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1 EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

1.1 CURRENT POSITIONS

Chair of the Linguistics section, Utrecht University

Professor of Linguistics / Syntax and Language Variation, Utrecht University

Editor-in-chief of *Isogloss. Open Journal of Romance Linguistics* (diamond OA, Q1)

Editor in chief of the De Gruyter-Bill series *Sketches and Grammars of the Romance languages*

Co-editor of the Language Science Press series *Open Generative Syntax*

President of *Going Romance*

1.2 PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2017-2022 Principal Investigator of the ERC Consolidator project *Microcontact. Language variation and change from the Italian heritage perspective*

2017 Visiting Professor, ICUB, Research Institute of the University of Bucharest

2007- 2016 Full Professor and department chair of Italian language and culture, Leiden University

- 2013-2015 Board member (International officer; founder of the internationalization track) of the Young Academy (KNAW)
- 2007 Visiting Research Associate, Université du Québec à Montréal, LAD Interface Asymmetries Research Lab (April-July 2007)
- 2005-2007 *Marie Curie Intra-European Post-doctoral Research Fellow*, Department of Italian, University of Cambridge
- 2005-2006 Italian linguistics consultant, Butler-Hill/ Microsoft, Redmond, USA
- 2004-2005 Research assistant, Butler-Hill/ Microsoft, Redmond, USA
- 2003-2004 Human evaluator of the google.it search engine, Google TM

1.3 MEMBERSHIPS and AWARDS

- **Member of the Committee for the Freedom and Responsibility in Science of the International Science Council, June 2025 -**
- Member of KHMW, *Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities* (February 2021-)
- Alumna of the *Global Young Academy* (active membership: 2014-2019)
- Alumna of the *Young Academy of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences*.
- Young Academy board member, internationalization portfolio (1 April 2013-1 April 2015)
- Knight of the Italian Republic, Order of the Star (knighted on 2 June 2014)
- External member of the *Centre de Lingüística Teórica* of the University Autònoma de Barcelona (until 2021)
- Member of *AcademiaNet*, a network of excellent women researchers (now Robert Bosch Stiftung, Spektrum, Nature)
- Member of the *Centro di Studi Filologici e Linguistici Siciliani*
- *Marie Curie* Fellow
- GLOW board member (2012-2018)
- Going Romance board member
- Philological Society of Great Britain fellow
- Darwin college, University of Cambridge, associate fellow
- *Fondazione Giammarco*, honorary fellow

2 EDUCATION

- **Senior Academic Leadership (UU, 1-year course, 2023)**
- **Academic Leadership for Full Professors (1-year course, 2021)**

- Habilitation to full professorship in Italy (2014)
- Diploma in Management/Personal Effectiveness (1 semester course, *Aletta Wubben*/ Leiden University (2014)
- Senior Kwalificatie Onderzoek en Onderwijs (2017)
- Basis Kwalificatie Onderwijs (BKO) diploma (2011)
- **Diploma in Management and Administration** (1-year course, *De Galan en Voigt*/Leiden University) (2009)
- **PhD in Linguistics *summa cum laude***, University of Stuttgart, Germany (2000-2004).
- Visiting student at the Centro Interdipartimentale di Studi Cognitivi sul Linguaggio (CISCL), University of Siena, Italy (April-June 2002)
- Visiting student at the Utrecht Institute of Linguistics (UIL-OTS), University of Utrecht, The Netherlands (September-November 2001)
- LOT summer school, Utrecht University (June-July 2001)
- **Laurea degree in Foreign Languages and Literatures 110/110 cum laude**, University of L'Aquila, Italy (1995-2000). Majors: Russian and Linguistics. Minor: English.
- GISSL summer school, University of Girona, Spain (July 2000)
- LSA Linguistic Institute, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA (June-August 1997)
- Erasmus Free Mover student, University of Helsinki, Finland (1998-1999)
- Undergraduate student of Physics, University of L'Aquila, Italy (1991-1993)

3 LINGUISTICS

3.1 GRANTS

- **ERC Consolidator Grant** on *Microcontact. Language variation and change from the Italian heritage perspective* (January 2017-June 2022) (PI)
- IRN Heritage Languages in Europe, CNRS France. PI: Elena Soare. Advisory member.
- MINECO Project, Spain: Redes de variación microparamétricas en las lenguas románicas (REVAMICRO, FFI2017-87140-C4-1-P). Project team member. PIs: Ángel Gallego and Jaume Mateu.
- **ICREA Research Professorship**, Government of Catalunya/Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, offered in July 2014 – opted out
- **NWO** (Netherlands Research Organisation) **VIDI research grant** on *Splitting and clustering grammatical information* (September 2010-August 2015) (PI)
- MINECO project on *La variación en las interfaces de la sintaxis con otros componentes del sistema lingüístico*. Subproject *La variación en la interfaz sintaxis-discurso*. (Co-applicant: PIs: Ángel J. Gallego and M. Lluïsa Hernanz). (01.01.2015-31.12.2017)
- NWO Free Competition grant on *Maps and Grammar* (co-applicant. PIs Sjef Barbiers, Marc van Oostendorp) (September 2013-August 2018)

