

Livio Gaeta – Curriculum vitae

Current position: Associate Professor (*professore associato*) for German Language and Linguistics in the Department of Humanistic Studies (StudiUm) of the University of Turin.

Positions held:

- 18.1.2005-20.12.2012: Associate Professor (*professore associato*) for German Language and Linguistics in the Faculty of Letters and Philosophy of the University of Naples “Federico II” at the Department of Modern Philology “S. Battaglia”.
- 1.3.2004-17.1.2005: Assistant Professor (*ricercatore universitario*) for German Linguistics in the Faculty of Letters and Philosophy of the University of Rome Three at the Department of Linguistics.
- 1.8.1999-29.2.2004: Assistant Professor (*ricercatore universitario*) for German Linguistics in the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures of the University of Turin at the Department of Language Sciences.

Studies

- 1998: Ph.D. in Linguistics with a dissertation on “La nominalizzazione deverbale: morfologia e semantica” [The deverbal nominalization: Morphology and semantics], supervised by Prof. Dr. M. Grossmann.
- 1994-97: Awarded a place for Ph.D. in General Linguistics at the Third University of Rome.
- 1992: *Diploma di licenza* of the *Classe di Lettere* of the *Scuola Normale Superiore* of Pisa.
- 1992: *Laurea in Lettere Moderne* [Arts degree] at the University of Pisa with a thesis in Germanic Philology entitled: “Italianismi in tedesco: trasferenza e integrazione sul piano fonologico, grafematico e morfologico” [Italian loan words in German: transference and integration at the phonological, graphematic and morphological level], under the supervision of Prof. M. G. Arcamone, obtaining the vote of 110/110 cum laude.
- 1989-92: Further undergraduate studies at the University of Pisa. Admitted as ordinary student (*allievo ordinario*) to the *Classe di Lettere* of the *Scuola Normale Superiore* of Pisa.
- 1987-89: Undergraduate studies at the University “Federico II” in Naples.
- 1987: *Diploma di maturità classica* [classical school leaving certificate] at the liceo

classico statale "Plinio Seniore" of Castellammare di Stabia (Naples).

Fellowship in Italy and abroad:

Juny – July 1999: Research fellowship at the University of L'Aquila on a research project on "Italian word formation" directed by Prof. Dr. M. Grossmann.

WS-SS 1992/93: Fellowship at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum, awarded by the *Scuola Normale Superiore* of Pisa.

SS 1992: Fellowship at the University of Zürich, awarded by the *Scuola Normale Superiore* of Pisa.

WS 1991/92: Fellowship at the Ludwig-Maximilian Universität in Munich, awarded by the *Scuola Normale Superiore* of Pisa.

Research activities abroad:

February 2009 - January 2010: Research stay in Berlin at the *Humboldt-Universität*, Berlin with a 1-year-fellowship sponsored by the *Alexander-von-Humboldt-Stiftung*.

August 2006: Research stay in Berlin invited by the *Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft*, Berlin.

July 2002: Research stay in Berlin invited by the *Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft*, Berlin.

August - September 2000: Research stay in Berlin at the *Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft*, Berlin, to participate in a research project on complexity, markedness and diachronic change directed by Prof. Dr. W.U. Wurzel.

April - May 1999: Research stay in Vienna at the *Institut für Sprachwissenschaft* of the University of Vienna, supported by the Italian Research Council (CNR).

Juny 1998 - February 1999: Research period in Berlin at the *Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft*, Berlin, to participate in a research project on complexity, markedness and diachronic change directed by Prof. Dr. W.U. Wurzel.

April 1998: Research period in Berlin at the *Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft*, Berlin, to participate in a research project on complexity, markedness and diachronic change directed by Prof. Dr. W.U. Wurzel.

WS 1996/97: Research stay in Vienna supported by the Third University of Rome, at the *Institut für Sprachwissenschaft* of the University of Vienna, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. W.U. Dressler.

January - March 1995: Research stay in Vienna supported by the University of Rome Three, at the *Institut für Sprachwissenschaft* of the University of Vienna, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. W.U. Dressler.

