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ACADEMIC DEGREES:

1988–1995 Graduate studies in linguistics (theoretical syntax, formal semantics and computational linguistics), at the university of Rochester, Rochester, NY; Ph.D. dissertation: *Layers in the Determiner Phrase*, on the interface between syntactic structures and meaning in the noun phrase.

1982–1987 B.A. ("Laurea") in "Lettere - Psicolinguistica", University of Rome *La Sapienza*; advisor: Domenico Parisi, CNR;

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2006- Member of Centro Interdipartimentale Mente e Cervello (CIMeC) at the University of

present Trento, Rovereto venue.

2005- Permanent research and teaching position at the Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia, University
of Trento. Associate Professor ("Professore Associato") from Dec. 1, 2014, at the Dept. of Psychology and Cognitive Science (DIPSCO)

2000-2005 Permanent research and teaching position at the University of Bergamo ("Ricercatore universitario").

1999-2000 Temporary research position at the Facoltà di Lingue, University of Bergamo, Italy.

1997-1999 "Marie Curie" Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of Edinburgh, with a EU Research Training Grant; project: WWW-Based Hypertexts for On-Line Scientific Discussion and Publication.

TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF TRENTO (@CIMEC OR DEPT. OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE, ROVERETO)

2010– Introduction to Human Language (with C. Finocchiaro, in 2010; C. Finocchiaro e R. Job in 2011, then as single tracher).

2014– Advanced Topics in Language and Cognition.

2014– Logical Structures in Natural Language (with Raffaella Bernardi, then as single teacher);

2014–2016 Scientific Communication (with Sang Ah Li, James Haxby and Marius Peelen)

2009– "CLIC Topic Seminars"

UNIVERSITY OF TRENTO (@DEPT. OF HUMANITIES, TRENTO)

- **2009–13 Informatica per le Discipline Umanistiche e Linguistiche** 'Informatics for Humanities':
- **2009-11 Strutture Logiche del Linguaggio** 'Logical Structures in Language';
- **2009 Introduction to Human Language** (Dept. of Computer Science, International Master)

PREVIOUS TEACHING DUTIES

- **Theoretical Linguistics I**, Dept. of Cognitive Science, University of Edinburgh.
- **1998 Fondamenti di informatica** 'Intro to Informatics', Facoltà di lingue, Università di Bergamo.
- 1989-1995 LISP for Cognitive Sciences; teaching assistent for Cognition, Introduction to Cognitive Science, Introduction to Linguistics Syntactic Theory, @University of Rochester, NY, USA.

PHD THESIS ADVISORY ROLES

2000– Eva Vecchi (co-advisor); Rossella Varvara (advisor); Sara Zanellini (co-advisor), Siavosh Sepanta (ongoing)).

GRANTS AND RESEARCH PROJECTS:

- **2024–26** External member for DFG-RC grant: *The syntax of nominal copular clauses: theoretical and empirical perspectives*
- 2023– Main architect for the linguistic data collection project www.actorschallege.eu
- **2023–25** P.I. for the Italian PRIN grant: *REPLAI: Repetition Experiments as Probes on Linguistics Analysis and Integration.*
- **2017–2020** P.I. for the Italian PRIN grant: *TREiL: Technologies for Research and Education in Linguistics.*
- 2014–19 University of Trento P.I. for the EU Cooperation class project *Atheme*; coordinator: Lisa Cheng, University of Leiden; 5 year, 5M euros.
- 2012–14 P.I. for the post-doc grant assigned to Michelangelo Falco: *La specificità all'interfaccia sintassi/semantica: una nuova prospettiva ed una base empirica allargata* 'Specificity at the syntax/semantics interface: new prospectives and broader empirical bases'.
- 2011–16 Collaborator in the ERC grant "COMPOSES" (P.I. Marco Baroni; 1,1M euros). The project is based on the methodology described in Baroni e Zamparelli (2010).
- **2007–10** Member of the NWO-funded network grant *Bantu*, *Chinese*, *Romance nouns and noun phrases*
- Member of the Italian PRIN grant *Il genere grammaticale e i modelli di elaborazione del linguaggio* 'Grammatical gender and models of language processing' (University of Trento P.I. Roberto Cubelli).
- British Academy "Joint Activity Grant" with prof. C.Heycock, with the project: "Conjunction and Plurality: a case study in the integration of syntax and semantics".
- 2008–09 Six month sabbatical as an invited scholar at Rutgers University, USA.

