

# JELENA ŽIVOJINOVIĆ

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## CURRENT POSITION(S)

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Postdoctoral Researcher (Univ. Assistant with Doctorate) at the University of Graz    *October 2022 -*

Subject expert (cultore della materia) for the L-LIN/01 sector,  
General and historical linguistics    *January 2020 -*

## EDUCATION

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**Joint PhD track in Linguistics**    *Oct. 2017 - Sept. 2021*

University of Verona & UiT The Arctic University of Norway

Research project: *The development of the Latin gerund in Rhaeto-Romance*

Supervisors: prof. Paola Cotticelli (UniVR), prof. Eystein Dahl (UiT)

Examiners: prof. Giampaolo Salvi (Eötvös Loránd University), prof. Bridget Drinka (University of Texas at Austin), prof. Stefano Aloe (UniVR), prof. Antonio Fábregas (UiT)

Titles awarded: dottore di ricerca in Letterature Straniere, Lingue e Linguistica (PhD in Foreign Literatures, Languages and Linguistics), Philosophiae Doctor i Humaniora og Samfunnsvitenskap (Doctor of Philosophy in Humanities and Social Sciences), Doctor Europaeus

**Erasmus programme - year abroad**    *2014-2015*

University of Cambridge

Main focus on Historical linguistics and Typology

Main supervisor: prof. David Willis

Director of studies: dr. Theresa Biberauer

**MA in Linguistics**    *2014-2017*

University of Verona

Thesis title: *Language Contact in the Republic of Ragusa: the example of Marin Držić and his comedies*

Supervisor: prof. Paola Cotticelli

Co-supervisor: prof. Stefano Aloe

**Erasmus programme - year abroad**    *2012-2013*

University of Nice Sophia Antipolis

Main focus on semantics and pragmatics

**BA in Languages and Cultures for Tourism and International Commerce  
(English and French)**    *2011-2015*

University of Verona

Thesis title: *Les classes d'objets*

Supervisor: prof. Pierluigi Ligas

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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2022/2023

Ausgewählte Themen der Sprachwissenschaft des Russischen [Selected topics in Russian Linguistics] (postgraduate course). University of Graz.

2021/2022

Russian linguistics (postgraduate course). 36 hours. University of Verona.

Slavic Philology (postgraduate course). 36 hours. University of Verona.

English teacher at *Educando Agli Angeli* and *ITT Galileo Ferraris*, Verona.

2020/2021

Russian linguistics (postgraduate course). 36 hours. University of Verona.

Introduction to Russian linguistics (undergraduate course). 36 hours. University of Verona.

Slavic Philology (postgraduate course). 36 hours. University of Verona.

Historical linguistics (postgraduate course). 12 hours. Tutorials. University of Verona.

2019/2020

Historical linguistics (postgraduate course). 12 hours. Tutorials. University of Verona.

[invited lecture] *Minorities in the Balkans: the case of Torlak* for the Slavic Philology course, taught by dr. Daniele Artoni. University of Verona.

2017/2018

Indo-European Linguistics (undergraduate course). 12 hours. Tutorials. University of Verona.

2016/2017

Introduction to Linguistics (undergraduate course). 22 hours. Tutorials. University of Verona.

## **SUPERVISION OF BACHELOR/MASTER'S THESES**

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6. Valentina Cibir, defended in November 2022. Title: *Il bilinguismo in Alto Adige. Studio sul contatto linguistico tra tedesco e italiano* [The bilingualism in Südtirol. A case study on language contact between German and Italian]. BA in Communication Studies. Co-supervisor.
5. Lucrezia Borsaro, defended in November 2022. Title: *The making of the Sakha between ethno-genesis and language contact*. MA in Comparative European and Non-European Languages and Literatures. Main supervisor.
4. Nicole Lanza, defended in March 2022. Title: *Oltre la biaspettualità verbale in russo: il superamento della prospettiva indoeuropea* [Beyond the verbal biaspectuality in Russian: overcoming the Indo-European perspective]. BA in Foreign Languages and Literatures, University of Verona. Main supervisor.
3. Cristina Resmini, defended in November 2021. Title: *Grammaticalisation Paths of the Proto-Indo-European Anaphoric Pronoun across the Germanic Languages*. MA in Linguistics, University of Verona. Co-supervisor.
2. Barbara Stanišić, defended in July 2021. Title: *Il Kosovo e le sue ferite aperte: lo sguardo dei giovani serbi kosovari sul futuro della propria lingua* [Kosovo and its open wounds: the outlook

of young Kosovar Serbs on the future of their own language]. BA in Languages and Cultures for Publishing, University of Verona. Co-supervisor.

