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Curriculum vitae et studiorum

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Current position

2021–present **Research Fellow (Ricercatore a tempo determinato di tipo A) of Linguistics**, *Sapienza Università di Roma*, Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia, L-LIN/01.

Work experience

2020–2021 **Postdoctoral researcher (Assegnista di ricerca)**, *Sapienza Università di Roma*, Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia, L-LIN/01.

Project: “Continuity and innovation in Eastern Middle-Iranian morphology”

11/2019 **Visiting researcher**, *Universiteit Leiden, LUCL*.

2018–2020 **Academic tutor and examiner | General Linguistics, Ancient Greek, Latin language and literature**, *Università di Roma Guglielmo Marconi*.

2017–2019 **Full-time Ph.D. researcher**, *Universiteit Leiden, LUCL*; *Sapienza Università di Roma*.

Education

2017–2020 **Ph.D. | Comparative Indo-European Linguistics**, *Universiteit Leiden, LUCL*.

Dissertation: “The Tocharian gender system: a diachronic study”

Supervisors: Michaël Peyrot, Sasha Lubotsky

Relevant courses: Tocharian philology and linguistics, Indo-European linguistics, Avestan, Central Asia studies, Indo-European archeology.

2016–2019 **Ph.D. | Linguistics**, *Sapienza Università di Roma – Università Roma Tre, XXXII cycle*.

Dissertation: “The Tocharian gender system: a diachronic study”

Supervisor: Giorgio Banti

Final Grade: *ottimo con lode*

Relevant courses: Khotanese philology and linguistics, Indo-European linguistics, (Young) Avestan and Old Persian, Central Asia studies, Language contact, Typological linguistics.

2013–2015 **M.A. | Linguistics**, *Sapienza Università di Roma*.

Dissertation: “I casi primari del tochario”

Advisors: Claudia A. Ciancaglini, Paolo Di Giovine

Final Grade: 110 *cum laude*

Relevant courses: Historical linguistics, Indo-European linguistics, Iranian philology, Vedic linguistics, Classical philology, Latin language, Greek language, Italic linguistics, Philosophies and religions of Central Asia.

- 2010–2015 **B.A. | Humanities – Linguistics, Sapienza Università di Roma.**
 Dissertation: “L’ingiuntivo: aporie tempo-aspettuali in miceneo”
 Advisor: Maria Carmela Benvenuto
 Final Grade: 110 *cum laude*
 Relevant courses: Historical linguistics, Indo-European reconstruction, Iranian philology and linguistics, Tocharian linguistics, Latin language, Greek language, General linguistics, Italian linguistics, Philosophy of language, Romance philology.
- 2005–2010 **High School Diploma – Classics, Liceo Classico Statale “Anco Marzio”, Roma, Italia.**

Other teaching activities

- 2021- **Adjunct Professor, L-LIN/01, Sapienza Università di Roma – Dipartimento di Lettere e culture moderne,** BA courses of General Linguistics and MA courses of Historical Linguistics.
- 2020-2021 **Cultore della materia (= Teaching Assistant), L-LIN/01, Sapienza Università di Roma – Dipartimento di Lettere e culture moderne.**
- 2020-2021 **Cultore della materia (= Teaching Assistant), L-LIN/01, Sapienza Università di Roma – Dipartimento di Scienze dell’Antichità.**
- 2020-2021 **Cultore della materia (= Teaching Assistant), L-LIN/01, Università degli Studi del Molise – Dipartimento di Scienze Umanistiche, Sociali e della Formazione.**
- 2020 **University seminary | Tocharian historical grammar, Sapienza Istituto Italiano di Studi Orientali (ISO),** Course on Indo-European Linguistics (B.A. Lingue e civiltà orientali).
- 2016–2019 **University lessons | Historical Linguistics (Glottologia), Sapienza Istituto Italiano di Studi Orientali (ISO),** (B.A. Lingue e civiltà orientali).
- 2016–2017 **Grant-holder for teaching activities | General linguistics, Sapienza Università di Roma, Istituto Italiano di Studi Orientali (ISO),** (B.A. Lingue e civiltà orientali).
- 2016–2017 **University course | Indo-European linguistics, Sapienza Istituto Italiano di Studi Orientali (ISO),** (B.A. Lingue e civiltà orientali).