REVIEWING

Reviewer for the international journals: *Journal of Linguistics, Language, Lingua, Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, Journal of Germanic Linguistics, Linguistic Inquiry, Lingua e Linguaggio.*

Regular reviewer for the following conferences: *IGG*, *GLOW*, *Going Romance*, *NELS*, *SALT* (for theoretical linguistics), *EMNLP*, *NACL*, *ACL*, *IWCS*< *StarSEM* (for computational linguistics)

WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION:

- Main organizer of the conference 40esimo Incontro di Grammatica Generativa, Trento, February 13–15.
- 2013 Co-organizer (with F. Vespignani, U.Hassan) of the conference: *Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing* AMLAP, Riva del Garda, September 6–8.
- 2013 Co-organizer (with G. Boleda e A. Herbelot) of the workshop *Toward a Formal Distributional Semantics*, IWCS, Potsdam, March 19
- 2010 Co-organizer (with Alessandro Lenci) of the workshop Compositionality and Distributional Semantic Models, European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI), August 2010, Copenhagen.

PRESENTATIONS (INVITED SPEAKER OR BLIND PEER REVIEW), SINCE 2002

- Splitting Italian Half-words: The case of "metà" and "mezzo", 49 Incontro di Grammatica Generativa, Pavia, February 2024
- 2023 Covert Partitives, Workshop PARTE, Partitivity in European Languages, Budapest, April, 2023
- 2023 Italian "Tanto/Quanto": (conjunctive) correlatives as degree operators, Going Romance 2022, Barcelona, Spain, Febbruary 2023
- 2022 SemEval-2022 Task 3: PreTENS-Evaluating Neural Networks on Presuppositional Semantic Knowledge, SemEval 2022 Task 3. Seattle, USA, 10-15 July 2022.
- 2018 On beyond "The", DGFS, Università of Stoccarda, 7–9 marzo, plenary keynote speaker.
- **2018** *Exemplar-based Genericity*, Incontro di Grammatica Generativa, University of Roma III, February 1–3
- 2018 Two Levels for Definiteness (with C. Heycock and L. Cheng), GLOW ASIA, University of Singapore, February 20–22
- Two levels for definiteness, (with L. Cheng and C. Heycock), University of Frankfurt (invited speaker).
- Two levels for definiteness (with L. Cheng e C. Heycock) and The PuzzLing language model: Designing a game to teach language structures (with Luca Ducceschi), University di Londra, QMUL (invited speaker).
- Two levels for definiteness, (with L. Cheng e C. Heycock), Workshop "DP and CP-Adjunction, and Beyond", University of Hamburg (invited speaker).
- 2016 Genericity in Natural Language, course at the "European Summer School in Language, Logic and Information (ESSLLI 2016)", University of Bolzano, August 21–26 (with E.G. Katz).
- 2016 Definite Predicates with and without Determiners (with L. Cheng and C. Heycock), "Workshop on the Semantic Contribution of Det and Num". Barcelona, May 27th 2016 (invited speaker).

