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My field is theoretical linguistics and my work is channelled towards bringing together the insights of recent generative syntactic theory with more traditional Romance philological scholarship. My research has focussed on Romance comparative syntax, French and Italian linguistics, creolistics, dialectology, syntactic theory, and linguistic change.

Current Research Project(s)

'The fine structure of Romance interrogative *it*-clefts'. *Early PostDoc.Mobility*, project n° P2GEP1_184384. Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF). 18 months, starting from September 1st, 2019. Advisor: Professor Adam Ledgeway FBA. Details available [here](#).

Education

Dec 2015 - May 2019	Doctorate in General linguistics ('très honorable à l'unanimité') <i>Université de Genève</i> (Switzerland)	
Sep 2015 - May 2017	Certificate of Specialisation in Linguistics (6/6) <i>Université de Genève</i> (Switzerland)	60ECTS
Sep 2013 - May 2015	Prépa Agrégation externe d'anglais <i>Université Paris III (Sorbonne Nouvelle) & CNED</i> (France)	
Sep 2011 - May 2013	MA in Science of Language (cum laude) <i>Università Ca' Foscari Venezia</i> (Italy)	120 ECTS
Sep 2009 - May 2010	9-month Erasmus program <i>Université Paris III - Sorbonne Nouvelle</i> (France)	
Sep 2008 - Sep 2011	BA in The Science of Language (cum laude) <i>Università Ca' Foscari Venezia</i> (Italy)	180 ECTS

Professional appointments

ACADEMIC

Oct 2019 - present	Supervisor <i>University of Cambridge</i> (United Kingdom)
Sep 2015 - Aug 2019	Research assistant <i>Université de Genève</i> (Switzerland)
Sep 2012 - May 2015	Teaching assistant <i>Università Ca' Foscari Venezia</i> (Italy)

NON ACADEMIC

Sep 2013 - Jun 2015	Teacher of English <i>Mairie de Paris</i> (France)
Mar 2014 - May 2014	Translator <i>ELSE: Conseil, Création, Edition</i> (France)

Grants and scholarships

Oct 2018	Early PostDoc.Mobility (grant n° P2GEP1_184384) <i>Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)</i> 18-month post-doctoral mobility grant. Information available here .	
Jun 2018	VariaForMea Summer Grant <i>VariaForMea Doctoral School (Switzerland)</i>	1000CHF
Oct 2017	Financial support for international conference <i>Faculté des Lettres and Département de linguistique</i> Université de Genève (Switzerland)	1000CHF
Oct 2017	Scientific Exchange (project n° IZSEZO_178709) <i>Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)</i> Details on the grant are available here .	6380CHF
May 2017	VariaForMea Summer Grant <i>VariaForMea Doctoral School (Switzerland)</i>	820CHF
Jan 2009	Erasmus scholarship (9 months) <i>European Union Research Fund</i>	

Fellowships

Sep 2019 - present	College Research Associate (non stipendiary) <i>St. John's College (Cambridge, United Kingdom)</i>	
Sep 2019 - present	Postdoctoral researcher Department of Italian, University of Cambridge (United Kingdom)	
Sep 2015 - Aug 2019	Research assistant (CANDOC) Department of Linguistics, Université de Genève (Switzerland).	

Publications

MONOGRAPHS

[forth] Bonan, Caterina [to appear in 2021] *Romance interrogative syntax. Formal and typological dimensions of variation*. *Linguistik Aktuell/Linguistics Today* 266. John Benjamins Publishing Company. doi:10.1075/la.266. First proofs available [here](#).

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

[forth] Bonan, Caterina & Ur Shlonsky [accepted] 'Why' in situ in Northern Italian dialects: evidence from Treviso'. In G. Soare (ed.) *Proceedings of the 2017 SLE meeting*, University of Zürich. (with Ur Shlonsky) Draft available [here](#).

