Curriculum vitae et studiorum

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PERSONAL DATA

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MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS

I study theory of syntax (the study of the rules that generate all and only the grammatical sentences of a human language). Specifically, I am currently studying the interaction between argument structure (the relations holding between a lexical item—such as a verb, a noun, or an adjective—and its arguments) and conditions of subextraction (the conditions that allow a certain element *E* to be displaced out of the constituent in which *E* is contained) in three different constructions: Latin *tough*-constructions (e.g., *virtus difficilis inventu est* 'the virtue is difficult to find'), Italian synecdochal complement constructions (e.g., *Gianni è corto di respiro* 'John is short of breath'), and Sanskrit bahuvrīhi compounds (e.g., *ugraputro devadattaḥ* 'Devadatta whose sons are mighty'). I also like to study Pāṇini's grammar (especially compounding and the mapping between kārakas—roughly translatable as 'semantic roles'—and Case endings) and ancient languages more broadly.

STUDIES

2019 - on going	Ph.D. Program in Cognitive Neuroscience and Philosophy of Mind – Scuola Universitaria Superiore IUSS, Pavia. Thesis in Theoretical Linguistics (supervisor: Prof. Andrea Moro).
2017 - 2019	Master's Degree ('Laurea magistrale') in Language and Mind: Linguistics and Cognitive Studies – Università degli studi di Siena. Thesis in Theory of Grammar: *Aternative strategies for salvaging small clauses: the case of tough-constructions and synecdochal accusative constructions* (supervisor: Prof. Luigi Rizzi; mark: 110/110 *cum laude*).
2014-2017	Bachelor's Degree ('Laurea triennale') in Classics ('Lettere classiche') – Università degli studi di Cagliari. Thesis in Sanskrit language and literature: *La predicazione nel composto sanscrito "puruṣavyāghra-"* [Predication in the Sanskrit compound *"puruṣavyāghra-"*] (supervisor: Prof. Tiziana Pontillo; mark: 110/110 *cum laude*).

LANGUAGES

Italian: native

English: C2 (Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English, June 2019, Siena)

French: B1 (reading knowledge)

German: A1 (reading knowledge)

SUMMER/WINTER SCHOOLS

12-23 July 2021	I attended the online courses *Vedic poetry* and *Vedic prose* (both taught by Prof. Werner Knobl) within the Leiden Summer School in Languages and Linguistics, organized by the Faculty of Humanities, Leiden University.
6-17 September 2021	Summer school *Pāṇini's Sanskrit grammar: Focus on Pāṇini's description of accent*, organized by the Dipartimento di Civiltà e Forme del Sapere, Università degli studi di Pisa. Instructors: Proff. Maria Piera Candotti, Malhar A. Kulkarni, and Tiziana Pontillo.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

27-29 September 2018	*"That elephant of a horse": therionyms involved in Pāṇini's karmadhāraya-rules* (with T. Pontillo) – presented at the International Seminar on *Nature in Indian Literature, Art, Myth and Ritual: 20 years of the Pandanus project* (Charles University in Prague).
29-31 October 2019	*No need for zero in bahuvrīhi's constituency analysis. 2. The raising analysis of bahuvrīhi compounds: constraints on the position of the extraction site of the head* – presented within the special session *Ellipsis in South Asian Languages* of the 35th South Asian Languages Analysis Roundtable (SALA 35) (INALCO, Paris).
30 June 2021 – 02 July 2021	*A configurational approach to the Latin passive supine* – <u>poster</u> presented within the poster session of the 30th Colloquium on Generative Grammar (CGG 30) (online event, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona).
23-27 August 2021	*Constituent-order in Sanskrit bahuvrīhi compounds. A dialog between Pāṇini and generative grammar* – presented at the 15th International Conference on the History of the Language Sciences (ICHoLS XV) (online event, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan).
(forthcoming)	*Movement and Sanskrit bahuvrīhi compounds* – accepted for presentation at the 32th Annual UCLA Indo-European Conference (University of California, Los Angeles), to be held online from 5-7 November 2021.

(forthcoming)	*Predication within predication: A case study in Italian syntax* – accepted for presentation within the *Going Romance 2021* (the University of Amsterdam UvA and VU Amsterdam), to be held online from 1-3 December 2021.
(forthcoming)	*On movement out of Sanskrit bahuvrīhi compounds* – accepted for the <u>poster</u> session of the 96th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America (Washington, DC), to be held from 6-9 January 2022.
(forthcoming)	*Metaphors and the internal order of Sanskrit compounds* – accepted for presentation within the workshop *Literal and Figurative Meanings of Compounds* of the 44th Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft (DGfS 2022) (Universität Tübingen), to be held from 23-25 February 2022.
(forthcoming)	*Constituent order and subject islands in Sanskrit bahuvrīhi compounds* – accepted for presentation within the special panel *Uncovering Sanskrit syntax* of the 18th World Sanskrit Conference (The Australian National University, Canberra), to be held from 9-13 January 2023.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Mocci, Davide and Tiziana Pontillo. 2019. Predication in *Aṣṭādhyāyī* 2.1.56. Syntactic analysis of a *karmadhāraya* compound. *Aevum* 93(1):3-38.
2. Mocci, Davide and Tiziana Pontillo. 2020. A Controversial Provision for the Nominative Ending: Nominal Sentences and *Aṣṭādhyāyī* 2.3.46. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 140(1):47-79.