- Syntax, Materialized (with Luca Ducceschi), poster presented at the 42nd "Incontro di Grammatica Generativa", University of Lecce, Italy, February 18–20
- 2015 Understanding Subkinds, University di Edinburgh (invited speaker).
- 2015 In and out of kinds, University of Geneva (invited speaker).
- Overt partitives and covert ones (with Michelangelo Falco), University di Duesseldorf (invited speaker).
- 2015 Similarity, Prominence and Distributions, poster presented at the workshop "Prominence", University of Koeln.
- 2015 Licensing ellipsis in DP: the role of NP raising (with Michelangelo Falco), poster presented at the 41st Incontro di Grammatica Generativa, 'Università per stranieri of Perugia', Italy, February 26–28.
- 2015 Partitive specificity and the format for indefinites. (with Michelangelo Falco), 39th Incontro di Grammatica Generativa, University of Modena and Raggio Emilia, Italy, February 21–23.
- *Split Conjunctions, Abstract Subjects and Agreement*, University College London (invited speaker).
- 2013 Abstract Mass Nouns and Mass/Count Elasticity, workshop "Countability", September 16–17, University of Düsseldorf (invited speaker)
- 2012 Countability, Number and (In)definiteness in Chinese Nominals, workshop "Mass/Count in Linguistics, Philosophy and Cognitive Science" Paris, École Normale Supérieure, December 19–21 (invited speaker).
- 2011 Understanding (Sub)kinds, Workshop "Genericity: From Morphology to Cognition", École Normale Supérieure, Paris, October 2011 (invited speaker).
- 2011 Comparative Correlatives at the Left Periphery (with V. Bianchi), Workshop "Left Periphery: where syntax and discourse meet", Verona, Luglio 2011 (invited speaker).
- Number, classifiers and noun classes (with Lisa Cheng, Jenny Doetjes and Rint Sybesma), Bantu, Chinese, Romance Nouns and Noun Phrases Network Final Conference, October 27–29, Universiteit Leiden.
- 2010 Bantu, Chinese and Romance definite nominal predicates (with Lisa Cheng and Caroline Heycock), Bantu, Chinese, Romance Nouns and Noun Phrases Network Final Conference, 27–29 ottobre, Universiteit Leiden.
- 2010 On Compositional Vector-Space Semantics, ILIKS Meeting, Trento (invited speaker).
- 2010 Abstract Mass Nouns and Corpus-based Analyses, Empirical, Theoretical and Computational Approaches to Countability in Natural Language, Bochum, 22–24 settembre
- 2009 Pronominal Modifiers, Nominal Systems across Languages Workshop, Barcelona, September 14-16 (invited speaker)
- During a sabbatical half-year in the US I have given talks at: Dept. of linguistics, Yale University, New Haven CT Dept. of linguistics, New York University, New York, NY Dept. of linguistics, University del Quebeq, Montreal, Canada Dept. of linguistics, Georgetown University, Washington DC Dept. of linguistics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ Dept. of cognitive science, Rutgers University
- 2007 Deverbal Compounds: Words, Phrases or Either? (with Marco Baroni ed Emiliano Guevara), XXXIII Incontro di Grammatica Generativa, March 2–4, Università of Bologna.
- 2006 On the interpretability of ϕ -features, The Syntax and Semantics of grammatical features, Università di Stuttgart, February 23

2006	Number Features and Interpretability Bantu-Romance Connection Workshop, University of Leeds, May 26-28
2005	"Genericity in Natural Language" (with E.G. Katz) course at <i>European Summer School in Language, Logic and Information (ESSLLI 2005)</i> , Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, 15–19 agosto.
2005	Singular quantifiers and domain widening in Italian, XXXI Incontro di Grammatica Generativa, May 2–4, Universitya of Rome III.
2004	<i>Manufacturing Plurality</i> , Copenhagen Determination Symposium, Copenhagen Businness School, August 26-28 2004.
2004	Singular determiners in Italian, University of Konstanz, 17 ottobre 2003.
2003	On Certain / Specific phenomena, ESSLLI 2003 Workshop on Specificity, University of Wien, Austria
2003	Bare NPs and DP-internal number agreement(s) (with C.Heycock), Workshop on Agreement, University of Lisbon, Portogallo

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS (single author when not otherwise stated)