1993/94: Employment as *wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter* [scientific collaborator] with a BAT-IIa qualification at the University of Konstanz to carry out a research project on Italian action nouns directed by Prof. Dr. Ch. Schwarze.

Awards and recognition:

- Full Professorship Qualification (ASN 2012) in the disciplines 10/G1 (General and historical linguistics) and 10/M1 (Germanic languages, literatures and cultures)
- Research evaluation (VQR 2004-2010): 1-1-1
- *Humboldt-Stipendium für Erfahrene Wissenschaftler* awarded by the *Alexander-von-Humboldt-Stiftung* (2009)

Teaching activity:

Torino, StudiUm – Department of Humanistic Studies

2013-: Courses of German linguistics for the BA in Cultures and literatures of the modern world and for the MA in Linguistic sciences.

Napoli “Federico II”, Faculty of Letters and Philosophy

2005-2013: Courses of German linguistics for the BA and the MA in Foreign Languages and Literatures (aspects of German syntax; theoretical aspects of German phonology; German word formation; German in a typological perspective). Advanced course (25 hrs., WS 2006-07) for the *European Master’s Degree in Linguistics* on “Optimality Theory and non-serial models of grammar”. Advanced course (32 hrs., WS 2007-08) of General Linguistics on “Morphological Typology” for the MA in Modern Philology.

Roma Tre, Faculty of Letters and Philosophy

2002-06: Courses of German linguistics for the BA in Foreign Languages for the International Communication (introduction to German linguistics; phonology of German; German morphology and word formation; German syntax).

Torino, Faculty of Modern Languages and Literatures

1999-04: Advanced courses of German for Special Purposes (“Markennamen und deutsche Wortbildung”; “Syntax und deutsche Fachsprache”); advanced seminars of German linguistics; courses for the BA in Foreign Languages and Literatures (introduction to German linguistics; phonology of German; German morphology and word formation).

Guest-professorship and invited teaching activities:

29.-30.4.2013 Advanced seminar (6 hrs.) for the Doctorate in Synchronic, Diachronic

and Applied Linguistics of the Università di Roma Tre; lectures on “Convergence and innovation in the Germanic languages across center and periphery of the SAE-area”.

24.-28.1.2011: Advanced course (3 hrs.) on “The lemma and the morphosyntactic information” in collaboration with Francesca Masini at the Winter School on the Lexicon TRIPLE held at the Dipartimento di Linguistica of the Università Roma Tre.

25.-29.1.2010: Advanced course (3 hrs.) on “Nouns and nominalizations” at the Winter School on the Lexicon TRIPLE held at the Dipartimento di Linguistica of the Università Roma Tre.

SS 2009: *Pro-Seminar* (2 hrs. weekly) on “German syntax in language comparison” for the BA in *Germanistik* of the Humboldt-Universität Berlin.

26.-30.1.2009: Advanced course (4 hrs.) on “Lexicon and productivity” at the Winter School on the Lexicon TRIPLE held at the Dipartimento di Linguistica of the Università Roma Tre.

SS 2008: Advanced seminar (6 hrs.) at the Department of Philology (Linguistics Division) of the University of Patras; lectures on “Productivity and dynamic aspects of word formation”.

SS 2006: Advanced seminar (10 hrs.) at the Dipartimento di Linguistica of the Università di Roma Tre for the Doctorate in Linguistics; lectures on “Dynamic aspects derivational morphology”.

WS 2005-06: Advanced seminar (6 hrs.) at the Dipartimento di Linguistica of the Università di Roma Tre for the Doctorate in Linguistics; lectures on “The German plural between descriptive adequacy and language theory”.

WS 2004-05: Advanced seminar (6 hrs.) at the Dipartimento di Linguistica of the Università di Roma Tre for the Doctorate in Linguistics; lectures on “Typology of the Germanic languages: between Germanic blood and SAE”.

WS 2002-03: *Gastprofessur* (30 hrs.) at the *Institut für Sprachwissenschaft* of the Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz; lectures on “Morphological productivity”.

Membership:

- Member of the *Società di Linguistica Italiana* (member of the Executive Committee 2002-2004).
- Member of the *Società Italiana di Glottologia*.
- Member of the *Associazione Italiana di Germanistica*.
- Member of the *Societas Linguistica Europaea*, (member of the Publishing Committee 2004-2006, currently member of the Executive Committee 2012-).

