

ESSENTIAL CURRICULUM VITAE

RITA FRANCESCHINI

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Studies in Romance and Germanic Languages, Universities of Zurich, Trieste and Bielefeld

1992 PhD University of Zurich

1999 Habilitation Thesis University of Basel, *venia docendi* in Romance Philology

CURRENT POSITION

full Professor of Linguistics (L-LIN/01) at the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Conversational analysis, language contact, code-switching, second language acquisition, morphology, neurobiology of multilingualism

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

1986-1991: Research Assistant, University of Basel

1992-1997: deputy Professor, University of Zürich

1993-1995: contract Professor, University of Bergamo

1996: guest Professor at Middlebury College (VT), USA

1995-1999: Post-doc Researcher, Swiss National Foundation, University of Basel

2000-2004: Full professor of Applied Linguistics, Department of Romance Studies, University of Saarland (Germany)

2004-to present: Full Professor of Linguistics and Philology (L-LIN/01) at the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES

- 2002-2004: Deputy, then executive Director of the Department for Romance Studies at the University of Saarland
- 2000-2004: Member of the "Zentrale Forschungskommission" (Central Research Commission), University of Saarland
- 2004-2008: Rector of the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano
- 2004-2016: Founder and Director of the Research Centre "Language Study Unit", Free University of Bozen-Bolzano
- 2006-2007: Member of the „High Level Group on Multilingualism“ of the EU-Commission, Brussels
- 2007-2009: Member of the University Council of the University of Basle
- 2013-to present: Member of the University Council of the University of Salzburg
- 2013-to present: Research Councillor of the Swiss National Foundation, Section Social Sciences and Humanities
- 2016-to present: President of Commission for Interdisciplinarity Research at the Swiss National Foundation

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

See:

www.unibz.it/en/public/research/language/languagestudies/projects/default.html

Choice of finalized projects of the last years:

- LINEE: Languages in a Network of European Excellence, VI Framework Program of the EU, Network of Excellence (2005-2009)
- DYLAN: Language dynamics and management of diversity, VI Framework Program of the EU, Integrated Project (2005-2010)
- „Is there any cognitive and cerebral advantage for being bilingual?“, in cooperation with the University „Vita Salute-San Raffaele“, Milan, interdisciplinary project between linguistics and neurosciences (2013-2016)
- GOETHE: Collaborative Project with the Primary school Goethe in Bozano-Bozen for the integration of non-German speaking children (2013-2016)
- NEURO-BILI-AGE: The effects of multilingualism of healthy aging“, in cooperation with the University „Vita Salute-San Raffaele“, Milan, interdisciplinary project between linguistics and neurosciences (2013-2016)

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

- Co-Editor-in-chief (2002-2016) of the Journal VOX ROMANICA (A-ranked), from 2016 to present President of the Curatorium VOX ROMANICA
- CO-Editor-in-chief of the journal „LiLi-Zeitschrift für Literaturwissenschaft und Linguistik“ (2001-2017)(A-ranked)

PUBLICATIONS

More than 200 publications in 4 languages

Selection of the last years:

- „Multilingualism and Multicompetence“ (2016), in: V. Cook/Li Wei (eds.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Linguistic Multi-competence*, Cambridge University Press: 97-124.
- „DIAGRAMM und KONTATTO: Südtirol Ortsdialekten und Sprachkontakt“ (2015), in: R. Kehrein, A. Lameli, S. Rabanus (Hgg.), *Areale Variation des Deutschen – Projekte und Perspektiven*, Berlin: de Gruyter, 455-484. (with Simone Ciccolone)
- „Early Bilingualism Influences Early and Subsequently Later Acquired Languages in Cortical Regions Representing Control Functions“ (2014), in: *International Journal of Bilingualism vol 18(1): 57-77*, special issue "Multilingual Brains", ed. by S. M. Reiterer, J. Festmann. (with E. Wattendorf, J. Festman, B. Westermann, U. Keil, D. Zappatore, G. Luedi, E.-W. Radue, T. F. Münte, G. Rager, C. Nitsch)
- „Die Entwicklung dreisprachiger Schreibkompetenzen: Resultate aus den ladinischsprachigen Tälern Südtirols“ (2013), in: Jürgen Erfurt, Tatjana Leichsering, Reseda Streb (Hgg.), *Mehrsprachigkeit und Mehrschriftigkeit, OBST-Osnabrücker Beiträge zur Sprachtheorie*, 83: 57-78.
- „A neuronal interactive location for Multilingual Talent“ (2013), in: *Cortex* 49/2: 605-608. (with P. A. Della Rosa, G. Videsott, V. Borsa, M. Canini, B. S. Weekes, J. Abutalebi)
- „Unfokussierter Spracherwerb in Kontaktsituationen: Sprachexposition als Teil des Sprachwandels“ (2012), in: H. Christen, M. Guntern, M. Petkova (Hgg.): *MIX – Sprachvarietäten in Kontakt. Sociolinguistica* 26. Berlin, Boston: de Gruyter: 41-57.
- „How does linguistic competence enhance cognitive functions in children? A study in multilingual children with different linguistic competences“ (2012), in: *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition*, 15/4: 884–895. (with G. Videsott, P. A. Della Rosa, W. Wiater, J. Abutalebi)