



# Francesca Strik Lievers

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## *Education and training*

2009

### **PhD in Linguistics**

I verbi con complemento predicativo. Uno studio semantico-lessicale sull'italiano (Verbs with a predicative complement. A lexical-semantic study of Italian)

University of Pisa

2006

### **Diploma**

Institute for Advanced Studies (IUSS) - Pavia

2005

### **BA/MA in Linguistics**

I verbi di percezione in italiano. Analisi del corpus PAROLE (Italian perception verbs. Analysis of the PAROLE corpus) - 110/110 cum laude

University of Pavia

## *Academic experience*

2021 - ONGOING

### **Senior Lecturer**

Università di Genova

2018 - 2021

### **Junior Lecturer**

University of Genoa

2017 - 2018

### **Post-doctoral fellow**

University of Genoa

2016 - 2017

### **Post-doctoral fellow**

University of Pisa

2012 - 2016

## **Post-doctoral fellow**

University of Milan-Bicocca

2011 - 2012

## **Post-doctoral fellow**

Hong Kong Polytechnic University

2010 - 2011

## **Post-doctoral fellow**

Institute for Computational Linguistics CNR - Pisa

## ***Teaching activity***

I am currently teaching Historical and General Linguistics and Applied Linguistics at the University of Genova, Department of Modern Languages and Cultures.

## ***Research interests***

My main research interests revolve around two distinct, yet intersecting, areas: **syntax-semantics interface** phenomena, and **figurative language**. Within the former, I have published a book on Italian verbs requiring a predicative complement, as well as papers on other verb classes and on aspectual periphrases, both in synchrony and in diachrony. Reflecting on the interaction between semantics and syntax led me to also work on figurative language, where syntactic form can create “conflicts” at the conceptual level. I specifically focus on **synaesthetic metaphors** (e.g.: sweet sound, warm colors), which offer a unique window into the relation between language, perception and cognition.

## ***Grants***

2017 - 2018

### **New perspectives in metaphor research**

MIUR (PRIN)

Participant

2016 - 2017

### **A corpus-based study of Chinese synaesthesia**

Hong Kong Polytechnic University - HK

Participant

2016 - 2017

### **Struttura mutamento e acquisizione del linguaggio principi teorici e dati empirici**

Università di Pisa (PRA)

Participant

2013 - 2015

## **Dicento Diccionario electrónico multilingüe de verbos de movimiento**

Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad de España - ES  
Participant

2009 - 2012

## **Diccionario electrónico multilingüe de verbos amplios de movimiento**

Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad de España - ES  
Participant

2010 - 2011

## **KELLY (Keywords for Language Learning for Young and adults alike)**

European Commission Lifelong Learning Programme  
Participant

## ***Assignments abroad***

I have been a visiting researcher at the University of Oxford (2019, 2018), Radboud University of Nijmegen (2017), University of Amsterdam (2016).