- KNAW/ De Jonge Akademie grant *Revitalizing endangered languages* (PI)
- KNAW/ De Jonge Akademie grant *Abruzzese data crowdsourcing* (co-applicant: B. Speckmann)
- PTDC/MHCLIN/4564/2012 Grant on *Subordination in Medieval Portuguese* (co-applicant. Main applicant and PI Alexandra Fieis, Universidade Nova de Lisboa)
- LUCL grant for 1 PhD student on the project *Dialects entangled: language contact between Albanian and Southern Italian dialects* (with M. de Vaan and M. van Oostendorp)
- NWO visiting grant for dr. Claudio Di Felice on the diachrony of Abruzzese (January-April 2009)
- **Marie Curie Intra-European Post-Doctoral Fellowship** on *Abruzzese Syntax* (February 2005-January 2007), University of Cambridge
- *Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft* (DFG) grant (May 2000-April 2003) for the Graduate School 'Linguistic Representations and their Interpretation' at the University of Stuttgart

3.2 ACTIVE COLLABORATIONS

Pritha Chandra (Indian Institute of Technology), *Utrecht University Global Engagement Fund 2025*

Victor Junnan Pan (Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Hedde Zeijlstra (Universität Göttingen)

Elena Soare (Paris 8, CNRS)

Michael T. Putnam (Penn State University)

Liliana Sánchez (University of Chicago)

Jason Rothman (University of Lancaster)

Diego Pescarini (Université Côte d'Azur)

3.3 SERVICE, BOARDS AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

International

- **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada** (2025-)
- **Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)** Sinergia panel (2023-)
- **Research Council of Finland** (2025-)
- **National Science Centre (NCN), Poland**, OPUS funding scheme within HS2 area (Culture and cultural production), committee member (2022-)

- **FCT - Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, Portugal**, national Individual Call to Scientific Employment Stimulus - 5th Edition, committee member (2022-2025)
- **GLOCAL (Global Council for Anthropological Linguistics)**, scientific board (2021-
- **Nova CLUNL**, Nova University Lisbon. Examining committee, scientific board (2020-
- **URPP Research Priority Program *Language and Space***, University of Zürich. Scientific board (2018-)
- ICREA research professorship: selection committee (2016-2024)
- **Agency for Management of University and Research Grants (AGAUR), Catalan Government**, external evaluator (2018-
- IRCHSS Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowships 2010-2011
- Swiss National Science Foundation (2018; 2021)
- University of Venice 'Progetti di Ateneo'
- Endangered Languages Documentation Programme, SOAS, London
- Slovenian Research Agency
- Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)
- Tenure evaluation committee (U Wisconsin, U Jerusalem, U Oslo)
- Cambridge Italian Dialect Syntax Meeting: conference founder and member of steering committee (yearly conference at its 13th edition) (<https://www.robertadalessandro.it/cidsm>)
- FARM (Formal Approaches to Romance Microvariation). International platform for linguists working on Romance minorities. Founding member and steering committee member (<https://sites.google.com/view/microvariation/home>)

NWO /VSNU /KNAW/ other Dutch institutions

- KNAW Council for the Humanities (Raad van Geesteswetenschappen) (2017-2024)
- KNAW Committee for Freedom in Research Pursuit, CVW (2017-2025)
- NWO VIDI: committee member (2021- 2022; 2024-2025)
- Niels Stensen Stichting: committee member (2018-2025)
- KHMW Jan Brouwer Scriptieprijs 2021
- NWO VENI: committee member (2015-2016; 2018)
- VSNU/KNAW Committee for the New Code of Conduct of the Dutch Universities (commissie *Herziening Nederlandse Gedragcode Wetenschapsbeoefening*) (2015-2018)
- KNAW Committee *Talen in Nederland-Talen voor Nederland* (Languages in the Netherlands, Languages for the Netherlands) (March 2016-)
- Board member for De Jonge Akademie/KNAW. International affair officer (2013-2015)
- NWO Rubicon: member of the GW/MaGW committee (2011-2012)
- Consultant for the KNAW committee Witte Vlekken

Utrecht University/Leiden University

- Head of the Linguistics Section, Utrecht University (2021 -)
- Head of Italian Language and Culture, Leiden University (2007-2015)
- Chair of the LUCL Institute Council (2012-2015)
- Head of the MA in Italian Language and Linguistics (under different names), Leiden University (2007- today)
- Director of the BA in Italian Language and Culture, Leiden University (2007-2015)
- National coordinator of the joint master in Italian (*Masterlanguage*) (since September 2014)
- Member of the LUCL Institute Council (2008-2012)
- LUCL internal committee for workload (committee member)
- LUCL committee for PhD positions (chair, 2010)

