

# Formal approaches to Czech

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Works are ordered (i) alphabetically according to first author and (ii) then chronologically.

#### **Biskup (2006)**

- Scrambling (a kind of movement / word order alternation) in Czech.
- Example: *Petr si knihu koupil.*
- syntax, semantics

#### **Biskup (2007)**

- The syntax of sentence-final adverbs in Czech.
- Example: *Přišel určitě.* vs. *Přišel \*(jen) možná.*
- syntax, semantics

#### **Biskup (2009)**

- An article (in Czech) about the basic syntactic operation called merge (i.e., combine two constituents).
- syntax

#### **Biskup (2011)**

- A monograph on the syntax and semantics of adverb(ial)s in Czech, analysis embedded in the phase approach to syntax.
- syntax, semantics

#### **Biskup (2019)**

- A monograph on prefixes and prepositions in Czech and other Slavic languages.
- Example: *Podešel pod mostem.*
- syntax, semantics

#### **Biskup & Šimík (2019)**

- Extraction of relative pronouns from clausal adjuncts in Czech.
- Example: *Chce si koupit auto, se kterým když parkuješ, tak řídí samo.*
- syntax, semantics

#### **Caha (2004)**

- AcI (“accusative with infinitive”) constructions, called exceptional case marking (ECM) constructions in generative syntax.
- Example: *Viděl Petra kouřit.*
- syntax

#### **Caha (2007)**

- Nominal phrases consisting of indefinite pronouns modified by adjectives; the case-marking in them.
- Example: *nic hrozného.* Rejoinder to Veselovská (2003).
- syntax

### **Caha (2009)**

- Nanosyntactic approach to case.
- Not just Czech; data from many languages.
- syntax, morphology

### **Caha & Karlík (2005)**

- Modal constructions consisting of 'be' + infinitive, where the internal argument oscillates between nominative and accusative.
- Examples: *Byla vidět Sněžka. Bylo vidět Sněžku.*
- syntax, semantics

### **Caha & Medová (2009)**

- Czech adverbs with *-o* vs. *-e* endings.
- Example: *těžko* vs. *těžce*.
- morphology, syntax

### **Dočekal & Šimík (2021)**

- Semantic and syntactic analysis of the Czech binominal *každý*.
- Example: *Ti chlapci si připravili každý dvě jablka.*
- semantics, syntax

### **Dotlačil (2004)**

- Infinitives and so-called restructuring phenomena in Czech.
- Examples: *Doporučovalo se jíst zdravou stravu. Doporučovala se jíst zdravá strava. // Snažil se ji pozvat na konferenci. Snažil se pozvat ji na konferenci.*
- syntax

### **Dotlačil & Šimík (2013)**

- Retroactive infinitives, i.e. infinitives which appear to be passivized without any explicit formal marking.
- Example: *Ty dveře by si zasloužily opravit nějakým odborníkem.*
- syntax

### **Dvořák (2010)**

- Syntax of ditransitive verbs in Czech.
- Examples: *Dala Mirce peníze. Vystavila Mirku nebezpečí.*
- syntax

### **Dvořák (2017)**

- Null objects in Czech.
- Example: *Mozartova hudba uzdravuje.*

- syntax, semantics

#### **Gruet-Skrabalova (2011)**

- Strategies of forming wh-interrogatives in Czech, with special attention to coordinating wh-words.
- Example: *Kdo (a) komu koupil knihu.*
- syntax

#### **Gruet-Skrabalova (2012)**

- VP-ellipsis in Czech.
- Example: *Já s ní mluvím o všem určitě o tomhle budu taky ⟨s ní mluvit⟩.*
- syntax

#### **Gruet-Skrabalova (2012)**

- The syntax of the complementizer/particle *že* in Czech.
- Example: *Komu že jsi volala?*
- syntax

#### **Gruet-Skrabalova (2015)**

- The syntax of short responses to yes/no questions in Czech.
- Example: – *Přišel jsi včas?* – *Ano. / Přišel. / \*Jsem.*
- syntax

#### **Gruet-Skrabalova (2020)**

- Modal complement ellipsis in Czech.
- Example: *Jan jim pomohl, ale Marie bohužel nemohla ⟨jim pomoci⟩.*
- syntax

#### **Jasinskaja & Šimík (forthcoming)**

- Word order and the factors that influence it, in Czech and other Slavic languages.
- syntax, semantics, prosody, information structure

#### **Karlík (2013)**

- Syntax of free relatives in Czech.
- Example: *Nachystali, co(koliv) bylo potřeba.*
- syntax

#### **Kaspar (2017a,b)**

- A study of the Czech complementizer/particle *že*.
- Example: *Tvdili, že pozvali Marii, ale Petra že nepozvali.*
- syntax, semantics, information structure

### Šimík (2008)

- Different types of relative clauses in Czech.
- Example: *asistentka, kterou / již / co ji hledáme*
- syntax