Participation in research projects:

- PRIN-Project 2009 (2011-2013, resp. P. D'Achille): Principal investigator of the research unit on: "Towards a history of Italian word formation: deverbal nouns and verb-forming operations". Co-funded budget of the research unit: € 34.623.
- PRIN-Project (2005-2007, resp. S. Scalise): COMPONET "Compounds in Theory and Typology". Principal investigator of the research unit on "Theoretical aspects and quantitative investigations of compounds in some languages of Europe". Co-funded budget of the research unit: € 16.017.
- FIRB-Project (2001-2003, resp. C. Marengo): "The Italian language in the text variety".
- CNR-Project (1997-2000, resp. P. Ramat): MEDTYP "Typology of the Mediterranean languages". Collaborator of the research unit guided by S. Luraghi.

Organizational activity:

- Organization of the meeting "A cent'anni da Saussure", in collaboration with Davide Ricca and Mario Squartini (Università di Torino), Università di Torino, 28.11.2013.
- Member of the organizing committee of the *Workshop "Variation and Change in Argument Realization"*, Napoli / Capri 27.-30.5.2010.
- Organization of the workshop "Das Deutsche als kompositionsfreudige Sprache: Strukturelle Eigenschaften und systembezogene Aspekte", in collaboration with Barbara Schlücker (Freie Universität Berlin), held during the *Vierte Tagung "Deutsche Sprachwissenschaft in Italien" (3.-6.2.2010)*, Università "La Sapienza" di Roma, 5.2.2010.
- Organization of the workshop "Fattori lessicali e non lessicali nella realizzazione degli argomenti e loro rappresentazioni", in collaboration with Michela Cennamo (Università di Napoli "Federico II") and Elisabetta Jezek (Università di Pavia), held during the XLII Congresso Internazionale di Studi della Società di Linguistica Italiana, Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, 25.-27.9.2008.
- Organization of the workshop "Das ewige Pendel von synthetisch zu analytisch zu synthetisch ... – aktuelle Sprachwandeltendenzen", in collaboration with Dagmar Bittner (ZAS, Berlin) held during the *Dritte Tagung "Deutsche Sprachwissenschaft in Italien" (14.-16.2.2008)*, Università "La Sapienza" di Roma, 15.2.2008.

- Organization of the workshop *Issues in Comparative Germanic Morphosyntax*, Università di Napoli “Federico II”, 15.-16.5.2007, in collaboration with Michela Cennamo (Università di Napoli “Federico II”).
- Member of the organizing committee of the *III Certamen Phonologicum*, Cortona, april 1996.

Main research interests:

- Language change tendencies in German and in the Germanic languages:
 - Rise of the verb complex in German and West-Germanic
 - Morphosyntactic properties of the infinitive;
 - Umlaut und related questions
 - Properties of the auxiliary and modal verbs
 - Plural formation and noun inflection
 - Graphematics and punctuation
 - Analytic/synthetic drift in German
- Theoretical approaches to language change:
 - Grammaticalization: limits and perspectives
 - (Side-)effects of grammaticalization
 - Markedness and naturalness in language change
 - Analogy and economy as forces of language change
 - Evolutionary perspectives of language change
- Non-native elements in the German lexicon:
 - Phonology und word stress;
 - Aspects of inflectional morphology.
- Phonological aspects of the lexical units and their representation:
 - Syllable structure and prosody;
 - Adequacy of non-serial models for the lexicon;
 - Phonological change and non-serial phonological models;
 - Phonological presuppositions of the grammaticalization
- Typological perspectives of word-formation
 - Language universals and word-formation
 - Role of diachrony in shaping language universals: the linearization of the constituents in composition
 - Compounds between syntax and the lexicon
- Cognitive approaches to morphology:
 - Deverbal nouns and transcategorization
 - word-class theory and its cognitive representation