3.4 PUBLICATIONS

3.4.1 Books and special issues

1. D'Alessandro, Roberta, Michael T. Putnam and Silvia Terenghi (eds). 2025 . *Heritage Languages and Syntactic Theory*. Oxford University Press.
2. Armstrong, Grant, D'Alessandro, Roberta & M.Carmen Parafita Couto (eds). 2024. *Romance Languages and Linguistic Theory 21: Selected papers from LSRL 52, University of Wisconsin-Madison*. Special issue of *Isogloss*. *Open Journal of Romance Languages* 10(2).
3. D'Alessandro Roberta and Diego Pescarini (eds). 2018. *Advances in Italian dialectology*. Leiden: Brill.
4. D'Alessandro Roberta, Franco, Irene, and Ángel Gallego (eds). 2017. *The Verbal Domain*. Oxford University Press.
5. D'Alessandro, Roberta, Iannàccaro, Gabriele, Passino, Diana and Anna M. Thornton (eds). 2017. *Di tutti i colori. Studi linguistici in onore di Maria Grossmann*.
6. D'Alessandro, Roberta, Di Felice, Claudio, Franco, Irene, and Adam Ledgeway (eds). 2014. *Approcci diversi alla dialettologia italiana contemporanea*. Special Issue of *L'Italia Dialettale*. ID LXXV. 2014.
7. D'Alessandro, Roberta, Ledgeway, Adam, and Ian Roberts (eds). 2010. *Syntactic variation. The dialects of Italy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
 reviewed in Language 87:3 (2011)
 reviewed in Lingua 122 (2012)
 reviewed in Zeitschrift für romanische Philologie 01/2013; 129(4).
8. D'Alessandro, Roberta, Fischer, Susann, and Gunnar Hrafn Hrafnbjargarson (eds). 2008. *Agreement restrictions*. Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter.
 reviewed in Language 86:4 (2010)

9. D'Alessandro, Roberta. *Impersonal si constructions. Agreement and Interpretation*. Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter
reviewed in *LinguistList* 19.368
10. D'Alessandro, Roberta, De Felicis, Maria-Clara, Passino, Diana, and Melani Traini. 2005. *ELI Passport junior, Italian learner's Dictionary*. Recanati: ELI, European Language Institute.

3.4.2 Journal Articles

1. D'Alessandro, Roberta, Putnam, Michael & Silvia Terenghi. 2025. Syntactic change in diachrony versus contact-induced change: two sides of the same coin?. *The Linguistic Review*.
2. Chandra, Pritha, D'Alessandro, Roberta & Michael T. Putnam. 2025. Ethical concerns for theoretical research in linguistics: Issues and best practices. In Terkourafi, M. (ed.), *Ethics in Linguistics*. Special issue of *Linguistics*.
3. Andriani, Luigi & Roberta D'Alessandro. 2024. Perfective auxiliary selection in heritage Italo-Romance. *Romance Heritage Languages*, special issue of *Romanica Cracoviensia*, edited by Alexandru Mardale.
4. D'Alessandro, Roberta & Alberto Frasson. 2023. Simplification or complexification: auxiliary selection and anti-agreement effect in Brazilian Venetan. *Catalan Journal of Linguistics* 22, 9-27.
5. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2023. A complex solution to an unsolvable problem? *Linguistic Approaches to Bilingualism*.
6. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2023. Doing Romance Linguistics. Keynote article, in Corr, A. et al., *Romance Grammars: context and contact*. Special Issue of *Isogloss*, 9(2), 1-12.
7. Andriani, Luigi, D'Alessandro, Roberta, Frasson, Alberto, Van Osch, Brechje, Sorgini, Luana & Silvia Terenghi. 2022. Adding the microdimension to the study of language change in contact. Three case studies. *Glossa* 7(1).
8. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2021. Not everything is a theory. *Theoretical Linguistics*, 47(1-2), 53-60.
9. D'Alessandro, Roberta, Natvig, David & Michael Putnam. 2021. Addressing challenges in formal research on moribund heritage languages: A path forward. *Front. Psychol.* 12, 700126.
10. Frasson, Alberto, D'Alessandro, Roberta & Brechje van Osch. 2021. Subject clitics in microcontact. A case study from heritage Friulian in Argentina and Brazil. *Heritage Language Journal* 18(1): 1-36.
11. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2021. Syntactic change in contact: Romance. *Annual Review of Linguistics*, 2021(7), 309-328.
12. D'Alessandro, Roberta & Marc van Oostendorp. 2020. Language variation and functional heads. Magnetic Grammar. *Linguistic Analysis* 42 (3-4), 405-439.
13. Leivada, Evelina, D'Alessandro Roberta & K. K. Grohmann. 2019. Eliciting Big Data From Small, Young, or Non-standard Languages: 10 Experimental Challenges. *Frontiers in Psychology* 10:313.

14. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2019. The achievements of Generative Grammar: a time chart and some reflections. *Catalan Journal of Linguistics* Special Issue, 7-26.
15. D'Alessandro, Roberta & Marc van Oostendorp. 2017. On the diversity of linguistic data and the integration of the language sciences. *Frontiers in Psychology* 8:2002.
16. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2017. When you have too many features: auxiliaries, agreement, and clitics in Italian varieties. *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics*, 2(1), 50.
17. D'Alessandro, Roberta & Tobias Scheer. 2015. Modular PIC. *Linguistic Inquiry* 46:4, 593-624. 2015.
18. D'Alessandro, Roberta & Claudio di Felice. 2015. The diachrony of Abruzzese complementation. *Revue Roumaine de Linguistique* LX, 2-3, 129-145.
19. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2014. Death and contact-induced rebirth of impersonal pronouns. A case study. In: Diego Pescarini and Andrea Calabrese (eds), Special Issue on *The Diachrony of pronominal systems*. *Probus* 26.2, 249-274.
20. D'Alessandro, Roberta & Tobias Scheer. 2013. Phase-head marking. In: Hisao Tokizaki and Yoshi Dobashi (eds). *Universal Syntax and Parametric Phonology*. Special Issue of *Linguistic Analysis* 38:4, 305-330.
21. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2011. Soggetti non canonici in abruzzese: i pronomi impersonali *nome* ed *anne*. *Archivio Glottologico Italiano* 2: 227-262.
22. D'Alessandro, Roberta & Ian Roberts. 2010. Past participle agreement in Abruzzese: Split auxiliary selection and the null-subject parameter. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 28: 41-72.
23. D'Alessandro, Roberta & Adam Ledgeway. 2010. At the C-T boundary: Investigating Abruzzese complementation. *Lingua* 120/8: 2040-2060.
24. Biberauer, Theresa & Roberta D'Alessandro. 2010. On the role of gemination in passives: the case of Abruzzese. *Snippets* 21.
25. D'Alessandro, Roberta & Ian Roberts. 2008. Movement and agreement in Italian past participles and defective phases. *Linguistic Inquiry* 39/3: 477-491.
26. D'Alessandro, Roberta & Artemis Alexiadou. 2006. The syntax of the indefinite pronoun *nome*. *Probus* 8/2: 189-218.
27. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2004. Syntactic and pragmatic features: a case study. *Leitura. Estudos em Syntaxe Comparativa* 33: 185-202.
28. D'Alessandro, Roberta & Artemis Alexiadou. 2002. Inclusive and exclusive impersonal pronouns: a feature-geometrical analysis. *Rivista di grammatica generativa* 27: 31-44.
29. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2002. Agreement in Italian impersonal *si* constructions. A phase-based analysis. *AbraLin Journal* 1/1: 35-72.

3.4.3 Book Chapters, Peer-reviewed proceedings

30. D'Alessandro, Roberta, Andriani, Luigi, Frasson, Alberto, Pinto, Manuela, Sorgini, Luana & Silvia Terenghi. 2025. Microcontact and syntactic theory. In

- D'Alessandro, Putnam & Terenghi (eds), *Heritage Languages and Syntactic Theory*. OUP.
31. D'Alessandro, Roberta, Putnam, Michael T. & Silvia Terenghi. 2025. *Heritage Languages and Syntactic Theory. An Introduction*. In D'Alessandro, Putnam & Terenghi (eds), *Heritage Languages and Syntactic Theory*. OUP.
 32. D'Alessandro, Roberta & Silvia Terenghi. 2024. Non-monotonic functional sequences: A new metric for complexity in heritage languages. In: Polinsky & Putman (eds), *Formal approaches to complexity in heritage language grammars*. Language Science Press.
 33. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2024. Un atlante interattivo per le lingue degli emigrati. In V. Bernardi, & C. Di Felice (Eds.), *You will shine. Studi in onore di Chiara Magni* (pp. 159-174)
 34. D'Alessandro, Roberta. In press. A short history of Agree. In Grohman & Leivada (eds), *Cambridge Handbook of Minimalism*.
 35. D'Alessandro, Roberta. In press. Microcontatto. In Serena (ed.), *Dizionario dell'italiano L2*. Pisa: Pacini.
 36. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2023. Raccogliere dati di varietà romanze in via di estinzione: il caso delle lingue ereditarie in America. In: Castro & Tomasin (eds), *Dialettologia ed etimologia. Studi, metodi e cantieri*. Bologna: ETS. 83-105.
 37. Andriani, Luigi & Roberta D'Alessandro. 2022. D, T, C drop in heritage Italo-Romance in NYC. In: Alboiu, Isac, Nicolae, Tănase-Dogaru & Tigău (eds), *A LIFE IN LINGUISTICS. A Festschrift for Alexandra Cornilescu on her 75th birthday*, Bucharest University Press.
 38. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2022. Crossing domains: topic marking and doubling in Romance. In: Boneh, Harbour, Matushansky & Roy (eds), *Building on Babel's Rubble*. PUV.
 39. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2022. أساسيات التركيب الميسر, *Syntax made easy* (Arabic version), translated by Mhamed Wahid. Centre de Recherches Sémiotiques et Etudes Culturelles, Maroc. <https://ling.auf.net/lingbuzz/006558>
 40. Andriani, Luigi, Casalicchio, Jan, Ciconte, Francesco Maria, D'Alessandro, Roberta, Frasson, Alberto, Van Osch, Brechje, Sorgini, Luana & Silvia Terenghi. 2022. Documenting Italo-Romance minority languages in the Americas. Problems and tentative solutions. 2022. In: Nevins, A. & M. Cole (eds), *Contemporary research in minority and diaspora languages of Europe*, Language Science Press.
 41. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2022. Agreement. In Ledgeway, A. & M. Maiden, *Handbook of Romance Linguistics*. Cambridge University Press.
 42. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2021. *Sintassi semplice*. Utrecht University.
 43. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2020. Agreement across the board. Topic agreement in Ripano. In Katharina Hartmann, Johannes Mursell and Peter W. Smith (eds), *Agree to Agree: Agreement in the Minimalist Programme. Open Generative Syntax 4*. Language Science Press.
 44. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2019. *Syntax made easy. How to read and draw*

