



From fieldwork to comics: How research allows you to follow your passion

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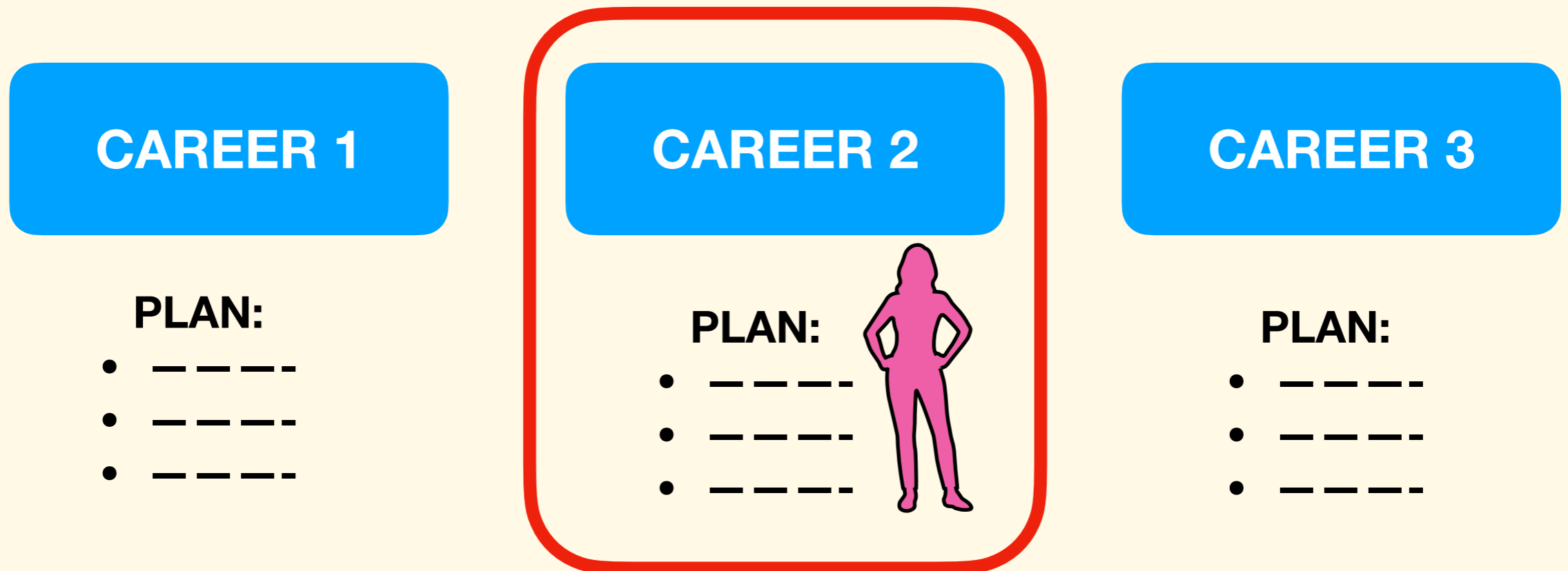
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Know thyself

