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Education and training

2012

PhD in Linguistics

Experiential constructions in Latin A synchronic and diachronic study
University of Pavia - Pavia - IT

2008

MA in Theoretical and Applied Linguistics

The reanalysis of the reflexive pronoun between Latin and Old Italian -
110/110 cum laude (with honors)
University of Pavia - Pavia - IT

2006

BA in Classical and Oriental Studies

The development of reciprocal expressions between Latin and Old Italian -
110/110 cum laude (with honors)
University of Pavia - Pavia - IT

Academic experience

2022 - ONGOING

Associate professor

University of Genova

2017 - 2022

Fixed-term assistant professor

University of Genova - Genova - IT

In charge of the courses of General Linguistics (BA) Historical Linguistics
(BA) Advanced Linguistics (Intercultural Pragmatics MA)

2015 - 2017

Post-doctoral fellow

University of Eastern Piedmont - Vercelli - IT

Textual Bilingualism in Latin language contact with Greek in Latin literary
texts from the Classical Period to Late Antiquity

2013 - 2015

Post-doctoral fellow

University of Bergamo - Bergamo - IT

Worked in a project on Linguistic representations of identity. Sociolinguistic models and historical linguistics

2011 - 2012

Post-doctoral fellow

University of Bergamo - Bergamo - IT

Worked in a project on Language change and language contact in the Mediterranean A diachronic perspective

Language skills

English

Independent

Latin

Proficient

Ancient Greek German

(to 1453)

Basic

Proficient

Spanish

Basic

Teaching activity

I currently teach

- General Linguistics and Historical Linguistics (BA, Degree in *Lingue e Culture Moderne*)
- Linguistics (BA, Degree in *Teorie e Tecniche della Mediazione Interlinguistica*)
- Advanced Linguistics (MA, Degree in *Lingue e Letterature moderne per i servizi culturali*)

Every second year I teach *Le lingue alla prova della mediazione* at the advanced school IANUA-ISSUGE, Università di Genova.

In the past I taught General Linguistics at the University of Bologna (2012/2013) and Historical Linguistics at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano (2019/2020).

****Thesis supervision****

BA theses (as supervisor): 133

MA theses (as co-supervisor): 7

Research interests

Historical linguistics (case and argument structure in diachronic perspective, with a focus on argument realization and change in experiential and impersonal verbs; grammaticalization processes; metaphor in Latin and Greek, with special reference to the domain of feelings and emotions; semantic-pragmatic cyclicity in language change)

Historical pragmatics (pragmaticalization, with special reference to the diachronic development of Discourse and Pragmatic markers in Latin, Ancient Greek, and Italian; politeness and impoliteness research; linguistic representations of identity and strategies to position the self and others in ancient texts)

Historical sociolinguistics (with a focus on language contact phenomena)

between Latin and Ancient Greek: loanwords, pragmatic calques, code-switching; the role played by Greek in Latin drama)

Cognitive historical linguistics (I am interested in the application of cognitivist approaches to Latin, with regard to argument alternation between prepositions and cases, ontological and orientational metaphors in the functional domain of experience, and in Embodiment theory, with reference to metaphors, pragmaticalization processes, and politeness expressions)

Grants

2020 - ONGOING

Writing expertise as a dynamic sociolinguistic force

Italian Ministry of Research - IT

Participant

The project focuses on the analysis of writing practices of social groups with professional and cultural knowledge in common between Late Antiquity and the Italian Middle Ages.

The different research units analyse different types of non-literary documents produced by these social groups, e.g. legal and commercial texts, private letters. These types of texts play a key role in the exploration of sociolinguistic forces that 'from below' have played an important role in the diachrony of linguistic development that has characterised the history of the Italian peninsula.

More info at <https://www.mediling.eu/page.asp?menu1=2&menu2=18>

2019 - 2021

The Lexicon of Embodied Experience in Latin

University of Genoa - IT

Principal investigator

This project was financed by the University of Genova within a *Curiosity Driven* funding call for researchers aged under 40. The project dealt with the metaphorical actualization of embodiment as a bio-cultural foundation in the Roman world and explored how Latin speakers 'made sense' of their bodily experience of the spatial environment to express quintessential abstract concepts such as feelings and emotions.

More info at <https://lexelat.unige.it>

2019 - 2021

Conversation in Antiquity. Analysis of Verbal Interaction in Ancient Greek and Latin

Comunidad de Madrid - ES

Participant

This project is based on the hypothesis that it is possible to study spoken interactions recreated and stylized in certain Greek and Latin literary works, conducting the study with methodological tools provided by Conversation Analysis (hereafter CA). CA emerged from the work developed by H. Sacks during the 1960s and 1970s at the University of California (see H. Sacks,

Lectures on Conversation, Blackwell, 1992) and continued, among others, by his collaborators E. Schegloff and G. Jefferson, uninterruptedly and influentially up to the present day.

More info at <https://caclassics.wordpress.com>

2015 - 2017

Textual Bilingualism in Latin

Compagnia di San Paolo - IT

Participant

The project aimed to investigate different kinds of bilingual phenomena resulting from contact between Greek and Latin in Late Latin texts, and to create a corpus of annotated texts.

More info and corpus available at <https://tbl.uniupo.it/index.php>

2013 - 2015

Linguistic representations of identity. Sociolinguistic models and historical linguistics

Italian Ministry of Research - IT

Participant

The main purpose of this project was to investigate the dynamics of the relationship between identity and otherness by focusing on ancient languages ranging from the Mediterranean area to India, and on the main linguistic and socio-cultural traits of the communities where the same languages were used. These research topics have been addressed by combining historical linguistics, sociolinguistic and ethnolinguistic methodological and theoretical approaches. The aim was to demonstrate that, irrespective of the geolinguistic area and of the diachronic stage taken into account, the linguistic behavior of a given speaker/writer enables to gain information about the speaker's (or the writer's) social status, his/her desire to distance himself from social groups other than his/her own, or to display his/her membership to a given community.

More info at <https://www.mediling.eu/page.asp?menu1=2&menu2=19>

2011 - 2012

Contact and Change in the History of Mediterranean Languages

Italian Ministry of Research - IT

Participant

The project studied the effects of contact and interferences within a macro-geographic area: the Mediterranean. This area helped gain further evidence on analytical models to study current linguistic situations. The project did not only apply recent models of interpretation such as grammaticalization (Heine & Kuteva 2005) or embedded structure in the matrix language in code switching phenomenology (Meyers - Scotton 2002); the study also verified Thomason's hypothesis concerning the correlation between extra-linguistic factors such as intensity of the contact between bilingual speakers (Thomason 2007) as well as the presence of interferences along the genealogical axis of linguistic systems through a complex work in

different Mediterranean areas.

More info at <https://www.mediling.eu/page.asp?menu1=2&menu2=10>

Assignments abroad

- 2021, one-month research stay at the **Universidad Ccomplutense de Madrid**, financed by a research fellowship for the internationalization of young researchers granted by UniGE
- 2019, one-week research stay at the **University of Exeter, UK**, financed through the Curiosity Driven project funding
- 2018, one-month research stay at the **Universidad Autónoma de Madrid**, financed by a research fellowship for the internationalization of young researchers granted by UniGE
- 2017, one-month research stay at the **University of Amsterdam**, financed by a research fellowship for the internationalization of young researchers granted by UniGE
- 2011, two-month research stay at the **University of Oslo**
- 2009, two-month research stay at the **University of Bergen**, financed by a research fellowship granted by the Research Council of Norway