[forth] 'On focal and wh-projections, indirect wh-questions, and quantificational chains'. In A. Nicolae and A. Dragomirescu (eds) *Romance Languages and Linguistic Theory 16*. Selected papers from 'Going Romance' 31, Bucharest. Draft available [here](#).

[2018] 'On Insituness and (very) Low Wh-Positions: The Case of Trevigiano'. In G. Samo, K. Martini and G. Bocci (eds) *Generative Grammar in Geneva (GG@G) XI*. Special Issue: *Proceedings of the 1st SynCart Workshop "From maps to principles"*. 21-41. doi:10.13097/unige:120457. Available [here](#).

[2017b] 'Arguing against a *one-fits-all* derivation for Northern Italian Insituness'. In J. Garzonio (ed.) *Quaderni di lavoro ASIt 20*. ISSN: 1828- 2326. 49-76. Available [here](#).

[2017a] 'Sé or c'est? On the Cartography of Clefts'. In C. Bonan, H. Jivanyan and M. Pallottino (eds.) *Generative Grammar in Geneva (GG@G) X*. 131-151. doi:10.13097/cjg3-tfud. Available [here](#).

EDITED VOLUMES

- [accepted] *Last empirical and theoretical advances on it-clefts*. Trends in Linguistics: Studies and Monographs. De Gruyter Mouton. Edited thematic volume. (with Adam Ledgeway)
- [2017] *Generative Grammar in Geneva (GG@G) X*. ISSN: 2504-4435. (with Hasmik Jivanyan and Margherita Pallottino) Available [here](#).

Other noteworthy works

- [in prep] *Guadeloupean Creole: A Cartographic Survey*. Monograph intended for publication in Contact Language Library. John Benjamins.
- [in prep] The fine structure of it-clefts: State-of-the-Art. Research article. To be submitted to *Glossa*. (with Adam Ledgeway).
- [in prep] 'Focus! A reconsideration of the low Left Periphery'. Research article.
- [in prep] 'Phi-features in T or C: a theory of number clitics'. Research article.
- [submitted] '*So far yet so close*: on comparing Northern Italian and Asian wh-in situ'. Research article.. Draft available [here](#).
- [submitted] 'Evidence for low focus movement of wh-elements in Romance'. Research article. Draft available [here](#).
- [submitted] 'The periphery of vP in the theory of wh-in situ'. Research article. Draft available [here](#).
- [2019] *On clause-internally moved wh-phrases: wh-to-Foc, nominative clitics, and the theory of Northern Italian wh-in situ*. PhD dissertation. Université de Genève. doi:10.13097/archive-ouverte/unige:119060. Available [here](#).
- [2013] *The core Grammar of Guadeloupean Creole: A descriptive and comparative Approach*. Unpublished MA thesis. Università Ca' Foscari Venezia. Available [here](#).
- [2011] *Morphology and Syntax of Guadeloupean French-based Creole Noun Phrases. A descriptive and generative Approach*. Unpublished BA thesis. Università Ca' Foscari Venezia. Available [here](#).

Participation at seminars and conferences (* signals invited talks)

- *Mar 2021 Prospected invited talk
RoLo, University of Birmingham (United Kingdom).
- *Dec 2020 'On low focus movement in Romance'
Venue: Université de Nice (France) (online).
- *Dec 2020 'Northern Italian vs (South) Asian wh-in situ: so far yet so close'
Venue: Beijing Language and Cultures University (China) (online).
- *May 2020 'Phi-features in T or C: on 'number' clitics'
Venue: Séminaire de linguistique - Université de Genève (Switzerland) (online).
- *Apr 2020 'The fine structure of Romance it-clefts' (with Adam Ledgeway)
Venue: WEBinar - Università degli Studi di Padova (Italy).
[cancelled, COVID-19 pandemic].
- *Apr 2020 'Wh-in situ and the periphery of vP: the theory of *Wh-to-Foc*'
Venue: SyntaxLab - University of Cambridge (United Kingdom).
[cancelled, COVID-19 pandemic]
- *Mar 2020 'The periphery of vP: from *Wh-to-Foc* to a general theory of wh-in situ'
Venue: Séminaire de recherche - Université de Nice (France).
[cancelled, COVID-19 pandemic]
- Nov 2019 'Towards a typology of insituness in Northern Italian dialects (and beyond)'
Venue: The 19th international conference of the department of linguistics.
Workshop: Syntactic variation in Romance - University of Bucharest (Romania).