- Synchronic and diachronic adequacy of Cognitive Morphology
- Corpus-based approaches to morphology:
 - Quantitative methods for morphological productivity
 - Quantitative investigations of Italian word-formation
 - Morphological Productivity and inflectional morphology
 - Construction Morphology: a model for the representation of the lexicon-syntax-interface
 - Formal properties of lexical units: syllable structure, word stress, affix ordering
- Theoretical and empirical approaches to Construction Grammar
 - Construction Morphology: properties and principles
 - Existential and presentative constructions: typological and diachronic perspectives

Other professional activities:

- Anonymous reviewer for the journals *Lingua* (2004, 2008), *Rivista di Linguistica / Italian Journal of Linguistics* (2005-2006, 2008), *Diachronica* (2009), *Journal of Historical Linguistics* (2012, 2014), *Word Structure* (2014), for the publishing houses *Benjamins* (2006), *Brill* (2010), *Language Science Press* (2014).
- Member of the scientific committee of the series directed by C. Di Meola *Italienische Studien zur deutschen Sprache (ISdS)* (2005-).
- Member of the scientific committee of the series of biennial conferences: “*Deutsche Sprachwissenschaft in Italien (DSWI)*”.
- Member of the editorial committee of the journal *Acta Linguistica Hungarica* (2009-).
- Member of the scientific committee of the journal *Rivista di Linguistica / Italian Journal of Linguistics* (2008-2013).
- Member of the committee for the preselection of fellowships delivered by the *Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)* for the year 2013, Roma 25.1.2013.
- Anonymous reviewer for *Czech Science Foundation (GAČR)*, 2012.
- Anonymous reviewer for VQR 2004-2010 (Assessment of the quality of the national research).
- Member of the scientific committee of *Syntax of the World’s Languages 6 (SWL6)*, Pavia 8.-10.9.2014.
- Member of the scientific committee of the *21st International Conference on*

Historical Linguistics, Oslo 5.-9.8.2013.

- Member of the scientific committee of *Décembrettes 8. International Conference on Morphology*, Bordeaux 6.-7.12.2012.
- Member of the scientific committee of *15th International Morphology Meeting*, Wien 9.-12.2.2012.
- Member of the scientific committee of *Décembrettes 7. International Conference on Morphology*, Toulouse 2.-3.12.2010.
- Member of the scientific committee of the *Second TRIPLE International Conference “Word classes: nature, typology and computational representations”*, Roma 24.-26.3.2010.
- Member of the scientific committee of *Décembrettes 6. International Morphology Conference*, Bordeaux 4.-5.12.2008.
- Member of the scientific committee of the *XXXIX Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea “Relativism and Universalism in Linguistics”*, Bremen 30.8.-2.9.2006.

Institutional activities:

- PhD viva examiner for the research doctorate in “Linguistics” of the Università di Pavia, Pavia 15.2.2013.
- Member of the board of the research doctorate in Modern Philology, Università di Napoli “Federico II” (coord. C. Di Girolamo, 2008-2011).
- Member of the councilor of the Dipartimento di Filologia Moderna “S. Battaglia” (2007-2009).
- PhD viva examiner for the research doctorate in “Linguistics” of the Università di Pavia, Pavia 26.2.2007.
- PhD viva examiner for the research doctorate in “General, Historical, Applied, Computational and Modern Languages Linguistics” of the Università di Pisa, Pisa 16.6.2006.

Conferences and lectures

Invited talks:

- Conference “*Die Rolle von Kombinationsbeschränkungen im Sprachwandel: Diachronie von Passivkonstruktionen*”, Hannover 20.-21.3.2014: “Im Passiv sprechen auf den Alpen”.
- *Workshop “Das Wort als Einheit: Grundlagen und Grenzfälle”*, held during the *XXXIII Deutscher Romanistentag*, Würzburg 22.-25.9.2013: “Was ist eigentlich ein Wort?”.

