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Date of birth: 31/08/1997

Research interests

Romance syntax, syntax-semantic interface, dialectology, language contact, heritage languages

Education

2023–in progress **PhD program in Linguistics (XXXIX cycle)**, University of Verona
Provisional thesis title: *Competing alignments in Romance: A microvariation approach*.

2019–2022 **Master's Degree in Linguistics**, University of Verona
Thesis: *The status of ne-cliticization as a diagnostic for unaccusativity: evidence from Italian unergative verbs*.
Grade: 110/110 cum laude.

2016–2019 **Bachelor's Degree in Foreign Languages and Literatures**, University of Verona
Thesis: *Fenomeni di interferenza e contatto linguistico in parlanti italo-canadesi di seconda generazione*
Grade: 110/110 cum laude.

2011–2016 **High School Diploma (Italian and French)**, Liceo Stabili-Trebbiani, Ascoli Piceno
Grade: 98/100.

Teaching experience

2024–2025 **Teaching Assistant**, University of Verona

- Indo-European linguistics (undergraduate course). 18 hours.
- Fundamentals of general and historical linguistics (undergraduate course). 20 hours (lectures), 60 hours (office hours).
- Historical linguistics (postgraduate course). 12 hours.

2023–2024 **Teaching Assistant**, University of Verona
Historical linguistics (postgraduate course). 12 hours.

2022–2023 **English teacher**, ATHENEO Recupero anni scolastici & Pingu's English, Ascoli Piceno

2021–2022 **Teaching Assistant**, University of Verona

- Indo-European linguistics (undergraduate course). 18 hours.
- General Linguistics and Historical Linguistics (undergraduate courses). 36 hours.
- *L'aspetto nella grammatica generativa*. Invited lecture for the course "Introduction to Russian Linguistics".

Conference, seminar and workshop presentations (peer reviewed and invited)

forthcoming *How to be ergative in a world of accusative: Insights from past-participle agreement in Ascolano*. Presentation, Graduate Conference "On Otherness", Università degli studi di Trento, 8-10 October 2025.

- 2025 *Stare-ing into Aspect: Progressive and Continuous Periphrases in Ascolano*. Presentation, CIDSIM 19 - Comparative Italian Dialect Syntax-Morphology Meeting, Università degli Studi "Gabriele d'Annunzio", September 8-10. [with Jelena Živojinović]
- 2025 *Combining unaccusativity diagnostics in Romance: preliminary evidence from Italian, French and Catalan*. Presentation, RoLinC Seminars (online), June 10.
- 2025 *La selezione dell'ausiliare in ascolano: uno studio sull'alternanza tra essere e avere nel trapassato prossimo*. Presentation, VIII Convegno Internazionale di Dialettologia - Progetto A.L.Ba, Potenza, May 8-10.
- 2024 *L'accordo del participio passato in dialetto ascolano: Osservazioni preliminari*. Presentation, V Scuola Internazionale di dialettologia, Sant'Arcangelo (PZ), November 18-23.
- 2024 *Past participle agreement and alignment shift in Ascolano*. Poster, CIDSIM18 - Cambridge Italian Dialect Syntax-Morphology Meeting, University of Manchester, June 25-27.
- 2022 *La cliticizzazione con il ne come diagnostica di inaccusatività: uno studio sui verbi inergativi italiani*. Presentation, Il futuro della ricerca in Glottologia e Linguistica a Verona (e oltre), University of Verona, December 14.
- 2022 *Questioning the status of ne-cliticization as a diagnostic for unaccusativity: a preliminary study on Italian unergative verbs*. Presentation, LiVe Lunch, University of Verona, December 7.
- 2021 *Postposed articles and DP structures in Torlak*. Presentation, SLS-16, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (online), September 3-5. [with Jelena Živojinović and Beatrice Azzolina]
- 2020 *Auxiliary selection in Italo-Canadian Heritage Speakers*. Poster, HLS – Heritage Language Syntax Workshop, Universiteit Utrecht (online), September 12-16.

Other presentations

- 2025 *Different Approaches to Argument Structure: Minimalism vs. Construction Grammar*. LiveLunch (PhDiscussion series), University of Verona (online), May 20.
- 2025 *Verso un nuovo dizionario di dialetto ascolano*. Venerdì dialettali, Comune di Ascoli Piceno, December 7. [with Carlo Zoli]
- 2025 *Per un nuovo dizionario del dialetto ascolano*. Di(a)lettiamoci con passione, Comune di Ascoli Piceno, October 4. [with Carlo Zoli]

Publications (peer-reviewed)

- 2021 Azzolina, B., Girolami, V., Živojinović, J. (2021). *Postposed articles and DP structures in Torlak*. *Balcania et Slavia*, 1(01), 97–116. DOI: 10.30687/BES/0/2021/01/004.

Unpublished theses

- 2022 *The status of ne-cliticization as a diagnostic for unaccusativity: evidence from Italian unergative verbs*. MA Thesis. University of Verona.
- 2019 *Interferenza e contatto linguistico in parlanti italo-canadesi di seconda generazione*. BA Thesis. University of Verona.

Organization of seminars and workshops

2025 **University of Verona**

- FURIGLO#3 “Il futuro della ricerca in Glottologia e Linguistica a Verona”, May 13th, 2025 (with Angelica Zordan).
- “Syntax on the edge: a graph theoretic analysis of sentence structure”, seminar delivered by Prof. Diego Gabriel Krivochen (University of Oxford), University of Bolzano, December 20th, 2025.

2024 **University of Verona**

FURIGLO#2 “Il futuro della ricerca in Glottologia e Linguistica a Verona”, May 30th, 2024 (with Alessandro Rossi).

Training

2025 **Summer School in Linguistics, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano**

Topics: Learner corpora; Theory and practice of transcription.

2025 **8th Winter School in Linguistics, University of Verona**

Topics: Inflectional morphology; Linguistics and Large Language Models.

2024 **V Scuola internazionale di dialettologia, University of Basilicata**

Topics: language contact in Sicilian Gallo-Romance; Italo-Romance morphosyntax; DOM in Romance; acoustic analysis of dialects; Sardinian typology.

2024 **Summer School in Linguistics, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano**

Topics: Phonology; Conversation Analysis.

2024 **7th Winter School in Linguistics, University of Verona**

Topics: Syntactic Microvariation; Language Policies.

2024 **Virtual NYI #8, Winter School in Theoretical Linguistics and Cognitive Sciences**

Topics: Feeding and Bleeding in Syntax; Agreement; Formal Semantics.

2021 **EGG Summer School (online)**

Topics: Syntax; Agreement; Language universals; Determiner spreading.

2021 **Phrase Structure (CLT UAB, online)**

Topics: Head-movement; Labeling; Parentheticals.

2021 **4th Winter School in Linguistics (online), University of Verona**

Topics: Artificial Grammar Learning; Parametric syntax.

Other experiences

2020–2021 **Junior tutor for international students, University of Verona**

Languages

Italian Native

Ascolano Heritage
(Abruzzese
dialect)

English C2 – CPE Band A; IELTS 8/9

Spanish C1 – University certificate (92/100); DELE B2

French B2 – Diplôme du baccalauréat (mention très bien)

Catalan B1 – Certificat del Institut Ramon Llull

Computer skills

Windows and Mac OS; Office Suite; Zotero; LaTeX; Jamovi (Beginner)

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Ascoli Piceno, October 4, 2025

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