### Šimík (2009a)

- Semantic analysis of modal existential constructions.
- Example: *Mám co jíst.*
- semantics, syntax

### Šimík (2009b)

- Particle *to* in wh-questions and focus constructions.
- Example: *S kým jste to mluvili?*
- syntax, semantics, information structure

### Šimík (2010)

- Semantic analysis of multiple wh-questions in Czech.
- Example: *Komu jsi s čím pomohl? Komu jsi pomohl s čím?*
- semantics

### Šimík (2011)

- Modal existential constructions and related phenomenon.
- Czech and many other languages.
- Example: *Nemám si s ním co říct. Je čeho se bát.*
- syntax, semantics

### Šimík (2013)

- The control relation in modal existential constructions.
- Example: *Mirek<sub>i</sub> má s kým PRO<sub>i</sub> mluvit.*
- semantics, syntax

### Šimík (2015)

- A semantic analysis of the Czech indefinite with the postfix *-si*.
- Example: *Kdosi volal.*
- semantics, pragmatics

### Šimík (2016b)

- Semantics of Czech free relative clauses with and without the ever-morpheme.
- Examples: *Vybrala si, co(koliv) jí doporučili.*

- semantics, syntax

#### **Šimík (2016a)**

- Semantic analysis of Czech demonstratives.
- Example: *Zítřa jedu do té Prahy.*
- semantics, syntax

#### **Šimík (2018)**

- Ever free relatives in a cross-linguistic setting (including Czech).
- Example: *Budu sledovat, cokoliv budou dávat v televizi.*
- semantics

#### **Šimík (2020)**

- Analysis of unconditionals (aka concessive conditionals) with predicate/clause doubling. Czech and other Slavic and Romance languages.
- Example: *Ať si stoupneš kam si stoupneš, vždycky budeš zavazet.*
- semantics, syntax

#### **Šimík (2021)**

- Competition between the use of bare NPs and demonstrative descriptions.
- Example: *Podej mi (tu) knihu.*
- semantics

#### **Šimík & Burianová (2020)**

- Corpus-based evaluation of different theories about the relation between definiteness (determinedness) and word order.
- Example: *Chlapec přinesl dříví. Dříví přinesl chlapec.*
- syntax, semantics, information structure

#### **Šimík & Wierzba (2015)**

- The information structural notion of givenness (contextual boundness) and its word order vs. prosodic expression in Czech. Acceptability rating experiments.
- Example: – *Udělal jsem mrkvovou polévku. – Ale Mirek mrkev nejl / nejl mrkev.*
- semantics, prosody, information structure

#### **Šimík & Wierzba (2017)**

- Expression of information structure (word order vs. prosody) in Czech, Slovak, and Polish. Acceptability rating experiments.
- Example: – *Udělal jsem mrkvovou polévku. – Ale Mirek mrkev nejl / nejl mrkev.*
- semantics, prosody, information structure

#### **Škrabalová (2004)**

- Coordination, with special emphasis of nominal coordination.
- syntax

#### **Taraldsen & Medová (2007)**

- Locative adverbials in Czech, alternation between directional and locative adverbials.
- Example: *Boty byly hozené v koutě / do kouta.*
- syntax

#### **Veselovská (1995)**

- The first (and up till now only) comprehensive generative analysis of the Czech clause and nominal phrase. Government & binding theoretical framework.
- syntax

#### **Veselovská (2001)**

- Agreement with group nouns and quantifiers.
- Examples: *Skupina lidí odešla domů. Pět lidí odešlo domů.*
- syntax

#### **Veselovská (2003)**

- Nominal phrases consisting of indefinite pronouns modified by adjectives; the case-marking in them.
- Example: *nic hrozného.*
- syntax

#### **Veselovská (2004)**

- Different kinds of the Czech verb 'be'.
- Examples: *Včera jsem nepřišel pozdě. Včera nebyl pozván. Byl mechanik(em).*
- syntax

#### **Veselovská (2014)**

- Structure of Czech nominal phrases.
- syntax

#### **Veselovská (2017)**

- A generative analysis of wh-movement in Czech.
- *Komu si myslíš, že nabídli tu kávu?*
- syntax

#### **Veselovská (2018)**

- A comprehensive generative analysis of the Czech noun phrase.
- syntax

### Veselovská (2020)

- Multiple wh-questions and multiple wh-movement.
- Exmaples: *Komu jste koho přiřadili?*
- syntax

### Veselovská (2021)

- A comprehensive generative analysis of wh-questions/interrogatives in Czech.
- Example: *Komu nabídli tu kávu? Komu co nabídli?*
- syntax

### Veselovská (2022)

- A study of null (empty, phonologically non-realized) subjects in Czech.
- Example: *Přišla.*
- syntax

### Veselovská & Karlík (2004)

- Generative analysis of the Czech analytic passive.
- Example: *Byl pozván.*
- syntax, morphology

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