- *Bologna Seminar on Construction Morphology*, Bologna 20.-21.5.2013: “The place of naturalness in a constructionist world”.
- Humboldt-Kolleg “Historical-Comparative Linguistics in the 21st Century”, Pavia 22.-25.9.2011: “On evolutive and adaptive change: Historical-comparative linguistics and the origin of language”.
- Workshop “Prozesse der Regularität und Irregularität in Phonologie und Morphologie”, Münster, 19.-20.6.2009: “Quellen der Irregularisierung und ihre Relevanz für die Morphologie”.
- 2nd Workshop on “Affix Order: Affix Order in Slavic and Languages with Similar Morphology”. In honor of Wolfgang U. Dressler, Vienna, 5.-6.6.2009: “Affix ordering and conversion: a contrastive view and its theoretical implications”.
- Comonet Conference on Compounding, Bologna 6.-7.6.2008: “Synthetic compounds in German: a constructional view”.
- Symposium “Nouns cross-linguistically”, Università del Molise und Max-Planck-Institut für Evolutionäre Anthropologie, Campobasso, 22.-23.6.2007: “Action nouns: at a cross-road of morphology, syntax and semantics”.
- II Tagung “Deutsche Sprachwissenschaft in Italien”, Università di Roma “La Sapienza” 9.-11.2.2006, Plenary talk: “Überlegungen zum deutschen Plural”.
- Roundtable “Il concetto di futurità nella codificazione linguistica” bei der Tagung “Gli insegnamenti linguistici dell’area economico-giuridica in Europa”, Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi, Milano 26.11.2005: “Gli usi modali di *werden*”.
- Jährliche DAAD-Germanistentagung, Monopoli 8.-12.10.2003: “Topikalisierung, Fokussierung und Linearisierung. Stützpunkte einer kontrastiven Grammatik”.
- “Workshop di Morfologia”, Università dell’Aquila, L’Aquila 26.-27.6.2003: “La produttività nella morfologia derivazionale italiana: un approccio quantitativo”, in collaboration with Davide Ricca.
- Workshop “Morfologia, tipologia e acquisizione di lingue seconde”, Università di Milano Bicocca, Milano 30.5.2003: “Morfologia derivazionale e tipologia: quali universali linguistici?”.
- Workshop “La productivité: regards actuels”, CHU Pitié Salpêtrière, Paris 12.5.2003: “Quantitative methods and Italian word formation: A variable-corpus approach to productivity”, in collaboration with Davide Ricca.
- Workshop “Teoria morfologica e morfologia italiana”, Zürich 8.-9.11.2002: “Trasparenza morfotattica e morfosemantica nei nomi d’azione e nei nomi d’agente italiani: indagini basate su corpus”.
- Deutscher Italianistentag, Dresden 8.-10.11.2001: “Approcci quantitativi alla produttività morfologica: il suffisso *-issimo*”.

- Workshop “Grammatikalisierung vs. Lexikalisierung”, Konstanz 1.-3.2.2001: “Grammatikalisierung aus polyzentristischer Sicht”.
- Workshop “Historische Linguistik und Grammatiktheorien V: Komplexität und Markiertheit”, Berlin, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, 1.-2.12.2000: “Morphologische Produktivität: quantitativ”.
- Workshop “Languages of the Mediterranean Area: Typology and Convergence”, Tirrenia (Pisa) 1.-3.6.2000: “Noun phrase structure and pronominal clitics in the Mediterranean” in collaboration with Silvia Luraghi.
- Workshop “Historische Linguistik und Grammatiktheorien IV: Komplexe Wörter und einfache Phrasen”, Berlin, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, 3.-4.12.1999: “Semantische Stabilität oder semantische Transparenz?”.
- XXI Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft “Sprachwandel”, Konstanz 24.-26.2.1999: “Allophones, neutralizations and output-oriented models of language change”.

Invited lectures:

- Università Telematica “Guglielmo Marconi” di Roma, 26.1.2012: “Il cambiamento linguistico tra evoluzione e adattamento”.
- Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft Berlin, 18.1.2010: “Die unsichtbare Hand der Grammatikalisierung: Ersatzinfinitiv im Deutschen und das Präfix *ge-*”.
- Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, 13.1.2010: “Mismatch, Irregularisierung und die Perspektive der Grammatikalisierung”.
- Humboldt-Universität Berlin, 17.12.2009: “Prototypenbasierte Rektionskomposita im Deutschen. Eine korpusbasierte Analyse”, in collaboration with Amir Zeldes.
- Wiener Sprachgesellschaft, 5.6.2007: “Zur Doppelnatur der morphologischen Produktivität”.
- Institut für Sprachwissenschaft, Universität Wien, 4.6.2007: “Sprachuniversalien in der Wortbildung: Stand der Erforschung eines unbekanntes Kontinents”.
- Dipartimento di Scienze della Comunicazione dell’Università di Salerno, 20.4.2005: “La natura ambigua della produttività in morfologia flessiva”.
- Dipartimento di Linguistica dell’Università di Roma Tre, 17.3.2005: “Forma e sostanza nella grammatica e le proprietà combinatorie dei suffissi”.
- Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia dell’Università “La Sapienza” di Roma, 8.3.2005: “Ancora sul plurale tedesco”.
- Forschungsinstitut für deutsche Sprache - Deutscher Sprachatlas, Philipps-Universität Marburg, 28.1.2005: “Über die Doppelnatur der flexionsmorphologischen Produktivität”.