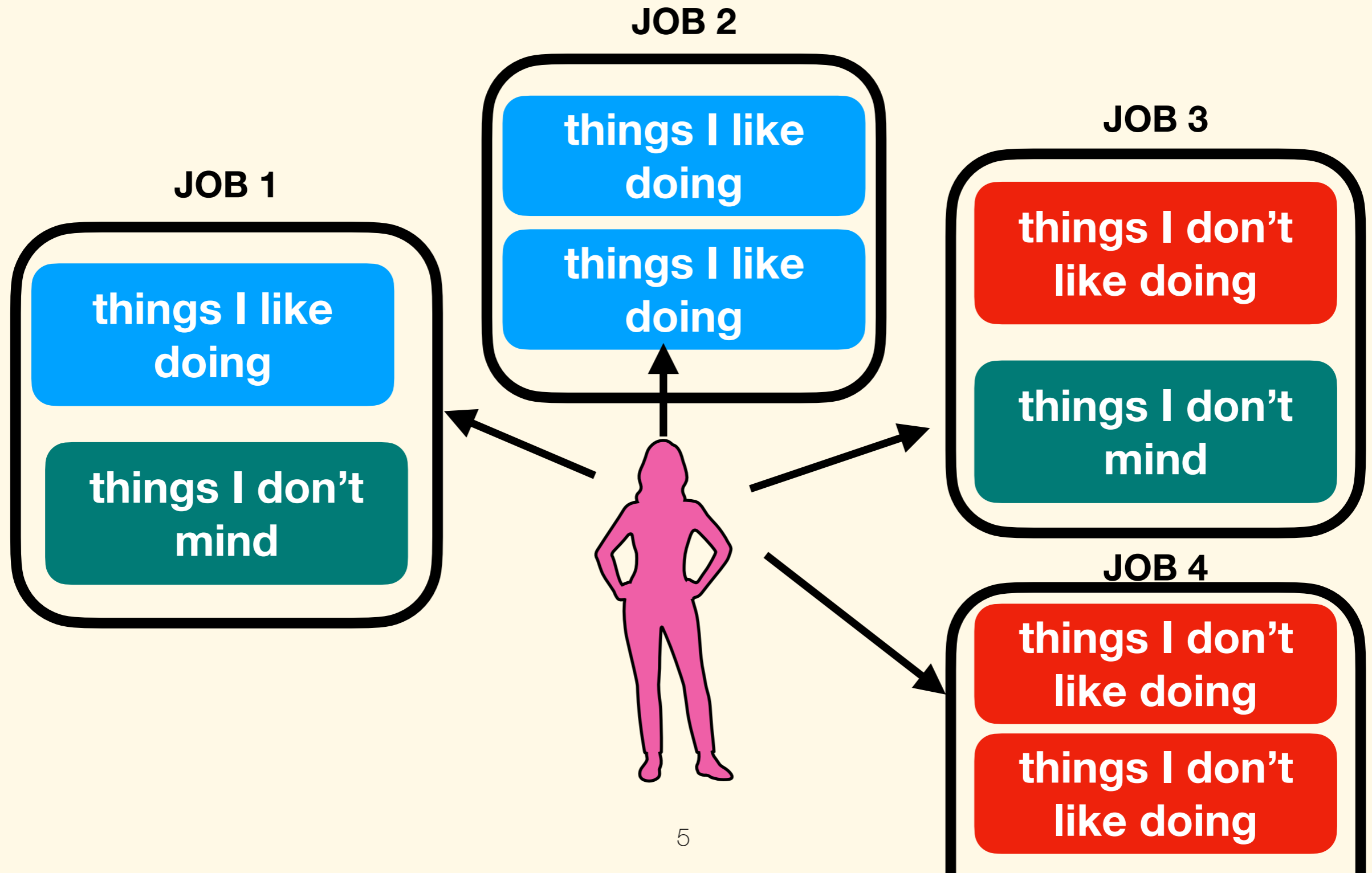
- when we think about career we are often presented with the following picture:



