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Personal information

Birthplace and age: L'Aquila (AQ), 1978;
Nationality: Italian;
Language (ECFR level): C2: Italian, English;
C1: Aquilan (Italian dialect);
B2: Spanish;
B1: French, German;
A2: Portuguese, Dutch, Swedish;
A1: Chinese, Korean

Education

Postdoctoral Fellow, Budapest Institute of Linguistics, 2011-2012.
2012 Ph.D., Cognitive Science (Major:　Linguistics), Macquarie University, Australia (April)
2006 M. Phil., Linguistics (Major: Semantics, Language Acquisition), University of Utrecht, The Netherlands (October)
2004 BA, Foreign Languages (Major: English, Spanish, Linguistics, Philosophy), L'Aquila, Italy (April)

Honours

2020 Excellence (Annual Assessment, Research Fellow)
2019 Excellence (Annual Assessment, Research Fellow)
2018 Excellence (Annual Assessment, Research Fellow)
2006 With Distinction, Semantics.
2004 Highest Honour (First Place), Linguistics and Philosophy.

Selected Publication List

1. Ursini, F.-A. & H. Long. (2021). Polysemy and Semantic Relations in Aquilan Prepositions. *Onomazaéin,* (zz), *xx-yy.*
2. Ursini, F.-A. & K. Tse. (Accepted, 21-9-2020). On Region prepositions in French. *Canadian Journal of Linguistics*.
3. Ursini, F.-A. & G. Samo. (Accepted, 09-10-2020). The Interpretation of Urbanonyms in Discourse: Reconciling theoretical accounts with experimental results. *Poznań Journal of Contemporary Linguistics*.
4. Huang, A. L. Meroni & F.-A. Ursini (corresponding author) (Accepted, 2020-10-30). Quantification and individuation in Mandarin non-interrogative wh-pronominal phrases: Experimental evidence from child Mandarin. *Frontiers in Psychology: Language Sciences*
5. Long, H., Heine, B. & F.-A. Ursini (corresponding author). (2020). Formation of Modern Chinese parenthetical CTMP ni xiang 'you think': A Conjoining Pathway account. *Australian Journal of Linguistics*. (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lingua.2019.102745)
6. Ursini, F.-A. & A. Huang. (2020). The anaphoric properties of spatial nouns and prepositions in Mandarin: A

formal account. *Lingua*. (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lingua.2020.102961)

7. Ursini, F.-A. (2020). General location across languages: On the division of labour between functional and lexical items in spatial categories. *The Linguistics Review*. (https://doi.org/10.1515/tlr-2020-2053)

8. Long, H. F. Wu., F.-A. Ursini (corresponding author) & Z. Qin. (2020). Formation of Modern Chinese a conjecturing clause-taking huaiyi predicate: A parenthetical perspective and a conjoining account. *Functions of Language* (SSCI, A&HCI) (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lingua.2019.102745)

9. Ursini & H. Long. (2020). Urbanonyms in Italian: Morpho-Semantic Properties and Distribution. *Names: A journal of onomastics* 55(1), 1–15. (https://doi.org/10.1080/00277738.2020.1811049)

10. Ursini, F.-A. (2020). Prolegomena to a theory of Chorophorics. *Studies in Language* 38(1), 1–53. (doi.org/10.1075/sl.19072.urs)

11. Ursini, F.-A., H. Long & Y. Zhang. (2020). (Un)bounded Categories in Mandarin. *Romanian Review of Linguistics/Revue Roumaine de Linguistique* 65(2), 119–133 (https://www.lingv.ro/images/RRL%202%202020_03-Francesco.pdf).

12. Ursini, F.-A. & H. Long. (2020). Chorophorics in the Aquilan Dialect. *Studia Linguistica* 73 (2), 471–505. https://doi.org/10.1111/stul.12132

13. Long, H., X. Xu, M. Wu & F–A. Ursini (corresponding author). (2019). Formation of the Modern Chinese clause-taking imperative *ni kan* 'you see': a Conjoining pathway account. *Lingua* 232, 1–24 (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lingua.2019.102745)

14. Ursini, F.-A. (Main author, corresponding author), & P. Acquaviva. (2019). Nouns for visual objects: A hypothesis of the Vision-Language Interface. *Language Sciences* 72 (1), 50–70. (https://doi.org/10.1016/j.langsci.2019.01.001)

15. Ursini, F.-A. & H. Long (2018). Spatial Categories in Aquilan. *Dialectologia.& Geolinguistica* (Dig) 26, 1–29. (https://doi.org/10.1515/dialect-2018-0002)