- Dipartimento di Linguistica dell'Università di Roma Tre, 18.12.2002: "Prospettive del cambiamento fonologico e teoria dell'ottimalità: il caso dell'Umlaut alto tedesco antico".
- Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft Berlin, 27.7.2002: "Zum Primär- und Sekundärumlaut: Expansion ohne Regelordnung".
- Istituto di Psicologia del CNR di Roma, 29.10.2001: "Sviluppi dell'analisi quantitativa della produttività morfologica".
- Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, 18.5.2001: "Approcci quantitativi alla produttività morfologica".
- Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft Berlin, 12.9.2000: "Grammatikalisierung und Natürlichkeit".
- Max-Planck-Institut für Evolutionäre Anthropologie Leipzig, 6.9.2000: "Thoughts on cognitive morphology: Towards a cognitive representation of action nouns".
- Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft Berlin, 6.2.1998: "Nominalisierungsgradienten des deutschen Infinitivs: Synchronie und Diachronie".

Talks at refereed congresses and workshops:

- *47th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea*, Poznan 11.-14.9.2014: "Inter-subjective dynamics and counter-presuppositional inference: the case of Neapolitan *chillo*".
- *Syntax of the World's Languages 6*, Pavia 8.-10.9.2014: "COMING and GOING: Passive voices in the Alps", in collaboration with Marco Angster (Freie Universität Bozen).
- *11th International Conference on Actionality, Tense, Aspect, Modality/Evidentiality (Chronos 11)*, Pisa, Scuola Normale Superiore, 16.-18.6.2014: "What's in a verbal noun? Achievements and nominalizations in Romance".
- *16th International Morphology Meeting*, Budapest 29.5.-1.6.2014: "Word formation in a balanced diachronic corpus of Italian", in collaboration with Claudio Iacobini (Università di Salerno).
- *46th International Annual Meeting della Societas Linguistica Europaea*, Split 18.-21.9.2013: "*Ecco giunta colei che ne pareggia*: The tenacious persistence of scaffolding *ecco*".
- *21st International Conference on Historical Linguistics*, Oslo 6.-9.8.2013: "MIDIA: a balanced diachronic corpus of Italian", in collaboration with Marco Angster and Davide Ricca (Università di Torino) and Claudio Iacobini, Aurelio De Rosa and Giovanna Schirato (Università di Salerno).
- *21st International Conference on Historical Linguistics*, Oslo 6.-9.8.2013: "Lat.

ecce / It. *ecco*: the long road of a primary cognitive scaffolding”.