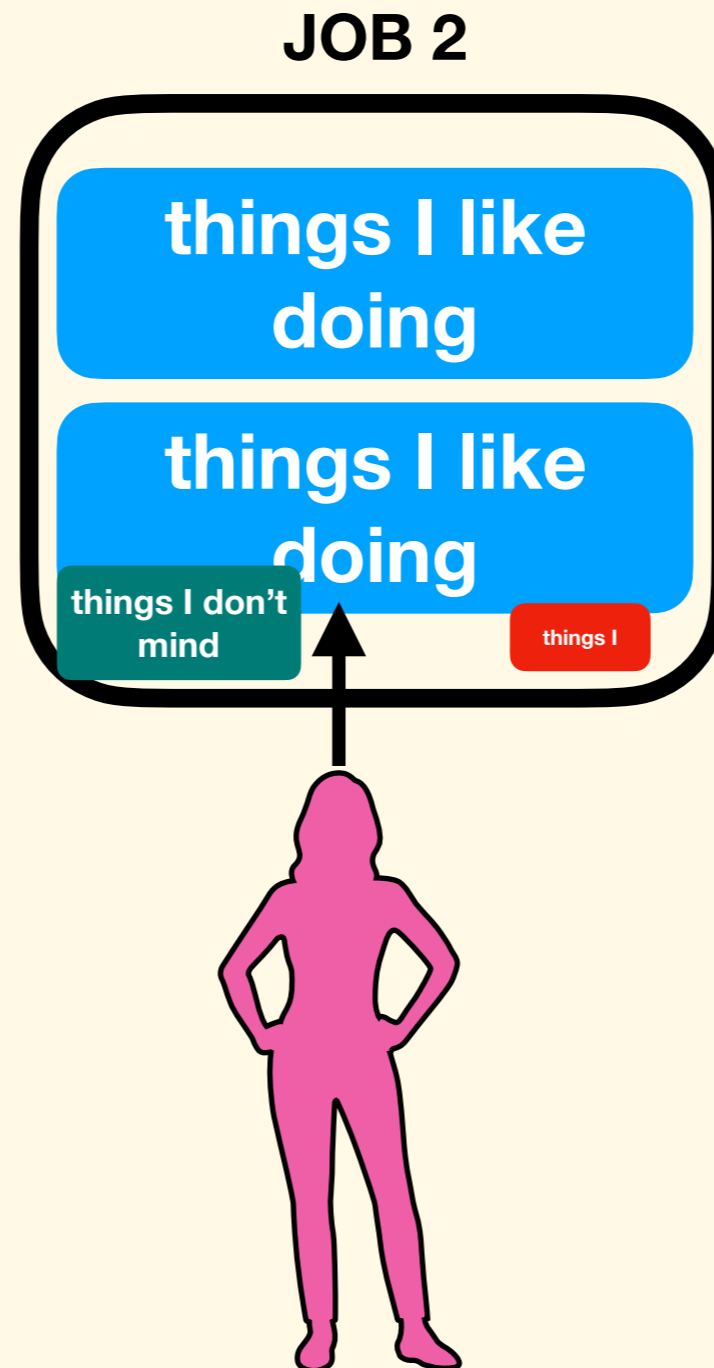
- **this model is bad because it assumes there is a limited choice to which you have to conform**



