

Sergei Sikorskii

Applied linguist · Discourse researcher · University educator

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PROFILE

Researcher in Applied Linguistics and PhD candidate at the Universitat Politècnica de València. My work examines public scrutiny in digital discourse, hostile political evaluation, multimodal communication, corpus-assisted analysis, and the methodological use and validation of AI in linguistic research. I combine qualitative interpretation with corpus-based and statistical methods and bring more than twenty years of experience in language teaching, curriculum development and university education.

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Research-group affiliation: Grupo de Análisis de las Lenguas de Especialidad (GALE), Department of Applied Linguistics, Universitat Politècnica de València.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Mar 2024-present Researcher in Applied Linguistics

Department of Applied Linguistics, Universitat Politècnica de València, Spain

Official UPV contract category: Técnico Superior de Investigación.

2019-2024 English Language Teacher

Freelance and language-school teaching, Valencia, Spain

Academic, professional and general English.

Mar 2009-Apr 2019 English Language Teacher

Business English Language School, Saint Petersburg, Russia

Professional and business English across adult-learning contexts.

Sep 2001-Mar 2009 Lecturer in English and Linguistics

Institute of Linguistics, Russian State Vocational Pedagogical University, Yekaterinburg, Russia

University teaching, course and materials development, and design of a modular training programme for translators.

EDUCATION

2022-present PhD candidate in Applied Linguistics

Universitat Politècnica de València

Doctoral Programme in Languages, Literatures and Cultures and their Applications. Thesis: Hostile Political Evaluation in Platformed Conflict Talk: Appraisal, Public Authority, and Configurational Judgement on X.

2021-2022 Master's Degree in Languages and Technology

Universitat Politècnica de València

Specialisation in Applied Linguistics. Final grade: 10/10.

1996-2001 Specialist Diploma in Foreign Language Education

Ural State Pedagogical University, Yekaterinburg, Russia

Five-year university degree; professional qualification: Teacher of English and German. Overall grade: 4.7/5. Officially recognised in Spain as equivalent to the academic level of a Spanish master's degree.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. Sergei Sikorskii and María Luisa Carrió-Pastor (2026). Appraising impoliteness on X: A case study of Isabel Díaz Ayuso. *Journal of Pragmatics*, 254, 1-15. doi.org/10.1016/j.pragma.2025.12.010
2. Sergei Sikorskii and María Luisa Carrió-Pastor (2026). Mapping language economy strategies in Spanish political discourse on X. *Research Methods in Applied Linguistics*, 5, 100301. doi.org/10.1016/j.rmal.2026.100301
3. Sergei Sikorskii, María Luisa Carrió-Pastor and Giovanni Garofalo (2026). Cross-Linguistic Delegitimization of Women Leaders in Online Political Discourse. *Corpus Pragmatics*, 10, article 18. doi.org/10.1007/s41701-025-00221-5

4. Sergei Sikorskii and María Luisa Carrió-Pastor (2026). The crown in the tempest: Multimodal appraisal and gendered judgment of symbolic authority on X. *Discourse & Society*, 37(4), 746-772. doi.org/10.1177/09579265251380605
5. Sergei Sikorskii and María Luisa Carrió-Pastor (2025). Enhancing LLM Interpretation of Appraisals in Spanish Digital Discourse. *Terra Linguistica*, 16(4), 159-184. doi.org/10.18721/JHSS.16410

ACCEPTED / FORTHCOMING

Sergei Sikorskii. Hostility in High Definition: Gendered Aggression against Female Politicians on X in Spain. *Discourse & Communication*. Accepted for publication.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

1. Sergei Sikorskii. Multimodal Hostility in Ritual Media Discourse on X. Manuscript under review at *Internet Pragmatics* (IP-26029).
2. Sergei Sikorskii. The "Wrong Woman" Within and Beyond the Ritual: Visual Punishment and Visual Expulsion on X. Manuscript under review at *Visual Communication* (VC-26-0370).