- *Nov 2019 'The fine structure of Romance *it*-clefts: a challenging research field'
Venue: Anglia Ruskin-Cambridge Romance Seminars - University of Cambridge.
- *May 2019 'On *Wh-to-Foc* and its consequences for Northern Italian wh-in situ'
Venue: WEBinar - Università degli Studi di Padova (Italy) (online)
- May 2019 'Northern Italian subject-clitic inversion in the theory of *Wh-to-Foc*'
Venue: 8th CamCoS meeting - University of Cambridge (United Kingdom).
- *Mar 2019 'On Wh-to-Foc and its theoretical consequences'
Venue: Anglia Ruskin - Cambridge Romance Linguistics Seminars - University of Cambridge (United Kingdom).
- *Feb 2019 'Notes on focus-movement of clause internal wh-phrases'
Venue: Unbound Seminars in Formal Linguistics (USiFL) - Université de Genève (Switzerland).
- Feb 2019 'Towards a typology of wh-in situ in Northern Italian Dialects: on Wh-to-Foc and its theoretical consequences'
Venue: Incontro di Grammatica Generativa 45 - Università di Padova (Italy).
- Oct 2018 'Northern Italian Insituness: Derivation(s)'
Venue: RISQ 2018 (Recent Issues in the Syntax of Questions) - Konstanz Universität (Germany).
- Jun 2018 'Arguing against a one-fits-all derivation for Romance 'insituness'
Venue: TEAm (Theoretical and Empirical Approaches to Micro-Variation) - Università degli studi di Padova (Italy).
- *May 2018 'Insituness in Northern Italian Dialects: argumental, IP-internal or left-peripheral?'
Venue: Seminario di Ricerca - Università Ca' Foscari Venezia (Italy).
- *Jan 2018 'Rethinking Insituness in Northern Italian Dialects'
Venue: Geneva WH-orkshop on Optional Insituness - Université de Genève (Switzerland).
- Dec 2017 '(Low) Wh-Projections and Clitic Resumption'
Venue: Going Romance 31 (GR 31). University of Bucharest (Romania).
- *Nov 2017 'On non in situ 'in situ' wh-phrases'
Venue: Micro Workshop in Romance Dialectology (MicroWRD) - Université de Genève (Switzerland).
- *Nov 2017 'Different Languages, Similar Peripheries, Different Focal Positions?'
Venue: Séminaire de recherche - Université de Genève (Switzerland).
- Oct 2017 'On (very) low Wh-Positions'
Venue: Word Order in the Left Periphery 17 - University of Oslo (Sweden).
- Sep 2017 'Why-in-situ in Northern Italian Dialects' (with Ur Shlonsky)
Venue: 50th SLE meeting - Zürich Universität (Switzerland)
- May 2017 'On (very) low wh-positions in Trevigiano'
Venue: UZH, 61st - Zürich Universität (Switzerland).
- May 2017 'On in situ 'why' in Trevigiano'
Venue: Romance Interrogatives (RI17) - Konstanz Universität (Germany)
- Jul 2016 'Interrogative Sentences in French - Syntax and Prosody' (with Lucas Tual)
Venue: 1st SynCart Workshop, 'From Maps to Principles' (Siena, Italy)

Teaching experience

STIPENDIARY

Jan 2019 - Mar 2020

Supervisor (IT1: Use of Italian; undergraduate)
University of Cambridge (United Kingdom)

