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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

2004.10.13 – Ph.D., Humanistic and Renaissance Culture, University of Pisa.

2000.04.18 – B.A./M.A. Degree, Italian literature, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025.09.01 (to date) – Full professor of Italian Linguistics, Department of Classical Philology and Italian Studies, University of Bologna.

2019.08.22-2025.08.31 – Full professor of Italian Linguistics, Department of Romance Studies and Classics, Stockholm University (Professor i italienska med språkvetenskaplig inriktning, Romanska och klassiska institutionen, Stockholms universitet).

2019.04.01-2024.05.31 (leave of absence from 2019.08.21) – Associate professor of Italian Linguistics, Department of Medieval, Humanistic and Renaissance Studies, Faculty of Literature and Philosophy, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan.

2017.03.30 – Italian academic qualification required to be employed in Italy as full professor in the Italian Linguistics and Philology field.

2014.01.16 – Italian academic qualification required to be employed in Italy as associate professor in the Italian Linguistics and Philology field.

2009.01.01-2019.03.31 – Assistant professor of Italian Linguistics, Department of Medieval, Humanistic and Renaissance Studies, Faculty of Literature and Philosophy, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan.

2005-2008 – Adjunct professor of Italian Linguistics, Faculty of Literature and Philosophy, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan.

2003-2008 – Adjunct professor of Italian Linguistics, Faculty of Literature and Philosophy, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Brescia.

2001-2005 – Adjunct instructor of Academic writing, Faculty of Literature and Philosophy, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan.

2001-2004 – Adjunct instructor of Academic writing, Faculty of Literature and Philosophy, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Brescia.

FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANTS

2025 – Travel grant funded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities to participate in the conference of the Société de Linguistique Romane, Lecce, 30.06-05.07.2025 (SEK 14.100,00).

2025.02.14-2025.04.14 – Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Research Fellowship for a renewed research stay, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, hosted by Tania Paciaroni (€ 6.400,00).

2023 – One-month research grant funded by the Romance Linguistics group, Stockholm University. Amount: SEK 65.400,00.

2022 – One-month research grant funded by the Romance Linguistics group, Stockholm University. Amount: SEK 65.400,00.

2017 – Research Collaboration Award from the University of Western Australia as co-applicant in collaboration with John Kinder, Hilary Carey, Jacqueline Van Gent, Emma Moreton, Susan Fitzmaurice, Eleonora Rai. Project title: "Transnational networks among European missionaries in colonial Australia: building a digital repository of epistolary correspondence". Amount: \$ 23.450,00.

2014-2015 – Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Research Fellowship for experienced researchers, Saarland University, hosted by Wolfgang Schweickard. Amount: € 28.350,00.

2010 – Research Collaboration Award from the University of Western Australia as co-applicant in collaboration with John Kinder. Project title: "A history of the Italian language in Western Australia based on new archival material, 1850-1950". Amount: \$ 3.000,00.

2005-2019 – Research grant from the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore as co-applicant in collaboration with other researchers or associate professors (mainly Andrea Canova and Paolo Gresti). Amount per year: around € 800,00.

2005-2008 – Research grant from the Catholic university centre of Rome. Project title: "Studies on Chirch, Italian and dialects in the late 19th century". Amount: € 39.000,00.

2003 – Visiting scholar, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, supervision by Franco Musarra and Serge Vanvolsem. Amount: € 3.517,60.

2001 – Visiting scholar, University College London, supervision by Giulio Lepschy. Amount: Italian lire 11.250.000,00.

PRIZES

2017 – Prize for high quality publications awarded by the Faculty of Literature and Philosophy, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, for the monograph *Passione Trivulziana*, Berlin – Boston, de Gruyter, 2016. Amount: € 1.547,00.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

2025.06.04 – Chair of the public defence of Santi Luca Famà's doctoral dissertation, Stockholm University.

2024-2025 – Vicarious member of the board for human sciences (humanistiska fakultetsnämnden), Stockholm University.

