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## PERSÖNLICHE DATEN

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## FORSCHUNGSSCHWERPUNKTE

Syntax der romanischen Sprachen, Informationsstruktur, Syntax/Phonologie und Syntax/  
Semantik Schnittstelle, Erst- und Zweitspracherwerb, Bilingualismus.

## AKADEMISCHE TÄTIGKEITEN

seit Januar 2016 W1 Professur (Linguistik des Italienischen und einer weiteren  
romanischen Sprache) am Institut für Romanistik, Universität  
Hamburg.

Apr. 2014 – 2015 Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter (Post-doc) – Emerging Group  
'Dynamic Structuring in Language and Communication',  
Universität zu Köln (Sprecher: Prof. Dr. Klaus von Heusinger).

Sept. – Dez. 2013 Vertragslehrer (*Einführung in die Linguistik*), Institut für Allgemeine  
Sprachwissenschaft, Universität Verona.

- Aug. 2012-Dez. 2013 Post-doc im Bereich Zweitspracherwerb ‚*Spracherwerb von Fragesätzen an der Syntax/Prosodie Schnittstelle*‘. Universität Verona. (Betreuerin: Prof. Dr. Camilla Bettoni)
- April 2013 Gastprofessor an der Universität Richmond (Virginia, Amerika): Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (mit Fokus auf Spracherwerb) und italienische Dialektologie.

### WISSENSCHAFTLICHER WERDEGANG

- 2009-2011 Ph.D., Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Universität Verona, Italien. Dissertation: *Encoding topic, focus and contrast. Informational notions at the interfaces*. (Betreuer: Prof. Dr. Denis Delfitto).
- 2010-2011 Gastdoktorand, Universität California, Los Angeles (UCLA, 2 Semester).
- Juli 2009 Gastdoktorand, Universität California, Berkeley.
- 2006-2008 Magister Artium (*Laurea specialistica*), Philosophie, Universität Pisa, Italien (summa cum laude).  
Magisterarbeit: *Dalle strutture informazionali alle linearizzazioni: uno studio sull'ontogenesi dell'enunciato italiano* (Von informationellen Funktionen bis zu Linearisierungen: Die Ontogenese der italienischen Sätze) Betreuer: Prof. Dr. Carlo Marletti und Dr. Valentina Bambini.
- 2006-2008 Grad (*Diploma*), Linguistik und Philologie, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa (summa cum laude). Diplomarbeit: *Cognitive categories behind early Topic/Comment structures*. Betreuer: Prof. Dr. Pier Marco Bertinetto.
- August 2007 Sommer Schule in Logik, Associazione Italiana di Logica e le sue Applicazioni (AILA).
- 2002-2006 Bachelor (*Laurea Triennale*), Philosophie, Universität Macerata, Macerata (summa cum laude)  
Bachelorarbeit: *Das rätselhafte Problem der Gegenstände in Wittgenstein's Tractatus*. Betreuer: Prof. Dr. Francesco Orilia
- 2005 Erasmus Student, Freie Universität, Berlin (2 Semester)

## PROJEKTE

Seit Januar 2017      Reference management in bilingual narratives. SFB 1252 „Prominence in Language“, Universität zu Köln (Entscheid der Kommissionssitzung der DFG über Förderung am 18.11.2016) – Principal Investigators: Christiane Bongartz (Universität zu Köln) und Jacopo Torregrossa (Universität Hamburg).

## PUBLIKATIONEN

### Dissertation

2012                      Encoding Topic, Focus and Contrast: Informational Notions at the Interfaces, Ph.D Dissertation, Universität Verona (Promotionskommission: Ad Neeleman, Marina Chini, Martin Everaert, Alessandra Tomaselli).

### Herausgegebene Bücher

angenommen              What's in a narrative: Variation in story-telling at the interface between language and literacy. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang (zusammen mit Christiane Bongartz).

### Beiträge in begutachteten Zeitschriften und Sammelbänden

(in Vorbereitung)      **Torregrossa J.**, di Biase, B., Bettoni, C. L2 acquisition of English polar questions at the syntax-prosody interface.

(in Vorbereitung)      **Torregrossa, J.**, Dimitrova, D., Grice, M. The detection of semantic incongruity on post-focal constituents in Italian

(eingereicht)              **Torregrossa, J.**, Bongartz, C., Tsimpli, I. Bilingual reference production: A cognitive-computational account. *Linguistic Approaches to Bilingualism*.