1. Ivan Spasov, defended in April 2021. Title: *Gli slavi del sud tra storia, cultura e identità culturale* [The South Slavs in history, culture and cultural identity]. MA in Languages for Communication in Tourism and Commerce, University of Verona. Co-supervisor.

## CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

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### 2022

‘The resolution of the accusative absolute vs. gerundial constructions in Late Latin’ (with Paola Cotticelli and Eystein Dahl). Paper presented at DIACON2022 - *Towards a diachronic typology of converbs*, University of Verona, Italy, 6-8 October 2022.

‘The resolution of absolute constructions in Late Latin: the role of non-finite syntax in alignment change’ (with Paola Cotticelli and Eystein Dahl). Paper presented at LVLX XIV - *Latin vulgaire - Latin tardif XIV*, Ghent University, Belgium, 5-9 September 2022.

‘New’ Patterns of Transitivity in Neo-Standard Italian: A Mock Innovation?’ (with Marco Biasio). Paper presented at ZLF2022 - *Zadar Linguistic Forum*, University of Zadar, Croatia, 6-8 April 2022.

### 2021

‘Grammaticalization in northern Italo-Romance: some considerations’ (with Marta Tagliani). Paper presented at CIDSM 15 - *15th Cambridge Italian Dialect Syntax-Morphology Meeting*, University of Helsinki, Finland (Zoom), 8-10 September 2021.

‘Postposed articles and DP structures in Torlak’. Paper presented at SLS-16 - *16th Annual Meeting of the Slavic Linguistics Society*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, US (Zoom), 3-5 September 2021.

‘Some further remarks on the Serbo-Croatian clitic *je*’. Paper presented at INTERSLAVIC 2020/2021 - *Internationalisms in Slavic as a window into the architecture of grammar*, University of Graz, Graz, Austria (Zoom), 24-26 February 2021.

### 2020

‘Detangling the Serbo-Croatian *gerund*’. Paper presented at SLS-15 - *15th Annual Meeting of the Slavic Linguistics Society*, Indiana University, Bloomington, US (Zoom), 4-6 September 2020.

‘The so-called ‘gerund’ in Ladin’. Poster presented at IMM 19 - *19th International Morphology Meeting*, Vienna, Austria, 6-8 February 2020.

### 2019

‘Where did the Ladin progressive go?’ Paper presented at FARM Workshop - *Third Bucharest Workshop on Formal Approaches to Romance Microvariation*, Bucharest, Romania, 22-23 November 2019.

‘On the grammaticalization of the Serbo-Croatian clitic *je*’. Paper presented at SLS-14 - *14th Annual Meeting of the Slavic Linguistics Society*, University of Potsdam, Germany, 11-14 September 2019.

‘Contact-induced phenomena in Ladin: the case of gerund’. Poster presented at SLE 2019 - *52nd Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea*, University of Leipzig, Germany, 21-24 August 2019.

‘Variation in the use of gerund in Ladin’. Paper presented at ICHL 24 - *24th International Conference on Historical Linguistics*, The Australian National University, Canberra, 1-5 July 2019.

‘Variation and change in the use of gerund: the case of Ladin’. Paper presented at *Rencontres lyonnaises des jeunes chercheurs en linguistique historique*, Lyon, France, 6 June 2019.

## 2018

‘Some considerations on Torlak Serbian’. Paper presented at FDSL 13 - *13th European Conference on Formal Description of Slavic Languages*, Göttingen, Germany, 5-7 December 2018.

‘Asymmetric multilingualism in the Renaissance Ragusa: diaphasic variation and contact-induced change’. Paper presented at CLARC 2018 - *Perspectives on Linguistic Diversity*, Rijeka, Croatia, 8-10 June 2018.

‘Diaphasic Variation and contact-induced change: an asymmetric multilingualism in the Renaissance Ragusa’. Paper presented at *VARIATIONist Linguistics meets CONTACT Linguistics*, Ascona, Switzerland, 20-23 May 2018.

‘Diaphasic Variation and contact-induced change: an asymmetric multilingualism in the Renaissance Ragusa’. Paper presented at *Language contact within systems and speakers*, Potsdam, Germany, 21-23 February 2018.

