CURRICULUM VITAE ET STUDIORUM

Francesco Maria Ciconte

ACADEMIC TRAINING

Postdoc (*Linguistics*), The University of Manchester, UK, 2010-2013.
PhD Italian (*Linguistics*), The University of Manchester, UK, 2006-09.
MA Italian, (*Linguistics)*, The University of Manchester, UK, 2005-06.
DITALS II (*Teaching Italian as a Foreign Language*), Università per Stranieri di Siena, Italy, 2005.
BA/MA Classics (*Ancient Greek and Latin*), Università degli Studi di Torino, Italy, 2004.
Research Thesis, (Classics) Trinity College, Dublin/Galway National University of Ireland, 2002-04.
Research Assistant (*Italian*), Leopardi Centre, University of Birmingham, UK, 2000-2001.
Erasmus Exchange Programme (*Classics and Italian*), University of Birmingham, UK, 1999-2000.

RESEARCH

My research addresses key questions on the interface of discourse, semantics and morphosyntax. Within this approach, I focus on Diachronic and Synchronic Italo-Romance Dialectology, History of Italian and Romance Languages, and Historical Linguistics. The evidence upon which my analyses are based is gathered from the scrutiny of extensive corpora of texts from Latin, Late Latin, and Old Romance, which are compared with data from modern (Italo-)Romance varieties.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- **Small grant** of the *Società Dante Alighieri* on *Italian Teaching Methods*, Rome, 2016.
- **Honorary Research Fellow,** The University of Manchester, 2014.
- **Visiting Researcher,** *Centro di Studi Filologici e Linguistici Siciliani*, June-July, 2013.
- **Winner of the Robins Prize** of the *Philological Society* for the best paper of 2010.
- **Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) PhD Bursary**, 2006-2009.
- **MA Postgraduate Bursary** of The University of Manchester, 2005-2006.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor (March 2014-present)
Universidad de Puerto Rico, Departamento de Lenguas Extranjeras, Puerto Rico, USA

Research Associate (2017-2019)
Università degli Studi di Napoli "Federico II", Italy

- Research project: *Transitivity and Argument Structure in Flux*.
- Funded by the *Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research* (PRIN) – *Assegno di ricerca*.
- Topic: *Diachronic and comparative analysis of Latin and old Romance*.

Research Consultant (2017-2019)
Utrecht University, Institute of Linguistics, The Netherlands.

- Research project: *Microcontact. Language Variation and Change from the Italian Heritage Perspective.*
- Funded by the *European Research Council*.
- Topic: *Diachronic and synchronic analysis of Italian heritage languages and Romance languages*.

Research Associate - Postdoc (2010-2013)
The University of Manchester, School of Arts, Languages and Cultures, UK.

- Research project: *Existential constructions: An investigation into the Italo-Romance dialects*.
- Funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC).
- Theoretical and empirical analysis of existential and locative structures of Italo-Romance dialects.
- Extensive fieldwork in Italy (8 months).

Lecturer (Assistant Professor) and Teaching Assistant (2006-2010)
The University of Manchester, School of Arts, Languages and Cultures, UK.

Associate Lecturer in Italian Language (2007-2008)
The Open University, Manchester, UK.

Lecturer in Italian Sociolinguistics (2008)
The University of Birmingham, Department of Italian Studies, UK.

Lecturer in Italian Language (2006-2007)
Manchester City College, Manchester, UK.

Teacher of Italian (2005-2009)
Italian Consulate, Centro Diffusione Lingua e Cultura Italiana 'Leonardo da Vinci', Manchester, UK.

Teacher of Italian, Latin and Greek (2004-2005)
Liceo Classico "G. Giusti", Torino, Italy.

