

CARLA CONTEMORI  
Curriculum Vitae  
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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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- Typical and atypical language development
- Early acquisition of morphosyntax
- Neurodevelopmental language disorders

**EDUCATION**

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2010 Bi-Sli - Language Impairment in a Multilingual Society: Linguistic Patterns and the Road to Assessment  
COST Action IS0804  
Working group member. [Syntax and Interfaces with Morphology and Semantics](#)

2010 University of Basque Country (Spain)  
Workshop on “Understanding Language: forty years down the garden path”

2010 University of Newcastle (UK)  
Second Meeting of Cost Action IS0804, Language Impairment in a multilingual society

2010 University of Reading (UK)  
Clinical Language Science Department  
Supervisor: prof. Theodor Marinis

2009-2010 University of Trento, Milano, Siena; Fondazione Marica De Vincenzi  
O.N.L.U.S  
Member of MARLIN Project. *Linguistic Markers and atypical language development*

2009 University of Poznan (Poland)

Summer School in Generative Grammar

2009 University of Groningen (Netherlands)  
Winter School, Netherlands Graduate School of Linguistics

2008 Linguistic Institute of Barcelona (Spain)  
Summer school on Psycholinguistics

2008 Azienda pubblica dei servizi alla persona "*Beato de Tschiderer*", Trento (Italy)  
Carried out observations and diagnostic tests on children with Specific Language Impairment

From 2007 University of Siena, Italy. PhD student in Cognitive Science

2007 Italian Association of Down syndrome. Carried out observations and diagnostic tests on patients with Down Syndrome

2006 Master Degree in Linguistics obtained with 110 out of 110 and honors.

2001-2006 University of Siena, Italy

2005 Bachelor Degree in Communication Science

2004 Institute of information and media studies. University of Aarhus, DK  
Carried out observations and data collection on the topic: "Foreigner Talk"

2003-2004 Institute of information and media studies. University of Aarhus, DK  
Visiting undergraduate student

## **STUDENT AWARDS AND GRANTS**

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2010 Attendance Grant awarded by the University of Basque Country (Spain).

2007-2010 PhD fellowship granted by University of Siena, Italy.

2005-2006 Part time job granted by University of Siena, Italy.  
Computer lab caretaker, Department of Media studies, University of Siena.

2000 Exchange student scholarship, Socrates/Erasmus Program, University of Siena.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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2010 University of Reading (UK)

Seminar on “The comprehension of relative clauses in adults and children: a self-paced listening study”.

2009 SISS – Course for secondary school teachers. University of Siena, Pisa, Firenze, Italy.

Invited teacher at the 2009 Course for school teacher of disable students.

2008 Azienda pubblica dei servizi alla persona "Beato de Tschiderer", Trento (Italy).

Seminar on data collection with SLI children.

2008 CISCL - Interdepartmental Center for Cognitive Studies of Language, University of Siena, Italy.

Seminar on experimental data collection: typical and atypical language development.

## **OTHER SKILLS**

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### **Languages:**

Italian: native speaker

English: fluent (TOEFL test: 101/110)

Spanish: conversational

Danish: basic (ILPC course)

### **Computer-based experiment packages:**

E-prime

### **Corpus-based research programs:**

Childes

### **Statistic packages:**

SPSS, StatView, Microsoft Office Excel

### **Other knowledge of informatics:**

Office; Adobe; WaveLab; Cool Edit; advanced knowledge of Internet.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Contemori C. (in press). The comprehension and production of clitics in Italian adults with Down Syndrome: a pilot study. *MIT Working Papers in Linguistics*.

Contemori C., Belletti, A. (in press). Disentangling the mastery of object relatives in children and adults. Evidence from Italian. *MIT Working Papers in Linguistics*.

Contemori, C., Garraffa, M., (2010). A cross modality study on syntax in SLI: the limits of computation as a measure of linguistic abilities. *Lingua*, 8(120), 1940-1955.

Belletti, A., Contemori C. (in press). Intervention and attraction. On the production of Subject and Object relatives by Italian (young) children and adults. In: *Language Acquisition and Development: Proceedings of GALA 2009*. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Contemori, C., Garraffa, M., (2009). Linguistic vulnerability and clinical perspectives: a study of the comprehension and production of relative clauses in children with Specific Language Impairment. *Proceedings of 2nd International Clinical Linguistics Conference*, University of Madrid.

Contemori, C., (2007). *Linguistics and Down Syndrome: study of a group of adolescents*. Unpublished dissertation, University of Siena (written in Italian) Advisor: Prof. Adriana Belletti.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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2010 COST Action IS0804 - Third MC & WGs Meeting. Larnaca, Cyprus.

Poster presentation

*The production and imitation of subject relative clauses in children with Specific Language Impairment: a longitudinal study.*

2010 University of Siena, Italy

Giornata FIRB - La ricerca fondamentale sul linguaggio al servizio della lingua italiana: documentazione, acquisizione monolingue, bilingue e L2, e ideazione di prodotti multimediali

Oral presentation

*The on-line comprehension of relative clauses in English and Italian typically developing children and adults.*

2010 University of Edinburgh

6th International Workshop on Language Production

Poster presentation

*Deviance or delay in speech production? A study of relative clauses in individuals with Down Syndrome*

2010 City University of London

COST Action A33 Final Conference: Let the children speak: Learning of Critical Language Skills across 25 Languages.

Poster presentation with Maria Garraffa

*Delay or deviance in the syntax of children with SLI? A study on comprehension and production of sentences with non-canonical word order*  
(withdrawal for familiar commitment)

2009 University of Madrid, Spain

2nd International Clinical Linguistics Conference

Oral presentation with Maria Garraffa

*Linguistic vulnerability and clinical perspectives: a study of the comprehension and production of relative clauses in children with Specific Language Impairment.*

2009 University of Trento, Italy

Typical and atypical language development: Techniques and instruments for evaluation

Poster presentation with Maria Garraffa

*Delay or deviance in the syntax of children with SLI? A study on comprehension and production of sentences with non-canonical word order*

2009 University of Chieti, Italy

XV National congress on Experimental Psychology, AIPS

Poster Presentation

*Produzione di frasi relative in bambini con Disturbo Specifico di Linguaggio: uno studio longitudinale*

2009 University of Lisbon, Portugal

GALA- Conference on Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition

Oral Presentation with Adriana Belletti

*Intervention and attraction. On the production of Subject and Object relatives by Italian (young) children and adults.*

2009 University of Messina, Italy

CODISCO 3<sup>rd</sup> National Congress of postgraduate research in Cognitive Science.

Oral Presentation

*Production of relative clauses in children with Specific Language Impairment: a longitudinal study.*

2009 University of Groningen, Netherlands

RASCAL International conference on relating asymmetries between speech and comprehension in the acquisition of language

Selected Long Presentation

*A cross modality study on syntax in SLI: the limits of computation as a measure of linguistic abilities.*

2008 University of Padova, Italy

National congress on Experimental Psychology, AIPS

Poster presentation with Maria Garraffa

*Non-canonical word order as a grammatic phenomenon: strategies and linguistic profiles in Specific Language Impairment*

2008 University of Trento, Italy

Congress on linguistic theories and rehabilitation models in aphasic patients

Poster presentation with Emanuela Paris

Analysis of linguistic competence in SLI children: some observations on an experimental group

2008 University of Trento, Italy

Congress on linguistic theories and rehabilitation models in aphasic patients

Poster presentation with Maria Garraffa

*Non-canonical word order as a grammatic phenomenon: strategies and linguistic profiles in Specific Language Impairment*