

DARIA SINYAGOVSKAYA

Research Interests:

- Digital Media, AR, VR, Linguistics, Chinese Pedagogical Practices, eLearning, Media Linguistics, Social Media, Electronic Publishing, AI

Education

- (*In Progress*) **PhD** in Texts and Technology, May 2022 – University of Central Florida
- **MA** in Economics, February 2015 - Russian Foreign Trade Academy, Moscow, Russia
- **BA** in Asian and African Studies, June 2012 – Lomonosov Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia
- Portuguese Language Courses at The Faculty of Arts of the University of Porto (FLUP)— July 2017
- Rollins College - Crummer Graduate School of Business the Crummer Management Program – MiniMBA™ at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida - Business Administration and Management, 2017
- Chinese Language Center at National Chengchi University, Taipei City, Taiwan—2010–2011
- Chinese Language Program at Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China – Summer 2009
- Chinese Language Program at Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing, China – Summer 2007

Appointments

Graduate Research Associate University of Central Florida, Center for Humanities and Digital Research, Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Mike Shier August 2018 — present.

- Production Assistant for Florida Philosophical Review (FPR) electronic publications
<https://fpr.cah.ucf.edu>
- Production Assistant for *Autopsy and Everything After* chapbook by Michael Chin
<https://ci.ovationtix.com/34486/store/products/70942>
- Production Assistant in Aquifer at Florida Review anthology
- Research Assistant for Florida Historical Quarterly
- Administrative Experience for Texts and Technology PhD curriculum support
- CHDR Social Media Management
- Video editor and production assistant at CHDR videos
- Promotional video editor (Tableau, CHDR)
- Mock covers for Florida Review chapbook and Aquifer designer
- Market Researcher for Florida Review art collection
- Copyeditor for Rhetoric of Health & Medicine (RHM) journal
- Producer of video for ELLE, the EndLess LEarner VR Language Game
- **Unbulished design projects**

Technical Support Specialist for Digital Storytelling Initiative I Am UCF at University of Central Florida, August 2018 — May 2019.

Conference Proceedings and Presentations

Daria Sinyagovskaya. “*Developing Phonological Awareness with a Game: Introducing Gamification Elements to Chinese Language Pronunciation Practice.*” 6th International Conference on Chinese as a Second Language Research at the George Washington University, Washington D.C.; Aug 2021

Safiya Prysmakova & Daria Sinyagovskaya. “*Enhancing Empathy and Cultural-Sensitivity of Public and Nonprofit Direct Service Providers Using Virtual Reality Technology.*” The 14th Annual UCF Public Administration Research Conference, March 2020

Sahar Eissa & Daria Sinyagovskaya. “*A Critical Discourse Analysis for CNN, MSNBC and FOX News Twitter Accounts on the Coverage of Kavanaugh Sexual Assault Allegations Story.*” 2019 Cultural Studies Association (CSA). Tulane University, New Orleans, LA; June 2019

Daria Sinyagovskaya. “*Teaching Mandarin in the Modern Russian School: Methodology. Interactivity. Results.*” School No. 547 Saint- Petersburg, Russia; May 16th, 2018

Volunteering Experience

Assistant Teacher, Gastschüler in Deutschland e.V. , Schwangau, Germany – June 2015 — July 2015

- Accompanied a group of fifteen middle and high-school students from Russia visiting das Gymnasium mit Internat Hohenschwangau (Boarding school Hohenschwangau) in Germany.
- Planned schedules, excursions, and activities for the Russian students
- Coordinated weekend and after-class activities of the Russian student group with the school staff
- Provided guidance and mentoring to the Russian students on cultural and educational aspects of their course
- Taught German classes to students on the weekends helping them become more fluent in the language and assisted those who were falling behind
- Implemented visualization teaching methods through comics i.e. manga and European comic books

Books & Publications

- Daria Sinyagovskaya. *Easy Chinese. Level 1*, Eksmo, Moscow, 2017
- Daria Sinyagovskaya. Monograph: *Chinese Economic Modernization Experience on the Basis of Borrowing Foreign Technologies* Paleolit, Moscow, 2015

Other Employment

Book Author, EASY CHINESE. Level 1. 简易中文 + CD; Eksmo – Published April 17th, 2017

- Developed a unique Mandarin Chinese teaching methodology: combined the concept of visualization using Japanese manga and traditional foreign language teaching techniques.
- Wrote the script & dialogues based on different grammatical and conversational topics
- Ensured the course is interactive: created exercises for learners to develop their creativity and engage them into conversational practice (role-playing, drawing pictures & describing them, tongue twisters, songs etc.)
- Wrote audio script and guided a team of Chinese professional voice actors to record a CD in a recording studio
- Created and designed a writing practice with comments for developing Chinese writing skills and guidance for the stroke order for each new character in the book
- Ensured consistency of each lesson’s structure
- Applied “learning with all senses” approach: *each lesson* has visual storyboard, reading, speaking, listening & writing practice, and creative exercises.
- Turning the book concept & methodology into digital and multimedia format: currently working with an iOS developer on the *Easy Chinese* app and the *Funny Characters* app

Language Instructor and Tutor, Moscow, Russia & Orlando, FL – April 2012 – Present

- Teaching private students Mandarin, German, English, and Russian languages
- Preparing customized learning programs for each level & age group of students

- Using visualization techniques in classes through movies, songs, comics, pictures, internet etc.
- Implementing role-play and board games in order to motivate students to speak in a fun, vivid environment
- Providing cultural information about the country of the language taught
- Creating a movie-based learning program (Hayao Miyazaki, Jacki Chan, Ang Lee movies)
- Implementing interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational communication approaches
- Preparing homework assignments after each class using digital, audio and video tools
- Teaching in person and remotely (online)

**Senior Chinese Instructor, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation;
Moscow, Russia - August 2015 – October 2015**

- Teaching intensive intermediate & advanced Mandarin language course to Ministry officials.
- Teaching Mandarin classes to Deputy Minister – Head of Russian Chinese Intergovernmental Investment Fund
- Using my methodology and my book *Easy Chinese* as a primarily textbook for classes
- Explaining ways of expression of different cultural patterns through the language

Skills

- Fluent in English, Chinese, Russian, German, French. Portuguese: Intermediate. Dutch: Basic
- Programming languages: C#, JavaScript, Python; Markup languages: HTML, CSS, XML
- Unity game engine, Vuforia, GitHub, XCode
- Microsoft Office, macOS, SmartDraw, Adobe Creative Cloud Suite
- Certificates: Das Deutsche Sprachdiplom der Kulturministerkonferenz Stufe II (C1-C2)
- Crummer Certification in Business Management – Mini-MBA (2017)