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## Education

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- PhD**            **Nanyang Technological University, Singapore**  
Linguistics and Multilingual Studies, August 2024 – present
- Study emphases: Conversation Analysis, Interactional Linguistics, Kazakh Linguistics
- MA**             **Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan**  
Eurasian Studies, August 2022 – June 2024
- Study emphases: Kazakh Linguistics, Quantitative Approaches in Linguistics, Discourse & Grammar & Interaction
  - Thesis: [“The Distribution of Relative Clauses in Kazakh Conversations”](#)  
Supervisors:  
Dr. Giorgia Troiani (primary, UC Santa Barbara/Nazarbayev University)  
Dr. Andrey Filchenko (secondary, Nazarbayev University)  
Dr. Sandra Auderset (external, University of Bern)
  - Relevant Coursework: Quantitative Methods (Statistics with RStudio), Disciplinary Methodology, Qualitative Research Methods, Discourse and Grammar, Introduction to Old Turkic, Language Contact in Central Asia
  - Workshops attended: The Spring School on Language Variation and Change, University of Bologna (Bologna, Italy), May 2023, topics covered: fundamentals of usage-based approaches to linguistics variation, quantitative/computational approaches to language variation and change, interactional linguistics, the theory of Grammar Network.
  - Final grade: Graduated with Honors
- BA**             **Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan**  
World Languages, Literature, and Culture, Aug 2018 – June 2022
- Study emphases: Linguistics, Cognitive-functional and Typological Approaches to Linguistic Studies, Mandarin, Writing and Rhetoric Studies
  - Capstone: “Relative Clauses in Modern Spoken Kazakh” - Supervisor: Dr. Andrey Filchenko
  - Relevant Coursework: Introduction to Linguistics, Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology, Research Methods in Linguistics, Sounds of the World’s Languages (Phonetics & Phonology), Language Diversity and Language Universals (Linguistic Typology), The Art and Science of Analyzing Languages: Morphosyntax of the World’s Languages, Languages of Eurasia, Multilingualism and Language Contact, Language

Variation and Change, Discourse Analysis, Psycholinguistics, Mandarin (Beginner, Intermediate, Upper Intermediate), various courses on rhetoric and composition.

- Additional courses on writing pedagogy: Writing Fellows I — Composition and Collaboration in Theory and Practice, Writing Fellows II — Practicum in Composition and Collaboration
- Final grade: Magna Cum Laude

## Publications

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Troiani, Giorgia, John W. Du Bois, Gulnar Sarseke, Andrey Filchenko, Ilnar Salimzianov, Nikolay Mikhailov, Fatima Moldashova, **Akyl Akanov** Moldir Bizhanova, Dameliya Koishybayeva, Aigerim Khamitova, Tomiris Nurgalieva, Akmaral Seiilbek, Bibarys Seitak, Bota Tursunova, Asem Yelubay. “Remote Workflow as Educational Opportunity: The Experience of the Multimodal Corpus of Spoken Kazakh Language.” Coyote Papers. <https://repository.arizona.edu/handle/10150/665201>.

## Conference Presentations

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Giorgia Troiani, Andrey Filchenko, John W. Du Bois, Gulnar Sarseke, Ilnar Salimzianov, Nikolay Mikhailov, **Akyl Akanov**, Sabina Aubakirova, Moldir Bizhanova, Laila Duisenova, Madina Kelessova, Aigerim Khamitova, Alyona Krapivina, Gulnar Mamayeva, Tomiris Nurgalieva, Akmaral Seiilbek, Bybaris Seitak, and Bota Tursunova. “The innovative nature of remote data collection for lesser-studied varieties: the experience of the Multimodal Corpus of Spoken Kazakh Language”. Arizona Linguistics Circle 15. (October 15-17, 2021, Tuscon: University of Arizona)

**Akyl Akanov** and Giorgia Troiani. “The Distribution of Relative Clauses in Kazakh conversation”. Central Eurasian Studies Society: Annual Conference (October 19-22, 2023, Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh)

**Akyl Akanov**. “The Distribution of Relative Clauses in Modern Spoken Kazakh.” AUA - UM International Academic Conference on Corpus Linguistics 2023: New Trends in Language and Linguistics Studies (November 24-25, 2023, Kuala-Lumpur: University of Malay)

**Akyl Akanov**. “The Distribution of Relative Clause Constructions in Kazakh Conversation”. 2<sup>nd</sup> Eurasian Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences at NU (November 24-25, 2023, Astana: Nazarbayev University)

## Research & Teaching Experience

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**Research Assistant**, Multimedia Corpus of Modern Spoken Kazakh Language, February 2021 — present (contract), Nazarbayev University

- Responsibilities: collection of naturally occurring, conversational data, transcription (Discourse-Functional Transcription, phonetic transcription), and annotation (on ELAN), conducting research using corpus data, recruiting research assistants, quality control, data management & archiving, workflow design

**Volunteer Instructor of Kazakh as a foreign language**, Nazarbayev University International Students and Faculty Association, August 2023 — December 2023 (on a volunteer basis)

**Writing Fellow**, Nazarbayev University Writing Center, Fall 2020 (as part of the Writing Fellows II — Practicum in Composition and Collaboration course)

- Responsibilities: assisting the students of the HST 223 - Cannibalism and Civilization course with their midterm and final papers.

**English Tutor**, SkySmart, January 2020 – July 2020 (part-time)

## Volunteering

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**Peer Mentor**, Nazarbayev University Academic Advising Unit, January 2022 – April 2022

**Translator**, Khan Academy Qazaq Club, Nazarbayev University, November 2020 – December 2020.

- I was part of a team that was responsible for translating the content of the American educational platform “Khan Academy” from English to Kazakh.

## Languages

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Kazakh	Mother tongue
Russian	Fluent
English	Fluent
	IELTS Academic – 8.5/9.0 (as of February 2024)
Mandarin	Intermediate
	HSK Level 4 — 270/300, HSKK Intermediate – 74/100 (Pass, as of February 2022)

## Technical Skills

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ELAN	Good
RStudio	Good
JavaScript	Basic
Python	Basic