(eingereicht)              **Torregrossa J.**, Postfocal Topics in Italian and Spanish: a Phonological Account, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*.

- (angenommen) **Torregrossa, J.**, The role of executive functions in the acquisition of reference: The production of demonstrative pronouns by German monolingual children. In: *Selected proceedings of the GALA (Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition) Conference 2015*, University of Nantes.
- (im Erscheinen) Bongartz, C., **Torregrossa, J.**, The effects of balanced biliteracy on Greek-German bilingual children's secondary discourse ability, *Journal of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism*.
- (im Erscheinen) **Torregrossa, J.**, Bongartz, C., Activation of referents in the bilingual mind. In: G. Fotiadou and I.M. Tsimpli (eds.), *Individual differences in anaphora resolution: Language and cognitive effects*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- (im Erscheinen) **Torregrossa, J.** Distinguishing Focus and Contrast at PF: A view from Italian. In: García-García, M., Uth, M. (eds.), *Focus Realization and Interpretation in Romance and beyond*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- 2014 **Torregrossa, J.**, Melloni, C., English Compounds in Child Italian. In: Costa J., Fiéis, A., Freitas M.J., Lobo M. and Santos A.L. (Eds.), *New Directions in the Acquisition of Romance Languages, Selected Proceedings of the Romance Turn V*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing.
- 2014 **Torregrossa, J.**, 'Rippled' low topics: A phonological approach to postfocal topics in Italian, In: Lahousse, K., Marzo, S. (Eds.), *Romance Languages and Linguistic Theory 2012*, Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins.
- 2014 Cantarini, S., **Torregrossa, J.**, On polar questions, negation and the syntactic encoding of epistemicity, In: Cantarini, S., Abraham, W., Leiss, E. (Eds.), *Certainty-uncertainty – and the attitudinal space in between*, Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins.

#### Beiträge in nicht begutachteten Sammelbänden und Arbeitspapieren

- (im Erscheinen) **Torregrossa, J.**, Interrogative polari inglesi: un'analisi all'interfaccia tra sintassi e prosodia, In Iacobini, C. et al. (Eds.), *Atti del XLVIII Congresso Internazionale della Società di Linguistica Italiana (SLI 2013)*, Roma: Bulzoni Editore.

- (im Erscheinen) **Torregrossa, J.**, Disentangling Contrastive Topics. In Johnson, M. (Ed.), *Proceedings of the Workshop in General Linguistics 9 (WIGL9)*, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2015 **Torregrossa, J.**, Bongartz, C., Tsimpli, I. Testing accessibility: A cross-linguistic comparison of the syntax of referring expressions, extended abstract for the *Proceedings of the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*.
- 2015 **Torregrossa, J.**, Putting 'contrast' on the Table, *Proceedings of the WCCFL32*, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Cascadia Press.
- 2014 **Torregrossa, J.**, Asimmetrie tra percezione e produzione nell'acquisizione L2 della fonologia: uno studio pilota sulle interrogative polari inglesi, In Nuzzo, E., Favilla, E., (Eds.), *Atti del 14<sup>o</sup> Congresso Internazionale di Studi dell'Associazione Italiana di Linguistica Applicata (AItLA 14)*, Perugia: Guerra Edizioni.
- 2013 **Torregrossa, J.**, Review: 'The Expression of Information Structure', Krifka, M. & Musan, R. (eds.), De Gruyter Mouton, Berlin/Boston, published for Linguist List: <http://linguistlist.org/pubs/reviews/getreview.cfm?SubID=9166560>.
- 2013 **Torregrossa, J.**, Towards a phonological account of contrast in Italian: a pilot-study on Contrastive Topics. In Anttikoski, E., Tirkkonen, J-M. (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 24<sup>th</sup> Scandinavian Conference of Linguistics*. University of Eastern Finland.
- 2012 **Torregrossa, J.**, Towards a Taxonomy of Focus Types. The case of Information Foci and Contrastive Foci in Italian. In Paperno, D. (Ed.), *UCLA Working Papers in Linguistics: Special Issue on Semantics and Mathematical Linguistics*. University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2012 **Torregrossa, J.**, Encoding Contrast at PF, *Glow Newsletter* 68: 151152 (ISSN 0924-8749).
- 2010 Bambini, V., **Torregrossa, J.**, Cognitive categories behind early Topic/Comment structures. In Chini, M. (Ed.), *Topic, struttura dell'informazione e acquisizione linguistica*. Franco Angeli, Milano, pp. 35-58.

