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Anton V. Zimmerling graduated from the Germanic department of Moscow State University and defended his PhD thesis "Subject-predicate articulation in the language of Old Icelandic Prose" in 1990. His second dissertation, the habilitation (Dr. phil. hab, Russ. 'Doctor of sciences', the highest academical degree in Russia) was defended in 2001 at the Russian University of Humanities, RGGU. The habilitation was entitled 'Typological Scandinavian Syntax' and contained a parametric description of all modern Scandinavian languages, Old Norse and Middle Mainland Scandinavian; Zimmerling's monograph bearing the same title appeared a year later, in 2002. Parallel to his studies in historical linguistics and linguistic typology, Anton Zimmerling was involved in teaching present-day Nordic languages (Modern Icelandic and Modern Danish) at Moscow Institute for Foreign Relations, MGIMO. In 2002, Zimmerling got the position of professor at the Russian department of Moscow Open Pedagogical University, MGOPU, where he is giving lecture courses in Theoretical Grammar, History of Linguistic Ideas, Russian Grammar on Contrastive Principles (mainly for MA students and PhD students). Parallel to his employment in Moscow State University and Moscow Open University, Anton Zimmerling held a half-time position of senior research fellow/leading research fellow at the Institute of Slavic Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow (1994-2006).

Anton Zimmerling gave guest lectures in many universities in Germany, Denmark, Lithuania, the UK, the USA, etc. and participated in many international conferences, both in his home country and abroad. Anton Zimmerling's main research fields of interests are:

- Syntactic typology and general grammar
- Germanic studies
- Slavic studies
- Semantic analysis
- Prosody and phonetics
- Saga studies