



**Curriculum Vitae  
Klaus Abels, Ph.D.**

**Education**

- 1993- 1998   **Masters Program in Translation (Diplomübersetzer) at Humboldt University Berlin (Germany)**  
Thesis (July 2001): *Zur Kasuswahl beim direkten Objekt in verneinten Sätzen im Russischen: Eine übersetzungsrelevante Studie zur Syntax und Semantik*  
Advisor: Professor Monika Doherty
- 1995       **Semester at Moscow Linguistic State University**
- 1996       **3rd Central European Summerschool of Generative Linguistics in Olomouc (Czech Republic)**
- 1997       **4th Central European Summerschool of Generative Linguistics in Olomouc (Czech Republic)**
- 1998 – 2003   **Graduate Program in Linguistics (University of Connecticut)**  
Ph.D. Thesis: *Successive Cyclicity, Anti- Locality, and Adposition Stranding.*  
Advisory Committee: Željko Bošković (main advisor), Howard Lasnik, William Snyder
- 2000       **7th Central European Summerschool of Generative Linguistics in Blagoevgrad (Bulgaria)**

**Positions Held**

- 2003- 2004   **Postdoctoral Researcher in the Project *Informationsstruktur russischer nicht-deklarativer Sätze und ihr Zusammenhang mit Wortstellung und Prosodie***
- 2004- present **Associate Professor (Førsteamanuensis), Dept. of Language and Linguistics, University of Tromsø (Norway).**

**Awards and Honors**

- 1987       **Third Prize in the German Federal Mathematics Competition (Bundeswettbewerb Mathematik)**
- 1998- 1999   **Fulbright Grant**
- 1999       **Quadrille Ball Scholarship of the American Germanistic Society**
- 1999- 2003   **Predoctoral Fellowship at the University of Connecticut**

**Other Professional Experience**

- 1996- 1998   **Research assistant in Prof. Doherty's research project: *Das Verhältnis zwischen Position und Expliztheit bei Übersetzungen satzartiger Modifikatoren (The relation between position and explicitness in the translations of clause- like modifiers)* funded by the German Research Fundation (DFG).**
- 1996- 1998   **Member of the Student Council at the Department for Slavonic Languages at Humboldt University.**
- 1999- 2001   **Chair of the Colloquium Committee of the Linguistics Club at the University of Connecticut**

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- 1999- 2000 Research Assistant for A. Calabrese, Ž Bošković, and S. Beck.
- 2001- 2002 Editorial assistant for The Linguistic Review.
- 2001- 2002 President of the Linguistics Club at the University of Connecticut
- 2001- present Member of the Organizing Committee of the Central European Summerschool in Generative Linguistics.
- 2003 Organization of the First joint UConn, UMass, MIT, UMD Graduate Student Syntax workshop (February 2003, Storrs, CT).
- 2006- present Responsible for the CASTL Colloquium series at the Universitetet i Tromsø (Norway).

In addition I have reviewed abstracts for various conferences (e.g., 25<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup> GLOW Colloquia, NELS 34- 37, CONSOLE XIII, 2<sup>nd</sup> Student Conference on Formal Linguistics) and papers for various books and journals (Proceedings of TiLT, Proceedings of SCL 19, Lingua, Linguistic Inquiry, Linguistics and Philosophy, Morphology, Nordic Journal of Linguistics).

### Languages

I am a native speaker of German, have near native competence in English, am fluent in Russian, have a working command of Norwegian, read French, and have some familiarity with Latin, Spanish and Czech.

I have done research on German, Russian, English, Serbo- Croatian, Papiamentu, Gbadi, and Kĩĩtharaka.

### Teaching

I can teach general linguistics and phonology at an introductory level, semantics at undergraduate and introductory graduate levels, and syntactic theory and comparative syntax at all levels.

### Teaching Experience

- 1999- 2000 Teaching assistant for graduate level introduction to semantics with Sigrid Beck.
- 2000 “Introduction to Locality” taught at the 7th Central European Summerschool of Generative Linguistics (Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria).
- 2000- 2003 Teaching assistant for undergraduate introduction to linguistics.
- 2001 “Introduction to Locality” and “The Syntax of Linearization” taught at the 8th Central European Summerschool of Generative Linguistics (Niš, Yugoslavia).
- 2001 English 104 (Basic Writing). Freshman introduction to academic writing.
- 2002 “Linguistics is Biology – Introduction to Basic Issues and Concepts” and “The Syntax of P-stranding” taught at the 9<sup>th</sup> Central European Summerschool of Generative Linguistics (Novi Sad, Yugoslavia).
- 2003 “Dominance for Phonologists and Precedence for Syntacticians” co-taught with Andrew Nevins (MIT) at the 10<sup>th</sup> Central European Summerschool of Generative Linguistics (Lublin, Poland).
- 2003 Research Seminar in Syntax “Anti- Locality and Successive Cyclicity” taught at the University of the Witwatersrand (Johannesburg, South Africa).
- 2004 “Einführung in den Minimalismus für Fortgeschrittene” Ph.D. program University Leipzig (Germany).
- 2004 Advanced Seminar: Anatomie der Bewegung co-taught with Luka Szucsich (Leipzig, Germany).