EDITORIAL ACTIVITY AND AFFILIATIONS IN LINGUISTICS

- Co-editor in chief of the academic journal *Crisolenguas*, University of Puerto, USA.
- Member of the *Philological Society*, UK.
- Member of the *Linguistics Association of Great Britain*, UK.
- Member of LLAS – *Centre for Languages, Linguistics and Area Studies*, UK.
- Member of the *Dutch Linguistics Association*, The Netherlands.
- Member of the *Utrecht Theoretical Linguistics Network*, The Netherlands.
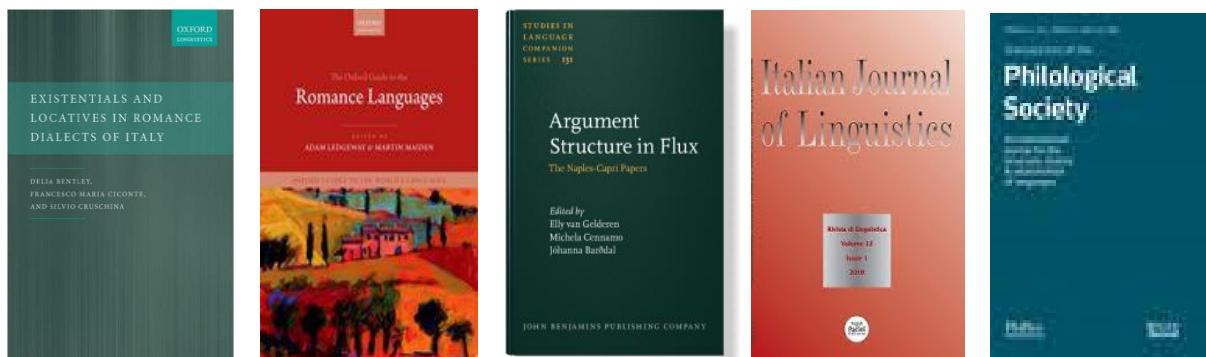- Member of the *Societas Linguistica Europaea*.

INVITED TALKS

2018   University of Cambridge (9 March).
2017   Institute of Linguistics, Utrecht University (23 October).
2016   École normale supérieure de Paris (18-19 November).
2016   University of Torun (1 June).
2016   University of Puerto Rico (2 March).
2014   University of Puerto Rico (10-14 February).
2011   University of Naples "Federico II" (15 November).
2010   Institute for Linguistics and Language Studies, University of Manchester (30 November).
2010   Charles University of Prague and University of Ceské Budejovice (29-30 April).

PUBLICATION IMPACT

Most of my publications have appeared in high impact (class A-ranking) journals such as *Transactions of the Philological Society*, *Italian Journal of Linguistics* (*Rivista di Linguistica*), *Studi e Saggi Linguistici, Bollettino del Centro di Studi Filologici e Linguistici Siciliani*, and with internationally renowned and well established publishers (Oxford University Press, Mouton de Gruyter, Benjamins). My 2011 article on existential constructions in old Italo-Romance was awarded the *6th International Robins Prize of the Philological Society*. Public dissemination includes the 2018 contributions to the portal of the *Treccani Enciclopedia* and the distribution of the 2014 CD + Booklet on Italian dialects to libraries, universities and schools in Italy.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

CICONTE, F. M. (forthcoming, 2019). *Presentative Focus Sentences in old Italo-Romance*. The Monograph Series of the Philological Society. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

CICONTE, F. M., (2015). *Existentials and Locatives in Romance Dialects of Italy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (with D. Bentley, S. Cruschina).

Edited books

CICONTE, F. (2013). *Existential Constructions in Cross-Linguistics Perspective*. Special Issue of the *Italian Journal of Linguistics*. Pisa: Pacini, 25/1 (with D. Bentley, S. Cruschina).

Book chapters

CICONTE, F. M. (2019). Morphological and syntactical variation and change in Italian. In M. Loporcaro & F. Gardani (eds), *The Oxford Encyclopaedia of Romance Linguistics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (with M. Cennamo).

CICONTE, F. M. (2019). Verb-framed vs Sattelite-framed. In M. Selig, A. Carlier & C. Guillot (eds), *Bridging the gap between Late Latin and Early Old French: Empirical investigations to (morpho)syntactic changes*, Part III, Chapter 1.5. Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton.

CICONTE, F. M. (2016). Copular and existential structures. In A. Ledgeway & M. Maiden (eds), *Oxford Guide to the Romance Languages*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, chapter 52, 847-859 (with D. Bentley).

CICONTE, F. M. (2016). Micro-variation in information structure: Existential constructions in Italo-Romance. In M. M. J. Fernandez-Vest & R. J. Van Valin, *Information Structure in Spoken Language in a Cross-Linguistic Perspective*. De Gruyter Mouton, 95-120 (with D. Bentley & S. Cruschina).

CICONTE, F. M. (2013). Microvariation in subject agreement: The case of existential pivots with split focus in Romance. In D. Bentley, F. M. Ciconte & S. Cruschina, *Existential Constructions in Cross-Linguistics Perspective*. Pisa: Pacini, 25/1, 15-43 (with D. Bentley & S. Cruschina).