2006 **Torregrossa, J.**, Presupposizione. In Bertinetto, P.M., (Ed.), *Quaderni del Laboratorio di Linguistica della Scuola Normale Superiore 6*, Pisa.

#### LEHRE AN DER UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG

SS 2017 Grundzüge der Syntax (Italienisch/Französisch/Spanisch). Seminar Ib  
Monolingualer und bilingualer Spracherwerb (Italienisch/Spanisch).  
Seminar II

WS 2016-2017 Grundzüge der Semantik (Italienisch/Spanisch/Katalanisch). Seminar Ib  
Referentielle Kategorien (Italienisch/Spanisch). Seminar II

SS 2016 Grundzüge der Syntax (Italienisch/Spanisch). Seminar Ib  
Informationsstruktur an der Syntax/Prosodie Schnittstelle (Italienisch/Spanisch). Seminar II

WS 2015-2016 Grundzüge der italienischen Phonologie. Blockseminar Ib

#### BEITRÄGE AUF TAGUNGEN

kommend Narratives as complexity metrics in bilingualism and L2-acquisition: lexical, syntactic, pragmatic and literacy components. Panel at the 18<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Applied Linguistics, 23-28 July, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil). Co-organizers: Maria Andreou, Christiane Bongartz and Ianthi Tsimpli.

30 März 2017 Encoding exhaustivity in Spanish and Italian, Sektion "Grammatik und Informationsstruktur", Hispanistentag 29.03-02.04, München.

17 März 2017 The benefits of balanced biliteracy on heritage speakers' narrative skills, *Multilingualism in Society, Politics and Education*, 15-19.03.2017, Freiburg.

- 14 März 2017      Pinning down the role of type of bilingualism in the development of referential strategies. GLOW 40, Leiden, 14.03.2017 (with Maria Andreou, Christiane Bongartz, Ianthi Tsimpli).
- 8 Dez. 2016      Varieties of D-linking: A view from Italian and Turkish. Alternate speaker at Going Romance 48, 8-10 December 2016, University of Frankfurt (with Umut Özge).
- 8 Aug. 2016      Narrative production by bilingual and heritage speakers: understanding the role of cognition and literacy. Workshop “Current Topics in Bilingualism with a focus on heritage speakers of Turkish and Romance Languages”, University of Cologne (with Christiane Bongartz).
- 4 Aug. 2016      Reference production in Greek-German bilingual children: A cognitive-computational account. Workshop on Sentence Processing in Multilingual and Other Less Commonly Studied Populations, 4-5 August 2016. Potsdam.
- 15 April 2016      Reference production in Greek-German bilingual children: A cognitive-computational account. International Symposium on Bilingual Processing in Adults and Children, 14-15 April 2016. Kaiserslautern.
- 22 März 2016      Er and der: their interpretation and phonology in child language. Prosody and Information Structure in Stuttgart, 22-23 March 2016. Stuttgart.
- 10 Sept. 2015      The use of demonstrative pronouns in child German: A contrast-based account. 12<sup>th</sup> Conference “Generative Approaches to Language Acquisition” (GALA 12), 10-12 September. Nantes.
- 17 Juni 2015      Towards a scale of contrastive topics: A view from topicalization and predicate clefts in Italian. Poster presentation at the International Conference “Prominence in Language”, 15-17 June 2015 (with Katja Jasinskaja).
- 16 Mai 2015      Challenging overspecification: accessibility in the bilingual mind. Oral presentation at the Conference “Linguistic and Cognitive Effects in Anaphora Resolution”, 15-16 May, University of Thessaloniki (with Chris Bongartz).