- 2004 HIF 3010: Syntax I co-taught with Gillian Ramchand (Tromsø, Norway).  
2004 ENG 2080: English and its closest relatives (Tromsø, Norway).  
2005 HIF 3011: Syntax II co-taught with Gillian Ramchand (Tromsø, Norway).  
2005 ENG 1010: English Grammar I (Tromsø, Norway).  
2005 LIN 1011: Syntax (Tromsø, Norway).  
2005 "Introduction to Generative Grammar" taught at the 12<sup>th</sup> Central European  
Summerschool of Generative Linguistics (Wroclaw, Poland).  
2005 HIF 3010: Syntax I co-taught Gillian Ramchand (Tromsø, Norway).  
2005 ENG 2080: English and its closest relatives (Tromsø, Norway).  
2006 LIN 8051: Advanced Seminar in Theoretical Linguistics: Greenberg's Universal 20  
(Tromsø, Norway).  
2005 "Antisymmetrie als Erklärung?" Ph.D. program University Leipzig (Germany).  
2006 ENG 1010: English Grammar I (Tromsø, Norway).  
2006 LIN 1011: Syntax (Tromsø, Norway).  
2006 HIF 3011: Syntax II co-taught with Gillian Ramchand (Tromsø, Norway).  
2006 "Remnant Bewegung und rechts- links Asymmetrien" Ph.D. program University  
Leipzig (Germany) .  
2006 HIF 3010: Syntax I co-taught with Gillian Ramchand (Tromsø, Norway).  
2006 Mathematics for Linguists PhD-level course (Tromsø, Norway).  
2006 Philosophy of Science PhD- level course co-taught with Rani Lil- Anjum (Tromsø,  
Norway).

#### Theses Supervised

- 2006 Arylova, Aysa: Infinitival Complementation in Russian. MA Thesis.  
2006 Glushan, Zhanna: Japanese Style Scrambling in Russian – Myth and Reality. MA  
Thesis.  
In progress Yamato, Naoyuki: A comparative study of embedded V2 in Northern Norwegian  
and embedded topic- marking in Japanese. MA Thesis.  
In progress Muriungi, Peter: Decomposing Lexical Categories – Morpheme Order and  
Functional Structure in Kĩtharaka. Ph.D. Thesis. (Co- supervision with Michal  
Starke).

#### Presentations

##### Conference Presentations:

- 2000 FASL 9: The Predicate Cleft Construction in Russian, Bloomington, IN.  
2000 FASL 9: Collective Numerals - a wrongly named, half forgotten, and endangered species  
(poster), Bloomington, IN.  
2001 24th GLOW Colloquium: On How Phrase Structure Constrains Linearization, Braga,  
Portugal.  
2001 ACME Balkanica Conference: Clitics as complements of prepositions - What Serbo-  
Croatian tells us about preposition stranding, Montreal, Canada.  
2001 FASL 10: Expletive (?) Negation, Ann Arbor, MI.  
2001 TiLT: On a Modular View of Head Movement, Utrecht, The Netherlands.  
2001 HUMIT: On an alleged argument for the Proper Binding Condition, Cambridge, MA.  
2001 UConn/UMass/MIT Semantics workshop: Is there any reason why NPI are licensed in  
questions?, Storrs, CT.  
2001 FDSL 4: \*[P clitic]! – Why?, Potsdam, Germany.

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- 2002 26 UPenn Colloquium: Auxiliary- Adverb Word Order Revisited, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2002 XII Colloquium on Generative Grammar: Auxiliary- Adverb Word Order Revisited, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2002 FASL 11: A note on clitics and P-stranding (poster), Amherst, MA.
- 2002 NELS 33: On the Rhetorical Effect of Minimizers in Questions (poster), Cambridge, MA.
- 2003 IAP workshop on Phases and the EPP, January 17, 2003: Phases, cyclicity, and stranding, Cambridge, MA.
- 2003 27 UPenn Colloquium: Who gives a damn about the environment? – Minimizers in Questions, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2003 Ninth Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference: On the category and base position of R-words, Buffalo, NY.
- 2003 Semantics and Linguistic Theory 13: Who gives a damn about minimizers in questions?, Seattle, WA.
- 2003 NELS 34: Right Node Raising: Ellipsis or Across the Board Movement?, Stony Brook, NY.
- 2004 Annual Workshop of the Forschergruppe *Sprachtheoretische Grundlagen der Kognitionswissenschaft – sprachliches und konzeptuelles Wissen: Zur Debatte um den Satztyp 'Exklamativ'*. Universität Leipzig, Germany.
- 2004 Workshop *Interface and Interface Conditions: Zur Kompatibilität von Frageprädikaten und eingebetteten Exklamativen*. Universität Leipzig, Germany.
- 2004 Workshop *Syntax, Semantics, and Pragmatics of Questions* at ESSLLI XVI: Deriving selectional properties of 'exclamative' predicates. Nancy, France.
- 2004 Sinn und Bedeutung IX: Remarks on Grimshaw's Clausal Typology. Nijmegen, Holland.
- 2005 Colloquium on Generative Grammar XV: Resumptive Pronouns and the Copy Theory of Movement. Barcelona, Spain.
- 2005 Focus in African Languages: The Focus Particle in Kitharaka. Berlin, Germany. (with Peter Muriungi).
- 2006 Universal 20 without the LCA (with Ad Neeleman, UCL). GLOW 29, Barcelona, Spain.