- syntactic trees*. Utrecht University.
45. D'Alessandro, Roberta & Luana Sorgini. 2019. *Mə tɛ magnatə*. Perifrasi modali in abruzzese orientale. In: Chilà, A. and A. De Angelis (eds), *Capitoli di morfosintassi delle varietà romanze d'Italia: teoria e dati empirici. Bollettino del Centro di studi filologici e linguistici siciliani*, 21.
 46. Marc van Oostendorp & Roberta D'Alessandro. 2019. Metaphony as magnetism. In Mirko Grimaldi, Rosangela Lai, Ludovico Franco, Benedetta Baldi (eds), *Structuring Variation in Romance Linguistics and Beyond*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
 47. D'Alessandro, Roberta & Laura Migliori. 2017. Sui possessivi (enclitici) nelle varietà italo-romanze meridionali non estreme. In D'Alessandro, Iannàccaro, Passino & Thornton (eds), *Di tutti i colori. Studi linguistici per Maria Grossmann*.
 48. D'Alessandro, Roberta & Marc van Oostendorp. 2016. When imperfections are perfect. Prosody, phi-features and deixis in central and southern Italian vocatives. *Romance Languages and Linguistic Theory*.
 49. D'Alessandro, Roberta & Marc van Oostendorp. 2016. Abruzzese metaphony and the |A| eater. In: Francesc Torres Tamarit, Katrin Linke, and Marc van Oostendorp (eds), *Approaches to metaphony in the languages of Italy*. Berlin, Mouton de Gruyter.
 50. D'Alessandro, Roberta & Diego Pescarini. 2016. Agreement restrictions and agreement oddities in Romance. In: Susann Fischer and Christoph Gabriel (eds), *Manual of Grammatical interfaces in Romance*. Berlin: De Gruyter.
 51. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2015. Null Subject. In: Antonio Fábregas, Jaume Mateu and Michael Putnam (eds), *Contemporary Linguistic Parameters*. London: Bloomsbury Press. 2015, 201-226.
 52. D'Alessandro, Roberta & Marc van Oostendorp. 2014. La metafonía ariellese tra fonologia e lessico. In: Diego Pescarini and Diana Passino (eds), *Quaderni Linguistici dell'ASIT. Studi sui dialetti dell'Abruzzo* 17, 1-18.
 53. D'Alessandro, Roberta, Di Felice, Claudio, Franco, Irene & Adam Ledgeway. 2014. Approcci diversi alla dialettologia italiana contemporanea (with). In *L'Italia Dialettale* ID LXXV, Special Issue, 7-11.
 54. Lusini, Sara, D'Alessandro, Roberta & Johan Rooryck. 2014. Phonetic aspects of polar questions in Sienese: an experimental approach. In: Joanneke Caspers, Yiya Chen, Willemijn Heeren, Jos Pacilly, Niels Schiller, and Ellen van Santen (eds), *Above and beyond the segments*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
 55. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2010. The verbal domain: TP-VP structure and auxiliaries. In: Roberta D'Alessandro, Adam Ledgeway, and Ian Roberts, (eds), *Syntactic Variation. The dialects of Italy*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 27-38.
 56. D'Alessandro, Roberta & Adam Ledgeway. 2010. The Abruzzese T-v system: feature spreading and the double auxiliary construction. Roberta D'Alessandro, Adam Ledgeway, and Ian Roberts, (eds), *Syntactic Variation. The dialects of Italy*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 201-210.