2024-2025 – Member of the board of the Department of Romance Studies and Classics, Stockholm University.

2023 – Member of the selection board appointed to evaluate candidates for two PhD positions at the Department of Romance Studies and Classics, Stockholm University.

2022 – Member of the selection board appointed to evaluate candidates for one PhD position at the Department of Romance Studies and Classics, Stockholm University.

2021-2023 – Director of the Romance Linguistics seminar at the Department of Romance Studies and Classics, Stockholm University.

2021-2023 – Vicarious member of the board of the Department of Romance Studies and Classics, Stockholm University.

2021-2023 – Member of the board that allocates funding to projects within the Romance Linguistics field at the Department of Romance Studies and Classics, Stockholm University.

2020 – Board member of the Doctoral School in “Italianistica”, Università Ca’ Foscari, Venice.

2020 – Member of the selection board appointed to evaluate candidates for the position of full professor in Italian Linguistics at the Università Ca’ Foscari, Venice.

2019 – Member of the selection board appointed to evaluate candidates for three PhD positions at the Department of Romance Studies and Classics, Stockholm University.

2020 – Member of the selection board appointed to evaluate candidates for the position of full professor in Italian Linguistics at the Università Ca’ Foscari, Venice.

2016 – Member of the selection board appointed to evaluate candidates for the position of assistant professor in Italian Linguistics at the Università per Stranieri, Perugia.

2012-2019 – Board member of the Doctoral School in “Studi umanistici. Tradizione e contemporaneità”, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan.

2009-2019 – Member of the undergraduate studies committee “Lettere Moderne”, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan.

2009.09.18 – Member of the committee for György Domokos’ academic licence together with Katalin É. Kiss (Hungarian Academy of Sciences) and Giampaolo Salvi (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest).

EDITORIAL BOARDS

2022 (to date) – member of the advisory editorial board of the *Giornale di Storia della Lingua Italiana*, www.serena.unina.it/index.php/gisli.

2021 (to date) – member of the advisory editorial board of the book series “Lingua del sì” published by Aracne and directed by Yorick Gomez Gane.

2018 (to date) – member of the advisory editorial board of the book series “Didattica dell’italiano” published by Bononia University Press and directed by Matteo Viale.

THESIS SUPERVISION

PhD theses

2023 (to date) – Anna Terzi, Department of Romance Studies and Classics, Stockholm University (main supervisor).

2022 (to date) – Eugenio Cereser, PhD in “Italianistica”, Università Ca’ Foscari, Venice (external supervisor).

2019-2024 – Marta Garbelli, Department of Romance Studies and Classics, Stockholm University (main supervisor).

2014-2017 – Federica Verdina, School of Humanities, The University of Western Australia (external supervisor).

2012-2018 – Maria Rita Ruggeri, PhD in “Storia e Letteratura dell’Età Moderna e Contemporanea”, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan (external supervisor).

BA/MA theses

2019 (to date) – Stockholm University, BA theses: 2; MA theses: 3.

2005-2019 – Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, BA theses: 55; MA theses: 34.

2004-2019 – Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Brescia, BA theses: 16; MA theses: 20 (Valentina Vasapolli’s MA thesis on *La lingua delle lettere di Alessandro Tassoni (1597-1616)*, 2010-2011, won the Gemelli Prize of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in 2013).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AS VISITING PROFESSOR

2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024 (Spring Term) – Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan.

2019.05.14-19 – State Pedagogical University of Novosibirsk.

2010.09.16-21, 2011.07.23-29, 2013.01.23-27, 2016.01.29-02.03 – St. Tikhon Orthodox University, Moscow.

2010.02.12-21, 2011.02.12-18, 2012.02.06-17 – Péter Pázmány Catholic University, Piliscsaba, Esztergom, Szeged, Eger, EU financed project “Ponti”.

2006.12.04-07, 2009.02.16-19, 2015.04.19-23 – Péter Pázmány Catholic University, Piliscsaba.

