2024.10-2025.02	University of Freiburg Diversity in the world's languages
2024.03-07	University of Freiburg Field Methods Linguistic communication and outreach: Exhibiting Linguistics
2022.08	Junge Sprachwissenschaft e.V. Workshop Introduction to fieldwork: From elicitation to ELAN
2022.03-07	University of Freiburg

Field Methods (with Kirsten Culhane)

2022.02

Junge Sprachwissenschaft e.V. Workshop
Introduction to fieldwork: From elicitation to ELAN

Reviewing Experience

Journal of the Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain, Himalayan Linguistics, Journal of Open Humanities Data, Cahiers de Linguistique Asie Orientale

Professional Development

2026.05 Lehrportfolio
2025.03 Teaching Academic Writing
2025.01 HISinOne Studiengangskoordination: Prüfungsordnungen pflegen
2025.01 HISinOne Studiengangskoordination: Belegungs- und Verteilungsverfahren
2024.11 COMET – Competency-based Examination with Electronic Assessment
2024.11 Service-Learning at an International Level
2024.10-11 Counselling students and supporting their learning process
2024.06 FLOW: Forschendes Lernen
2024.03 Studentische Teamarbeit erfolgreich aufstellen
2023.10-11 Studien- und Abschlussarbeiten betreuen
2022– 2023 AdvanceMent Freiburg @academia
2023.01 Fit für die Lehre – Hochschuldidaktische Grundlagen 2
2023.01 Praxisberatung
2022.11 Arbeiten in und mit diversen Studierendengruppen: Vielfalt als (Lern-)Chance nutzen
2022.06 Ready, Set, Teach – How To Engage Your Students
2022.05 Praxisberatung
2022.04 Fit für die Lehre – Hochschuldidaktische Grundlagen 1

Professional Memberships

Current: Association of Linguistic Typology, LinguisticA e.V., Diversity in Linguistics, International Cognitive Linguistics Society, Association for Diversity in Linguistics, Junge Sprachwissenschaft e.V., Societas Linguistica Europaea, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Linguistik, Gesellschaft für Bedrohte Sprachen

Previous: Australian Linguistics Society

Engagement

2025–
Scientific committee of Transalpine Typology Meeting

2024

Head curator of exhibition “Zur Sprache kommen: Forschung zu bedrohter Sprachen sichtbar gemacht”, Uniseum Freiburg 2024.06-2024.08

Co-organiser of workshop “How much is too much? The one-new-idea constraint and related phenomena at the information-intonation interface”, University of Freiburg, 12 July 2024

2023

Doctoral representative for the Hermann Paul School for Linguistics, Freiburg

2022

Co-organiser, Hermann Paul School for Linguistics Day 2022, Freiburg

2021

Co-organiser, 17th Sprachwissenschaftliche Tagung für Promotionsstudierende (STaPs17),
Online/Freiburg

2017

Volunteer, 3rd Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language Summer School

Volunteer, 12th Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology

2016-2017

Chair, Language Diversity at ANU, ANUSA Committee

2016

People's Choice Award and Highly Commended Award, 2nd ANU Student Research Conference

Languages

- English: native speaker (Australian English)
- Korean: advanced level (~TOPIK 5)
- German: advanced level (telc B2 exam passed)
- French: academic reading
- Japanese: intermediate level (~JLPT N3)

References

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