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- **It's important to keep in mind that the jobs you think are available are just a fraction of what's out there**
- **jobs keeps changing faster than ever: new technologies, new services**
 - **you can make money doing almost anything (you just have to figure out how and where)**
- **the only thing that matters is to know what you like doing — it's a process—the more stuff you do the more you know yourself**

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with transcriptions
of fieldwork
recordings)**



2015



**O sistema verbal dos crioulos indo-portugueses do
Malabar**

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2018

Malabar Indo-Portuguese

Structure and origins of the verbal system

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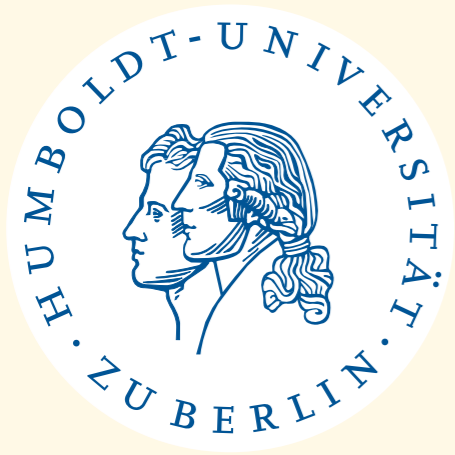


How did I know I wanted to do a PhD?

- I just wanted to **keep learning** more about linguistics
 - I wanted to figure it out and solve linguistics (e.g. disagreement about approaches, no unified theory...)
- linguistic diversity: I **wanted to learn** what is possible in languages of the world
- I am very creative but also analytical

Nothing to excess

**Nothing to excess
(Fieldwork)**



My PhD (2016-2020)

