

PERSONAL DATA

Name: Alessandra

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Born in Bolzano-Bozen (BZ), Italy

Date of birth: December 7, 1961

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CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITION::

Full professor for German Linguistics (Scientific Sector: 10/GERM-01/C) at the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, University of Verona.

EDUCATION

- 28/02/1985: M.A. in Foreign languages and Literatures, Faculty of Arts and Philosophy, University of Pavia.
- 31/10/1989: Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of Pavia (Thesis Advisor: prof. Giorgio Graffi).
- 1990: Certificat de Spécialisation en Linguistique (Theorie de la syntaxe et syntaxe comparative), University of Geneva (Advisor: prof. Luigi Rizzi).

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2000 - 2006: chair of the “Consiglio di Corso di Laurea in Lingue e Letterature Straniere”;
- 2004 - 2006: Dean's Advisor on Educational Policy;
- 2006 - 2010: Director of the Language Center, University of Verona (CLA);
- 2010 - 2012: Dean of the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures;
- 2013 - 2018: Dean's Advisor on Educational Policy;
- 2018 – 2021: Dean of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Alessandra Tomaselli has worked within the following research fields:

- a) Generative Grammar Theory;
- b) German syntax (from both a synchronic and a diachronic point of view);
- c) Second Language Acquisition;
- d) the interaction between the theory of grammar and language teaching;

- e) German linguistic islands in Northern Italy – Language contact;
- f) the history of grammatical concepts within the German tradition;
- g) Language Erosion and Language Evolution.

ORGANIZATION AND DIRECTION OF RESEARCH PROJECTS:

- in charge of the Verona research unit for the interuniversity project: "Continuation and variation in language tradition" (ex quota 40%). National coordinator: Prof. Renato Arena (University of Milan), 1996/'98; title of the Verona research unit: "Continuation and variation in the relationship between theoretical linguistics and language teaching".
- in charge of the Verona research unit for the interuniversity project co-financed by MURST: "Language variation: structures and use". National coordinator: prof. Alberto Mioni (University of Padua), 1998-2000; title of the Verona research unit: "Language islands as an example of syntactic variation with respect to Standard Languages: the case of Cimbrian"
- in charge of the Verona research unit for the interuniversity project co-financed by MURST: "History of grammar in Italy and Europe. Relationship between grammatical analysis and its application". National coordinator: prof. Claudio Marazzini (University of Piemonte Orientale), 2001-2003; title of the Verona research unit: "Felderanalyse as an interface between theory of grammar and description of German grammar"
- in charge for the research project co-financed by the Cariverona Foundation: "Cimbrian as a test case for synchronic and diachronic language variation" (2009-2011). The goal of this project is to collect, digitalize and tag linguistic data from the Cimbrian varieties (a German dialect spoken in the so called "Tredici Comuni" (VR) and "Sette Comuni" (VI) and in the small village Lusern (TN)).
- member of the European research project "Advancing the European Multilingual Experience" (AthEME) - FP7-SSH-2013-1 [Collaborative projects (Large Scale Integrated Research Projects)], project coordinator: prof. Lisa Lai-Shen Cheng, Leiden University, duration: 60 months (2014-2019).
- in charge of the Verona research unit for the interuniversity project PRIN 2017 "Models of language variation and change: new evidence from language contact", ERC SH4, scientific coordinator: prof. Maria Rita Manzini (University of Florence); title of the Verona research unit [Workpackage 3]: "Germanic varieties: Word order in the vP- and CP-phase".

DIRECTION OF RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

- Research project R 78/99. Period: October 1999 - October 2001; title: "The relationship between morphology and syntax in a Southern German dialect: the case of Cimbrian"; assignee of fellowship: dott.ssa Diana Pili;
- Research project R 291/02. Period: October 2002 - March 2006; title: "The syntax of dislocation in Cimbrian: comparison between the Germanic and the Romance model"; assignee: dott. Ermenegildo Bidese.

- Research Project AdR 1691/11. Period: October 2011 - October 2012; title: "Linguistic Database and Linguistic Maps: the visibility of Cimbrian varieties"; assignee of fellowship: dott. Andrea Padovan (co-financed by Fondazione Cariverona, bando 2008).
- Research Project AdR VR2312/14. Period: July 2014 - February 2017, title: "Regional Languages in Multilingual Europe: The Case of Germanic Minorities in the Northeast of Italy" assignee of fellowship: dott. Andrea Padovan (financed by ATHEME - Advancing the European Multilingual Experience, FP7-SSH-2013-1, project n. 613465).
- Research Project AdR 3072/18. Period: July 2018 – August 2020, title: "Studio di sintassi comparativa tedesco-italiano sulla base di un corpus parallelo bilingue di testi scritti turistici. Risvolti nel campo della traduzione"; assegee: Dott.ssa Rossella Resi.
- Research Project AdR 3474/20. Period: April 2020 - November 2020; title: "Raccolta e sistematizzazione dati isole germanofone del Friuli"; assegee: Dott. Francesco Zuin.
- Research Project AdR3771/21. Period: October 2021 – September 2022; title: "Retrodigitalizzazione e sistematizzazione di dati relativi a isole germanofone del Nordest d'Italia"; assegee: Dott.ssa Anne Kreut.
- Research Project AdR4665/24. Period: November 2024 – October 2026; title: "La nozione di soggetto come punto di partenza per la costruzione di una mappa terminologica meta-grammaticale"; assegee: Dott.ssa Tamara Bassighini.