Research projects and research activities

- 2021– **Progetto Medio | Internal Collaborator, PI Paola Orsatti, Sapienza University Research Office grant,** “Lingue, testi e filologie del mondo iranico: contatti, influenze, interazioni tra lingue e culture”.
- 2020– **Progetto Medio | Post-doc, PI Maria Carmela Benvenuto, Sapienza University Research Office grant,** “Tipologie di interferenza grafica nel mondo antico (TIGMA)/ Types of Graphic Interferences in Ancient World (TGAW)”.
- 2020– **Progetto Medio | Internal Collaborator, PI Artemij Keidan, Sapienza University Research Office grant,** “Categorie grammaticali nominali in prospettiva sincronica, diacronica e tipologica: flessione e derivazione nelle lingue indoeuropee arcaiche e post-arcaiche”.
- 2018– **Research activity | co.co.co. PI Artemij Keidan, Sapienza Università di Roma,** “Indo-European isoglosses: data collection and models of presentation”.
 Tasks: Implementation of a database on Indo-European isoglosses (responsible for Middle Indian languages, Eastern Middle Iranian languages, Tocharian A and B).

- 2018– **Progetto Medio | Internal Collaborator**, PI **Claudia A. Ciancaglini**, *Sapienza University Research Office grant*, “Champollion beyond hieroglyphs. The many languages of the Rosetta stone code breaker”.
- 2017–2018 **Progetto per Avvio alla Ricerca | Principal Investigator**, *Sapienza University Research Office grant*, “Continuity and innovation in the Tocharian nominal morphology”.

Scholarships, awards and other titles

- 2016–2019 **Fellowship Ph.D. in Linguistics**, *Sapienza Università di Roma*.
- 2016 **Certificate Laureato eccellente Sapienza, academic year 2014-2015**, *Sapienza Università di Roma – Associazione Sapienza Alumni*.
- 2014-2015 **Fellowship (Library of Glottology)**, *Sapienza Università di Roma*.
- 2013-2014 **Fellowship (Library of Glottology)**, *Sapienza Università di Roma*.

Institutional and Academic activities

- 07-09/2022 **Member of the habilitation committee for the competition class A-23 (Lingua italiana per discendenti di lingua straniera)**, *Ministero dell’Istruzione, Dipartimento per il sistema educativo di istruzione e di formazione*.
- 2013–2015 **President of the student body (M.A. Linguistics)**, *Sapienza Università di Roma*.
- 2013–2015 **Member of the monitoring board (M.A. Linguistics)**, *Sapienza Università di Roma*.
- 2015–2016 **Member of a special committee with the aim of reorganising the M.A. in Linguistics**, *Sapienza Università di Roma*.

Other trainings and schools (selection)

- 2020–2021 **Advanced Reading Class | The Sanskrit Siddhasāra**, *Sapienza Università di Roma*, (Online).
- 2020–2021 **Advanced Reading Class | Tocharian texts**, *Universiteit Leiden, LUCL*, (Online).
- 10/2019 **Workshop | Computational Linguistics (XML, corpora)**, *Universität Wien*.
CEToM = Comprehensive Edition of Tocharian Manuscripts
- 04-05/2019 **Seminary | Old Persian – M. Mancini**, *Sapienza, Università di Roma*.
- 10-11/2018 **Seminary | Avestan – A. Lubotsky**, *Universiteit Leiden, LUCL*.
- 10-11/2018 **Reading Class | Tumshuqese – with M. Peyrot and F. Dragoni**, *Universiteit Leiden*.
- 11/2018 **Workshop | Silk Road languages and cultures**, *Universität Göttingen*.
- 10-11/2018 **Reading Class | Tocharian B – M. Peyrot**, *Universiteit Leiden*.
- 08-09/2018 **Reading Class | Central Asia, Iranian philology and Khotanese**, *Firenze*, Formal invitation by M. Maggi with Chen Ruixuan, Federico Dragoni, Pan Tao.
- 04/2018 **Lecture Series | Introduction to Tocharian – M. Peyrot**, *Sapienza, Università di Roma*.

