

Curriculum Vitae

Personal information

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1. Doctoral degree (year, discipline/subject area, title of thesis, all supervisors)

Doctoral degree was awarded on July, 16th 2009, at the University of Siena.

Discipline: Cognitive Science

Subject area: Linguistics

Title of Thesis: *Verbs, Subjects and Stylistic Fronting. A comparative analysis of the interaction of CP properties with verb movement and subject positions in Icelandic and Old Italian.*

Major Advisor: Prof. Luigi Rizzi

Associate Advisor: Prof. Gabriele Usberti

External Advisor: Prof. Cecilia Poletto (Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia)

External Revisors: Prof. Höskuldur Thráinsson (Háskóli Íslands); Prof. Ur Shlonsky (Université de Genève)

2. Postdoctoral work

August 2010 – August 2015: Post-doctoral fellow at LUCL – University of Leiden, Department of Italian Language and Culture, 2311 BX Leiden, Netherlands.
Teaching and research position.

September 2009 – June 2010: Post-doctoral fellow at CASTL- Center for Advanced Study in Theoretical Linguistics, Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education, University of Tromsø; NO-9037 Tromsø, Norway.

Project title: “Verb movement and the left periphery: a comparative analysis of Scandinavian and Romance languages”, supervisor: Marit Westergaard.

The post-doctoral fellowship is distributed by the Research Council of Norway, within the YGGDRASIL programme. The post-doctoral research carried out at CASTL focuses on comparative investigations in the syntax of Scandinavian and Romance languages, specifically with regard to verb movement, subject positions and word order alternations, in a synchronic and diachronic perspective. Field work activity and participation at academic events are also part of the project. The research activity carried out at CASTL includes also two subprojects:

Subproject 1. “The acquisition of relative clauses in Norwegian”, with Marit Westergaard and Kristine Bentzen (Universitet i Tromsø).

Subproject 2. “Microvariation in subordinate A-bar dependencies: a comparative approach”, with Eefje Boeuf (Meertens Institute).

3. List of publications

(in prep.) “A new perspective on long A'-dependencies”, with Eefje Boeuf, paper to be presented at GLOW 34, Wien, april 28th -30th 2011.

(in prep.) *Stylistic Fronting. A comparative approach*. ms.

(to app.) "Don't front! A minimality account of embedded topicalization and V2 in Scandinavian", in *Proceedings of GIST2: On Clause-Typing and Main Clause Phenomena*, September 29th -October 1st 2010, University of Ghent.

(2010) "Issues in the syntax of Scandinavian embedded clauses", in *Working Papers in Scandinavian Syntax 86*, Lunds Universitet.

(to app.) "The syntax of embedded V2 and non-V2 clauses", Proceedings of Workshop on Root Phenomena, ZAS, Berlin, 2-4 september 2009.

(2010) "Typology of Verb Movement in Scandinavian", in Torrens, V., Escobar, L. Gavarró, A., Mangado J.G., *Movement and Clitics*. Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

(2009) *Verbs, Subjects and Stylistic Fronting. A comparative analysis of the interaction of CP properties with verb movement and subject positions in Icelandic and Old Italian*, unpublished doctoral dissertation, University of Siena.

(2009) "Stylistic Fronting: a comparative analysis", Proceedings of IGG XXXV, University of Siena, 26-28 february 2009, *STiL*, CISCL Working Papers, published in MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.

(2009) "Pragmatica e struttura sintattica. Analisi di un problema all'interfaccia concettuale-intenzionale del linguaggio", in Cardella V.; Bruni D. (ed.) *Cervello, linguaggio, società. Atti del Convegno 2008 del CODISCO, Coordinamento dei Dottorati italiani di Scienze Cognitive*, Corisco.

(2008) "V1, V2 and criterial movement in Icelandic", in *STiL*, vol. II, CISCL working papers, Università di Siena, published in MIT Working Papers in Linguistics.

(2008) "Pragmatics and syntactic structures. Analysis of some issues at the Conceptual-Intentional Interface of Language", presented at XVIII Convegno Nazionale dei Dottorati in Filosofia, Istituto Banfi, Reggio Emilia 21-24 January 2008, Italian text available at [http://yuma.netribe.it/banfi/allegati/Irene%20Franco%20\(relazione%20XVIII%20Convegno%20dottorandi%202008\).pdf](http://yuma.netribe.it/banfi/allegati/Irene%20Franco%20(relazione%20XVIII%20Convegno%20dottorandi%202008).pdf)

4. Research output

Lectures and research seminars:

"V1 e V2 a confronto nelle lingue scandinave", research seminar, University of Siena, CISCL, 24 June 2008.