- 5 Mai 2015 “I don’t know about...”. Eliciting focus and contrast in Rionero Italian. 5<sup>th</sup> Nijmegen-Cologne Prosody Workshop, Radboud University, Nijmegen.
- 24 April 2015 “Measuring” bilingual reference management: A methodological proposal. BALED (Bilingual Acquisition and Bilingual Education) Workshop, 23-24 April, University of Thessaloniki (with Christiane Bongartz).
- 10 Jan. 2015 Testing accessibility: A cross-linguistic comparison of the syntax of referring expressions, Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA 2015), Portland, 8-11 January 2015 (with Christiane Bongartz and Ianthi Tsimpli).
- 01 Dez. 2014 Variation in the left-periphery and prosodic structure: A view from Italian and Spanish. Workshop ‘Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives on the Interrelation of Syntax, Semantics and Prosody’, University of Cologne, 1-2 December 2014.
- 26 Sept. 2014 The role of accessibility in bilingual referential cohesion, Workshop ‘Acquisition in Different Circumstances’, Congresso Internazionale della Società di Linguistica Italiana, University of Udine, 25-27 September 2014 (with Christiane Bongartz, Eva Knopp, Maria Andreou, Ianthi Tsimpli and Maria Kaltsa).
- 26 Mai 2014 Prominence and bilingualism, CCLS Lectures, Department of Linguistics, University of Cologne.
- 30 April 2014 Towards a discourse theory of contrast, LAK Seminar, Department of German languages, University of Cologne.
- 7 März 2014 Putting contrast on the Table, 32<sup>nd</sup> West Coast Conference of Formal Linguistics, 7-9 March 2014, poster presentation.
- 14 Feb. 2014 Putting ‘contrast’ on the Table, 40<sup>o</sup> Incontro di Grammatica Generativa (IGG40), University of Trento, 13-15 February 2014.
- 07 Feb. 2014 Production/perception asymmetry in L2 acquisition of English polar questions, 14<sup>o</sup> Congresso Internazionale dell’Associazione Italiana di Linguistica Applicata (AItLA), University of Verona, 6-8 February 2014.



- 26 Sept. 2013 Interrogative polari inglesi: un'analisi all'interfaccia tra sintassi e prosodia (English polar questions: a syntax/prosody interface approach), Congresso Internazionale della Società di Linguistica Italiana, Università di Salerno, 26-28 September 2013.
- 5 Sept. 2013 The acquisition of English yes/no questions: syntactic and prosodic stages, [Italian] L2 spoken discourse: pragmatic and prosodic aspects, Università di Pavia, 5-6 September 2013.
- 28 Aug. 2013 The development of English yes/no questions at the syntax/phonology interface, EUROSOLA23, Amsterdam (with Camilla Bettoni), 28-31 August 2013.
- 28 Juli 2013 Anti-symmetry in early two-word utterances, International Congress of Linguistics 19 (ICL19), Geneva, 22-27 July 2013 (with Chiara Melloni)
- 7 Dec. 2012 Postfocal Topics in Italian and Spanish, Going Romance 2012, Faculty of Arts, KU, Leuven, 6-8 December.
- 29 Nov. 2012 Anti-symmetry in early two-word utterances, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Meeting on Formal Linguistics: Language(s) and Cognition (RALFe 2012), University of Paris 8, 29-30 November (with Chiara Melloni).
- 26 Okt. 2012 On contrast, d-linking and exhaustivity, International Workshop 'Information, Discourse Structure and Levels of meaning', University of Barcelona, 25-26 October.
- 19 Sept. 2012 Anti-symmetry in early two-word utterances, International Workshop 'Cognitive modules and Interfaces', SISSA, Trieste, 18-19 September (poster presentation with Chiara Melloni).
- 3 Juli, 2012 Germanic compounds in Romance child languages, Romance Turn V, Faculdade de Letras da Universidade de Lisboa, CLUL.
- 3 Mai 2012 To be (or not to be) after a focus in Italian and Spanish, International Workshop 'Anaphora and Information Structure', University of Verona.
- 28 März 2012 Encoding contrast at PF, Generative Linguistics in the Old World 35 (GLOW35), Main Colloquium, University of Potsdam, poster presentation.