- 45th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, Stockholm 29.8.-1.9.2012: “Valency changes between inflection and derivation”, in collaboration with Michela Cennamo (Università di Napoli “Federico II”).
- 15th International Morphology Meeting, Wien 9.-12.2.2012: “On NN Compounds in Italian and beyond”.
- Workshop “Variation and Change in Argument Realization”, Napoli / Capri 27.-30.5.2010: “Existential constructions: a diachronic perspective”, in collaboration with Katherina Stathi.
- Second TRIPLE International Conference “Word classes: nature, typology and computational representations”, Università di Roma Tre 24.-26.3.2010: “Thoughts on decategorization”.
- Workshop “Recursiveness in word-formation”, held during the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, Lisbona 9.-12.9.2009: “The importance of being recursive”, in collaboration with Francesca Masini.
- Workshop on Naming Strategies, Freie Universität Berlin, 6.-7.-10.2008: “Naming instruments as agents”.
- XLII Congresso Internazionale di Studi della Società di Linguistica Italiana, Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, 25.-27.9.2008: “Strumenti come agenti: un’indagine basata sui composti sintetici”.
- 13th International Morphology Meeting, Wien 3.-6.2.2008: “The invisible hand of grammaticalization: West-Germanic substitutive infinitive and the prefix *ge-*”.
- 6th Mediterranean Morphology Meeting (MMM6), Ithaca 27.-30.9.2007: “On heads and compounds: a typological trip”.
- 18th International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Montréal 6.-11.8.2007: “The role of diachrony in shaping language universals: The case of the head in compounds”.
- 5^{èmes} Décembrettes. Forum de Morphologie. Analogie et pression lexicale en morphologie, Toulouse 7.-8.12.2006: “Is analogy economic?”.
- 2nd International Conference of the German Cognitive Linguistics Association, München 5.-7.10.2006: “On the viability of cognitive linguistics for explaining language change”.
- 39th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea “Relativism and Universalism in Linguistics”, Bremen 30.8.-2.9.2006: “The myth of verb cluster languages”.
- 5th Mediterranean Morphology Meeting (MMM5), Fréjus 15.-18.9.2005: “Lexical integrity as a constructional strategy”.

- New Reflections on Grammaticalization 3, Santiago de Compostela 17.-20.7.2005: “Mismatch: grammar distortion and grammaticalization”.
- I Tagung Deutsche Sprachwissenschaft in Italien, Università di Roma “La Sapienza” 6.-7.2.2004: “Hilfsverben und Grammatikalisierung”.
- XXXVII Congresso Internazionale di Studi della Società di Linguistica Italiana “La formazione delle parole”, L’Aquila 25.-27.9.2003: “Combinazioni di suffissi in italiano”.
- 4th Mediterranean Morphology Meeting (MMM4): “Morphology and Linguistic Typology”, Catania 21.-23.9.2003: “Word Formation and Typology: Which Language Universals?”.
- 8th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference, Logroño 20.-25.7.2003: “‘Giving’ Grammaticalization: The Fatal Attraction of German *geben*”.
- “Quantitative Investigations in Theoretical Linguistics”, Osnabrück 3.-5.10.2002: “Productivity in Italian morphology: a variable-corpus approach”, in collaboration with Davide Ricca.
- 10th International Morphology Meeting, Szentendre 9.-12.5.2002: “Italian prefixes and productivity: a quantitative approach”, in collaboration with Davide Ricca.
- Germanic Linguistic Roundtable, Berkeley 5.-6.4.2002: “On the relation between primary and secondary umlaut”.
- 7th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference, Santa Barbara 22.-27.7.2001: “Thoughts on cognitive morphology”.
- Parallela IX: “Testo - variazione- informatica”, Salzburg 1.-4.11.2000: “Corpora testuali e produttività morfologica: i nomi d’azione nella annate della Stampa”, in collaboration with Davide Ricca.
- Societas Linguistica Europaea 2000, Poznan, 31.8.-2.9.2000: “Grammaticalization and the natural of it”.
- XXXIII Congresso Internazionale di Studi della Società di Linguistica Italiana “Dati empirici e teorie linguistiche”, Napoli 28.-30.10.1999: “Cambiamento linguistico e modelli linguistici orientati verso l’uscita: falsificabilità teorica e verificabilità empirica”.
- 6th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference, Stockholm 10.-16.7.1999: “Breaking the waves: towards a cognitive representation of action nouns”.
- Poznan Linguistic Meeting, Poznan 30.4.-2.5.1999: “An explicit theory of preferences is superior to implicit assumptions”, in collaboration with Wolfgang U. Dressler.
- Colloque international sur les systèmes des verbes modaux dans les langues romaniques et germaniques, Antwerpen 10.-12.12.1998: “Where does the umlaut

come from? Retelling the story of German modals”.