- Generative models and generative grammar/MODELLI GENERATIVI E SINTASSI GENERATIVA (with Chesi, C.; Vespignani, F.) in SISTEMI INTELLIGENTI, v. 35, n. 2 (2023), p. 329-349.
- 2019 Distinct neural processes for memorizing form and meaning within sentences (with Mascelloni, Matteo; Vespignani, Francesco; Gruber, Thomas; Mueller, Jutta L), FRONTIERS IN HUMAN NEUROSCIENCE, v. 13, n. 412 (2019) DOI: 10.3389/fnhum.2019.00412
- 2019 Partitives and partitivity (with Michelangelo Falco) in GLOSSA, v. 4, n. 1 (2019), p. 1–49. DOI: 10.5334/gjgl.642
- 2018 Puzz-Ling: A hands-on model of syntax to popularize linguistics as a science (with Luca Ducceschi); in LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS COMPASS, v. 2018, Volume 12, n. 9 (2018), p. 12299 DOI: 10.1111/lnc3. 12299
- "SICK through the SemEval glasses. Lesson learned from the evaluation of compositional distributional semantic models on full sentences through semantic relatedness and textual entailment". pp.95-124. In LANGUAGE RESOURCES AND EVALUATION, vol. 50 (1), with Luisa Bentivogli, Raffaella Bernardi; Marco Marelli; Stefano Menini and Marco Baroni.
- Spicy Adjectives and Nominal Donkeys: Capturing Semantic Deviance Using Compositionality in Distributional Spaces (wih Eva Maria Vecchi, Marco Marelli and Marco Baroni), Cognitive Science, pp. 1–35
- Frege in Space: A Program for Compositional Distributional Semantics (with Marco Baroni and Raffaela Bernardi), Linguistic Issues in Language Technology, vol.9(6) pp.5–110.
- On the interpretation of number and classifiers (with L. L.-S. Cheng, J. Doetjes and R. Sybesma), Rivista Di Linguistica, pp. 175–194.
- Why brother and sister are not only just siblings: Repair processes in agreement computation (with N. Molinaro, F. Vespignani and R. Job), Journal of Memory and Language, v. 64, p. 211-232.
- The dual nature of deverbal nominal constructions: Evidence from acceptability ratings and corpus analysis (with M. Baroni ed E. Guevara). Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory. Vol. 5(1), pp. 1–26.
- 2008 Features, Facts and Clausal Agreement, Lingua e Linguaggio, 1, 111–132
- *Dei ex machina: a note on plural/mass indefinite determiners*, Studia Linguistica, 62(3), pp. 301–327.
- Friends and Colleagues: Plurality, Coordination, and the Structure of DP (with C.Heycock); Natural Language Semantics, 13, Dordrecht: Kluwer (Netherlands).
- 2005 The structure of (in)definiteness, Lingua 115, Elzevier.
- 2004 Every two days, Snippets 9, September 2004
- 2004 On the thickness of Plurals, Snippets 8, February 2004
- Review of *Flexibility principles in Boolean semantics*, by Yoad Winter, Journal of Linguistics, 40(01)
- **2003** (with Caroline Heycock) *Coordinated Bare Definites*, Linguistic Inquiry, 34(3), pg. 443–469.

