

## *Curriculum vitae*

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#### **University Degrees:**

1972 - M.A. in Philosophy, University of Milano  
1977 - Ph.D. in General Linguistics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

#### **Academic positions:**

1975-1998: University of Amsterdam, Professor of Linguistics  
1992-1998: Professor at HIL (Holland Institute of Linguistics)  
1998-2007: University of Ferrara, Professor of General Linguistics  
2007-2011: University of Milano-Bicocca, School of Psychology, Professor of General Linguistics  
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#### **Other academic experiences:**

1973-74: University of North Carolina, Department of Romance Languages, Teaching Assistant.  
1974-75: University of North Carolina, Department of General Linguistics, Teaching Assistant.  
1985 (August-December): University of Athens, Department of Linguistics, Visiting Professor.  
1988, June: Autonomous University of Barcelona at Girona, Professor at the Summer School on Theoretical Linguistics.  
1988 (November-December): Autonomous University of Barcelona, Department of Catalan, Visiting Professor.  
1989 (March-April): University of Pavia, Linguistics Department, Visiting Professor.  
1989, April: University of Rome, Department of Language Sciences, Visiting Professor.  
1989 (November-December): Autonomous University of Barcelona at Girona, Course on poetic meter.  
1990, June: University of Rome, Summer School in Linguistics, Course in Phonology.  
1992, June: University of Ferrara, Visiting Professor.

1995, March: DIP.S.CO. (Dipartimento di Scienze Cognitive) San Raffaele Milano,  
Course in Phonology  
1995, July: Università di Roma, Summer School in Linguistics, Course in Phonology.  
1998, July: University of Genève, Intensive Phonology course at the General Linguistics  
Department.  
1998: University of Ferrara, Visiting Professor.  
1999, July: University of Utrecht, Visiting Professor.  
2000, July: Professor at the GLOW Summer School held in Mytilini, Greece.  
2001, October: Visiting Professor at the University of Patras, Greece, within the Erasmus  
program.  
2001- till present: scientific collaborator of the Cognitive Neuroscience Sector, at SISSA,  
Trieste.  
2004, October: Visiting Professor at the University of Patras, Greece, within the Erasmus  
program.  
2005: Visiting Professor for two months at the University of Potsdam, Kognitionswissensa.  
2005-2009: Visiting Professor at SISSA, Trieste. Cognitive Neuroscience Sector.

**Distinctions and honorary positions:**

1989-1993: President of GLOW (association of Generative Linguistics).  
1998: Chiara Fama Professor at the University of Ferrara (special appointment for  
outstanding scientific achievements)  
2006-2009: appointed at the Interdisciplinary Center Beniamino Segre of the Accademia  
dei Lincei to carry out a research on The development of linguistic capacities in  
humans.  
2008: elected member of the *Academia Europaea*.

**Organization of International Conferences at the following institutions:**

University of Amsterdam  
University of Göttingen  
University of Athens  
University of Utrecht  
University of Haifa (organized with W. Sandler)  
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University of Ferrara, ESF OMLL Workshop organized with L. Fadiga (Medical School)  
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**Member of the Editorial Board of:**

*Lingua*  
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**Reviewer for:**

*PNAS*  
*Journal of Memory and Language*  
*Language and Speech*

*Infancy*  
*Applied Psycholinguistics*  
*Cognition*  
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*Frontiers in Psychology*  
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**Member of Dissertation Committees:**

Autonomous University of Barcelona  
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SISSA, Trieste  
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**Recent Grants:**

2002-2005: OMLL on The Origin of Language, European Science Foundation, Principal Investigator.  
2005-2007: Interuniversity grant (COFIN) of the Italian Minister of Education and Research, Principal Investigator of the University of Ferrara.  
2005-2008: HFSP (Human Frontiers Scientific Program) grant RGP 68/2002, Member, CONTACT *Learning and development of Contextual Action* EC Funded NEST Project # 5010 (1/9/2005-31/8/2008).  
2005-2008: CEE Special Targeted Project CALACEI (contract 12778. NEST). Member.  
2007-2010: McDonnell Foundation grant 21002089, Member.  
2008-2010: Interuniversity grant (COFIN) of the Italian Minister of Education and Research, Principal Investigator, University of Milano-Bicocca.  
2011-2016: ERC Advanced Grant, PASCAL, grant agreement n° 269502 (FP7/2007-2013), Member.