- 8 März 2012 Postfocal topics: a PF account, Towards a Complex Architecture of Grammar, On the Interaction of Prosody and Syntax, 34<sup>th</sup> Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft (DGfS34), University of Frankfurt.
- 25 Feb. 2012 The linguistic encoding of contrast, 38<sup>th</sup> Incontro di Grammatica Generativa (IGG38), University of Verona.
- 9 Jul. 2011 Encoding topic and contrast. Informational notions at the interfaces, International Workshop 'Left Periphery: Where Syntax and Discourse Meet', University of Verona.
- 2 Apr. 2011 Towards a semantics of contrast, Workshop in General Linguistics (WIGL9), University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 17 Sept. 2010 A phonological account of contrastive topics (a pilot-study), Workshop on Prosody, Syntax and Information Structure (WPSI4), University of Delaware (poster presentation).
- 26 Aug. 2010 Separating contrast from syntax, *24th Scandinavian Conference of Linguistics*, Joensuu, Finland.
- 10 Jul. 2009 Information structure as a path to syntax, *Experience and Variation in Learning a First Language*, 33<sup>rd</sup> Stanford Child Language Research Forum, Berkeley (with Valentina Bambini).
- 19 Jun. 2009 Cognitive categories behind early Topic/Comment productions, *International Conference 'Topic, information structure and language acquisition'*, Pavia (with Valentina Bambini).
- 14 Oct. 2008 Pragmatic and cognitive issues in early syntactic productions, *PRIN 2005 Meeting*, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa (with Valentina Bambini).

25 Sept. 2008 Prime evidenze sperimentali per l'identificazione delle basi neurali del giudizio epistemico (First experimental evidences for the identification of the neural bases of epistemic judgements), *Italian Society of Linguistics Annual Meeting*, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa (with Valentina Bambini, Alexandra Kratschmer and Irene Ricci).

### GASTVORTRÄGE

22 März 2017 Cognitive and linguistic factors affecting narrative production, University of Reading (invited by Prof. Dr. Theo Marinis)

28 Jan. 2015 Investigating the Syntax/Prosody Interface, Department of English, University of Cologne (invited by Dr. Stefan Baumann)

12 Jan. 2015 The role referring expressions in the acquisition of literacy, Department of Applied Linguistics, Portland State University (invited by Prof. Dr. John Hellermann)

14 Okt. 2014 Coding Narratives, Department of English, University of Cologne (invited by Prof. Dr. Chris Bongartz)

10 Juni 2014 A look into linguistic research, Department of English, University of Cologne (invited by Prof. Dr. Chris Bongartz)

11 Sept. 2013 Puzzling issues on low topics in the sentential left periphery, Department of Psychology and Linguistics, University of Milano Bicocca (invited by Prof. Dr. Teresa Guasti)

25 Jan. 2012 Contrast at the interfaces, Department of Linguistics, University of Padua (invited by Dr. Diego Pescarini)

7 März 2011 Disentangling Contrastive Topics, Department of Linguistics, University of Southern California, Los Angeles (invited by Prof. Dr. Maria Luisa Zubizarreta)

14 Juli 2011 Contrastive Topics: a phonological account, Department of Linguistics, University of Verona.

26 Apr. 2010 Dalle configurazioni informazionali alle prime strutture sintattiche: il ruolo della pragmatica nell'ontogenesi dell'enunciato italiano (From

informational configurations to early syntactic structures: the role of pragmatics in the ontogenesis of utterances in Italian), Department of Linguistics, University of Florence (invited by Prof. Dr. Emanuela Cresti).

### STIPENDIEN

- Okt. 2016 Finanzierung für die Organisation des Workshops „DP and CP-Adjunction“, Universität Hamburg (1200 Euros).
- Dez. 2014 DAAD-Stipendium für Forschungsreise nach Portland.
- 2009 CooperInt Program ‘Junior Researcher Mobility’ Scholarship, Universität Verona.

### WEITERE AKADEMISCHE AUFGABEN

- Juli 2015 Gutachter für *Lingua*
- März 2015 Gutachter für *Journal of Phonetics*
- Jan. 2015 Mitglied des Organisationskomitees der Tagung “Prominence in Language”, Universität zu Köln.
- Mai 2013 Gutachter für *Probus*
- seit Aug. 2012 Gutachter für *Going Romance*
- Febr. 2012 Mitglied des Organisationskomitees des 38<sup>th</sup> *Incontro di Grammatica Generativa* (IGG38), Universität Verona.
- seit Dez. 2011 Gutachter für the *Italian Generative Grammar Annual Meeting*
- seit 2008 Mitarbeiter in einem Projekt für die Digitalisierung des Calambrone CHILDES Korpus, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa.

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