- 06/2016 **Summer School | Sociolinguistics: method for the analysis of ancient and modern languages**, *Università per Stranieri di Siena*.
Courses:
Sociolinguistica della Svizzera meridionale (E. Prifti)
Sociolinguistica storica e lingua latina (G. Marotta)
The Sociolinguistics of Ancient Society: the Language(s) of Individuals and Social Groups (J. Clackson)
Language contact in Antiquity and the Middle Ages: Greek as the contact language (M. Janse)
Variazione diastatica e diafasica in latino: interfaccia tra sociolinguistica e pragmatica (P. Molinelli)
- 03-04/2014 **Seminary | Vedico (*Atharvaveda*), frigio e studi indoeuropei** – A. Lubotsky, *Sapienza Università di Roma*.
- 02/2014 **Winter School | TRIPLE (Tavolo di Ricerca sulla Parola e il Lessico)**, *Università di Roma Tre*.
- 09/2013 **Summer School | Second International Summer Schools for Indo-European Studies**, *Università degli studi di Pavia*.
Courses:
Albanian (B. Joseph)
Mycenaean (E. Lujan)
Armenian (H. Martirosyan)
Avestan (A. Cantera)
Evolutionary approaches to Indo-European linguistics (M. Dunn; B. Drinka)
- 01/2013 **Intensive Course | Grammatica storica della lingua avestica** – V. Sadovski, *Sapienza Università di Roma*.

Publications

- forth[2023] *The Tocharian Gender System. A diachronic study on nominal morphology*. Leiden–Boston: Brill.
- forth[2023] “Variation and change in the formal marking of Khotanese (II). The genitive-dative singular in Late Khotanese and related problems”. In: *Indogermanische Forschungen* 128.
- forth[2023] “Allomorphic variation in Khotanese adjectival declension”. Reichert.
- forth[2022] Review of: Thomas Lindner, *Urindogermanische Grammatik. Teil II: Flexionsparadigmen*, Heidelberg, Universitätsverlag Winter, 2021, pp. VI + 370. In: *Incontri Linguistici* 45.
- 2022 “Variation and change in the formal marking of Khotanese (I). A diachronic analysis of the genitive-dative singular in Old Khotanese”. In: *Indogermanische Forschungen* 127, pp. 359–398.
- 2022 “Avestan *-āṅhō*, Young Avestan *-ā*, Old Khotanese *-e* and the development of the Old Iranian *i-* and *u-*stems in Khotanese”. In: *Studi e Saggi Linguistici* 60.1, pp. 111–171.
- 2022 “A note on the verbal forms in Mycenaean sealings”. In: *Indoeuropejskoe âzykoznanie i klassičeskaâ filologiâ [Indo-European linguistics and classical philology]* 26, pp. 277–290.

- 2022 “Ancora su problemi paleografici, filologici e linguistici in tochario. Analisi del verso di THT 530 e del paradigma di TB *pīto*”. In: A. Baldazzi, A. Gentile e T. Valentini (eds.), *La creatività. Le prospettive differenti e complementari delle scienze umane e sociali*. Mimesis, pp. 115–134.
- 2021 “A Central Asian Buddhist term: Remarks on Khotanese *saña-*, Tocharian B *sāñ*, *ṣāñ*, and Tocharian A *ṣāñ*” [with M. Maggi]. In: *Indo-Iranian Journal* 64, pp. 199–240.
- 2021 “*Genus alternans* in Khotanese? A synchronic analysis of the agreement classes”. In: *Archivio Glottologico Italiano* CVI. 2, pp. 164–194.
- 2021 Article review of: Ronald I. Kim (2018). *The Dual in Tocharian. From Typology to Auslautgesetz*. (Münchener Studien zur Sprachwissenschaft, Beihelf 26). Verlag J.H. Röll GmbH, Dettelbach. [XIII + 186 pages]. In: *Incontri Linguistici* 44, pp. 156–179.
- 2020 “Metathesis of PIE **-ur̥* in Tocharian”. In: *Münchener Studien zur Sprachwissenschaft* 74/1 (2020[2021]), pp. 51–85.
- 2020 “The development of PIE **-oi* in Tocharian”. In: *Rivista di Studi Orientali* 93 (2020), pp. 21–34
- 2020 *The Tocharian Gender System. A Diachronic Study*. Ph.D Dissertation, Leiden–Rome
- 2019 “Problemi paleografici e linguistici in tochario: figure etimologiche e hapax legomena”. In: *Formamente* 2019.2 (2020), pp. 107–122.
- 2019 “The Origin of the Tocharian A plural ending *-äm*”. In: *Indo-European Linguistics* 7 (2019), pp. 1–12.
- 2018 “On the pronominal feminine plural in Tocharian”. In: *Indogermanische Forschungen* 123 (2018), pp. 339–356.
- 2017 Review of: Melanie Malzahn, Michaël Peyrot, Hannes A. Fellner and Theresa-Susanna Illés (eds.), *Tocharian Texts in Context*. Bremen: Hempen. [350 pages]. In: *Incontri Linguistici* 40 (2017), pp. 184–88.
- in preparation “Siever’s Law in Khotanese and the problem of palatalisation”
- in preparation “*Śūraṅgamasamādhisūtra* and Khotanese *śśāman-* ‘face; entrance’”
- in preparation *The Khotanese Rāma Story. Text Edition, Commentary, Linguistic survey, and Glossary* [with R. E. Emmerick].
- in preparation “A note on Khotanese *ysare* ‘old age’ and the development of **-uāh*”
- in preparation “Remarks on the *Mahāvaidhika-gr̥tha* in Sanskrit, Khotanese and Tocharian”
- in preparation “On the notion of grammatical gender and agreement in the early Greek and Latin Grammarians”