**Languages:**

Italian: native  
English: fluent  
Dutch: fluent  
Greek: fluent  
French: quite good passive competence both oral and written  
Turkish: beginner

## Publications

### Books:

- Nespor, M. and L. Bafile (2008) *I suoni del linguaggio*. Bologna. Il Mulino.
- Nespor, M. and I. Vogel (2007) *Prosodic Phonology*. Berlin. Mouton De Gruyter.  
Originally published in 1986 (Dordrecht. Foris).
- Nespor, M. and D.J. Napoli (2004) *L'animale parlante*. Roma. Carocci. pp. 294.
- Kager, R., W. Zonneveld and M. Nespor (2003) (eds.) *Language Typology*. Special Issue of *The Linguistic Review*. 20. 2-4. pp. 392.
- Nespor, M. (1999) *Φωνολογία*. Athens. Patakis. pp. 312.
- Nespor, M. (ed.) (1996) Phonology between words and phrases. 2 Special Issues of *the Linguistic Review*. pp. 162- 416.
- Delfitto, D., F. Drijkoningen, A. Hulk and M. Nespor (eds.) (1996) *Proceedings of Going Romance 1994*. *Probus*. pp. 113-221.
- Nespor, M. and N. Smith (eds.) (1996) *Proceedings of HILP2*. pp. 251.
- Nespor, M. (1993) *Fonologia*. Bologna. il Mulino. pp. 348.
- Mascaró, J. and M. Nespor (eds.) (1990) *Grammar in Progress*. *GLOW* Essays for Henk van Riemsdijk. Foris Dordrecht. pp. 461.
- Nespor, M. and I. Vogel (1986) *Prosodic Phonology*. Foris: Dordrecht. pp. 327.
- Nespor, M. (eds.) (1978) On Phonology and Phonetics. *The Journal of Italian Linguistics*. Foris. Dordrecht. pp. 119.
- Nespor, M. (1977) *Some syntactic structures of Italian and their relationship to the phenomenon of Raddoppiamento Sintattico*. Ph.D. dissertation. Distributed by Ann Arbor Microfilms International. pp. 137.

## Articles:

- Langus, A. and M. Nespór (in press) On the nature of word order regularities. In H. van Riemsdijk and M. van Oostendorp (eds.) *Representing structure in phonology and syntax*. Berlin. Mouton de Gruyter.
- Langus, A., R. Mazuka and M. Nespór (under review) Cross-situational learning of Order and Morphology.
- Langus, A., A. Saksida, J. Mehler, M. Nespór (under review) The Unbearable Lightness of Memory
- Langus, A., S. Seyed Allaei, E. Uysal, S. Primordian, J.M. Toro, R.A. Bion, M. Nespór (under review) What do we perceive natively?
- Langus, A., A. Saksida, D. Braidá, R. Marcucci, M. Sala, M. Nespór (submitted) Innate object and movement representations.
- Peña, M., A. Langus, C. Gutierrez, D. Huepe and M. Nespór (submitted) I see what you mean: syntax on your lips.
- Guellaï, B., A. Langus and M. Nespór (submitted) Prosody in the hands of the speaker.
- Marno, H., A. Langus, A. Goksel, S. Seyed-Allaei and M. Nespór (submitted) Word order preference with a new lexicon.
- Ordin, M. and M. Nespór (submitted) Cross-linguistic differences in the use of durational cues for the segmentation of a novel language.
- Ordin, M. and M. Nespór (submitted) Native language influence in the segmentation of a novel language
- Saksida, A., A. Langus and M. Nespór (submitted) Co-occurrence statistics as a language dependent cue for speech segmentation.
- Hochmann, J-R, S. Benavides-Varela, M. Nespór and J. Mehler (in progress) The Emergence of Representations of Consonants and Vowels.
- Gomez, D., D. Zuo, P. Mok, J. Mehler and M. Nespór (in progress) Consonants and vowels: their role in statistical segmentation of a tone language.
- Shukla, M. M. Nespór and J. Mehler (in progress) Grammar on a language map.
- Gómez, D., I. Berent, S. Benavides-Varela, R. Bion, L. Cattarossi, M. Nespór and J. Mehler (2014) Language universals at birth. *PNAS*, 111 (16), 5837-5841 (published ahead of print March 31, 2014, doi:10.1073/pnas.1318261111)
- Gervain, J., N. Sebastián-Gallés, B. Díaz, I. Laka, R. Mazuka, N. Yamane, M. Nespór and J. Mehler (2013) Word frequency cues word order in adults: cross-linguistic evidence. *Frontiers in Language Sciences*, 4 (00689). (DOI=10.3389/fpsyg.2013.00689)
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- Ordin, M. and M. Nespór (2013) Transition probabilities and different levels of prominence in segmentation. *Language Learning* 63(4), 800-834. DOI: 10.1111/lang.12024
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## Conferences