57. D'Alessandro, Roberta & Anna Maria Di Sciullo. 2009. Proper Subset Relation and Concord: agreement in Abruzzese Possessive Copular Constructions. *Proceedings of NELS 38*, 217-230.
58. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2008. Syntaktische und pragmatische Merkmale: Eine Fallstudie. 2008. In: Mensching, G. & Remberger, E. (eds.), *Romanistische Syntax – minimalistisch*. Tuebingen: Gunther Narr Verlag.
59. D'Alessandro, Roberta, Fischer, Susann & Gunnar Hrafn Hrafnbjargarson. 2008. On Agreement restrictions. In: Roberta D'Alessandro, Susanne Fischer & Gunnar Hrafn Hrafnbjargarson (eds), *Agreement Restrictions*. Berlin/New York: Mouton De Gruyter.
60. D'Alessandro, Roberta Is impersonal si in Italian definite or indefinite? In: Martínez, M. T., Alcazár, A. & R.M. Hernández, *Proceedings of the thirty-third Western Conference On Linguistics (WECOL 2004)*, Fresno: USC Publications: 64-75. 2006.
61. D'Alessandro, Roberta & Theresa Biberauer. 2006. Syntactic doubling and the encoding of Voice in Eastern Abruzzese. In: D.Baumer, D. Montero & M. Scanlon (eds), *Proceedings of the 25th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics (WCCFL 25)*. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project: 87-95.
62. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2005. Varietà dialettali della costa occidentale dell'Adriatico. Aspetti sintattici. *Adriatico/Jadran* 1: 134-150.
63. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2004. Impersonal si constructions. How semantics determines agreement. In: K. Moulton & M. Wolf (eds). *Proceeding of NELS 34*. GLSA: 61-73.
64. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2003. On quirky subjects and the person restriction in Icelandic and Italian. In: M. Van Koppen, J. Sio & M. de Vos (eds), *Proceedings of Console XI*, Leiden: SOLE Publications: 1-16.
65. D'Alessandro, Roberta & Artemis Alexiadou. 2003. Nome: a subject clitic in a southern Italian dialect. In: M. Coene & Y. D'Hulst (eds), *Current Studies in Comparative Romance Linguistics*. Antwerp: Antwerp Papers in Linguistics: 165-192.
66. D'Alessandro, Roberta. 2002. On impersonal si constructions in Italian. In: M. Van Koppen & M. de Vos (eds), *Proceedings of Console X*, Leiden: SOLE Publications: 1-15.

3.4.4 Non peer-reviewed articles/book reviews

6 non-reviewed articles and 17 book reviews, mostly for *Language*

3.5 TALKS

Keynote talks

2026 Universität Hamburg

- 2025 **Boğaziçi University, Istanbul**; University of Stavanger; Università di Chieti; **Universidad de Buenos Aires**; Paris, Inalco; Marebbe Winter Modeling Meeting
- 2024 Romanian Academy of Science, Bucharest; Leiden University; **Chinese University of Hong Kong**
- 2023 UiT Arctic University of Norway in Tromsø; **University of Lahore**
- 2022 Università di Udine; Università di Catania; Universitat de les Illes Balears, Palma de Mallorca
- 2021 **Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, Mexico**
- 2019 Università Alma Mater di Bologna
- 2018 UiT Arctic University of Norway in Tromsø
- 2017 UAB Barcelona
- 2016 University of Brussels; **University of New York at Stony Brook**
- 2014 University Nova of Lisbon; University of Bucharest
- 2013 UAB Barcelona;
- 2012 University of Cambridge, UK
- 2011 University of Cambridge, UK

Invited lectures

- 2025 **Indian Institute of Technology Delhi**, Utrecht University
- 2024 Cambridge, UK; **University of Arizona**; Università di Venezia Ca' Foscari
- 2023 UvA; University College London
- 2022 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Zürich University, Meertens Instituut, University of Cologne; **Penn State University**
- 2021 Université de Paris; Leuven University; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Trinity College Dublin; University of Lausanne; University of Zurich; University of Birmingham; **Chinese University of Hong Kong**; **University of Chicago**, Hamburg University; University of Insubria; Ghent University; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
- 2020 **Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Brazil** ; Zürich University
- 2018 Meertens Instituut; Leiden University, Lorentz Center Leiden
- 2017 **NYU**; University of Bucharest; ICUB Bucharest
- 2016 Utrecht University
- 2015 UAB Barcelona, Università di Palermo
- 2014 Università della Tuscia, Viterbo; University of Leipzig
- 2013 Utrecht University; Università di Roma Tre
- 2012 **MIT**; **Yale University**; **McGill University**; Leiden University
- 2011 University of Nijmegen; University of Cambridge; Utrecht University, **UQAM**
- 2010 University of Cambridge, UK

Conference presentations (peer reviewed selection)

51 peer reviewed conference presentations

3.6 TEACHING

3.6.1 Graduate courses

- Research MA course at Utrecht University and Leiden University, 1 or 2 per year since 2007
- PhD/MA courses at the following summer schools: Summer School on Mediterranean Linguistics University of Cagliari, EGG Summer School in Linguistics, Lagodekhi, Georgia; LOT summer school, Leiden University; EGG Summer School, Costanta University, 2009.
- Graduate courses at the Universities of Bucharest, Chieti, Palermo, Stuttgart, Cambridge.