2001.10.30-11.02, 2011.09.22-28, 2012.09. 23-27 – State University of Novosibirsk.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2015-2019 – staff member at the *Lessico Etimologico Italiano (LEI)* founded by Max Pfister and directed by Elton Prifti and Wolfgang Schweickard (dictionary entries *constellatio*, *constellatus*, *cuspis* and *cuspus*).

2013 – Lecturer in Italian Linguistics Pedagogy, “Tirocinio Formativo Attivo. Classe A043” [training course for high school teachers], Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan.

2010-2012– Lecturer in Italian language teaching, Foreign languages Faculty, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan.

2004-2005 – Language instructor in Italian, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Summer courses.

2003-2005 – Erasmus tutor for outgoing students, Faculty of Literature and Philosophy, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan.

CONFERENCES, STUDY DAYS, TRAINING COURSES AND SEMINARS

Promoter

2022.02.10-11 – International Conference “Pier Paolo Pasolini tra letteratura, lingua e cinema 1922-2022” [Pier Paolo Paolini between literature, language, and cinema 1922-2022] (Stockholm University, together with Anna Finozzi, Marta Garbelli, Cecilia Schwartz, Tiziano Toracca).

2021.09.16 – International Conference “Dante and his heritage 1321-2021” (The Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities, Stockholm, together with Anders Cullhed and Tzortzis Ikonomou).

2019.05.06-07 – International Conference “Cultura e identità nazionale nella storia della grammatica” [Culture and national identity in the history of grammar] (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, together with Simone Pregnolato).

2017.10.25-26 – International Conference “Storia sacra e profana nei volgarizzamenti medioevali. Rilievi di lingua e di cultura” [Religious and lay history in Medieval vernacular translations. Linguistic and cultural remarks] (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, together with Paolo Pellegrini).

2016.09.22-24 – 50th International Conference of the Società Linguistica Italiana [Italian Society for Linguistics] “La cultura linguistica italiana in confronto con le culture linguistiche di altri paesi europei dall’Ottocento in poi” [The Italian linguistic culture in relationship with other European linguistic cultures from XIXth century on] (University of Milan-Bicocca – University of Milan – Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, organizing committee coordinator: Emanuele Banfi).

2010.03.04 – Seminar “Tra storia della lingua e storia della letteratura” [Between language history and literature history] (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Brescia, together with Andrea Canova).

2007.11.06-07 – Conference “Carducci filologo e la filologia su Carducci” [Carducci philologist and the philology on Carducci] (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan).

Invited speaker

2025.04.09 – Seminar on “Sermoni romanzi del Venerdì santo 1200-1450 / Romance Good Friday Sermons 1200-1450” (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich).

2024.05.27-30 – Conference “Il lavoro nel Mediterraneo medievale. Tradizioni, contesti, rappresentazioni tra Oriente e Occidente” (University of Bari).

2023.11.22 – Meeting of the Språkvetenskapliga föreningen (Linguistic association, Stockholm university).

2023.06.15 – Conference “Ricezione sette- e ottocentesca di testi medievali italiani” [18th- and 19th-century reception of medieval Italian texts] (Friedrich-Alexander-Universität, Erlangen-Nürnberg).

2023.04.25 – Italian seminar (Uppsala University).

2023.04.20 – Linguistics seminar (Lund University).

2023.03.24 – Conference “Lingua illustre, lingua comune” [Literary and everyday language] (Università di Trento).

2023.02.28 – Lecture (University of Girona).

2022.11.30 – French seminar (University of Gothenburg).

2022.05.02 – Conference “La normalizzazione linguistica nel Seicento tra Francia e Italia: strategie, meccanismi, conseguenze” [Linguistic normalisation in the 17th century between France and Italy: strategies, mechanisms, consequences] (University of Verona).

2021.06.09 – Dante seminar (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, online).

2020.11.24 – Seminar of the PhD program “Italianistica” [Italian studies] (Università Ca’ Foscari, Venice, online).

2020.11.19 – Workshop “Political Discourse in the Romance Speaking Countries: linguistics and social sciences perspectives” (Stockholm University, online).