- V Symposium on Romance Languages. 1975. Ann Arbor, Michigan
  - *Superficially illogical 'non'*

- SLI 1975. Roma
  - *Negazione nelle comparative*
- Congress of Generative Grammar. 1976. Padova
  - *The syntax and semantics of si and no*
- Nederlandse Taal dag 1976. Amsterdam
  - *Negation in comparative clauses*
- Acoustic Society of America 1977
  - *Segment and word durational correlates of syntactic boundaries in Italian*
- GLOW 1978. Amsterdam
  - *Stress retraction in Italian*
- LSA Winter Meeting 1978. Boston
  - *An interaction between stress and length in Italian*
- LSA Winter Meeting 1979. Los Angeles
  - *External sandhi rules and syntax in Italian*
- The Perception of Language. Accademia della Crusca. 1980. Firenze
  - *Prosodic hierarchies and speech perception*
- Taalkundige Romanistendag 1981. Utrecht
  - *The relation between syntactic and prosodic structure in Italian*
- Congress in Generative Grammar. 1982. Torino
  - *Prosodic domains of external sandhi rules*
  - *Empty elements and phonological form*
- Phonetics Institute of C.N.R. Padova 1982
  - *Prosodic versus syntactic constituents*
- University of Nijmegen 1982
  - *The structure of the adjective phrase in Italian*
- Symposium on Prosody. Maison des sciences de l' Homme. 1983 Paris
  - *Prosodic structure above the word*
- Seminar of Z.W.O. Workshop on 'Nonsegmental Phonology'. 1983 Amsterdam
  - *The phonological word*
- International Congress of Phonetic Sciences. 1983 Utrecht
  - *The phonological word in Greek and Italian*
- University of Venice 1983
  - *Proprietà formali in fonologia e sintassi*
- Seminar of Z.W.O. Workshop on 'Features in Syntax' 1983
  - *Features in the different grammatical components*
- University of Amsterdam 1983
  - *Phonetically null elements and phonological form*
- Workshop on Levels of Grammatical Representation. 1983 Marseilles
  - *Phonetically null elements and phonological form.*
- Conference in Greek Linguistics. Università Aristotelica di Salonicco 1985
  - *αποδιπλασιασμος στα Ελληνικα.*
- Max Planck Institut fur Psycholinguistik 1986 Nijmegen.
  - *On fast speech rules.*
- Università di Utrecht 1986
  - *The meter of the Commedia*
- University of Thessaloniki. 1986