## OTHER CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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### 2021

[invited] ‘The use of gerund in Rhaeto-Romance: a diachronic perspective’. Paper presented at the *RoLinC seminars*, University of Cambridge, UK [Zoom], 12 October 2021.

### 2019

[invited] ‘L’uso del gerundio nel retoromanzo’. Paper presented at *Conversazioni Linguistiche*, University of Trento, Italy, 8 November 2019.

‘Grammaticalization in northern Italo-Romance: some considerations’ (with Marta Tagliani). Paper presented at *Humanities in the 3rd Millenium: Approaches, Contaminations & Perspectives*, Verona, Italy, 17-18 October 2019.

## CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

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*DiaCon2022 - Towards a diachronic typology of converbs*, Verona, to be held on October 6-8, 2022. Co-organizer. <https://sites.google.com/view/diacon2022/home>

*SLiV@ (Slavistics in Verona) Webinars*, Verona, Spring semester 2022. Co-organizer. <https://www.dlls.univr.it/?ent=iniziativa&convegno=1&id=9975>

*Gemeinsame Tagung der IG und der SIG – Tra semantica e sintassi: il ruolo della linguistica storica*, Verona, Italy, 11-14 October 2017. Support to the organization.

## PUBLICATIONS [PEER-REVIEWED]

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Biasio, M. and Živojinović, J. (submitted). “New” Patterns of Transitivity in Neo-Standard Italian: A Mock Innovation?

Tagliani, M. and Živojinović, J. (accepted). Tracking Jespersen’s cycle in Veronese and Bresciano: diatopic variation in sentential negation.

Azzolina, B.; Girolami, V.; Živojinović, J. (2021). Postposed Articles and DP Structures in Torlak. *Balkanica et Slavia*, 1(1), 97-116.

Živojinović, J. (2021). Is there a grammaticalized progressive in Ladin? A preliminary field report. *Revue roumaine de linguistique*, LXVI (2-3), 211-226.

Živojinović, J. (2021). Torlak clitic doubling: a cross-linguistic comparison. In: Andreas Blümel, Jovana Gajić, Uwe Junghanns Hagen Pitsch (eds.), *Advances in formal Slavic linguistics 2018*. 423-441. Berlin: Language Science Press. DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.5483122.

Živojinović, J. (2020). Language contact in the Renaissance Ragusa. In: Alexandra N. Lenz / Mateusz Maselko (eds.), *VARIATIONist Linguistics meets CONTACT Linguistics*, 181-197. Vienna: Vienna University Press. DOI: 10.14220/9783737011440.181

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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Živojinović, J. (2022). Le lingue di oggi, di ieri e... di domani. Il mutamento linguistico (The languages of today, yesterday and... tomorrow. Language change). In: L'nVersamente, *Piccolo manuale di linguistica*, 69-88. Gribaudo: Milano.

## RESEARCH PROMOTION

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*Friuli, una ricercatrice di Verona scopre una particolarità del friulano* (Friuli, a researcher from Verona discovers a feature of Friulan). Interview for the online newspaper friulioggi.it, October 15, 2021. <https://www.friulioggi.it/friuli/ricerca-friulano-scoperta-universita-verona-14-ottobre-2021/>

*Smederevka Jelena Živojinović radi na Univerzitetu u Veroni. Predaje slovensku filologiju i rusku lingvistiku* (Jelena Živojinović from Smederevo works at the University of Verona. She teaches Slavic philology and Russian linguistics). Interview for the local newspaper "Naš glas" from Smederevo, Serbia. <http://www.nasglas.rs/>

## AWARDS

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2020 Charles E. Townsend Award, given by the Slavic Linguistics Society  
2019 Travel award, given by the Slavic Linguistics Society

## MEMBERSHIPS

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Società Filologica Friulana (2019-current)  
Slavic Linguistics Society (2019-current)  
Societas Linguistica Europaea (2019-current)  
Société Internationale de Diachronie de Français (2023-current)

## LANGUAGES

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Serbian: native  
Italian: near-native  
English: fluent  
French: fluent  
Spanish: working proficiency  
German: limited working proficiency

Linguistic knowledge for research purposes:

Ladin (all varieties of Ladin)  
Swiss Romansh (specifically Sursilvan and Engadinese)  
Friulan  
Torlak (Old Shtokavian variety spoken in South-Eastern Serbia)  
Russian  
Old Church Slavonic  
Latin

## IT & STATISTICAL SKILLS

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Document preparation systems: LaTeX, Microsoft Office  
Basic knowledge of R