

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH:**

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### **PREVIOUS AND CURRENT POSITIONS:**

#### **April 2020 - Onwards:**

Research collaborator to the PRIN project *IMPAQTS – Implicit Manipulation in Politics – Quantitatively Assessing the Tendentiousness of*, directed by Prof. Edoardo Lombardi Vallauri (University of Roma Tre).

#### **September 2020 – September 2021 (1 year):**

Tutor of General Linguistics at the University of Bologna. (in collaboration with Prof. Marianna Bolognesi).

#### **April 2020 – Onwards:**

Editorial assistant for the journal “CHIMERA: Romance Corpora and Linguistic Studies”

#### **November 2016 – November 2019 (3 years):**

Ph.D. in Linguistics at the University of Florence and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (Double degree and Doctor Europaeus certificate). Dissertation: *Metaphors and actions: an image-schematic approach to the analysis of Italian action verbs’ semantics* (Supervisor: Prof. Alessandro Panunzi; Prof. Dr. Alan Cienki), defended in July 2020.

#### **February - July 2016 (6 months):**

Research collaborator to the project “Usi metaforici e marcati dei verbi di azione italiani. Classificazione delle occorrenze del corpus IMAGACT e rapporti con la variazione primaria”,

(translated) “Metaphorical and marked uses of Italian action verbs. Occurrences classification within the IMAGACT corpus and their relationship with the primary variation”, directed by Prof. Alessandro Panunzi (University of Florence).

## **EDUCATION:**

### **M.A. - 2015:**

Department of Modern Philology (Italian linguistics and digital humanities). Dissertation: La variazione marcata di verbi di azione generali ad alta frequenza, (translated) The marked variation of high-frequency general action verbs (Supervisor: Prof. Alessandro Panunzi), University of Florence.

### **B.A. - 2012:**

Department of Humanities. Dissertation: La lingua italiana: norme, usi e abusi, (translated) Italian language: norms, uses, and abuses (Supervisor: Prof. Francesco Montuori), University of Naples “Federico II”.

### **High school – 2007:**

Scientific school “Gaetano Rummo” (Benevento).

## **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

### **2016-2019:**

Three-year Ph.D. grant won at the University of Florence (Florence, Italy).

### **2016:**

Six months scholarship won at the University of Florence (Florence, Italy).

## **INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

### **June - August 2019:**

Research period (visiting student) at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Alan Cienki).

### **February - July 2018:**

Research period (visiting student) at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Alan Cienki).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE (SEMINARS):**

### **2021**

(with Alessandro Panunzi) Doctoral seminar “Il significato linguistico tra cognizione e corporeità: modelli sperimentali e statistico-computazionali, (translated) Linguistic meaning between cognition and embodiment: experimental and computational-statistic models, University of Florence, 9 – 23 June 2021.

### **2020**

Master Seminar “The Power of Metaphor”, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU), “Visual Metaphors” - “Metonymy and other tropes”, 27 – 29 November 2019.

### **2018**

Language, use, and cognition research group meeting: “Metaphorization processes in Italian and English action verbs”, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

Research meeting: “The action roots of abstract concepts”, Metaphor Lab Amsterdam, University of Amsterdam, 12 June 2018.

### **2017**

Master seminar “Metafore e multimodalità: le metafore visuali”, (translated) Metaphors and multimodality: visual metaphors”, the course in “Teoria della Conoscenza”, directed by Prof. Alberto Peruzzi, Communication Department, University of Florence, 20 December 2017.

### **2016**

LABLITA seminar: “Processi metaforici nei verbi di azione: dati dal corpus IMAGACT”, (translated) Metaphorical processes in action verbs: data from the IMAGACT corpus”, Philosophy Department, University of Florence, 25 May 2016.

### **2015**

LABLITA seminar “Studio sulla variazione marcata di 15 verbi generali ad alta frequenza”, (translated) Study on the marked variation of 15 high-frequency general action verb”, University of Florence, 27 May 2015.

## **OTHER SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES:**

### **2019**

Summer Seminar on Hermeneutics as a Form of Epistemology, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, 26 – 28 August 2019.

### **2019**

LOT Summer School 2019, Utrecht University, 1 – 12 July 2019.

Python seminar, directed by Prof. Lorenzo Seidenari, University of Florence, 6 – 27 February 2019.

### **2018**

CARLA Summer School 2018, Institute of Cognitive Science at Osnabrück University, 6 – 10 August 2018.

Metaphor Lab Amsterdam Winter school 2018, University of Amsterdam, 21 – 26 January 2018.

### **2017**

“Miracles of Human Language: An Introduction to Linguistics”, Universiteit Leiden (on Coursera).

SIT2017 – VII edition: Espansioni del lessico. Nuove parole, nuovi formati, nuovi significati, University of Roma Tre, 13 17 February 2017.

Metaphor Lab Amsterdam Winter school 2017, University of Amsterdam, 22 – 27 January 2017.