- Ρυθμικά χαρακτηριστικά της Ελληνικής
- Seminar of Z.W.O. Workshop. Wassenaar-Leiden 1986
  - *Vowel Degemination and Fast Speech Rules*
- University of Amsterdam. Phonology Meeting 1987
  - *Reactions to clashes*
- GLOW 1987. Venice
  - *Reactions to stress clash and phonological constituents.*
- Workshop in Phonology. Scuola Normale Superiore. 1987 Cortona
  - *On fast speech rules*
- University of Essex. The Logical Problem of Language Acquisition. 1988
  - *On the rhythm parameter in phonology*
- Congress in Generative Grammar. Florence. 1988
  - *Fonologia prosodica e fonologia ritmica*
- GLOW 1988. Budapest
  - *On the separation of purely linguistic phonology and rhythmic phonology*
- University of Barcelona. 1988 (invited speaker)
  - *Osservazioni sul metro della Commedia*
- II Conference on Laboratory Phonology. Università di Edimburgo. 1989 (invited speaker)
  - *Discussione critica della sessione: Speech Rate and Temporal Organization*
- Institute of Psycholinguistics Max Plank, Nijmegen, 1989 (invited speaker)
  - Workshop: "When words happen to be phrases"
    - *Vowel deletion in Italian and the organization of the phonological component*
- Scuola Normale Superiore. Cortona. 1990 The Second Phonology Workshop
  - *On Troncamento in Italian and the organization of the grammar*
- European Science Foundation. Il Ciocco. 1991 (invited speaker)
  - *Stress domains*
  - *The phonology of clitic groups*
- SISSA Workshop on Cognitive Sciences. 1991 (invited speaker)
  - *Phrasal Phonology*
- Maison des Sciences de l'Homme. Parigi. 1992 (invited speaker)
  - *On clitic groups*
- Coimbra Phonology Conference. 1993 (invited speaker)
  - *Phonology between words and phrases*
- University of Thessaloniki. 1994 (invited speaker)
  - *Phonology between words and phrases*
  - *Stress domains in Greek compounds*
- Maison des Sciences de l'Homme. Paris. 1994 (invited speaker)
  - *The role of prosody for the acquisition of syntax*
- ABRALIN I International Conference. 1994. San Salvodaor. Bahia (invited speaker)
  - *The phonology of compounds*
  - *The role of the phonological phrase for syntactic access*
- Berlin Conference on Interfaces in Phonology. 1995 (invited speaker)
  - *Prosodic bootstrapping of word order*
- GLOW 1995. Tromsø
  - *What can infants learn from prosodic phonology?*
- SISSA Workshop on Processing consequences of contrastive phonologies. 1995

- (invited speaker)
    - *Selecting word order*
- Conference on Interfaces. Oporto. 1995 (invited speaker)
  - *An overview of the Syntax-Phonology interface*
  - *Selecting word order: the rhythmic activation principle*
- University of Siena. 1996 (invited speaker)
  - *La sillaba come unità fonologica*
- University of Utrecht. 1996. (invited speaker)
  - *Phonology-free Syntax*
- University of Tilburg. 1996. (invited speaker)
  - *Homophony and Phonology-free Syntax*
- University of Ginevra. 1997. (invited speaker)
  - *Phrasal prominence and the development of language*
- GLOW Conference at Rabat. 1997
  - *Bootstrapping the head-complement parameter at a prelexical stage*
- University of Haifa. 1997. Conference on the prosody of Sign Languages (organized by M. Nespor and W. Sandler)
  - *The prosody of Israeli Sign Language*
- University of Swarthmore. 1998. (invited speaker)
  - *The Role of Prosodic Phonology in the Acquisition of Syntax*
- University of Siena. 1998. Workshop on Prosody. (invited speaker)
  - *Bootstrapping syntactic parameters through prosody*
- University of Lisbona. 1999. (invited speaker)
  - *On the bootstrapping of the head - complement parameter*
- University of Siena. 1999. Workshop on prosody. (invited speaker)
  - *On the bootstrapping of the head - complement parameter*
- University of Venice at San Servolo. 1999 Roundtable of the Sackler Institute Discussant
- University of Lisbon. 2000. Conference on Statistical Physics, Pattern Identification and Language Change (invited speaker)
  - *The Role of Prosodic Phonology in Grammar and Language Acquisition*
  - *Rhythmic classes*
- University of Verona. 2000 (invited speaker)
  - Round Table on Poetic Meter
- University of Pisa. 2000 (invited speaker)
  - *Setting syntactic parameters at the prelexical stage*
- University of Urbino. 2000 (invited speaker)
  - *Grammatica e Acquisizione del Linguaggio*
- Boğasiçi Universitesi. Istanbul. 2000. Workshop on Turkish Phonology.
  - *On focus and the bootstrapping of syntax*
- University of Utrecht. 2000. (invited speaker)
  - *On Rhythm and Rhythmic Classes*
- University of Barcelona. Workshop on Bilingualism
  - *On prominence in phrasal categories: consequences for bootstrapping*
- Athens Institute of Technology. 2000. (invited speaker)

