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Work and Teaching Experience

PhD Researcher
Eurac Research, Bolzano – Institute of applied linguistics
October 2021 – February 2025 (thesis to be discussed during summer 2025)

> Awarded a scholarship funded by Eurac Research, for a project focused on the expression of concession in texts written in Italian by secondary school students.
> February – May 2024: study period at the Istituto di Italianistica at the University of Basel, with Prof. Angela Ferrari as supervisor.

Italian and History Substitute Teacher
Istituto Tecnico Tecnologico "Marconi", Padova
March 2021 – April 2021

> Responsible for teaching Italian and History in both classroom and online settings due to the pandemic. Proficient in a classroom administrative and technological aspects; competent in listening and communication skills.

Senior Educator
Associazione Alumni Scuola Galileiana, Padova
February 2021 – June 2021

> I was firstly a junior educator (January 2020 – January 2021), and then I was promoted to a senior role.
> Responsible for planning and delivering lessons (face-to-face or online) in courses of 6 hours each; for handling relations with the teachers, students and junior collaborators involved; for scheduling the courses and adapting them to the needs and interests of the learners.
> The project aimed to provide middle and secondary school students with information literacy skills: to distinguish between authoritative sources and fake news and to carry out research on an assigned topic, through group work.

Linguist (Phonetician)
Transperfect + Amazon Web Services

December 2020 – January 2021

Reviewed a text-to-speech synthesizer, modifying prosody and correcting pronunciation with IPA. Provided Language Quality Assurance on translated texts from English to Italian.

Education

PhD in Linguistics
University of Verona / Free University of Bolzano / Eurac Research
October 2021 – February 2025

MA in Linguistics
University of Padua, Italy
2017 – 2019

Dissertation title: "The acquisition of passive by Italian children: evidence from spontaneous speech".
Date: 22/03/2019
Final grade: 110/110

BA in Humanities (Lettere Moderne)
University of Padua, Italy
2013 – 2016

Dissertation in Linguistics, about the use of the grammatical feminine gender in Italian words of professions.
Date: 07/12/2016
Final grade: 110/110 *cum laude*

Secondary School Diploma in Classics
Liceo Classico "Tito Livio", Padova, Italy
2008 – 2013

Training

- Summer School of the NYI Global Institute of Cultural, Cognitive, and Linguistic Studies, July 2024.
- Ferrari Angela, Seminar Come parlano le autorità svizzere quando parlano in italiano, University of Basel, Istituto di Italianistica, 01/03 – 03/05/24.
- Palermo Massimo, Seminar Linguistica del testo e diacronia, University of Basel, Istituto di Italianistica, 13/03, 15/03, 20/03, 22/03/2024.
- Frigerio Sveva, Seminar Linguistica del testo e testi generati automaticamente, University of Basel, Istituto di Italianistica, 18/04, 19/04, 25/04, 26/04/2024.

- Winter School of the PhD Program in Linguistics, Universities of Verona and Bolzano, 22 – 25/01/2024.
- Lancaster Summer Schools in Corpus Linguistics, Lancaster University, 26 – 30/06/2023.
- Summer School of the PhD Program in Linguistics, Universities of Verona and Bolzano, 12 – 16/06/2023.
- Deutsch A1.2 (für Professoren und Forscher), Language Course provided by the Free University of Bolzano (course ID: 7269), March – June 2023.
- Metodi Quantitativi in Linguistica e Analisi dei dati, Courses provided by the Free University of Bolzano (course IDs: 54109A, 54109B), 1st Semester 2022 – 2023.
- MOOC (Massive Online Open Course) in Corpus Linguistics: Method, Analysis, Interpretation, University of Lancaster, 2022 – 2023.
- Winter School of the PhD Program in Linguistics, Universities of Verona and Bolzano, 23 – 27/01/2023.
- Attendance at the Learner Corpus Research Conference 2022, University of Padova, 22 – 24/09/2022.
- Summer School in Corpus Linguistics (online), University of Lancaster, 20 –24/06/2022.
- Summer School of the PhD Program in Linguistics, Universities of Verona and Bolzano, 13 – 17/06/2022.
- Deutsch A1.1 (Erasmus & PhD), Language Course provided by the Free University of Bolzano (course ID: 6808), March – June 2022.
- Academic English (C1 Level), Language Course provided by the Free University of Bolzano (course ID: 6841), March – May 2022.
- Publication Choices - Merits and Metrics, course provided by EURAC Research, 9th March 2022.
- GitHub Course, University of Verona, 10th, 13th and 14th January 2022.
- Using statistics as a practical tool for Corpus Linguistics and the analysis of language, online workshop organized by the University of Lancaster, 3rd February 2022.
- Winter School of the PhD Program in Linguistics, Universities of Verona and Bolzano, 27/10 – 05/11/2021.

Collaboration within research projects

Member of the multidisciplinary Gender Dynamics group – Eurac Research
- As part of the Institute of applied linguistics, I collaborated with Arianna Bienati, a doctoral student at the same institute, in writing a section of the Gender Report (2024).

Internal work in the ITACA project – Eurac Research
- Annotation task on phenomena perturbing coherence/cohesion in a sample of texts from the corpus (24/02 – 15/03/2022).
- Analysis of a sample of texts for the elaboration of the evaluation scale (19/04 – 05/05/2022).

Academic Experience

- Member of the Board of Reviewers of the Journal of the Undergraduate Linguistics Association of Britain (JoULAB).
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the international conference "One school many languages: bridging research and school practice through plurilingual education", Eurac Research, Bolzano, 4 – 6/12/2023.
- Member of the organizing committee of the "LCR 2023 Graduate Student Conference" hosted by Eurac Research, Bolzano, 25 – 27/10/2023.
- Volunteer contributing to the delivery of several laboratories at the Lancaster Summer Schools in Corpus Linguistics, 26 – 30/06/2023.
- Co-organization of the seminar "Costrutti transfrastici fra testualità e sintassi". Invited speakers: Michele Prandi and Marco Mazzoleni. Free University of Bolzano, 16/12/2022.

Language skills

Italian: native speaker (CEFR: C2)

English: advanced (CEFR: C1)
        IELTS Academic Certificate band 7.5 (British Council Milan; 04/03/2021)

German: beginner (CEFR: A1)

Digital skills

Microsoft Office Suite and MacOs Suite: Excellent
Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Skype, Google Meet: Excellent
Spreadsheets (Excel, Google Sheets, Numbers): Excellent
Outlook: Very good
GitHub: Very good
WordPress: Very good
LaTeX: Very good
INCEpTION: Good
Sketch Engine, LancsBox: Good
Nvivo: Beginner
Python: Beginner
        Certified Entry-Level Python Programmer (Python Institute; 17/04/2021)
R: Beginner
SQL: Beginner

Soft Skills

Empathy, listening skills and ability to communicate clearly and effectively.
Team working, flexibility and problem-solving skills.

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Bolzano, 03/02/2025

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