

FEDERICO PERSIGILLI

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BIOSKETCH

I am currently a PhD candidate in Linguistics at the University for Foreigners of Perugia. My scientific interests include minimalist morpho-syntax, the phonological interface, and cross-linguistic variation. My doctoral dissertation focuses in particular on auxiliary selection in (Italo-)Romance varieties. I also enjoy psycholinguistic topics, including (Second) Language Acquisition and language processing.

EDUCATION

PhD in Linguistics

November 2022 -

University for Foreigners of Perugia, Perugia (PG), Italy

Areas: Theoretical linguistics, formal syntax

Title of the project (temporary): *Auxiliary Selection in Italo-Romance: A Minimalist Account*

Main Supervisor: Prof. ssa Elisa Di Domenico (Università per Stranieri di Perugia);

Second Supervisor: Prof. Cristiano Chesi (IUSS Pavia)

Visiting PhD student (free mover)

October 2024 - February 2025

University of Leipzig, Germany

Institute of Linguistics

Academic adviser: Prof. Gregory Kobele

Natural Language Processing - Introductory Course

September 2020 - October 2020

Virtual class, 240 hrs

Experis Academy Italia (collaborating with *DeepLearningItalia*)

MA in Theoretical & Applied Linguistics

September 2018 - September 2020

University of Pavia, Pavia (PV), Italy - Student at *Collegio F.lli Cairoli* (college of merit)

Department of Humanities

Final grade: 110/110 Thesis' Title: *Phonological Theory and Semitic Linguistics: A Formal Approach to Some Problems in Semitic Phonology*

First supervisor: Prof. Gianguido Manzelli

Second supervisor: Prof. Elio Jucci

BA in Letters and History

September 2015 - October 2018

University of Macerata, Macerata (MC), Italy

Department of Humanities

Final grade: 105/110

Thesis' Title: *La migrazione indo-aria nel subcontinente indiano e la coeva situazione geolinguistica* ('Indo-Aryan migration in South Asia and the corresponding geolinguistic context')

First supervisor: Prof. Daniele Maggi

Second supervisor: Prof. Diego Poli

Liceo Classico "F. Stelluti" of Fabriano (AN), Italy

September 2010 - June 2015

High School Diploma

Indirizzo: Scienze Umane (curriculum: 'Humanities and Social Sciences')

Final grade: 100/100 *con menzione di merito* ('with honour mention')

COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

- Microsoft Office
- L^AT_EX

SCIENTIFIC PAPERS

Piersigilli, F. (2024*a*). Il verbo stare: tratti formali e analisi contrastiva. In L. Lala & E. Castro (Eds.), *Il verbo in italiano. Morfologia, sintassi, semantica e testualità* (pp. 257-266), Franco Cesati: Firenze.

Piersigilli, F. (2024*b*). Latin Theme Vowels and Cophonologies. *Lingue antiche e moderne*, 13, 5-28.

Contemori, C., Manetti, C. & Piersigilli F. (under review). The production of subject and object relative clauses in Italian-speaking children: a syntactic priming study.

TALKS & POSTERS

“L’opacità nella fonologia contemporanea: problemi teorici e psicolinguistici”, *I^a Conferenza delle Dottorande e dei Dottorandi in Linguistica a Roma (ConDoR22)*, Roma, 23-24 February 2023

“Il ruolo dell’istruzione nell’acquisizione della L2”, Università per Stranieri, Perugia, 16 May 2023

“Il verbo stare: tratti formali e analisi contrastiva”, *Convegno Internazionale sul Verbo in Italiano*, Losanna, 13-14 November 2023.

“Auxiliary Selection in Maceratese”, Linguistics Colloquia (University of Perugia), 7th May 2024.

“Latin Theme Vowels and Cophonologies”, Phonology reading group (University of Leipzig), 25th November 2024.

POPULAR ARTICLES

“Language: A Uniquely Human Capacity” (2023), *Arcadia*.

“Grammar and Algorithms: Linguistics’ Contribution to Computer Programming” (2023), *Arcadia*.

“Phonetics & Phonology 101: The Role of Phonetics and Phonology in Linguistics” (2023), *Arcadia*.

“Language Acquisition in Children” (2023), *Arcadia*.

“The Neurobiological Foundations of Language” (2023), *Arcadia*.

“How to Do Things with Words: An Introduction to John Austin” (2023), *Arcadia*.

TEACHING ACTIVITY

University for Foreigners of Perugia

February 2023 -

Teaching assistant

General linguistics (Prof. ssa Di Domenico) - BA in *Digital Humanities per l'Italiano*

Psycholinguistics (Prof. ssa Di Domenico) - MA in *Comunicazione pubblicitaria, storytelling e cultura d'immagine*

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Since 2024, I am also a member of the research unit of the University for Foreigners of Perugia (head of the unit: Prof. Elisa Di Domenico) in the project "Promoting multilingual competence in different contexts" (PRIN 2022).

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian: Mother Tongue

English: Advanced/Fluent

Spanish: Intermediate

French: Basic

Turkish: Basic

LATIN: Intermediate

ANCIENT GREEK: Basic

BIBLICAL HEBREW: Basic

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