### **2016**

Internship at Dr. Wolf s.r.l, Florence (Master thesis: data gathering and elaboration).

## **AFFILIATIONS:**

### **2021**

Organizing member of CARLA 2021(Concepts in Action: Acquisition, Learning, Application).

### **2020**

Member of Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE).

### **2018**

Member of Association for Researching and Applying Metaphor (RAam).

### **2016**

Member of Società di Linguistica Italiana (SLI).

## **REVIEWING ACTIVITY:**

### **2020**

Occasional reviewer for the journal “Review of Cognitive Linguistics”, John Benjamin Publishing Company.

Occasional reviewer for the journal “CHIMERA: Romance Corpora and Linguistic Studies”, Uam Ediciones.

### **2019**

Occasional reviewer for the journal “Lingua”, Elsevier.

## **CONFERENCE TALKS:**

### **2020**

(with Rossella Varvara), SLE Conference (virtual event): “The linguistic categorization of actions: an image-schematic approach”, University of Bucharest, 31 August 2020.

(with Rossella Varvara), UkCLC Conference (virtual event): “Semantic similarities and action events. An image-schematic approach to the linguistic categorization of action space”, University of Birmingham, 29 July 2020.

### **2019**

Nuove prospettive nella ricerca sulle metafore - researching metaphor – cognitive and other – autour de la métaphore – au-delà de l’approche cognitive, “Metaphors in action”, University of Genoa, 12 May 2019.

### **2018**

TriCoLore 2018 - C3GI - ISD – SCORE, “The role of the image schemas in the analysis of the semantic variation of action verbs. Data from IMAGACT”, University of Bozen, 13 December 2018.

(with Marianna Bolognesi) Metaphor Festival ’18, “How are abstract concepts represented in visual metaphors? Towards a metonymy-based account”, Metaphor Lab Amsterdam, University of Amsterdam, 30 August 2018.

Invited chair at “Metaphor Festival ’18”, “Metaphors and religion” panel.

Concepts in Action: Representation, Learning, and Application workshop, poster “Grounding abstract concepts in action”, Institute of Cognitive Science at Osnabrück University, 11 August 2018.

12th Conference of RaAM – the Association for Researching and Applying Metaphor, “The action roots of abstract concepts”, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, 28 June 2018.

## **2017**

Metaphor Festival 2017 conference, “Grounding metaphorical concepts in action”, Metaphor Lab Amsterdam, University of Amsterdam, 1 September 2017.

## **2016**

Metaphor Festival Amsterdam ‘16, “Action verbs and metaphor processes: data from the IMAGACT ontology of actions”, University of Amsterdam, 31 August 2016.

GSCP 2016, “La variazione marcata dei verbi di azione nella lingua parlata: usi metaforici e fraseologici”, University of Naples “Federico II”, 14 June 2016.

MODELACT Conference, poster “Marked annotation of high-frequency general action verbs”, CNR Rome, 7 June 2016.

Advances in Metaphor studies conference, “Metaphor in Action: How Action Verbs Encode Abstract Meanings”, University of Genoa, 20 – 22 May 2016.

## **CONFERENCES ORGANIZATION:**

Co-organizer of CARLA 2021 conference – Concepts in Action: Representation, Learning, Application, international event hosted at BOSK 2021, 16-17 September 2021.

## **SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS:**

### **Conference proceedings (peer reviewed):**

Vernillo, P., Panunzi, A. (2017). Analisi della variazione marcata di verbi di azione generali ad alta frequenza nell’italiano parlato. In A. De Meo e F. Dovetto (Eds), *La comunicazione parlata. Spoken Communication*. Napoli 2016. Roma: Aracne Editrice.

Vernillo, P. (2019). The Role of the Image Schemas in the Analysis of the Semantic Variation of Action verbs. Data from IMAGACT. In O. Kutz and M. Hedblom (Eds), *Tricolore 2018. Creativity-Cognition- Computation*. Bozen-Bolzano, 13-15 December, 2018.

### **Book chapters (peer reviewed):**

Panunzi, A., Vernillo, P. (2019). Metaphor in action. Action verbs and abstract meaning. In: Marianna Bolognesi, Gerard J. Steen. *Perspectives on Abstract Concepts. Cognition, language and communication*, pp. 215-237 John Benjamins Publishing Company, ISBN:9789027262523.

Vernillo, P. (in press). Grounding Abstract Concepts in Action. The semantic analysis of four Italian action verbs encoding force events. In *Concepts in Action: Representation, Learning and Application*. Springer series "Language, Cognition, and Mind".

**Journals (peer reviewed):**

Bolognesi, M., Vernillo, P. (2019). How abstract concepts emerge from metaphorical images: The metonymic way. *Language and Communication* 69, 26-41.

**LANGUAGE SKILLS:**

Italian (native speaker).

English (proficiency level).

French (basic level writing and speaking ability).

**COMPUTER SKILLS:**

MS Office, Sketch Engine, WebAnno (annotation software), R (basic level), Python (basic level).