- The Functional Relevance of Probed Information: A Case Study (with Hanna, M., Marecek, D.) in "Proceedings of the 17th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics, (EACL), Dubrovnik, Croatia: Association for Computational Linguistics, 2023, p. 835-848. Atti di: EACL 2023, Dubrovnik, Croatia, 2 maggio-6 maggio 2023
- One Picture and a Thousand Words: Generative Language+images Models and How to Train Them in Proceedings of the Seventh Workshop on Natural Language for Artificial Intelligence (NL4AI 2023), Aachen, Germany: CEUR Workshop Proceedings, 2023.
- 2022 Multilingualism Encourages Recursion: a Transfer Study with mBERT (with Andrea De Varda), Proceedings of the 4th Workshop on Research in Computational Linguistic Typology and Multilingual NLP, Seattle, Washington: ACL 2022, p. 1-10. Proceedings of SIGTYP, online, July 2022. DOI: 10.18653/v1/2022.sigtyp-1.1
- SemEval-2022 Task 3: PreTENS-Evaluating Neural Networks on Presuppositional Semantic Knowledge (with Chowdhury, Shammur; Brunato, Dominique; Chesi, Cristiano; Dell'Orletta, Felice; Hasan, Md. Arid; Venturi, Giulia), Proceedings of the 16th International Workshop on Semantic Evaluation (SemEval-2022), Seattle, United States: Association for Computational Linguistics, 2022, p. 228-238. DOI: 10.18653/v1/2022.semeval-1.29
- The "Actors Challenge" Project: Collecting data on intonation profiles via a web game (with Chaiko, Natallia; Sepanta, Sia Vosh) Proceedings of the LREC 2022, Marseille: Games and NLP, 2022. Atti di: LREC, Marseille, June 20-25.
- AcCompl-it @ EVALITA2020: overview of the acceptability & complexity evaluation task for Italian (with Brunato, Dominique; Chesi, Cristiano; Dell'Orletta, Felice; Montemagni, Simonetta; Venturi, Giulia), Proceedings of the Seventh Evaluation Campaign of Natural Language Processing and Speech Tools for Italian. Final Workshop (EVALITA 2020), Germany: CEUR Workshop Proceedings (CEUR-WS.org), 2020. (CEUR WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS).
- 2018 "RNN Simulations of Grammaticality Judgments on Long-distance Dependencies" in: *Proceedings of COLING 2018*, Santa Fa, NM, USA: ICCL, 2018, p. 133–144. URL: https://coling2018.org/proceedings/. With Shammur Absar Chowdhury.
- 2017 "Two levels for definiteness", Michael Yoshitaka Erlewine (eds.) *Proceedings of GLOW ASIA XI*, MITWPL, 1, pp. 79–93, with L. L.-S. Cheng and C. Heycock.
- Semeval-2014 Task 1: Evaluation of compositional distributional semantic models on full sentences through semantic relatedness and textual entailment. (with M. Marelli; L. Bentivogli; M. Baroni; R. Bernardi; S. Menini;) In: Proceedings of SemEval 2014
- A SICK cure for the evaluation of compositional distributional semantic models. (with M. Marelli; S. Menini; M. Baroni; L. Bentivogli; R. Bernardi). In: Proceedings of LREC 2014
- 2013 Compositionnalitée en sémantique distributionnelle et ordonnancement des adjectifs (with E. Vecchi and M. Baroni), in ATALA, Les Sables d'Olonne.
- 2013 Studying the recursive behaviour of adjectival modification with compositional distributional semantics (with E. Vecchi and M. Baroni), in Proceedings of the Association for Computational Linguistics, Seattle, WA.
- 2013 Compositional-ly derived representations of morphologically complex words in distributional semantics (with A. Lazaridou; M. Marelli and M. Baroni), pp.1517-1526, in Proceedings of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), Sofia

- 2012 Quantifying count/mass elasticity (with E. G. Katz) in Proceedings of the 29th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project, 2012, pp. 371–379.
- (*Linear*) maps of the impossible: Capturing semantic anomalies in distributional space (with E. Vecchi and M. Baroni). In: Proceedings of the DISCO (Distributional Semantics and Compositionality) Workshop at ACL 2011, East Stroudsburg PA: ACL, 1–9.
- Nouns are vectors, adjectives are matrices: representing adjective- noun constructions in semantic space (with Marco Baroni) in: Proceedings of the 2010 Conference on empirical methods in natural language processing, East Stroudsburg, PA: ACL, 2010, p. 1183–1193. Proceedings of EMNLP, Boston, October 2010.
- **2000** (with C. Heycock) "Plurality and NP-Coordination", in *Proceedings of the 30th North East Linguistic Society (NELS) Conference*, Rutgers University, USA
- (with C. Heycock) "Toward a unified analysis of DP conjunction", in: P. Dekker (eds.) *Proceedings of the XII Amsterdam Colloquium*, Universiteit van Amsterdam, 127–133