- XXXII Congresso Internazionale di Studi della Società di Linguistica Italiana “Semantica e Lessicologia storiche”, Budapest 29.-31.10.1998: “Per un approccio naturalista al conflitto morfologia-lessico”.
- Cognitive Morphology Workshop, Gent 1.-4.7.1998: “Polysemy and Lexicalization of Complex Words: a Natural Approach”.
- 8th International Morphology Meeting, Budapest 12.-14.6.1998: “On the interaction between morphology and semantics: the Italian suffix -ATA”.
- XXXI Congresso Internazionale di Studi della Società di Linguistica Italiana “Fonologia e Morfologia dell’italiano e dei dialetti d’Italia”, Padova 25.-27.9.1997: “Un buon argomento contro il separatismo: il suffisso italiano *-anza/-enza*”.
- 16th International Congress of Linguists, Paris 20.-25.7.1997: “The Inflection vs. Derivation Dichotomy: the Case of German Infinitives”.
- III International Cortona Phonology Meeting, Cortona 12.-14.4.1996: “Italian Loan Words and German Stress Patterns”.
- 28th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, Leiden 31.8.-2.9.1995: “Some Remarks on Analogy, Reanalysis and Grammaticalization”.
- 7th International Phonology Meeting, Krems, 5.-9.7.1992: “Syllabic division and intersegmental cohesion in Italian” in collaboration with Pier Marco Bertinetto, Marco Caboara and Maddalena Agonigi.

Solicited talks:

- *Per la storia della formazione delle parole in italiano: un nuovo corpus in rete (MIDIA) e nuove prospettive di studio. Convegno finale PRIN 2009*, Roma, Università di Roma Tre, 19.-20.6.2014: “Nomi deverbali in MIDIA”.
- Workshop “Complexity in Natural Linguistics”, 41st Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea, Forlì 17.-20.9.2008: “The antinaturalness of system adequacy, or: Deconstructing Natural Morphology”.
- Workshop “Affix Ordering in Typologically Different Languages: Approaches, Problems, Perspectives”, 13th International Morphology Meeting, Wien 3.-6.2.2008: “From competence to performance: the Copernican revolution of affix ordering”.
- Workshop “Prototypes and Grammaticalization – Grammaticalization as Prototype?”, *New Reflections on Grammaticalization 3*, Santiago de Compostela 17.-20.7.2005: “Does grammaticalization need prototypes?”.
- Workshop in memoriam Willi Mayerthaler “Sprache und Natürlichkeit”, XXX Österreichische Linguistiktagung, Innsbruck 6.-8.12.2002: “Morphosemantische Transparenz und Worbildung: Präferenzen aus einem Natürlichkeitsansatz”.

- Workshop “Historische Linguistik und Grammatiktheorien III: Komplexe Wörter und einfache Phrasen”, Berlin, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, 3.-4.12.1998: “Infinitive Komplemente im Althochdeutschen”.

Other talks and posters at congresses:

- 8th Mediterranean Morphology Meeting (MMM8), Cagliari 15.16.-9.2011, poster: “German Synthetic Compounds and the Architecture of the Grammar: A Behavioral Analysis”, in collaboration with Amir Zeldes (Humboldt-Universität Berlin).
- “La Metafora”, I Congresso Nazionale del Metaphor Club, Dipartimento di Psicologia, Università di Milano Bicocca, Milano 12.-13.5.2006: “Polisemia o omonimia? All’incrocio tra prototipi concettuali e grammaticalizzazione”.
- 11th International Morphology Meeting, Wien 14.-17.2.2004, poster: “On the double nature of productivity in inflectional morphology”.
- 9th International Morphology Meeting, Wien 25.-27.2.2000, poster: “Natural morphology and the history of Germanic preterite-presents”.
- X Giornate del Gruppo di Fonetica Sperimentale, Napoli 13.-15.12.1999. “SimpleSorter: una semplice applicazione per l’elaborazione di liste di parole”, in collaboration with Lorenzo Cioni.
- III Colloquio di Linguistica Greca, Pisa 2.-4.12.1997: “Il gapping in greco antico”, in collaboration with Silvia Luraghi.
- XX Congresso Nazionale dell’Associazione Italiana di Acustica, Roma 8.-10.4.1992: “Giochi linguistici e coesione sillabica in italiano: legamenti pre- e postnucleari” in collaboration with Maddalena Agonigi and Pier Marco Bertinetto.