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PERSONAL INFORMATION AND CONTACT DETAILS

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CURRENT POSITION

Tenured researcher / *Prof. aggregato* in English Language (L-LIN/12)
at the Faculty of Education of the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (IT)

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

- 2012 MA in Teaching English to Young Learners (180 credit points), University of York (UK)
- 2005 PhD in Linguistics, University of Bristol (UK)
Supervisor: Prof. Mair Parry
Thesis: *Demonstratives and Adverbs of Place in Early and Modern Texts from Northern Italy: a descriptive and comparative approach*
- Funding: Postgraduate Scholarship, University of Bristol (UK)
Maintenance grant: Member of SAVI (*Sintassi degli Antichi Volgari d'Italia*), a major research project on the comparative morphosyntax of the Italian vernaculars funded by the AHRB – Arts and Humanities Research Board (UK)
- 2001 B.A. in *Lingue e letteratura straniere contemporanee, indirizzo linguistico-glottodidattico* ('Foreign Languages and Literature, linguistic specialisation for teaching purposes'), University of Padua (IT), Erasmus: University of Leipzig (DE),
Result: 110 cum laude
Dissertation: *The syntax of comparative structures in English, Italian and Ladin*
Supervisor: Prof. Paola Benincà

LANGUAGE AND TEACHING CERTIFICATES (SELECTION)

- 2015 Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE),
The Cambridge School of English Verona (IT); Customised English language course (20 hours), The English Language Centre Oxford (UK)
- 2007 Certificate in English Language Teaching to Young Learners (CELTYL),
Intensive School of English, Brighton/Hove (UK)
- 2006 Certificate in Ladin language and culture for teaching at Ladin schools (IT)
- 2005 Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA),
University of Bristol (UK)
- 2000 Certification of trilingualism (Bozen-Bolzano, Italy),
Highest A level corresponding to: Ladin: C1; Italian: C1; German: C1

PUBLICATIONS

- Irsara, M. (2017). Promoting cross-linguistic awareness: English motion events in a multilingual teaching model. *Lingue e Linguaggi* 23, 121-132. ISSN: 2239-0367, e-ISSN: 2239-0359
- Irsara, M. (2017). Pictures meet words: Learners of English describing motion situations. *Proceedings of the international and interdisciplinary conference IMMAGINI? (Brixen, Italy, 27-28 November 2017)*, 1(9), 928, 1-11. ISSN: 2504-3900; doi:10.3390/proceedings1090928.
- Irsara, M. (2016). Space in English learner-narratives: A comparative approach. *Rassegna Italiana di Linguistica Applicata XLVIII*, 1, 31-51. ISSN: 0033-9725.
- Irsara, M. (2015). Ladin. In K. Jungbluth & F. Da Milano (Eds.), *Manual of deixis in Romance languages* (pp. 140-166). Berlin: Walter de Gruyter. ISBN: 978-3-11-031773-2.
- Irsara, M. (2014). Motion events in English as a fourth language: A linguistic analysis of a selected episode in multilingual learner narratives. *Lingue e Linguaggi* 12, 127-146. ISSN 2239-0367, e-ISSN 2239-0359.
- Irsara, M. (2014). Learner sentences from a multilingual setting. *Studi italiani di linguistica teorica e applicata XLIII*, 1, 169-184. ISSN: 0390-6809.
- Irsara, M. (2013). Awareness across languages: From English *as* and *like* to Ladin. In D. Kofler, H. K. Peterlini, & G. Videsott (Eds.), *Brückenbau(e)r: Festschrift für / Miscellanea per / Pubblicazioni en onour de / Article collection in honour of Siegfried Baur* (pp. 288-294). Meran: Edizioni alphabeta Verlag. ISBN: 978-88-7223-222-4.
- Irsara, M. (2013). To what extent can different types of language games assist 10-11 year olds learning English as a fourth language at a beginner level to produce oral target language output? In A. Hughes & N. Taylor (Eds.), *Teaching English to Young Learners: 2012 International TEYL Action Research Articles* (pp. 49-57), York: Department of Education, University of York.