ARTICLES IN BOOKS WITH INTERNATIONAL DISTRIBUTION:

- 2020 Countability shifts and abstract nouns, in Moltmann, F. (a cura di), Mass and count in linguistics, philosophy, and cognitive science, Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 2020, p. 191-224. DOI: 10.1075/lfab.16
- 2020 Competition Between Event-Denoting Deverbal Nouns and Nominal Infinitives in Italian (with Rossella Varvara), in Rainer Franz, Gardani, Francesco: Dressler, U. Wolfgang, Luschützky, Hans Christian (eds.), Competition in Inflection and Word-Formation, Switzerland: Springer Nature, 2019, p. 95-121. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-02550-2
- 2016 "The only real pro-nouns. Comparing English one and Italian ne as Noun Phrase proforms" (with Michelangelo Falco). In *The Impact of Pronominal Form on Interpretation*, Patrick Grosz and Pritty Patel-Grosz (eds). Studies in Generative Grammar. Berlin: de Gruyter
- 2011 "Coordination". in: C. Maienborn, K. von Heusinger, and P. Portner (eds.) Semantics: An International Handbook of Natural Language Meaning, Vol.II. Pp. 1713–1741. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.
- 2009 "On the interpretation of φ -features", in: De Cat, Cecile and Demuth, Katherine (eds.) *The Bantu-Romance Connection. A comparative investigation of verbal agreement, DPs and information structure.* Pp. 167–200. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- 2008 "Bare predicate nominals in Romance languages", in: Alex Klinge and Henrik H. Müller (eds.) Essays on Nominal Determination: From morphology to discourse management, xviii, 101–130, John Benjamins.
- "On singular existential quantifiers in Italian", in: L. Comorovski and K. von Heusinger (eds.): *Existence: Semantics and Syntax*, Springer.
- (with Valentina Bianchi) "Edge Coordination: Focus and Conjunction Reduction", in Adger, David, De Cat, Cécile and Tsoulas, George (Eds.) *Peripheries. Syntactic edges and their effect*, Kluwer, Dordrecht.
- "Definite and Bare Kind-denoting Nouns Phrases", in *Romance Languages and Linguistic Theory 2000; selected papers from "Going Romance" 2000*, Frank Drijkoningen, Claire Beyssade, Paola Monachesi, Reineke Bok-Bennema (eds.), John Benjamins, Amsterdam/Philadelphia, pg. 305–342.
- 1998 "A theory of Kinds, Partitives and of/z Possessives", in: Wilder, C. and Alexiadou, A. (eds.) *Possessors, Predicates and Movement in the Determiner Phrase*, John Benjamins, Amsterdam, 259–301.

ARTICLES IN BOOKS WIH NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION

2021	Cervello e linguaggio in Claudia Marchesoni, Daniele Mereu, Leo Toller (a cura di), Per-
	corsi della lingua mòchena Beng von bersntolerisch, Palau del Fersina: Istituto culturale
	mocheno, 2021, p. 15-30 ISBN: 9788894253665

2013 "Form and Interpretation in Chinese Nominals" in: F. Meroi (ed.), *Le parole del pensiero:* studi offerti a Nestore Pirillo, Pisa: ETS, 2013, 354

Books

2009 Le strutture del significato (with Denis Delfitto), Il Mulino, 2009.

2000 Layers in the Determiner Phrase, Garland, New York

PATENTS

VII 2016 Dispositivo didattico per l'apprendimento o l'esercizio nell'uso di strutture linguistiche, patent awarded, Italian registration n. 102016000078443.