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Curriculum vitae

I am a principal investigator at the University of Helsinki, leading a research project on language diversification and spread in the north. I work with languages of the Arctic, languages of Siberia, and the Uralic languages. My research interests span language documentation and description, linguistic and sociolinguistic typology, and language change. In historical linguistics I focus on integration of linguistic, sociolinguistic, and interdisciplinary evidence. My publications include papers on Enets grammar, typology, historical sociolinguistics, and history of the Uralic languages; I have been also preparing for publication legacy materials in Northern Samoyedic. In 2021 I co-edited a special issue of *International Journal of Bilingualism* with the title 'Typology of small-scale multilingualism' (with Nina Dobrushina and Brigitte Pakendorf), and now I am co-editing a collective volume *Language change in the Arctic* (with Lenore Grenoble).

Employment

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Research outputs

The design principles of a sociolinguistic typological questionnaire for language contact research
Kashima, E., Di Garbo, F., Singer, R. & Khanina, O., 17 Jan 2025, In: *Language Dynamics and Change*. 15, 1, 103 p.

Cultural reconstruction: How to infer the cultural environment of ancestral speakers

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Towards an integrated account of the history of Northern Samoyedic

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Languages of Hunter-Gatherers through a Historical-Typological Lens [Book review]

Khanina, O., Dec 2021, In: *Finnisch-Ugrische Forschungen*. 66, p. 239-257 19 p.

A typology of small-scale multilingualism

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Практики многоязычия в низовьях Енисея: опыт социолингвистического описания ситуации в прошлом

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Возможности цифровых технологий: описание аллофонов передних гласных, гортанного смычного и объектного согласования глагола в энецком языке

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Сочинительные стратегии энецкого языка

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Императивные формы в энецком языке

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The symbiosis of descriptive linguistics and typology: A case study of desideratives

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Finite structures in Forest Enets subordination: a case study of language change under strong Russian influence

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Желание: когнитивно-функциональный портрет

Khanina, O., 2004, In: Voprosy Jazykoznanija. 2004, 4, p. 136-169 34 p.

Activities

An interdisciplinary reconstruction of the human past in the Northern Samoyedic area

Khanina, O. (Speaker), Rudaya, N. (Speaker), Gusev, V. (Speaker), Erkhemjargal, B. (Speaker) & Idimeshev, A. (Speaker)

6 Sept 2024 → 7 Sept 2024

Northern Samoyedic wordlists in the Uralex database

Khanina, O. (Speaker), Gusev, V. (Speaker) & Koryakov, Y. (Speaker)

6 Sept 2024 → 7 Sept 2024

From subgrouping debates to understanding language change: a case study of related languages in contact

Khanina, O. (Speaker) & Gusev, V. (Speaker)

23 Aug 2024

57th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE 2024)

Khanina, O. (Member of organizing committee)

20 Aug 2024 → 24 Aug 2024

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20 Aug 2024 → 24 Aug 2024

Languages (Journal)

Khanina, O. (Reviewer)

Aug 2024 → Oct 2024

Language spread in the Arctic: a study in sociolinguistics and language history

Khanina, O. (Speaker)

31 May 2024

Linguistic isoglosses as a window into the social past of Northern Siberia

Khanina, O. (Speaker)

23 May 2024

NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES

Khanina, O. (Chair of organizing committee) & Khanina, O. (Scientific Committee Chair)

23 May 2024 → 24 May 2024

Language change under intermittent contact: an Arctic perspective

Khanina, O. (Speaker)

3 Nov 2023

Small-scale multilingualism, language change, typology, and beyond

Khanina, O. (Chair of organizing committee)

3 Nov 2023

Language diversification within Uralic

Khanina, O. (Scientific Committee Chair)

26 Oct 2023 → 27 Oct 2023

Language diversification within Uralic

Khanina, O. (Chair of organizing committee)

26 Oct 2023 → 27 Oct 2023

Northward spread of Samoyedic

Khanina, O. (Speaker) & Kaheinen, K. A. M. (Speaker)

26 Oct 2023

'Language change in case of intermittent contact of related lects'

Khanina, O. (Speaker) & Gusev, V. (Speaker)

31 Aug 2023

Workshop 'Language change in the Arctic' at the 56th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea.

Khanina, O. (Scientific Committee Chair) & Grenoble, L. (Scientific Committee Chair)

30 Aug 2023 → 1 Sept 2023

Summer School in Samoyedic Languages

Khanina, O. (Chair of organizing committee)

29 May 2023 → 2 Jun 2023

Summer School in Samoyedic Languages

Khanina, O. (Speaker: Keynote)

29 May 2023 → 2 Jun 2023

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Khanina, O. (Host)

1 May 2023 → 30 Jun 2023

Asia-Pacific language variation (Journal)

Khanina, O. (Reviewer)

2023

Glossa contact (Journal)

Khanina, O. (Member of editorial board)

2023 → ...

Italian Journal of Linguistics (Journal)

Khanina, O. (Reviewer)

2023 → ...

Language diversification and spread in the North: the Samoyedic story

Khanina, O. (Speaker)

25 Nov 2022

The history of the Enets spread [История расселения энцев]

Khanina, O. (Speaker)

19 Oct 2022

Command of Tundra Enets among the Nganasans in the 20th cent.

Khanina, O. (Speaker)

1 Oct 2022

Tundra Enets over the last two centuries

Khanina, O. (Speaker)

8 Sept 2022 → 9 Sept 2022

Enets: between Nenets and Nganasan

Khanina, O. (Speaker) & Gusev, V. (Speaker)

21 Aug 2022 → 26 Aug 2022

Interdisciplinary evidence for northbound waves of Samoyedic migrations

Khanina, O. (Speaker)

21 Aug 2022 → 26 Aug 2022

Lower Yenisei: Integrating historical linguistics and sociolinguistics

Khanina, O. (Speaker)

1 Jun 2022 → 3 Jun 2022

One grammar for several lects

Khanina, O. (Speaker)

2 Dec 2021

Cultural reconstruction

Khanina, O. (Invited speaker) & Epps, P. (Invited speaker)

16 Nov 2021

VIII Международная конференция по самодистике

Lukin, K. (Speaker: Presenter) & Khanina, O. (Speaker: Presenter)

15 Sept 2021 → 18 Sept 2021

Towards a holistic understanding of the linguistic past: the Northern Samoyedic case

Khanina, O. (Speaker) & Gusev, V. (Speaker)

2 Sept 2021

Conference "Typology of small-scale multilingualism 2"

Khanina, O. (Member of organizing committee)

16 Aug 2021 → 18 Aug 2021

Finnisch-Ugrische Forschungen (Journal)

Khanina, O. (Reviewer)

2021 → ...

International Journal of Bilingualism (Journal)

Khanina, O. (Reviewer)

2021

Languages of Tajmyr

Khanina, O. (Speaker)

10 Sept 2018 → 14 Sept 2018