Conference presentations and seminars

- 6/2022 “A note on the verbal forms in Mycenaean sealings”. *Indo-European linguistics and Classical Philology in Memory of Professor Joseph M. Tronsky. Institute for Linguistic Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 27-29 June 2022*.
- 5/2022 “Allomorphic variation in Khotanese nominal morphology. The Indo-Iranian background of the nominative-accusative plural of the *a*-declension”. *Indogermanist Kolloquium. Universität zu Köln, 27 May 2022*.

- 1/2022 “Sulla complessità dei prestiti linguistici e culturali in Asia centrale”. *Seminario dottorale Scienze umanistiche, University of Rome, Guglielmo Marconi, 31 January 2022.*
- 12/2021 “Remarks on the historical nominal morphology of Khotanese. The origin of the *kīra*-type and related issue”. *Comparative Indo-European Linguistics Seminars, Leiden University, 17 December 2021.*
- 06/2021 “Contatto di lingue e contatto di testi in Asia centrale”. *Seminario, Sapienza Università di Roma, Dipartimento di Lettere e culture moderne, 16 June 2021.*
- 12/2020 “*Genus alternans* in Tocharian and Khotanese”. *Universiteit Leiden, Tocharian in Progress, 8-10 December 2020.*
- 10/2019 “Morpho-phonological problems in Tocharian: the case of final PIE *-ur*”. *Wien Universität, Recent Advances in Tocharian Philology and Linguistics, 25-27 October 2019.*
- 10/2019 “The outcome of some heteroclitic stems in Tocharian”. *Universiteit Leiden, Tocharian, Middle Iranian and Indo-Aryan languages: A Small Workshop, 16 October 2019.*
- 05/2019 “Creatività linguistica e creatività dei linguisti: figure etimologiche e *hapax legomena* in tochario”. *University of Rome, Guglielmo Marconi, Convegno La Creatività, 29-30 May 2019.*
- 09/2013 “πέλεκυς and λάβρυς. A linguistic-philological analysis of the Homeric archery” [with Sveva Elti di Rodeano]. *University of Pavia, Second International Summer School for Indo-European Studies, 9-14 September 2013.*

Peer-reviewing

Occasional peer reviewer for *Tocharian and Indo-European Studies*, *Linguistica e Filologia*, Reichert Verlag.

Membership

Member of the *Indogermanische Gesellschaft* (since 2020).

Research interests

Historical Linguistics, Comparative Indo-European Linguistics and Philology (special focus on Tocharian, Khotanese, Tumshuqese, Indo-Iranian, Greek, Latin), Iranian Studies, Historical morphology, Language contact, Classics, Linguistic Typology, Central Asia Studies.

Language Skills

Living Languages Italian: *native language*; English: *advanced* (reading, writing, speaking); French: *very good* (reading), *basic* (writing, speaking); German: *basic* (reading, writing, speaking); Spanish: *very good* (reading).

Ancient Languages Latin: *very good*; Greek: *very good*; Sanskrit: *good*; Avestan: *good*; Tocharian B: *very good*; Tocharian A: *very good*; Khotanese: *very good*; Tumshuqese: *good*; Sogdian: *beginner*.

———— Computational Skills

Working knowledge of MS Office (Word, Excel, Power-Point), LibreOffice, Photoshop, Zotero, MindNode, \LaTeX , $X\LaTeX$.

———— References

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