- Irsara, M., & Franceschini, R. (2013). Didaktische Hinweise. In Departimënt Educazion y Cultura Ladina – Inovazion y Consulënza, Evaluazion dla Scoles Ladines, & Zënter de Cumpetënza Lingac dl'Università Liedia de Bulsan (Eds.), *Results of the English Tests* (pp. 67-71). Bozen-Bolzano: Athesia Druck GmbH. ISBN: 978-88-6669-039-9.
- Irsara, M. (2013). Frog, where are you? An analysis of sentences in the learner texts. In Departimënt Educazion y Cultura Ladina – Inovazion y Consulënza, Evaluazion dla Scoles Ladines, & Zënter de Cumpetënza Lingac dl'Università Liedia de Bulsan (Eds.), *Results of the English Tests* (pp. 55-66). Bozen-Bolzano: Athesia Druck GmbH. ISBN: 978-88-6669-039-9.
- Irsara, M. (2013). Frog, where are you? Observations on the use of prepositions in the learner texts. In Departimënt Educazion y Cultura Ladina – Inovazion y Consulënza, Evaluazion dla Scoles Ladines, & Zënter de Cumpetënza Lingac dl'Università Liedia de Bulsan (Eds.), *Results of the English Tests* (pp. 42-54). Bozen-Bolzano: Athesia Druck GmbH. ISBN: 978-88-6669-039-9.
- Irsara, M., & Franceschini, R. (2013). Gesamtentwicklung des Englischen. In Departimënt Educazion y Cultura Ladina – Inovazion y Consulënza, Evaluazion dla Scoles Ladines, & Zënter de Cumpetënza Lingac dl'Università Liedia de Bulsan (Eds.), *Results of the English Tests* (pp. 34-41). Bozen-Bolzano: Athesia Druck GmbH. ISBN: 978-88-6669-039-9.
- Irsara, M. (2013). Test description. In Departimënt Educazion y Cultura Ladina – Inovazion y Consulënza, Evaluazion dla Scoles Ladines, & Zënter de Cumpetënza Lingac dl'Università Liedia de Bulsan (Eds.), *Results of the English Tests* (pp. 16-22). Bozen-Bolzano: Athesia Druck GmbH. ISBN: 978-88-6669-039-9.
- Irsara, M. (2012). Comparative constructions in English, Italian and Ladin: Cross-linguistic observations and didactic considerations. *Quaderni Patavini di Linguistica* 2010, 26, 39-82, ISSN: 1122-441X.
- Irsara, M. (2010). Learning with the British National Corpus: Corpora as a tool to promote linguistic awareness and development in multilingual learners. *Quaderni Patavini di Linguistica* 2008, 24, 101-145, ISSN: 1122-441X.
- Irsara, M. (2010). Il sistema dimostrativo avverbiale ladino. In M. Iliescu, H. Siller-Runggaldier, & P. Danler (Eds.), *Actes du XXIV^e Congrès International de Linguistique et de Philologie Romanes (Innsbruck, 3 – 8 septembre 2007)* (pp. 75-82), Berlin, New York: de Gruyter. ISBN: 9783110231922.
- Irsara, M. (2009). Demonstratives and Adverbs of Place in Early and Modern Texts from Northern Italy. *LabRomAn* 3/II, Numero Monografico, 1-242, ISSN: 1827-6091.
- Irsara, M. (2007). Usi e funzioni degli avverbi locativi nelle varietà italo-romanze settentrionali. In D. Trotter (Ed.), *Actes du XXIV^e Congrès International de Linguistique et de Philologie Romanes (Aberystwyth, 1^{er} – 6 août 2004)* (pp. 307-317), Berlin: Walter de Gruyter. ISBN: 9783110923575.
- Irsara, M., & Stavinschi, A. (2004). Il sistema dimostrativo in alcune varietà medievali: Punti di riferimento e marcatezza. In M. Dardano & G. Frenguelli (Eds.), *Sintant. La sintassi dell'italiano antico. Atti del convegno internazionale di studi (Università "Roma Tre", 18-21 settembre 2002)* (pp. 609-629), Rome: Aracne. ISBN: 88-7999-633-9.

LATEST PRESENTATIONS AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- Paper: *Pictures meet words: Learners of English describing motion situations.*
International and interdisciplinary conference: Image and imagination: Between representation, communication, education, and psychology (#IMG2017), Faculty of Education, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, **Bressanone-Brixen** (IT), 27-28 November 2017.
- Paper: *Place and movement: A contrastive analysis of learner language.*
Various Dimensions of Contrastive Studies (V-DOCS 2017): Fourth International Conference, University of Silesia, Institute of English, **Katowice** (PL), 23-24 October 2017.
- Paper: *The role of learner-text analyses in inspiring multilingual didactics: The example of English motion verbs.*
First International Conference Multilingual Education in Linguistically Diverse Contexts (MELDC17), Faculty of Humanities of the University of Primorska in **Koper** (SLO), 29-30 September 2017.
- Paper: *Serendipitous discoveries in additional language learning: Motion verbs in English.*
52nd Linguistics Colloquium: Language(s) for Europe - multilingualism as an asset (LK52), Friedrich-Alexander-Universität **Erlangen-Nürnberg** (DE), 21-23 September 2017.
- Paper: *Language teaching diversity with English as an L4: an example of theory-practice integration in teacher education.*
13th BAAL (British Association of Applied Linguistics) Language Learning and Teaching SIG: Celebrating the diversity of language teaching, University of Central Lancashire, **Preston** (UK), 6-7 July 2017.
- Paper: *Promoting linguistic awareness in teacher education: English motion events in a multilingual language-teaching model.*
International Conference: Multilingualism in Society, Politics and Education; Strand 3: Didactics of Multilingualism in Secondary and Tertiary Education, SLI, Language Teaching Centre, University of **Freiburg** (DE), 15-18 March 2017.
- Paper: *Lexicalisation patterns in the description of a motion event by multilingual language learners.*
First International Conference on Sociolinguistics: Insights from Superdiversity, Complexity and Multimodality (ICS-1), Eötvös Loránd University, **Budapest** (HU), 1-3 September 2016.
- Paper: *Space in English-learner narratives: A comparative approach.*
Scientific meeting at the Competence Centre for Language Studies, Free University of **Bozen-Bolzano** (IT), 14 September 2015.
- Paper: *Motion events in English as a fourth language: A linguistic analysis of a selected episode in multilingual learner narratives.*
“Work in progress”, Linguistics Colloquium, Competence Centre for Language Studies, Free University of **Bozen-Bolzano** (IT), 16 January 2014.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AT THE FREE UNIVERSITY OF BOZEN-BOLZANO

