

María Agustina Morando holds a PhD in Anthropology from the University of Buenos Aires. She is currently a full-time researcher at the National Scientific and Technical Research Council (CONICET), based at the Institute for Research on Language, Society and Territory (INILSyT), and a lecturer at the University of Formosa (Argentina). In 2019, she was awarded a scholarship by the Heidelberg Center for Ibero-American Studies (HCIAS) to undertake a short research stay at the Center under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Sybille Große.



During my time in Heidelberg, I participated in the international summer school for doctoral students “New World Crucibles of Globalisation” at the HCIAS, as well as in the conference “The Americas 2019”, organized by Bonn University. I also had the opportunity to present at the internal seminar of the Center for Ibero-American Studies and was invited to participate as a lecturer in two undergraduate seminars at the Romanisches Seminar: “Linguistic diversity and language contact in the Hispanic world”, taught by Marta Abad, and “Management of bilingual spaces in specific (in)formal communicative contexts”, taught by Vanesa Rodríguez Tembrás. This scholarly visit not only marked the final stages of my doctoral journey but also allowed me to meet exceptional people both academically and personally.

I specialize in the ethnolinguistics and historical linguistics of the Chané and Guaraní of the Chaco, where I conducted my main fieldwork. After 12 years of research in that region, I am now venturing into the ethnolinguistics of the Sirionó (Tupí-Guaraní family) and Chimane (Mosetén family) of the Bolivian Amazon. In particular, I am interested in exploring the ways in which language interacts with various aspects of “social praxis”.