MelaTAMP: Project description



<https://www.projekte.hu-berlin.de/en/melatamp>



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THE DYNAMICS OF LANGUAGE

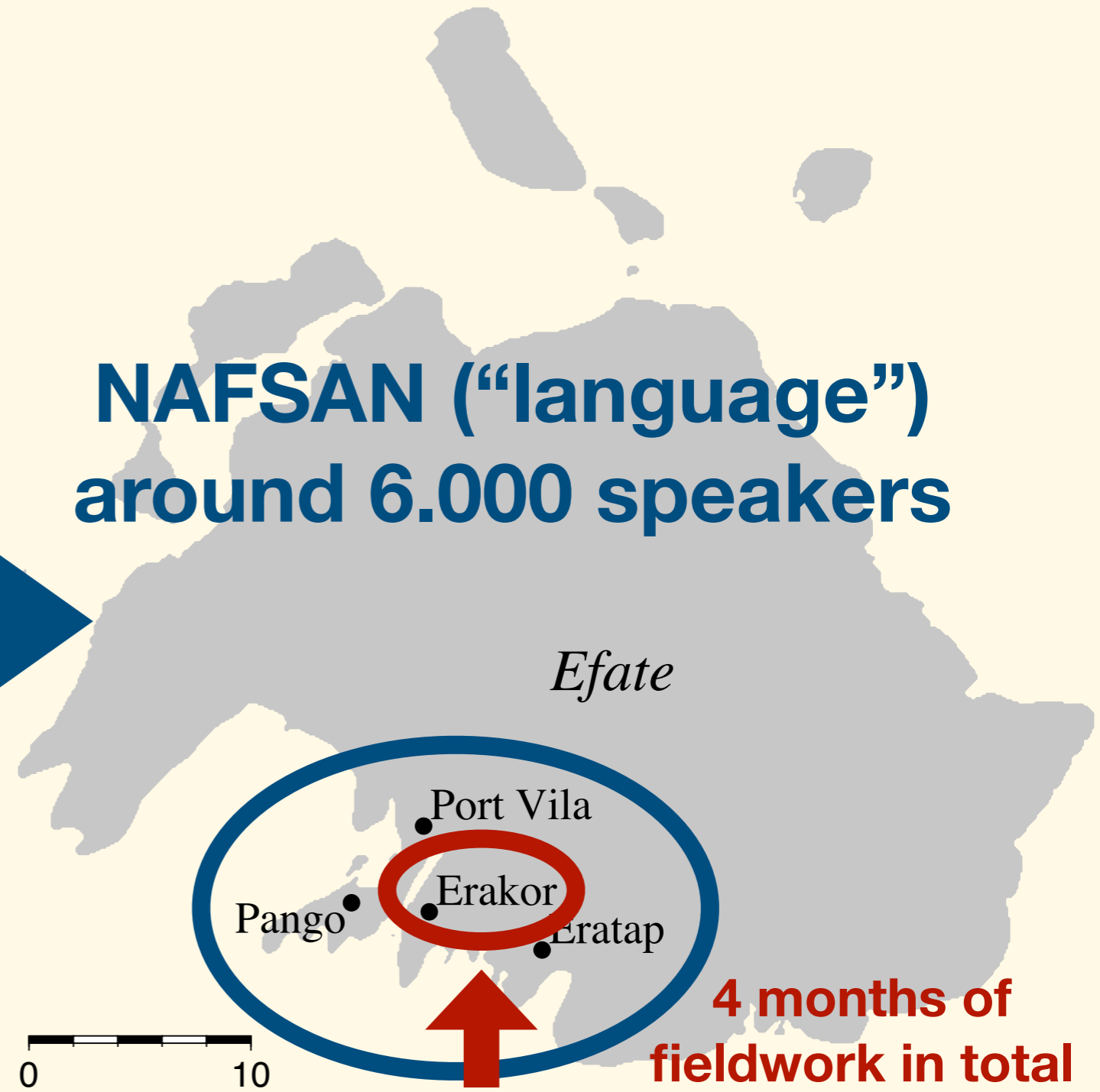


<https://www.dynamicsoflanguage.edu.au/>

Fieldwork in Vanuatu



**NAFSAN (“language”)
around 6.000 speakers**



My fieldwork site



Tense, mood, and aspect expressions in Nafsan (South Efate) from a typological perspective

The perfect aspect and the realis/irrealis mood



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Fieldwork Is a “Hero’s Journey” of Linguistics: What Can You Learn From It?

6 fieldwork steps that lead to great personal and scientific discoveries, told in comics.



Certainty brings insanity



Graduated with PhD in February 2020



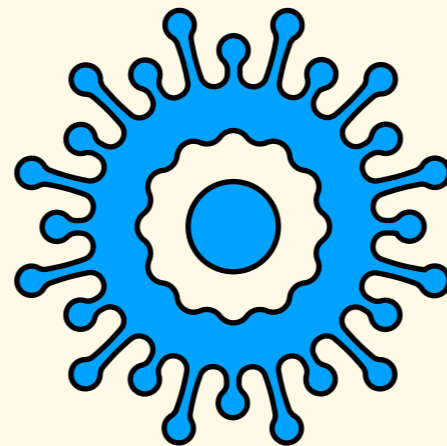
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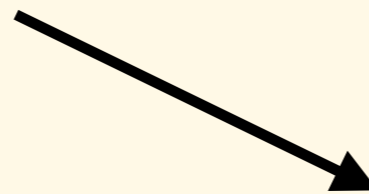
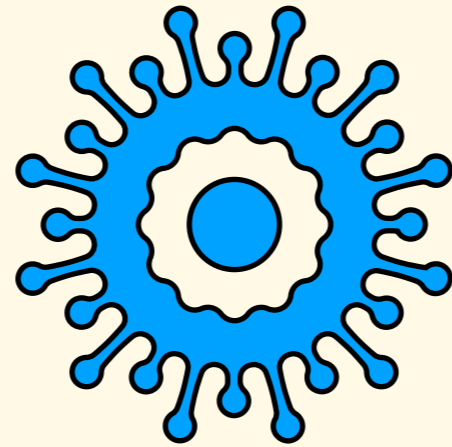
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Linguist's attention