Oct 2019 - Mar 2020	Supervisor (CS1: The Romance Languages; undergraduate) University of Cambridge (United Kingdom)
Oct 2019 - Mar 2020	Supervisor (Li2: Structures; undergraduate) University of Cambridge (United Kingdom)
Oct 2019 - Mar 2020	Supervisor (LI9: Syntax; undergraduate) University of Cambridge (United Kingdom)
Jan 2015 - May 2015	On-line teaching assistant (Linguistique français; undergraduate) Università Ca' Foscari Venezia (Italy)
Jan 2014 - Jun 2015	Teacher of English (Pre-intermediate English (A2/B1) for adults) Mairie de Paris, CMA - Cours Municipaux d'Adultes
Sep 2013 - Jan 2014	Teacher of English (English for adult beginners (A2), intensive class) Mairie de Paris, CMA - Cours Municipaux d'Adultes (France)
Mars 2013 - Jul 2013	Teaching assistant (English Language for beginners; undergraduate) Università Ca' Foscari Venezia (Italy)
Mars 2013 - Jul 2013	Teaching assistant (English language 1; undergraduate) Università Ca' Foscari Venezia (Italy)
Sep 2012 - Jan 2013	Teaching assistant (Linguistique française; undergraduate) Università Ca' Foscari Venezia (Italy)
TRAINEESHIPS	
Feb 2017 - Jun 2017	Teaching assistant (doctoral traineeship) Faculté des Lettres, Département de linguistique - Université de Genève Class: 'La grammaire du Trévisien, parler de Vénétie' (undergraduate)
Jan 2012 - Jun 2012	Teaching assistant (150-hour graduate traineeship) Facoltà di Studi Linguistici e Culturali Comparati - Università Ca' Foscari VE Class: 'English language 1' (1 st year undergraduate level)
May 2009 - Jul 2009	Linguistic tutor (75-hour undergraduate traineeship) Laboratorio ITALS, Columbia-Ca' Foscari Summer School (Italy)

Organisation of conferences, seminars and workshops

Dec 2019 - present	Workshop convenor 53 rd meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (Bucharest, August 2020) (with Adam Ledgeway). Accepted workshop proposal here .
Oct 2017 - present	Seminar cycle organiser (remote) 'WEBinars' (Università degli Studi di Padova)
Jan 2018 - June 2019	International seminar cycle organiser / main host [2020 edition postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic] Detailed information available here .
Jun 2017 - Jan 2018	International conference organiser / main host 'Geneva WH-orkshop on Optional Insituness' (with Lucas Tual). Université de Genève (Switzerland). January 16 th -18 th , 2018. Webpage here .
Oct 2017 - Nov 2017	Doctoral conference organiser / main host 'Micro Workshop in Romance Dialectology' Université de Genève (Switzerland). November 1 st , 2017. Webpage here .

Thesis/dissertation directions

2019 - 2020	MA thesis (co-director) Valentina Sinigaglia, <i>Dal Veneto al Messico. Un'analisi delle interrogative nel</i>
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dialetto veneto chipilegno. Università degli Studi di Padova. Director: Prof. Jacopo Garzonio. Defended on December 9th, 2020.

Additional scientific activities

- Jan 2019 - present **Scientific peer reviewer**
Glossa, a journal of general linguistics.
- June 2018 & 2019 **Jurée de maturité (English language and literature)**
External expert for the high school final exams of ‘English language and literature’. Geneva, Switzerland.
- Sep 2017 - Aug 2018 **Editorial board member**
GG@G, Generative Grammar in Geneva (Université de Genève, Switzerland).
On-line scientific journal.
- Sep 2017 - present **Active membership**
SLE - Societas Linguistica Europaea

Spoken languages

Italian	Native
French	Near-native competence
English	Advanced
Spanish	Intermediate

Other known languages

Italian dialects; Occitan varieties; French-lexifier creoles; Latin.

Career Breaks

- July 2020 - present **Maternity leave**
- Nov 2016 - Apr 2017 **Maternity leave**
- Jun 2005 - Sep 2008 **Professional sport (volleyball)**
An official list of the teams I played for can be found [here](#).

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
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