CICONTE, F. M. (2013), Existential constructions in cross-linguistic perspective. In D. Bentley, F. M. Ciconte & Silvio Cruschina, *Existential Constructions in Cross-Linguistics Perspective*. Pisa: Pacini, 25/1, 1-13 (with D. Bentley & S. Cruschina).

CICONTE, F. M. (2013). Argument realization and existential proforms in early Italo-Romance. In J. Barðdal, M. Cennamo & E. van Gelderen, *Argument Structure in Flux: The Naples/Capri Papers*. Amsterdam: Benjamins, 549-566.

Articles

CICONTE, F. M. (2019). Locative and possessive existentials: from Latin to modern Italo-Romance. *Proceedings of the workshop 'Existential constructions in a typological perspective'* held at the École Normale Supérieure, Paris, 18-19 November 2016. Benjamins Publisher (with D. Bentley & S. Cruschina).

CICONTE, F. M. (2019). Postverbal subjects in old Italo-Romance. In D. Bentley & S. Cruschina, *Non-canonical postverbal subjects*. Thematic issue of the *Italian Journal of Linguistics*.

CICONTE, F. M. (2018). La posizione del soggetto e dell'oggetto nel siciliano antico. *Bollettino del Centro di studi filologici e linguistici siciliani*, 29.

CICONTE, F. M. (2018). Soggetto e oggetto nell'italo-romanzo antico. *Studi e Saggi Linguistici*, LVI(1), 97-135.

CICONTE, F. M. (2018). I fattori interni del cambiamento: l'evoluzione dei dialetti nel tempo. Contributo al *Portale dell'Enciclopedia Treccani* (http://www.treccani.it/magazine/lingua_italiana/speciali/Microcontact/Ciconte.html)

CICONTE, F. M. (forthcoming, 2018c). Il riferimento a spazio, tempo e persone: la deissi in contatto. Contributo al *Portale dell'Enciclopedia Treccani*. (http://www.treccani.it/magazine/lingua_italiana/speciali/Microcontact/Terenghi.html)

CICONTE, F. M. (2011). The emergence and the reanalysis of the existential proform: evidence from early Italo-Romance. *Transactions of the Philological Society* 109 (3), 284-306. Oxford: Blackwell.

CICONTE, F. M. (2009). Pro-forms in existential constructions of early Italo-Romance vernaculars. In G. Kaiser & E. Remberger (eds.), *Null subjects, expletives and locatives in Romance*, *Konstanzer Arbeitspapiere des Fachbereichs Sprachwissenschaft* 123, 183-198. Konstanz: Universität Konstanz.

CICONTE, F. M. (2008). Existential constructions in early Italo-Romance vernaculars. In M. Kokkonidis (ed.), *Proceedings of the Oxford Postgraduate Conference LingO 2007*, 35-42. Oxford: University of Oxford.

CICONTE, F. M. (2005). Cenni sull'incontro della tradizione celtica irlandese con la cultura latina nella Navigatio Sancti Brendani Abbatis. *Quaderni del Dipartimento di Filologia Linguistica e Tradizione Classica 'Augusto Rostagni'* 4, 261-282. Bologna: Pàtron.

Articles in preparation

CICONTE, F. M. (in preparation a). The origin of Romance clitics and the subject/object asymmetry. *Journal of Historical Syntax* (with R. D'Alessandro & J. Casalicchio).

CICONTE, F. M. (in preparation b). Prgamatic-semantic constraints on the V2 syntax of old Italo-Romance. *Journal of Historical Linguistics* (to be sumbmitted by June 2018).

CICONTE, F. M. (in preparation d). The 'thematization' of preverbal subjects: evidence from old Italo-Romance. *Archivio Glottologico*.

CD and booklet

CICONTE, F. M. (2014). *I dialetti d'Italia: fiabe, favole e racconti*. Manchester: The University of Manchester (with D. Bentley & S. Cruschina).

Invited talks and lectures

(2018)   '*The V2 syntax of old Italo-Romance: Subject, object and clitics*'. Cambridge Romance Linguistics Seminars, University of Cambridge, 9 March.

(2017)   '*Existentials, locatives, and the V2 of old Italo-Romance*'. Institute of Linguistics, Utrecht University, 23 October.

(2016)   '*Locative and implicit arguments in Italo-Romance copular constructions*'; '*Locative and possessive existentials: from Late Latin to Modern Italian*'. École normale supérieure, Paris. 18-19 November.

(2016)   '*Storia dei dialetti italo-romanzi*' (History of the Italo-Romance dialects). University of Torun, Poland. 1 June.