Year	Course	Hours
2017-2018	<i>English</i> (Bachelor Degree Programme in Social Education)	30
2016-2017	<i>English language analysis and acquisition</i> (Master Degree Programme in Primary Education)	40
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2015-2016	<i>English language analysis and acquisition</i> (Master Degree Programme in Primary Education)	40
	<i>English</i> (Bachelor Degree Programme in Social Education)	30
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	<i>English</i> (Bachelor Degree Programme in Social Education)	30
2011-2012	<i>English</i> (BSc in Multilingual Communication)	36
	<i>English B2/C1</i> (Degree Course in Primary Education)	30
2010-2011	<i>English</i> (BSc in Multilingual Communication) (D.M. 270)	36
	<i>English</i> (BSc in Multilingual Communication) (D.M. 509)	36
	<i>English B2/C1</i> (Degree Course in Primary Education)	30
2009-2010	<i>English 1</i> (SS) (Faculty of Design and Art)	30
	<i>English</i> (BSc in Multilingual Communication)	36
	<i>English 1</i> (WS) (Faculty of Design and Art)	30
	<i>English Intermediate</i> (Degree Course in Primary Education)	30
2008-2009	<i>English 1</i> (SS) (Faculty of Design and Art)	30
	<i>English</i> (BSc in Multilingual Communication)	36
	<i>English 1</i> (WS) (Faculty of Design and Art)	30
	<i>English Intermediate</i> (Degree Course in Primary Education)	30
2007-2008	<i>English</i> (BSc in Multilingual Communication)	36
	<i>English Intermediate</i> (Degree Course in Primary Education)	30

	Tutor in the course <i>English Tutorial Course II 2007-2008 (Training course for the Teaching of English in Primary Schools)</i> : weekly correction of student texts and linguistic advisory service	100
2006-2007	<i>English Intermediate</i> (Degree Course in Primary Education)	30

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

August 2011	English course for young learners, Badia (BZ), 18 hours
May-June 2006	English course for children, Primary School, La Valle (BZ, Italy)
February-May 2006	Full-time supply teacher of English, Lower Secondary School, La Villa (BZ, Italy)
2004 – 2005	Part-time recognised tutor of Italian, Language Centre, University of Bristol (UK) – 4 hours per week (total: 92 hours)
2003 – 2004	Part-time recognised tutor of Italian, Language Centre, University of Bristol (UK) – 4.5 hours per week (total: 103.5 hours)
2002 – 2003	Part-time recognised tutor of Italian, Language Centre, University of Bristol (UK) – 4 hours per week (total: 92 hours)
2001 – 2002	Part-time language assistant of Italian, Department of Italian, University of Bristol (UK) – 2 hours per week
October 2000	Full-time supply teacher of German, Lower Secondary School, La Villa (BZ, Italy)

SELECTED MEMBERSHIPS AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

2017-2018: Member of the Ladin School Evaluation Committee (Autonomous province of Bozen-Bolzano, *Dipartimento istruzione, formazione e cultura ladina / Ladinisches Bildungs- und Kulturressort*); Schools evaluated: 2 upper-secondary schools.

2016 – 2017: Member of the Ladin School Evaluation Committee (Autonomous province of Bozen-Bolzano, *Dipartimento istruzione, formazione e cultura ladina / Ladinisches Bildungs- und Kulturressort*); Schools evaluated: 2 primary and 2 lower-secondary schools.

2015 – 2016: Member of the Ladin School Evaluation Committee (Autonomous province of Bozen-Bolzano, *Dipartimento istruzione, formazione e cultura ladina / Ladinisches Bildungs- und Kulturressort*); Schools evaluated: 2 primary and 2 lower-secondary schools.

2015 – 2016: Co-organiser of the Conference for English language teachers *Building Bridges* in Bozen-Bolzano (Dipartimento Istruzione e Formazione tedesca: Area innovazione e consulenza – Intendenza scolastica italiana: Area pedagogica)

2010 – 2016: Member of the Competence Centre for Language Studies of the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (director: Prof. Rita Franceschini);

2015 – 2016: Director of the two-year training course *English for Primary schools* (35 credit points);

2006 – 2015: Co-organiser and member of the scientific committee of the two-year training course *English for Primary schools* (35 credit points);

On a regular basis:

- member of evaluation committees for the selection of project collaborators and fixed-term locum lecturers,
- member of final examination committees (Ladin section),
- member of entrance examination committees (Ladin, Italian, and German sections),
- examiner in Ladin language certification exams (university internal),
- second examiner and invigilator in various mid-term exams,
- translator and editor of administrative and academic texts (English, German, Italian, Ladin).

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