

## **SPREMI 25 March 2021**

**TIME:** 15:15-17

**PLACE:** <https://aboakademi.zoom.us/j/66312703059> (Meeting ID: 663 1270 3059)

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### **GRAMMATICAL VARIATION IN LOANWORDS**

In this presentation, I will talk about loanwords: how frequent are they? which kinds of words are most often borrowed? and why are loanwords interesting for linguists?

The second part of the talk is about a specific phenomenon: prefix variation in loanverbs in Russian. Russian has two verbal aspects: imperfective and perfective. Most verbs are said to come in so-called "aspectual pairs" with similar lexical meaning but different aspectual meaning. I will discuss my own research on the reasons behind so-called 'prefix variation' in loanverbs (i.e. when an imperfective verb has more than one perfective correlate) and ways to study the meanings of close synonyms.

### **Reference**

Olsson, Gustaf. 2019. "Searching and Finding the Meaning of New Verbs: Prefix Variation of the Russian Verb гуглить 'to google'". *Poljarnyj Vestnik* 22:40–56.