16. Ursini, F.-A. (2016). Review of Saddock, Jerrold M. 2012. *The Modular Architecture of Grammar. Canadian Journal of Linguistics* 61 (2), 225-228. (10.1353/cjl.2016.0013)

17. Ursini, F.-A. (2015). On the Syntax and Semantics of Italian Spatial Ps. *Acta Linguistica Hungarica* 63 (1), 63–110. (10.1556/ALing.62.2015.1.3

18. Ursini, F.-A. (2014). Review article of "Morphology: from data to theories". *Canadian Journal of Linguistics* 59 (2), 284-287. (10.1017/S0008413100000311)

19. Ursini, F.-A. (2013a). Review article of "Language, Cognition and Space: The State of The Art and New Directions". *Cognitive Linguistics* 23 (4), 480-497.

20. Ursini, F.-A. (2013b). Review article of "Anaphora and Language Design". *Canadian Journal of Linguistics* 58(1), 137-140.

Research Funding & Grants

2019-2022 Research Project: Epistemic Discourse Markers in Chinese
      (PI: Professor Long Haiping, Project Funding: RMB 90,000)
2018-2020 Research Project: Study on the Meaning of Words in Chinese Children.
      (PI: Professor Huang Aijun, Project Funding: RMB 200,000)
2014-2016 Research Project: Synth and Semantics of Chinese Wh-Pronouns.
      (PI: Professor Huang Aijun, Project Funding: RMB 200,000)
2015: NetWordS travelling grant University of Dublin Visit, Ursini, F.-A. (SEK 7,000)
2014: Vetenskapradet Conference grant The Future of Comics (SEK 50,000)
2014 NetWordS Summer School Research Fellowship, Ursini, F.-A. (SEK 5,000)
2013 Wallenberg Jubilaumfund, Stockholm University, Ursini, F. -A. (SEK 3,600)
2013 Wallenberg Jubilaumfund, Stockholm University, Ursini, F.-A. (SEK 4,000)
2013 National Research Council of Sweden, workshop fund. Ursini, F.-A. (SEK 20,000)
2012 Wallenberg Jubilaeumfund, Stockholm University, Ursini, F.-A. (SEK 4,600)
2012 Wallenberg Jubilaeumfund, Stockholm University, Ursini, F.-A. (SEK 5,200)
2011 Research Grant, Macquarie Postgraduate Fund, Macquarie University, Ursini, F.A. (A$10,000)

Memberships and Other Duties

2019 –Current   International Association for Syntactic Cartography Science (IASCS)

2015–Current   The International Society for Cognitive Linguistics (ICLA)
2015 - Current Networds Partners, European Vocabulary Structure Research Network
2014–Current   External Partner, Research Project on Speech and Agreement (University of
                 Toronto Missisauga Campus)
2014- Current   Italian Association of Analytical Philosophy (SIFA)
2014-Current   International Society for Cognitive Semiotics (IACS)
2014   European Science Foundation Research Network Project (NETWORDS) Morphology
                 Summer School (Trondham, August)

Teaching experience

2020–Current   Professor, Semantics, Central China Normal University
2017– Current   Lecturer, linguistics, Sun Yat-sen University
2016–2017   Lecturer, Linguistics and Literature, Jönköping University.
2016   Lecturer, Linguistics, Gothenburg University
2012–2015   Lecturer, Semantics and Morphology, Stockholm University
2008–2011   Teaching Assistant/Guest Lecturer, Macquarie University

Research Experience

2019– Current   International Association for the Study of Legal Map Science (IASCS)
2015– Current   Present member, European Science Foundation Research Network Project (NETWORDS)
                 European Morphology and Words. Information processing research network.
2013–2015   Member, Comics Research FAFF Interdisciplinary Research Group, English Department;
                 Tasks: Content manager, sponsor, subject research consultant;
2012–2014   Tool consultant, cross-departmental research group Sketch Engine as a second language
                 vocabulary learner, Stockholm University; Task: trial tester, vocabulary test consultant and
                 designer, deputy project manager of english department, vocabulary network consultant;
2011-2012   Postdoctoral Researcher, Library Analysis and Database Construction.

Professional Services

Reviewer for the following journals: *Journal of Cognitive Science*, *Language Sciences*, *Borealis*, *Lingue e Linguaggio*, *Nordic Journal of English Studies*, *Language Variation (Language Variation)*, *Lingua*, *Journal of Graphic Novels and Comics*, *Spatial Cognition and Computation*, and occasionally other reviews.