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

EDUCATION

Dec 2015 – May 2019	Doctorate in General linguistics ('très honorable à l'unanimité') <i>Université de Genève</i> (Switzerland) Advisors: Profs. Ur Shlonsky and Giuliano Bocci. Viva voce defense: 24/05/2019.	
Sep 2015 – May 2017	Certificate of Specialisation in Linguistics (6/6) <i>Université de Genève</i> (Switzerland)	60 ECTS
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

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Jan 2019 – present	Supervisor (IT1: 'Use of Italian'; undergraduate) <i>University of Cambridge</i> (United Kingdom)
Oct 2019 – Mar 2020	Supervisor (CS1: 'The Romance Languages'; undergraduate) <i>University of Cambridge</i> (United Kingdom)
Oct 2019 – Mar 2020	Supervisor (Li2: 'Structures'; undergraduate) <i>University of Cambridge</i> (United Kingdom)
Oct 2019 – Mar 2020	Supervisor (Li9: 'Syntax'; undergraduate) <i>University of Cambridge</i> (United Kingdom)
Jan 2015 – May 2015	On-line teaching assistant ("Linguistique française"; undergraduate) <i>Università Ca' Foscari Venezia</i> (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) <i>Università Ca' Foscari Venezia</i> (Italy)
Mars 2013 – Jul 2013	Teaching assistant ('English language 1'; undergraduate) <i>Università Ca' Foscari Venezia</i> (Italy)
Sep 2012 – Jan 2013	Teaching assistant ('Linguistique française'; undergraduate) <i>Università Ca' Foscari Venezia</i> (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' (1st year undergraduate level)
- May 2009 – Jul 2009 **Linguistic tutor** (75-hour undergraduate traineeship)
Laboratorio ITALS, Columbia-Ca' Foscari Summer School (Italy)

SUPERVISION OF JUNIOR RESEARCHERS

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

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

- [forthcoming] 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](#).

EDITED VOLUMES

- [in preparation] [expected in 2022] *Last empirical and theoretical advances on it-clefts*. *Trends in Linguistics: Studies and Monographs*. De Gruyter Mouton. Edited thematic volume. 978-3-11-073860-5. (with Adam Ledgeway)
- [2017] *Generative Grammar in Geneva (GG@G) X*. ISSN: 2504-4435. (with Hasmik Jivanyan and Margherita Pallottino) Available [here](#).

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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

ARTICLES IN VOLUMES/BOOKS

- [2017] '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](#).

OTHER NOTEWORTHY WORKS

- [submitted] 'Pronounce phi: a theory of number clitics'. Research article. Under evaluation for publication in G. Samo & L. Rizzi (eds.) *Romance Cartography*. *Probus* (Special issue). Draft available [here](#).

- [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](#).

APPROVED RESEARCH PROJECTS

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|------|--|-----------|
| 2018 | Early PostDoc.Mobility (grant n° P2GEPI_184384).
<i>Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)</i>
Started in September 2019. University of Cambridge (United Kingdom) | 18 months |
| 2017 | Scientific Exchange (project n° IZSEZO_178709)
<i>Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)</i> | 6380chf |

PARTICIPATION AT SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES (* signals invited talks)

- *Mar 2021 ‘Low focus movement in Romance’ (Available on YouTube)
Venue: Abralin ao vivo, Brazilian linguistics association (Brazil).
- Mar 2021 ‘Low focus movement in Romance’
Venue: Romance Grammars, University of Birmingham (United Kingdom).
- *Mar 2021 Invited talk
RoLo, University of Birmingham (United Kingdom).
- *Dec 2020 ‘On low focus movement in Romance’
Venue: Université de Nîce (France) (online).
- *Dec 2020 ‘Northern Italian vs (South) Asian wh-in situ’ (Available on YouTube)
Venue: Syntax Silk Road. Beijing Language and Cultures University (China) and Università degli Studi di Padova (Italy) (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 Nîce (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’

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

ORGANISATION OF CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

- Dec 2019 – present **Workshop convenor**
53rd meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (Bucharest, August 2020) (with Adam Ledgeway). Accepted workshop proposal [here](#).
- Oct 2017 – May 2019 **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]
‘Unbound seminars in theoretical linguistics’. Detailed information available [here](#).
- Jun 2017 – Jan 2018 **International conference organiser / main host**
‘Geneva WH-orkshop on Optional Insituness’ (with Lucas Tual).

Oct 2017 – Nov 2017 Université de Genève (Switzerland). January 16th-18th, 2018. Webpage [here](#).
Doctoral conference organiser / main host
 ‘Micro Workshop in Romance Dialectology’
 Université de Genève (Switzerland). November 1st, 2017. Webpage [here](#).

GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS

Sept 2019	Early PostDoc.mobility fellowship <i>Swiss National Science Foundation</i>	22+2 months
Jun 2018	VariaForMea Summer Grant <i>VariaForMea Doctoral School (Switzerland)</i>	1000chf
Oct 2017	Financial support for international conference <i>Faculté des Lettres / Département de linguistique (Université de Genève)</i>	1000chf
May 2017	VariaForMea Summer Grant <i>VariaForMea Doctoral School (Switzerland)</i>	820chf
Sep 2015	Doctoral fellowship (stipendiary) <i>Université de Genève (Switzerland)</i>	44 months
Jan 2009	Erasmus scholarship <i>European Union Research Fund</i>	9 months

FELLOWSHIPS IN RENOWNED ACADEMIES

Sep 2019 – present **College Research Associate at St. John’s College**
 Winner of the ‘[2019 CRA scheme](#)’ (non-stipendiary); researcher’s profile [here](#).

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIPS

Feb 2021 – present Cambridge University Linguistics Society
 May 2019 – present SNSF Global Fellows and Alumni Network
 May 2019 – present IAOSCS – International Association of Syntactic Cartographic Studies
 Sep 2017 – present SLE – Societas Linguistica Europaea

ADDITIONAL SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Jan 2019 – present **Scientific peer reviewer**
Glossa, a journal of general linguistics.
Isogloss, open journal of Romance linguistics.
 June 2018 & 2019 **Jurée de maturité (English language and literature)**
 External expert for the high school final exams. Geneva, Switzerland.

NON ACADEMIC EMPLOYEMENT

Sep 2013 – Jun 2015 **Teacher of English**
Mairie de Paris (France)
 Mar 2014 – May 2014 **Translator (Italian > French)**
ELSE: Conseil, Création, Edition (France)

PERSONAL SKILLS

SPOKEN LANGUAGES	Italian	Native
	French	Near-native competence
	English	Proficiency
	Spanish	Intermediate
	German	Beginner
OTHER LANGUAGES	Italian dialects; Occitan varieties; French-lexifier creoles; Latin.	

DIGITAL

Full mastery of Microsoft Office; Advanced competence in LaTeX (regular user);
Basic knowledge of the Java and Python programming languages.

CAREER BREAKS

July 2020 – Nov 2020

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](#).