#### Invited Lectures:

- 2001 How many basic relations does the grammar need? Colloquium given at the University of Leipzig, Germany.
- 2003 Successive Cyclicity, Economy, and Immobility. Colloquium given at the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa.
- 2004 One generalization about preposition stranding and its consequences. Talk given at the University of Tromsø, Norway.
- 2004 Antilocality: when shortest move goes awry. Colloquium given at the University of the Basque Country in Vitoria, Spain.
- 2004 Preposition Stranding and the Limits of Locality Theory. Colloquium given at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- 2004 Zur Selektion von Fragen durch 'exclamative' Prädikate und von Exklamativen durch Frageprädikate. Talk given at ZAS, Berlin.
- 2005 Antisymmetrie als Erklärung? Colloquium talk given at University Leipzig.
- 2006 Warum es keine rückläufigen gekreuzten Abhängigkeiten gibt. Colloquium talk given at University Leipzig.

#### Publications and Manuscripts

Abels, Klaus. (1999). 'Simple' and 'Collective' Cardinals in Russian. Ms. Univ. of Connecticut, Storrs.

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- Abels, Klaus. (2001). *Move?* General Examination Paper. University of Connecticut, Storrs.
- Abels, Klaus. (2001). On a Modular View of Head Movement. Ms. Univ. of Connecticut, Storrs.
- Abels, Klaus. (2002). Expletive (?) Negation. In *Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics 10*, ed. Jindrich Toman, 1- 21. Bloomington, ID: Michigan Slavic Publications.
- Abels, Klaus. (2002). On an alleged argument for the Proper Binding Condition. In *Proceedings of the Second HUMIT Conference*, eds. Tania Ionin, Heejeong Ko, and Andrew Nevins. Cambridge, MA: MIT Working papers in linguistics, 1- 16.
- Abels, Klaus. (2002). Thoughts on NPIs in Questions. General Examination Paper. University of Connecticut, Storrs
- Abels, Klaus. (2003). \*[P clitic] – Why? In *Proceedings of FDSL 4*.
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- Abels, Klaus. (2003). Successive Cyclicity, Anti- locality and Adposition Stranding. Ph.D. Thesis. University of Connecticut, Storrs.
- Abels, Klaus. (2003). Who gives a damn about minimizers in questions? In *Proceedings of SALT 13*.
- Abels, Klaus. (2004). Deriving Selectional properties of 'exclamative' predicates. In *ESSLI XVI, workshop on Syntax, Semantics, and Pragmatics of Questions*.
- Abels, Klaus. (2004). Why *surprise-* predicates do not embed polar interrogatives. In *Linguistische Arbeitsberichte*. Leipzig.p. 203- 222.
- Abels, Klaus. (2005). 'Expletive Negation' in Russian: A Conspiracy Theory. *Journal of Slavic Linguistics 13.1*.
- Abels, Klaus. (2005). Revolution #9 – Not by the Beatles. In University of Connecticut Working Papers in Linguistics. p. 1- 32
- Abels, Klaus. (2005) Remarks on Grimshaw's Clausal Typology. In Emar Maier, Corien Bary, and Janneke Huitink, editors, *Proceedings of SuB9*. p. 1- 15.
- Abels, Klaus. (2005) Review of Marcus Kracht (2003): *The Mathematics of Language*. *Linguistlist 2005;16(2247)*.
- Abels, Klaus. (2006). Successive Cyclicity, Anti- locality, and Adposition Stranding. In: *Minimalism – The Essential Readings*. Bošković, Željko and Lasnik, Howard (eds). Malden, Blackwell Publishing. p. 219- 223.
- Abels, Klaus. (2006). The focus particle in Kĩĩtharaka. In *ZAS Papers in Linguistics 46:1- 20*. (with Peter Muriungi)
- Abels, Klaus. (to appear). Towards a restrictive theory of movement: Improper movement, remnant movement, and a linear asymmetry. *Linguistic Variation Yearbook 7*.
- Abels, Klaus. (to appear). Universal 20 without the LCA. In *Proceedings of GLOW 29*.
- Abels, Klaus. (to appear). Deriving selectional properties of 'expletive' predicates. In: *Interface and Interface conditions*. Späth, Andreas (ed). DeGruyter, Berlin.
- Abels, Klaus. (to appear). Successive Cyclicity, Anti- locality, and Adposition Stranding. (to appear as a volume in *Linguistische Arbeiten*, Niemeyer Verlag).
- Abels, Klaus. (under review). Left- right asymmetries and the LCA (with Ad Neeleman).
- Abels, Klaus. (under review). The Focus Particle in Kĩĩtharaka: Syntax and Semantics (with Peter Muriungi).