3.6.2 Undergraduate courses

- Undergraduate courses in linguistics and Italian linguistics at UU and Leiden University, yearly.
- 2005-2007: undergraduate courses and tutorials at the University of Cambridge, UK
- 2002-2003: undergraduate courses at Stuttgart University

3.7 PHD SUPERVISIONS

- **Madhusmitha Venkatesan**, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi. Dissertation project: On Gender Agreement in a Tamil Hindi-Urdu Bilingual Context. Admitted to the defense.
- **Steven Zetao Xu**, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Dissertation project: A comparative investigation on the micro and macro-contact of Wu dialects in China and in Europe. In progress.
- **Luana Sorgini**, ERC-COG Microcontact project. Dissertation working title: “Differential Object Marking and auxiliary selection in contact”. Defense date: 27 February 2026.
- **Maria Tenizi**, University of Cyprus. Dissertation title: “Sup’: on the Manifestation of Syntactic Support in the Complementiser Field”. Co-supervisor. PhD awarded in July 2024.
- **Silvia Terenghi**, UU ERC-COG Microcontact project. Dissertation title: Missing person. Structure and change in Romance demonstrative systems. PhD awarded *cum laude* on 27 January 2023.
- **Alberto Frasson**, UU ERC-COG Microcontact project. Dissertation title “The syntax of subject pronouns in heritage languages: innovation and complexification”. PhD awarded on 15 June 2022.
- **Nina Ouddeken**, NWO Vrije competitive project Maps and Grammar. Dissertation title: “Voicing in transition: Laryngeal characteristics in West-Germanic and Italo-Romance dialects”. CLS Nijmegen. PhD awarded on 10 December 2018.

- **MPilar Colomina Samitier**, visiting PhD student, Autónoma University Barcelona. Fall 2018.
- **Marta Khouja**, visiting PhD student, Autónoma University Barcelona. Fall 2018.
- **Laura Migliori**, NWO VIDI project. Dissertation title: “Argument structure, alignment and auxiliaries between Latin and Romance. A diachronic syntactic account”. PhD awarded on June 15, 2016.
- **Giuseppe Torcolacci**, NWO VIDI project. Dissertation title: “Marking the default. Auxiliary selection in Southern Italian Dialects”. PhD awarded on March 24, 2015.
- **Edoardo Cavirani**, external PhD student. Dissertation title: “Modeling Phonologization. Vowel reduction and epenthesis in Lunigiana dialects”. PhD awarded on March 24, 2015.
- **Sara Lusini**, LUCL PhD student. Dissertation title: “Yes/No question marking in Italian dialects”. PhD awarded on February 27, 2013.

3.8 EDITORIAL WORK

- *Isogloss. Open Journal of Romance Linguistics*: editor-in-chief
- *Open Generative Syntax*, Language Science Press: co-editor in chief
- *Grammars and sketches of the World's Languages- Romance* subseries, Brill: editor in chief
- *Lingue e Linguaggio*: editorial board member
- *Open Handbooks in Linguistics*, MIT Press: editorial board member
- *Romance Languages and Linguistic Theory* series, John Benjamins: editorial board member (2012-2017)
- *Quaderni di Linguistica e Studi Orientali / Working Papers in Linguistics and Oriental Studies (QULSO)*, Firenze University Press: editorial board member
- *Annali di Ca' Foscari – Serie Occidentale*: editorial board member

3.9 EVENTS/PLATFORMS/CONFERENCES

- [Heritage Language Syntax platform](#) (founding member)
- [Heritage Language Syntax conference series](#) (founding member)
- [CIDSM](#) (founding member)
Co-organized over 25 conferences

3.10 POPULARIZATION OF LINGUISTICS

- [Is the man who is tall happy? Debate with Peter Haagort at the InScience film festival](#), Nijmegen, 5 November 2022.
- Huffington Post – Blog di linguistica [Roberta D'Alessandro \(huffingtonpost.it\)](https://www.huffingtonpost.it/roberta-d-alessandro/)

- Arrival e la linguistica. Intervista per il portale *Zanichelli scuola*.
<http://aulascienze.scuola.zanichelli.it/come-te-lo-spiego/2017/03/03/arrival-e-la-linguistica/>
- Facebook page *Linguistica in Pillole* (popularizing page for linguistics): 20K followers
- Wat is jouw impact, meneer Kant? NRC, 15 May 2012

4 SCIENCE POLICY

4.1 *INVITED LECTURES/CONFERENCE TALKS

- ***Freedom and Responsibility in Science. Panel discussion. Royal Society Te Aparangi, Auckland, New Zealand, 8 December 2025.**
- Science Communication Kick-off - JRC MEC, 14 December 2022.
- Upskilling. From Marie Curie to ERC. Invited talk, *Marie Curie Alumni Association*, March 11, 2021.
- **INGSA 2018. Science Advice in a changing world. Tokyo, 5-8 November 2018.**
- Enlightenment 2.0. An initiative of the Joint Research Center. Meeting on May 30-31, 2018. Advisor to the Scientific Board and Reviewer.
- ***On Trust, Freedom, and Responsibility. Invited talk at the World Science Forum 2017, Jordan, 7 November. Thematic workshop *The future of the Principle of Universality*.**
- **JRC/European Commission annual conference, #EU4Facts. Brussels, 26 September 2017.**
- **INGSA/JRC/SAS Summer School on Migration and Demographic Change. Senec, Slovakia, 6-8 September 2017.**
- World Conference on Research Integrity. Amsterdam, May 28-31 2017.
- **INGSA Principles and Guidelines for Government Scientific Advice, Brussels, 28 September 2016.**
- **European Commission/INGSA: Science and Policy Making: towards a new dialogue, Brussels, September 29-30, 2016.**
- *** On Freedom of movement and research. Invited talk, Twelfth Meeting of the International Human Rights Network of Academies and Scholarly Societies, National Secretariat for Science, Technology and Innovation of Panama, Panama City, October 5-9, 2016.**
- ***The Freedom of Scientific Research in the Face of Political and Societal Demands. Invited talk, ALLEA General Assembly 2016, Vienna, 18 April 2016.**
- Global Sustainable Development Report: how to present the issues to politicians. UN-DESA Expert Group meeting for the Global Sustainable Development Report: "Emerging issues for the attention of policy makers", New York, 4-6 April 2016.
- ***Mundus and Kennis op Straat: Two successful ways of communicating science. KAST-ASM-IAP International Workshop on Science Literacy:**