(2016)   '*Multimedia language teaching and learning*'. Universidad de Puerto Rico. 2 March.

(2015)   '*The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*'. Universidad de Puerto Rico. 7 May.

(2014)   '*Quale italiano parlano gli Italiani? Le varietà standard, neostandard, regionale, popolare*'; '*L'insegnamento dell'Italiano come lingua straniera: nuovi approcci e metodi*'. Universidad de Puerto Rico. 10-14 February.

(2011)   '*I costrutti esistenziali nelle varietà Italo-Romanze antiche: comparsa e rianalisi della proforma*'. Univerisità di Napoli "Federico II". 15 November.

(2010)   '*Existential Constructions: From Early Italo-Romance to Modern Italian*'. Institute for Linguistics and Language Studies (ILLS). University of Manchester, 30 November.

(2010)   '*Word order in Old Italian*' and '*Per una sociolinguistica dell'italiano contemporaneo*'. Charles University of Prague, Filozofická fakulta / University of Ceské Budejovice, 29-30 April.

Conference presentations

(2018)   '*Diachrony of subjcet and object clitics in Romance*', The Grote Taaldag, Nederlandse Vereniging voor Toegepaste Taalwetenschap. Utrecht University, 3 February.

(2017)   '*Postverbal subjects in old Italo-Romance*'. In the workshop 'Non-canonical postverbal subjects'. 50th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europeae. Zurich, 12 September.

(2015)   '*Locatives and existentials: From Latin to early Italo-Romance*', 22nd International Conference of Historical Linguistics. Naples, Italy, 27-30 July.

(2013)   '*Subtypes of thetic expressions: a cross-dialectal survey*'. Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain. University of London, 28-31 August.

(2013)   '*Argument structure and predication in Italo-Romance and Sardinian existentials*'. Cambridge Italian Dialect Syntax Meeting 7. University of Cambridge, 24-25 June.

(2012)   'Micro-variation in subject markedness: The case of inde-cliticized pivots in Romance'. Manchester Symposium on Existentials. The University of Manchester, 28-29 June.

(2011)   '*The information structure of existential constructions*'. Cambridge Italian Dialect Syntax Meeting 6. University of Cambridge, 16-17 June.

(2010)   '*The emergence and the reanalysis of the pro-form in the early Italo-Romance vernaculars*'. Cambridge Italian Dialect Syntax Meeting 5. Freie Universität Berlin, 2-3 July 2010.

(2010)   '*Argument realization in Early Italo-Romance: The case of existentials*'. Workshop: Variation and Change in Argument Realization. Naples-Capri, 27-30 May.

(2008)   '*Pro-forms in existential constructions of the early Italo-Romance varieties*'. Workshop: Null-subjects, Expletives and Locatives in Romance. Universität Konstanz, 27-29 March.

(2007)   '*Existential constructions in early Italo-Romance vernaculars: The locative hypothesis*'. VIII Incontro di Dialettologia Italiana. University of Bristol, 5-6 October.

(2007)   '*Existential constructions in early Italo-Romance vernaculars: The locative hypothesis*'. LingO: The Oxford Postgraduate Conference. University of Oxford, 21-22 September.

Conference presentations (forthcoming)

(2018)   *Early Sicilian and Tuscan: Variation in the V2 syntax*. CIDSM 13, Cambridge Italian Dialect Syntax-Morphology Meeting [accepted].

(2018)   *The syntax and semantics of anticausativization in early Italo-Romance*. CIDSM 13, Cambridge Italian Dialect Syntax-Morphology Meeting (with M. Cennamo & L. Andriani) [accepted].

(2018)   *Anticausatives and lability in Romance: a diachronic comparative study*. Poznan Linguistic Meeting (with M. Cennamo & L. Andriani) [accepted].

(2018)   *Information structure at the interfaces in early written texts: evidence from old Italo-Romance*'. In the workshop 'Information Structure at the Interfaces', 51st Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europeae [accepted].

(2018)   *On phasal domains and the difference between subject and object clitics*. GLOW 41, Generative Linguistics in the Old World (with R. D'Alessandro & J. Casalicchio) [accepted].

ACADEMIC REFEREES

Delia Bentley, *Professor of Romance Linguistics*, University of Manchester
Roberta D'Alessandro, *Professor of Syntax and Language Variation*, Utrecht University
Adam Ledgeway, *Professor of Italian and Romance Linguistics*, University of Cambridge
Nigel Vincent, *Professor Emeritus of General and Romance Linguistics*, University of Manchester