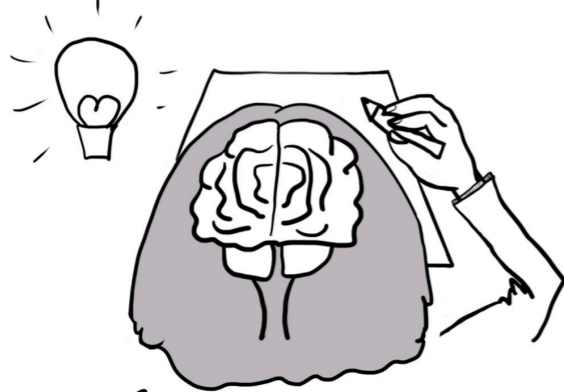
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**POSTDOC
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(research+
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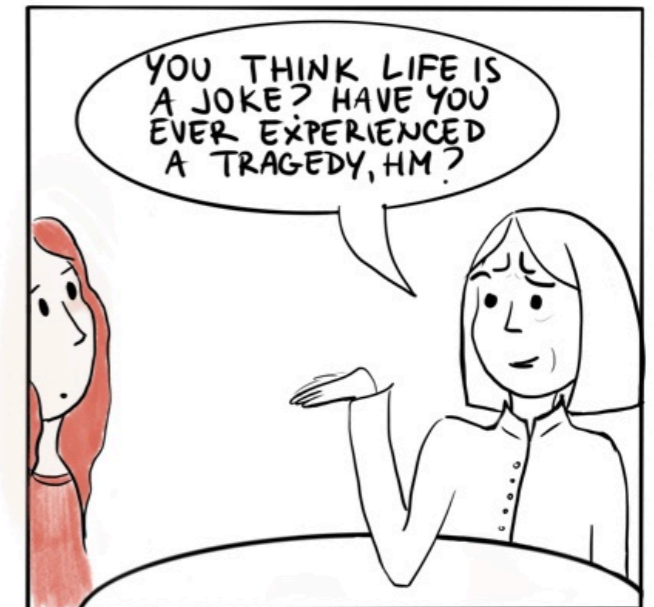
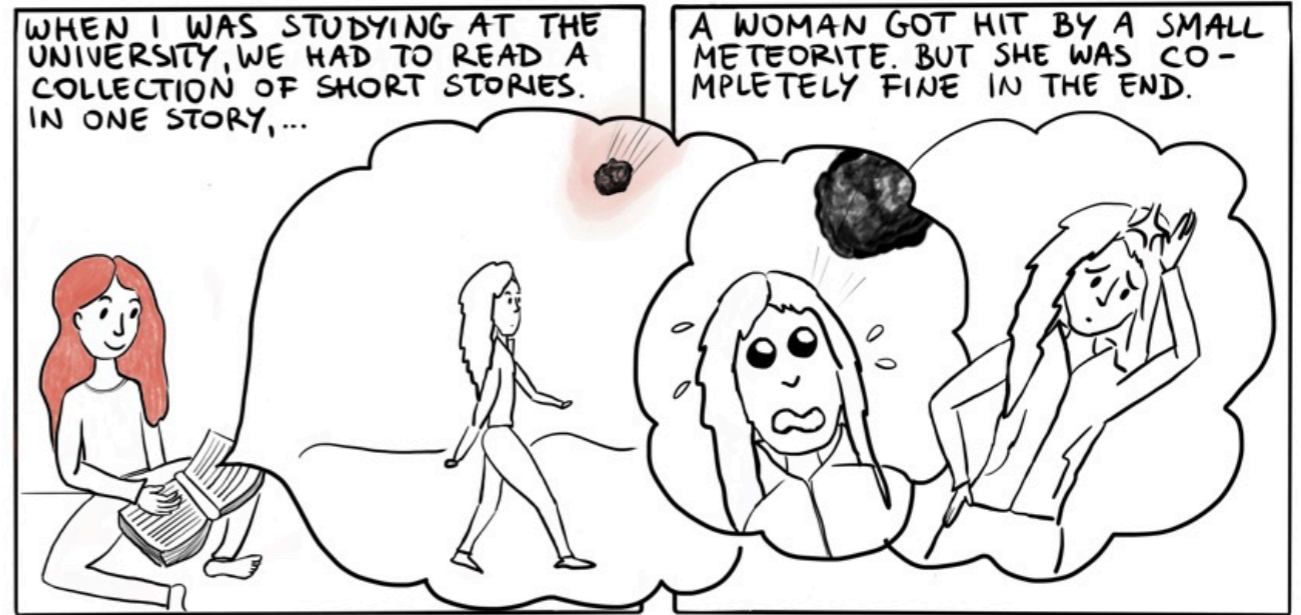
HOW I BECAME A LINGUIST