science communication and science outreach, Korean Academy of Science and Technology, Seoul, Korea, 12-13 June 2014.

- The Young Academy of the Netherlands, talk given at the European Young Academies Working Group on Europe, Brussels, Flemish Academy of Science, 4-5 October 2013.
- Evaluating science, Workshop on Science Academies in Central and Eastern Europe and their role in knowledge-based societies, Belarus Academy of Science, Minsk, 11-12 June 2012.

4.2 PUBLICATIONS ON SCIENCE POLICY

- Nollkaemper, A., D'Alessandro, R., Duyvendak, J. W., van Saarloos, W., & Schermer, M. H. N. (2025). *Academische vrijheid in Nederland: Reactie op actuele bedreigingen*. (KNAW). KNAW. <https://doi.org/10.57881/88gg-rf96>
- Trustworthy Public Communication. How public communicators can strengthen our democracy. *Joint Research Center report for Enlightenment 2.0*. 2024. <https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/handle/JRC137725>
- Gerards, J., D'Alessandro, R., Duyvendak, J. W., Nollkaemper, P. A., van Saarloos, W., & Schermer, M. H. N. 2023. *Kennis Veiligheid: KNAW-position paper*. <https://www.knaw.nl/nl/publicaties/kennisveiligheid-knaw-position-paper>
- Van der Heijden, P., D'Alessandro, R., Bredenoord, A. L., Gerards, J., van Hees, M., & Verbeek, P-P. 2021. *Academische vrijheid in Nederland: Een begripsanalyse en richtsnoer*. KNAW. <https://www.knaw.nl/nl/actueel/agenda/academische-vrijheid-in-nederland>
- Understanding our political nature. *Joint Research Center report for Enlightenment 2.0*. 2019. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2760/374191>
- Muysken, P., D'Alessandro, R., Buyse, A.C., Zurcher, Erik-Jan, Jensma, Goffe, Maassen van den Brink, H., Leerssen, J. & de Swart, H.E. 2018. *Talen voor Nederland*. KNAW. <https://dspace.library.uu.nl/handle/1874/374100>
- Algra, K., Bouter, L., Hol, A., Van Kreveld, J., Andriessen, D., Bijleveld, C., D'Alessandro, R., Dankelman, J. & P. Werkhoven. 2018. Netherlands Code of conduct for Research Integrity. 2018. <https://www.nwo.nl/en/netherlands-code-conduct-research-integrity>
- D'Alessandro, R. 2017. Academic freedom: challenges, threats, emerging issues. *ALLEA-Akademie im Dialog*. https://www.robortadalessandro.it/_files/ugd/eb804f_47ed190d24614673aabaee17d82f9dd4.pdf

4.3 INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES

- **Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science, CFRS, International Science Council (2025-**

- **EU Commission Enlightenment 2.0. Meaningful and Ethical Communication.** Scientific Advisor (2022 -)
- European Commission Expert, EX2016D289297
- UN: UN-DESA Expert Group meeting for the Global Sustainable Development Report: "Emerging issues for the attention of policy makers" (2016)
- ICSU: *Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in the Conduct of Science*
- Global Young Academy: *Young Scientist Ambassador Program; Open Access WG; Science Advice WG.*

5 MEDIA/POPULARIZATION

(links to be found here: <https://www.robertadalessandro.it/media>)

5.1 Podcasts, video (selected)

- **Leonardo Durante podcast** (a podcast interviewing scientists, in Italian, 20.4.2025)
- **The Italian radio hour** (a podcast of the Italian community in Pittsburgh, 3.11.2025)
- **[Your Academic Auntie](#)** (playlist with advice to young researchers)

5.2 NEWSPAPERS/MAGAZINES (selected)

- Huffington Post Italy, **BLOG**
- Open letter to the Italian Prime Minister on the problems of research in Italy (with Francesco Berto and Giulio Biroli, Repubblica and Le Scienze, 23 March 2016)
- **Reply of the Italian Prime Minister**, mr Renzi, on Repubblica (26 March 2016)
- On the Italian news, for the open discussion with the Italian minister of Education and Research (14-20 February 2016, full list and links to be found here: <http://www.robertadalessandro.it/#!/in-the-news/c3bi/56e2dd120cf210a4386602d5>)