

**Gastdozentur von Prof. Dr. Miina Norvik (Universität Tartu, Estland)
im Institut für Finnougristik / Uralistik**

26.–29. Januar 2026

Dr. Miina Norvik is Associate Professor of Finnic Languages and Language Typology at the University of Tartu. Her research primarily focuses on structural features of the minor Finnic languages (e.g., Livonian, South Estonian, Veps, Karelian, Ludian) and their main contact languages. Since 2018, she has been in charge of building the Uralic typological database UraTyp. More recently, her interests have expanded to include the study of interactional practices of Estonians. Miina Norvik is actively involved in interdisciplinary collaborations and currently heads the Collegium for Transdisciplinary Studies in Archaeology, Genetics and Linguistics at the University of Tartu.



Montag, 26. Januar

14–16 Uhr Forschungsschwerpunkte der Uralistik

Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1, Hauptgebäude A 016 oder Zoom

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Continuity and change of structural features: the example of southern Finnic

The presentation focuses on phonological and morphosyntactic features of southern Finnic from an areal typological perspective, examining both change and persistence. The study covers about forty Finnic varieties and roughly one hundred features, primarily from the UraTyp dataset, but extended for detailed analysis. The aim is to compare, for instance, to what extent phonological and morphosyntactic features are responsible for different grouping of these varieties. A further objective is to explore how innovations and geographic factors (center vs. periphery) shape these patterns.

Dienstag, 27. Januar

12–14 Uhr

Ludwigstr. 31, Raum 324

Variation of Estonian in the areal context

The eastern shores of the Baltic Sea have historically served as a meeting point between two language families: Uralic (represented by the Finnic languages) and Indo-European (represented by Baltic, Germanic, and Slavic languages). In this talk, I will focus on a few structural features (e.g., comparative constructions, the formation of polar questions etc.) by examining their distribution within Estonia and beyond. This involves considering both cognate and non-cognate languages.

Mittwoch, 28. Januar

14–16 Uhr

Prof.-Huber-Platz 2, Leharturm W 401

Exploring the UraTyp 2.0 database

In 2022, the typological database of Uralic languages, called UraTyp (Uralic Areal Typology Online, uralic.clld.org), was released. The first version included data on 35 Uralic languages and provided answers to 360 questions about language structure (195 questions originate from Grambank, see grambank.clld.org). Shortly after the initial release, work began on UraTyp 2.0, which will feature more examples, additional languages, and expanded content. In this talk, I will present an overview of the process behind the creation and development of the UraTyp database, discuss the advantages and limitations of the approach taken (incl. how it differs from other resources such as WALS). I will also explore its potential applications in both teaching/learning and research.

Donnerstag, 29. Januar

18:00–19:30 Uhr

Ludwigstr. 31, Raum 327

Eestlaste suhtluskäitumisest

Vestluskursusel on keskmes eestlaste suhtluskäitumine. Materjal põhineb aastatel 2020–2022 tehtud 33 intervjuul. Küsitletute seas oli peaaegu võrdselt nii mehi kui ka naisi, enamik neist olid mittelingvistid. Tutvustan seda, mida küsitletud arvavad vormide *sina* ja *teie* kasutusest ning kuidas suhtuvad viisakusvestlusesse (nn *small talk*). Samuti toon näiteid vastustest, kus eestlased mainisid sarnasusi või erinevusi suhtlemisel mõne muu rahvuse esindajatega. Vestluskursusel osalejatel on võimalus vestlust rikastada enda näidete ja kogemustega.

Small talk'i kohta võib soojenduseks lugeda eesti- või ingliskeelset artiklit:

[Study: Estonians starting to make small talk | News | ERR](#)

[Uurimus: eestlased on hakanud vaikust viisakusvestlusesse uputama | Kultuur | ERR](#)

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