From Ana to Manfred

<https://anakrajinovic.substack.com>
<https://medium.com/@anakrajinovic>

A COSMIC JOKE



Research on memes:

From iconic to abstract

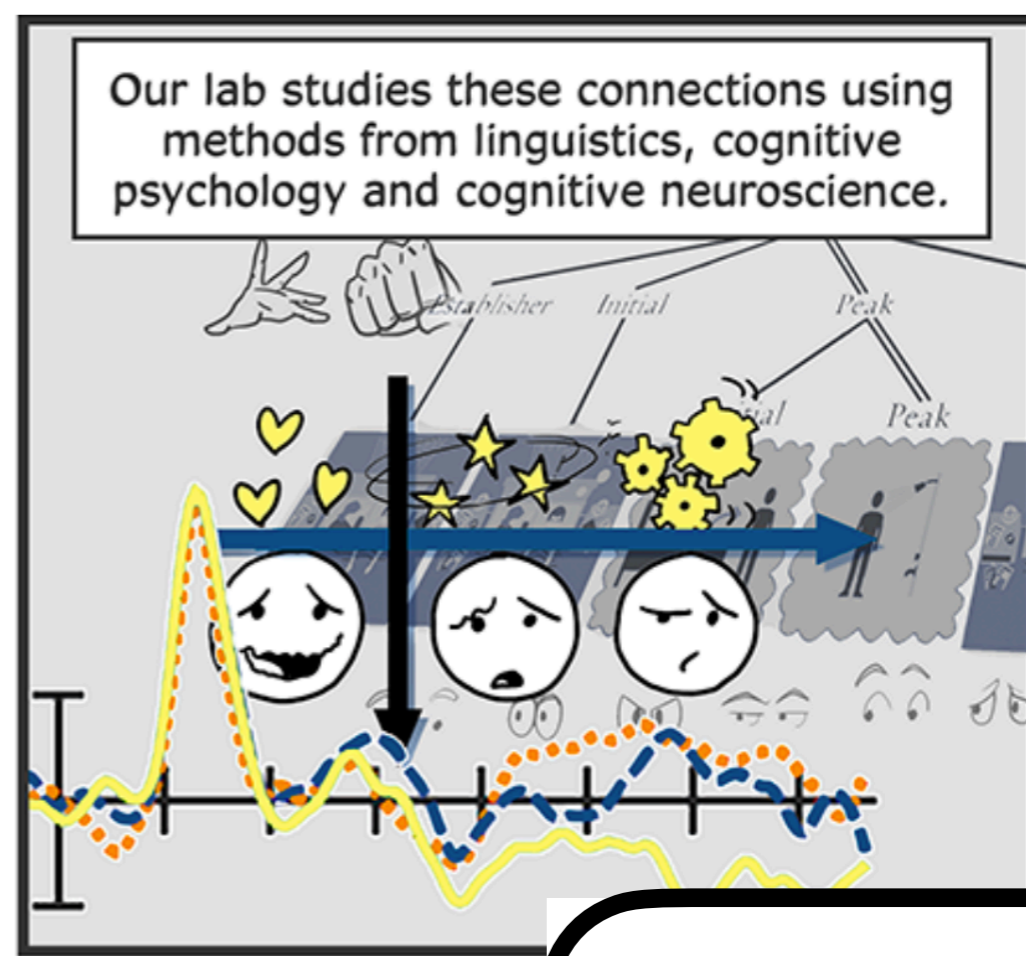
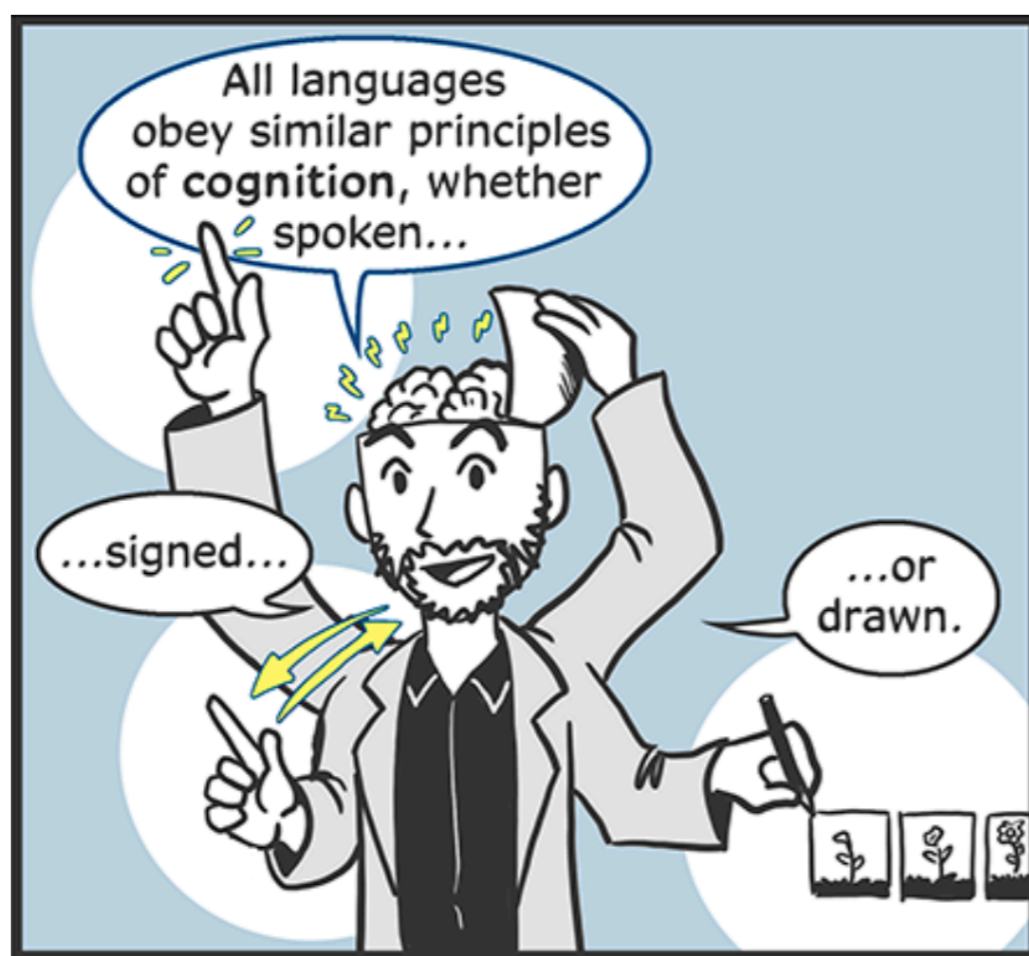