PRESENTATIONS (from 2015)

- 8 International Biolinguistics Conference (Biolinguistic Investigation on the Language Faculty), International Network in Biolinguistics & NeTS Center, IUSS, Pavia, January 2015 (with E.Bidese e A.Padovan: "Syntax as the Edge of Thought")
- 37. Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft (DGfS), *Grammatische Modellierung und sprachliche Verschiedenheit* [AG 5: Co- and subordination in German and other languages], Leipzig, DE, March 2015, (with E.Bidese: "The decline of asymmetric word order in Cimbrian subordination")
- Cambridge Italian Dialect Syntax Meeting (CIDSM) 10, Leiden, NL, June 2015 ("Different strategies to circumvent the *that-trace* effect")
- 5. Kongress der Internationalen Gesellschaft für Dialektologie des Deutschen (IGDD), *Räume-Grenzen- Übergänge*, Luxemburg, September 2015 (with S.Rabanus: "Räume, Grenzen und Übergänge im Sprachkontaktraum")
- Universität Konstanz, *Forschungskolloquium*, December 2015 (with A.Padovan: "Do borrowed complementizers always enter the C-layer from the topmost projections? On the top-down direction of functional word borrowing")
- Cambridge, *Rethinking V2*, March 2016 (with E.Bidese & A.Padovan: "V2 and Nominative Case: the view from a German-based language-contact dialect in Italy")
- Vienna, CIDSM, July 2016, *Invited speaker* ("Cimbrian syntax: a case study in macro- and microparametrization")
- Donostia-San Sebastián, *Language Contact from an I-Language Perspective*, October 2016 (with A.Padovan: "On the top down direction of complementizer borrowing: evidence from Cimbrian and other languages")

- 19th DiGS - Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference, Stellenbosch (Wallenberg Research Center, STIAS, Stellenbosch), South Africa, September 2017, Main Conference Programme (with E. Bidese: "Linear versus non linear Germanic V2 languages"); Workshop Programme ("From VPR to VO through German Linguistic Islands in the North East of Italy")
- Reggio Emilia, UniMORE, Dipartimento di Economia e Comunicazione, 17 Novembre 2017, Tavola rotonda: *Comparazione e classificazione dei dialetti d'Italia* ("Le isole tedescofone del Nord-Est: fenomeni di convergenza sintattica?")
- Tallinn, SLE (Societas Linguistica Europaea), 51st Annual Meeting, 29 August-1 September 2018, Workshop 1: *A Specter is haunting Europe: the Alps as a linguistic Area?* (con Ermenegildo Bidese: "Language synchronization north and south of the Brenner pass: Modelling the continuum"; con Cecilia Poletto: "The meandering path of VO and OV up in the Alps")
- Bucarest, SLE (Societas Linguistica Europaea), 53rd Annual Meeting, 27-28 August 2020, Workshop 8: *Contact and the architecture of language faculty* (con E. Bidese ed A. Padovan: "Circumventing the *that-trace* effect. Different strategies between Germanic and Romance"; con Cecilia Poletto: "Resilient subject-agreement morphosyntax in the Germanic Romance contact area")
- Trento, 35th CGSW (Comparative Germanic Syntax Workshop), 23-25 Giugno 2021 (con Cecilia Poletto e Alessandra Giorgi: "A crosslinguistic perspective on the relationship between information structure and V2")
- Palermo, XIV Kongress der Internationale Vereinigung fuer Germanistik (IVG), 26 – 31 luglio 2021, Sektion C3: *Der Beitrag der kleinen Sprachen zum Fortschritt der Linguistik* (con Ermenegildo Bidese: "Subjektklitika, Verbzweit und Nominativzuweisung: Einsichten in die Syntaxtheorie ausgehend vom Zimbrischen").
- Saarbrücken, 3-5 novembre 2022, SaRDIS (Saarbrücker Runder Tisch für Dialektsyntax), organizzato da Augustin Speyer [intervento con E. Bidese: *Auxiliarbewegung im eingebetteten Satz als weitere Stufe zum Abbau der Haupt-/ Nebensatzasymmetrie im Zimbrischen*] <https://www.sardis.uni-saarland.de/programm/>
- Parigi, 16-17 febbraio 2023, International workshop "Cracks in the Bottleneck. V3 and the polyoccupation of the initial slot in V2 languages. Insights from Germanic and beyond", organizzato da Pierre-Yves Medicom (Lyon 3) and Sarah Harchaoui (Sorbonne) [intervento con E. Bidese: *On the loss of linear V2 and the gradual dismantling of the bottleneck effect in the history of Cimbrian*] <https://v2v3.sciencesconf.org/resource/page/id/3>
- Bayonne (IKER), 5 giugno 2024, *Formal approaches to minority, minorized or less studied languages in contact situations* (FAMC) [con R. Madaro: *On the correlation between Germanic V2 and the low realization of the infinitival marker. Evidence from Germanic varieties spoken in NE-Italy*].
- Oxford, 26th DiGS (Diachronic Generative Syntax Conference), 23-26 giugno 2025 [con R. Madaro e S. Bertollo, *Relative clauses in the Germanic varieties in the Alps: some cues from the diachrony of Cimbrian and Timavese under the pressure of (Italo)Romance*]