2020.05.11 – Medieval Seminar (Stockholm University).

2019.11.14-15 – Conference “Nuove prospettive sul lombardo antico” [New perspectives on Old Lombard] (University of Roma Tre).

2019.05.24 – Study day on Italian lexicography organized by EMLex. European Master in Lexicography (University of Roma Tre).

2019.04.17 – Lecture (University of Trento).

2018.06.27-28 – Symposium “Digital Missionary Archive. Transnational Networks among Missionaries in Colonial Australia: building a digital repository of epistolary correspondence” (The University of Western Australia).

2018.06.22-23 – Conference of the Western Australian Association of Teachers of Italian (Joondalup Country Club and Resort, Western Australia).

2017.12.08 – Lecture (Department of Romance Studies and Classics, Stockholm University).

2017.05.10 – Seminar on vocabulary teaching (University of Bologna).

2016.11.14 – Lecture, PhD program in “Scienze letterarie, librerie, linguistiche e della comunicazione internazionale” [Literary, book, linguistic and international communication sciences] (University for Foreigners, Perugia).

2016.09.11-16 – Summer school “Filologia romanza e edizione dei testi” [Romance philology and critical editing] (Alpen-Adria-Universität, Klagenfurt).

2016.02.02 – Medieval Studies Seminar (Romance philology Department, St. Tikhon Orthodox University, Moscow).

2016.01.30 – Annual conference of St. Tikhon Orthodox University, Romance philology section (St. Tikhon Orthodox University, Moscow).

2015.12.01-02 – Conference “Francesco Cherubini nella dialettologia italiana 1814-1816” [Francesco Cherubini and Italian dialectology 1814-1816] (University of Milan – Ambrosiana Library, Milan).

2013.11.28-29 – Conference “Dalla *scripta* all’italiano. Aspetti momenti figure di storia linguistica bresciana” [From *scripta* to Italian. Aspects, key moments, persons in the linguistic history of Brescia] (“Ateneo di Brescia” Academy, Brescia).

2013.06.19 – International seminar “Nuove prospettive sul lombardo antico” [New perspectives on Old Lombard] (Alpen-Adria-Universität, Klagenfurt).

2013.01.26 – International conference “Актуальные проблемы романской филологии” [Current issues in Romance philology] (St. Tikhon Orthodox University, Moscow).

2012.10.26 – International seminar “Spoken languages in written texts” (Clare College, Cambridge, UK).

2010.01.27 – Lecture (Circolo filologico linguistico padovano [Paduan Philology and Linguistics Club], University of Padua).

2007.05.15-18 – Conference “Tra i fondi dell’Ambrosiana: manoscritti italiani antichi e moderni” [Looking into Ambrosiana’s collections: ancient and modern Italian manuscripts] (University of Milan – Ambrosiana Library – Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, IT).

2006.11.21 – Study day “Il libro fra autore e lettore. Libri e lettori a Brescia fra medioevo ed età moderna” [The book between author and reader. Books and readers in Brescia from the Middle Ages to Modern Times] (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Brescia).

2004.10.15-16 – Conference “Momenti del petrarchismo veneto” [Key moments of Venetian Petrarchism] (Belluno – Feltre).

2003.09.11-12 – Conference “Per una storia della grammatica in Europa” [Towards a history of grammar in Europe] (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan).

2003.05.26-29 – Seminar “La lingua e la cultura italiane di fronte all’Europa: prospettive di lavoro” [Europe and the Italian language and culture: working papers] (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan).

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Promoter

2018-2019 – Scientific director, together with Giuseppe Langella, of the Winter School “L’italiano nella scuola secondaria di secondo grado” [Teaching Italian language and literature at high school] (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, two editions).

2017-2019 – Scientific director, together with Daniela Notarbartolo, of the Winter School “L’italiano nella scuola secondaria di primo grado” [Teaching Italian language and literature at junior high school] (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, three editions).