ICONIC
MEANING

+ ICONIC

+ABSTRACT

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We build theories of the linguistic structure of visual languages...

...examine their diversity across the world...

...and measure how our brains process this information

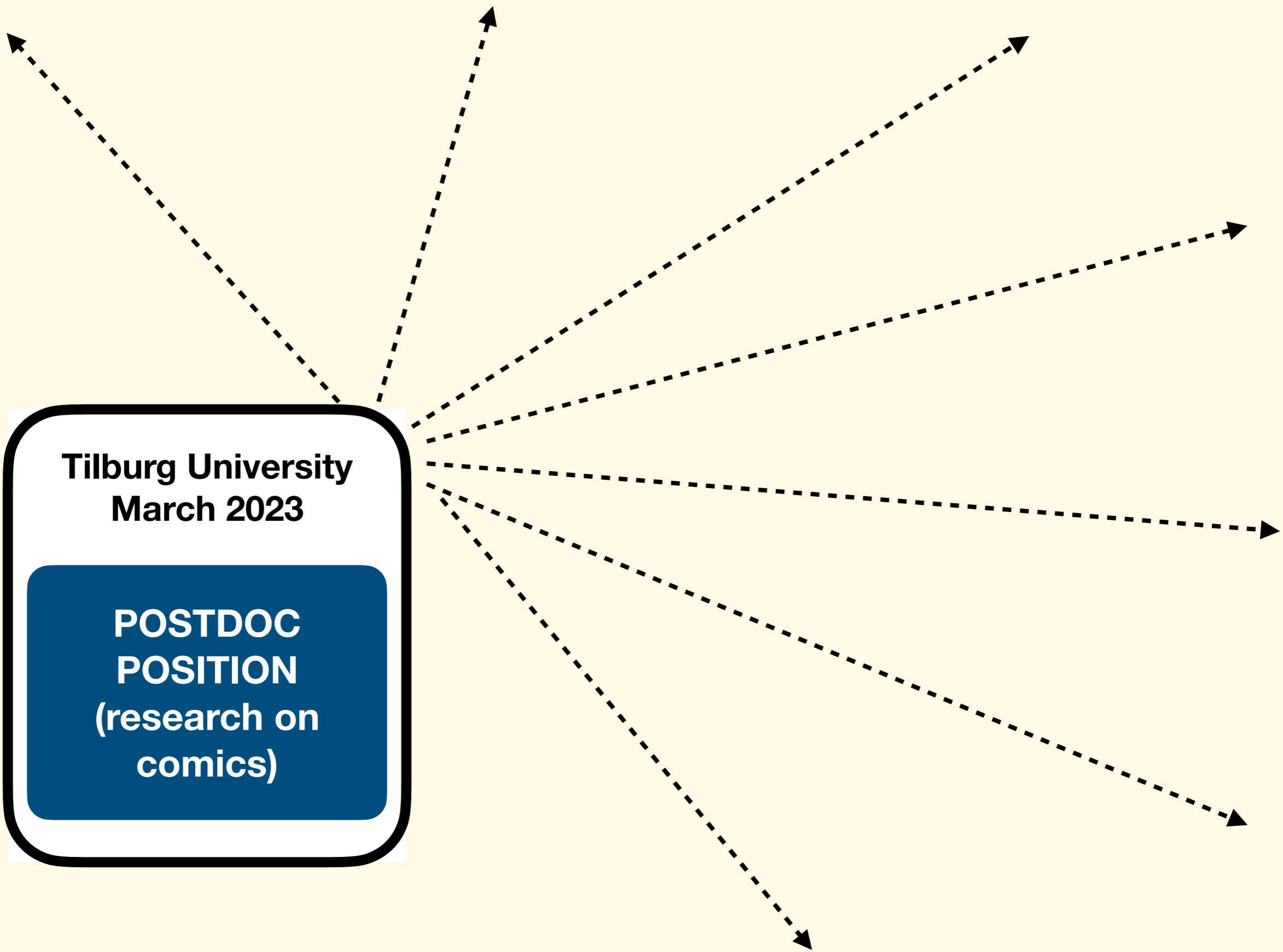
This includes looking at comics

...emoji...

...and combinations of words and pictures.

Tilburg University
 March 2023

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 POSITION
 (research on
 comics)**



How to find a PhD position

What you can do right now

- **if you would like to do a PhD, the number one thing you can do to increase your chances of finding a PhD position on a topic you like is:**

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- **how to do this: talk to your supervisor and start writing an abstract about your MA thesis**
- **3 conferences in Düsseldorf next year:**
 - **<https://iclc16.phil.hhu.de/call/>**
 - **<https://old.linguistlist.org/issues/33/33-1836.html>**
 - **RRG conference**
- **SLE: <https://old.linguistlist.org/issues/33/33-3239.html>**
- **check for more conferences: <https://old.linguistlist.org/callconf/browse-current.cfm?type=Conf>**

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- DGfS in Köln: <https://dgfs2023.uni-koeln.de/>

What you can do right now

- **Other things you should/can do if you want to get a PhD position:**
 - **get a job as a research assistant in your department**
 - **follow Linguist List for jobs:**
 - **<https://old.linguistlist.org/jobs/browse-jobs.cfm>**
 - **sign up to the LingTyp mailing list:**
 - **<https://linguistic-typology.org/news/lingtyp-mailing-list/>**
 - **tell your lecturers you are looking for a PhD position**
 - **follow linguists on Twitter and other social media**

UNESCO: Indigenous decade

A photograph of two young women from an indigenous community, likely in the Himalayas, wearing traditional headpieces adorned with colorful pom-poms and beads. They are also wearing multiple layers of beaded necklaces. The woman on the right is smiling broadly. The text "INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES DECADE" is overlaid in white capital letters across the center of the image.

INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES DECADE

<https://en.unesco.org/idil2022-2032>

Resources: Fieldwork funding for language documentation



ENDANGERED LANGUAGES DOCUMENTATION PROGRAMME

DOCUMENTING AND PRESERVING LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY
GLOBALLY

<https://www.eldp.net/en/our+grants/documentation+grants/>

Industry tips

- **follow career coaches:**

e.g. <https://www.youtube.com/@andylacivita>

- **research the company and prepare the skills mentioned in the job announcement for the interview**
- **Tip number one from coaches:**
 - **never disclose the desired salary before the end of the interview process, when your negotiation power is the highest**

THANK YOU!