"Typology of Verb Movement in Scandinavian", Workshop on Movement, Linguistic Institute, Barcelona, 23 August 2008.

"Verb Movement in Scandinavian Languages: V1 and V2 as different phenomena", LAGB, University of Essex, 10-13 September 2008.

"V1 and V2 in Scandinavian", research seminar, Háskóli Íslands, 03 October 2008.

"Adverb and Subject placement in Icelandic", research seminar, Háskóli Íslands, 11 October 2008.

"Sistema del Complementatore e Posizioni Soggetto nelle Lingue Scandinave", research seminar, University of Padua, 23 April 2009.

"Syntactic visibility of discourse related properties: the case of Scandinavian embedded V2", Rutgers- Siena Joint Workshop "Mind and Culture", Certosa di Pontignano, Siena, 1 June 2009.

"The syntax of embedded V2 and non-V2 clauses", Workshop on Root Phenomena, ZAS, Berlin, 2-4 September 2009.

"Left periphery discussion group: presentation of Belletti and Shlonsky (1995)", CASTL, Universitetet i Tromsø, 13 October 2009.

"Verbs, Subjects and Stylistic Fronting" (invited speaker), Språk- och Literaturentrum, Lunds Universitet, 18 February 2010.

"Object shift reading group: presentation of Diesing (2005)" CASTL, Universitetet i Tromsø, 17 March 2010.

"A comparative perspective on Stylistic Fronting", CASTL Colloquium, Universitetet i Tromsø, 25 March 2010.

“Object shift reading group: presentation of Nielsen (2003)”, (forthcoming), Universitetet i Tromsø, 7 April 2010.

“Microvariation in subordinate A-bar dependencies: a comparative approach”, with Eefje Boef, ScandiaSyn Grand Meeting, Sømmarøya, 7-9 June 2010.

“A comparative approach to Stylistic Fronting”, CGSW, Universitetet i Tromsø, 11-12 June 2010.

“Don't front! A minimality account of embedded topicalization and V2 in Scandinavian”, GIST2, Main Clause Phenomena, University of Ghent, 29 September-1 October 2010.

“On the mysterious derivation of (long) A'-dependencies”, with Eefje Boef, SyntaxLab, University of Leiden, 26 October 2010.

“The syntactic ingredients for the recipe of Old Italian stylistic fronting”, Romance Lab, University of Leiden, 18 November 2010.

“Clitic climbing and partial pro-drop in Old Italian Stylistic Fronting”, Going Romance 2010, University of Leiden, 7-9 December 2010.

“A new perspective on long A'-dependencies”, with Eefje Boef, (poster to be presented at) GLOW 34, Wien, April 28th -30th 2011.

Fieldwork:

ScanDiaSyn fieldwork in Trøndelag (Fosen), Norway, September 24-29 2009.

ScanDiaSyn fieldwork in Älvdal and Ovansiljan, Sweden, with Piotr Garbacz, May 19-23 2010.

5. Editing

(in prep.) *Proceedings of Going Romance 24*, December 6th – 8th 2010, University of Leiden, with Andrés Saab and Sara Lusini.

6. Teaching

BA courses:

(2010-2011) “De Erfenis van Trajanus”, Level 100, 5 ECTS, University of Leiden

(2010-2011) “Romaanse Taalkunde”, Level 200, 5 ECTS, University of Leiden

(2010-2011) “Introduzione alla linguistica italiana”, Level 200, 5 ECTS, University of Leiden

(2010-2011) “Linguistica storica dal 600 a oggi”, Level 300, 5 ECTS, University of Leiden

(2010-2011) “L'italiano in musica: la canzone italiana contemporanea”, Level 300, 5 ECTS, University of Leiden

(2010-2011) “Italiaans: temi dell'Italia contemporanea”, Level 300, 5 ECTS, University of Leiden

MA courses:

(2010-2011) “Italiano antico e italiano moderno a confronto”, Level 500, 10 ECTS, University of Leiden

Reading groups:

Spring 2010 “VPEF: Discussion group on VP ellipsis & VP fronting”, University of Leiden

7. Other skills

Languages:

Italian (native speaker)

English (advanced)

French (very good)

Spanish (good)

Norwegian (preintermediate)

Icelandic (basic)

Dutch (basic)

Dialects:

Mainland Venetian (VE; Italy) (native speaker)

Sariano (RO; Italy) (near-native speaker)

Tromsø (Norway) (basic)