2016.10.26 – Seminar “Problemi e prospettive nell’insegnamento del lessico dalla primaria alla secondaria di II grado” [Problems and perspectives on vocabulary teaching from primary to high school], on behalf of the “Associazione per la Storia della Lingua Italiana” [Association for the History of the Italian language], School section (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, together with Ilaria Bonomi).

2014.02.24 – Seminar “Per un curriculum verticale dell’insegnamento della lingua italiana nella scuola” [For a step-by-step approach to Italian language teaching at school], on behalf of the “Associazione per la Storia della Lingua Italiana” [Association for the History of the Italian language], School section (University of Milan, together with Ilaria Bonomi).

2014-2019 – Training course “I Lincei per una nuova didattica nella scuola: una rete nazionale” [The Lincean Academy for a new teaching method at school. A national network] (promoted by Accademia dei Lincei – Fondazione Grazioli), Brescia, Italian unit (six editions).

2014-2016 – Board member of the School section in the “Associazione per la Storia della Lingua Italiana” (Association for the History of the Italian language).

Invited speaker

2025.03.10 – Training course “SCRIPTA. Laboratorio di educazione permanente alla scrittura” (University of Parma, online).

2023.05.05 – Lecture (Italian Cultural Institute, Stockholm).

2022.01.12 – Lecture (Italian Cultural Institute, Stockholm).

2019.04.11 – Training course “I Lincei per una nuova didattica nella scuola: una rete nazionale” [The Lincean Academy for a new teaching method at school. A national network] (University of Trieste).

2018.12.12 – Training course “MAT-ITA” [Mathematics and Italian] (University of Catania).

2018.01.31 – Lecture (Giovanni Falcone e Paolo Borsellino High School, Gavorrano).

2018.01.30 – Training course “I Lincei per una nuova didattica nella scuola: una rete nazionale” [The Lincean Academy for a new teaching method at school. A national network] (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa).

2018.01.09 – Training course “MAT-ITA” [Mathematics and Italian] (University of Catania).

2016.10.24 – Conference “I Lincei per una nuova scuola” [The Lincean Academy for a new teaching method at school] (Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, Rome).

2016.04.11 – Training course “I Lincei per una nuova didattica nella scuola: una rete nazionale” [The Lincean Academy for a new teaching method at school. A national network] (Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, Rome, IT).

2016.03.15 – Training course “Testi e testimoni. Quale letteratura italiana insegnare oggi ai giovani?” [Texts and witnesses. Which kind of Italian literature should be taught to students?] (Don Milani High School, Montichiari).

2015.05.07 – Training course “I Lincei per una nuova didattica nella scuola: una rete nazionale” [The Lincean Academy for a new teaching method at school. A national network] (University of Sassari).

2014.04.02 – Seminar “Per un curriculum verticale dell’insegnamento della lingua italiana nella scuola” [For a step-by-step approach to Italian language teaching at school], promoted by the “Associazione per la Storia della Lingua Italiana” (Association for the History of the Italian language), School section (“L’Orientale” University, Naples).

2014.04.01 – Seminar “Per un curriculum verticale dell’insegnamento della lingua italiana nella scuola” [For a step-by-step approach to Italian language teaching at school], promoted by the “Associazione per la Storia della Lingua Italiana” (Association for the History of the Italian language), School section (John Fitzgerald Kennedy High School, Rome).

2011.09.23 – Third international conference “Russia-Italia: lingua, scienza, cultura e business” [Russia-Italy: language, science, culture and business] (Novosibirsk State University, CIS).

2003.10.21 – Lecture (Italian Cultural Institute, Bratislava).

LINGUISTIC SKILLS

Italian: native speaker; English: excellent (CEFR level C1/C2; certificate: CAE 2017, grade B); Swedish: very good (CEFR level C1; certificate: Tisus – Test in Swedish for university studies 2025); German: very good (CEFR level C1; certificate: Goethe Institut München, C.1.1 Kurs 2014); French: fairly good (CEFR level B1); Spanish: basic (CEFR level A1). Latin: excellent; Old Greek: good.

As of September 2025