BOOK CHAPTERS UNDER REVIEW

1. Sergei Sikorskii. Tools for discourse analysis. Under review.
2. Sergei Sikorskii. Más allá del insulto: visibilidad, género y evaluación del fútbol en X/Twitter, Instagram y TikTok. Under review.
3. Sergei Sikorskii. Aggression and Gender on Social Media. Under review.
4. Sergei Sikorskii. Facebook Debates: Authority, Gender, and the Public Voice. Under review.
5. Sergei Sikorskii. Análisis de los posts y comentarios en los actos de difusión. Under review.
6. Sergei Sikorskii and María Luisa Carrió-Pastor. Queens of Silence: The Politics of Female Visibility in Spain's Digital Monarchy. Under review.

COMPETITIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 1 Jan 2026-31 Dec 2027 UNI_VOZ: Bullying y desinformación entre estudiantes universitarios: análisis lingüístico de la violencia digital en redes sociales (PAID-06-25)
Universitat Politècnica de València · PI: Ana Albalat-Mascarell · Team: Sergei Sikorskii, Carlos Perifán-Pascual and María Luisa Carrió-Pastor
- 1 Jan 2025-28 Feb 2027 Elaboración de una base de datos multimodal y plurilingüe para la identificación y clasificación de los mecanismos de valoración hacia mujeres y hombres en TikTok, Instagram y X (Base de datos valoración MyH REDES) (CIAICO/2023/187)
Generalitat Valenciana · PI: María Luisa Carrió-Pastor · Team: Sergei Sikorskii, Inmaculada Teresa Tamarit Vallés, Hanna Teresa Skorczynska Sznajder and Miguel Ángel Candel-Mora

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 Designing a Hybrid Human-in-the-Loop Pipeline for Gold-Standard Annotation in Large Social Media Corpora
17th International Conference on Corpus Linguistics (CILC 2026), Universidad Autónoma de Madrid · with María Luisa Carrió-Pastor
- 2026 Judging Femininity in Ritual Media Discourse: An Appraisal-Theoretic Analysis of Campanadas 2024 on X
43rd International Congress of the Spanish Association of Applied Linguistics (AESLA 2026), Universidad de Granada
- 2026 A Sociocultural Perspective on AI-Mediated Procedural Writing and Revision for B1 EFL University Students
AESLA 2026, Universidad de Granada · with Celia Gomar-Rodrigo
- 2025 Towards a Context-Driven Framework for LLM Appraisal Analysis
3rd International Conference on Digital Linguistics (CILiDi 2025), Universitat Politècnica de València · with María Luisa Carrió-Pastor
- 2025 The Crown in the Tempest: Multimodal Appraisal of Gender and Leadership in Crisis
42nd International Congress of the Spanish Association of Applied Linguistics (AESLA 2025) · with María Luisa Carrió-Pastor

RESEARCH MOBILITY

- 2025 · Three-month doctoral research stay, Università degli Studi di Bergamo, Italy.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Universitat Politècnica de València · 2024-2025

Academic and Professional English (B1 and B2); English for Geomatics and Surveying Engineering (B2+); Technical English for Engineering (B1); Professional English for Engineering (B2).

Russian State Vocational Pedagogical University · 2001-2009

History of the English Language; English Lexicology; Practical Grammar; Practical English; English Language Teaching Methodology. Designed lecture courses, practical classes, teaching materials and a modular translator-training programme.

Professional language education · 2009-2024

Business, professional, academic and general English in Saint Petersburg and Valencia.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

1. Organising Committee, 3rd International Conference on Digital Linguistics (CILiDi), Universitat Politècnica de València, 26-27 June 2025.
2. Organisational support, 7th Young Researchers Seminar, Universitat de València and Universitat Politècnica de València, 30-31 January 2025.

SELECTED PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Research featured in 2026 by laSexta Noticias, À Punt Notícies, Cadena SER, ABC, elDiario.es, Europa Press, Valencia Plaza and the Universitat Politècnica de València. Co-author of a public-scholarship article in The Conversation.

WORKING LANGUAGES

English · Spanish · Russian