- *On Grammar and Cognitive Sciences*
- Trieste. Riunione di Grammatica Generativa 2001
  - *Focus to stress alignment*
- Università di Firenze. 2001 (invited speaker)
  - On rhythm and bootstrapping.
- Keio University. 2001 (invited speaker)
  - *On prosody and language acquisition*
- OTS University of Utrecht. Phonology and Processing. 2001 (invited speaker)
  - *From rhythm to grammar*
- Bielefeld. Workshop on The Sciences of Complexity. 2001 (invited speaker)
  - *The rhythmic organization of language*
- Milan. University of Milan Bicocca. 2001 (invited speaker)
  - *Strategies for segmentation*
- Marseilles. Workshop on Early Phonological Acquisition. 2001 (invited speaker)
  - *From rhythm to grammar*
- Hyderabad. Workshop on The Architecture of Grammar. 2002 (invited speaker)
  - *On the division of labour between consonants and vowels*
- Berlin. Workshop on Early Language Acquisition 2002 (invited speaker)
  - *On the different functional role of vowels and consonants*
- Amsterdam. Annual Meeting of the Speech Therapists Society. 2002 (invited speaker for the plenary session)
  - *The role of rhythm in language acquisition; with particular reference to developmental dyslexia and SLI*
- Trieste. Master di Giornalismo Scientifico. SISSA. Trieste. 2002.
  - *Un po' più che speculazioni sull'origine del linguaggio*
- Cochin, India. International Meeting on Neurology, Language and Cognition. ICCON. 2002. (invited speaker)
  - *Vowels and consonants in language acquisition and language disorders.*
- Bologna. First Meeting of Lingue e Linguaggio. 2003. 28.3 (invited speaker)
  - *On the notion of result in phonology.*
- Venezia . Incontro su: Neuropsicologia del linguaggio: aspetti clinici e sperimentali. 2003.11.4 (invited speaker)
  - *Vocali e consonanti nell'elaborazione e nell'acquisizione del linguaggio.*
- Atene. Athens Institute of Technology. 2003. 28.10 (invited speaker)
  - *A bit more than speculations on the origin of language.*
- Milano Bicocca. Dipartimento di Psicologia. 2003. 26.11 (invited speaker)
  - *Del diverso ruolo di vocali e consonanti nell'acquisizione della madrelingua.*
- London. Centre for Developmental Language Disorders and Cognitive Neuroscience. 2003. 5.11 (invited speaker)
  - *On the role of vowels and consonants in grammatical and lexical processing and acquisition.*
- San Servolo. Workshop on Symbols and Connections. 29-31 October 2004. (invited speaker)
  - *On the role of vowels and consonants in speech processing.*
- University of Patras. Graduate course in Phonology. 14-17 November 2004.
  - *Prosody and language acquisition*



- Tromsø. OCP2 - The Old World Conference in Phonology 2. 20-22 January 2005.  
(invited speaker)
  - *Phonology in different mechanisms of language acquisition*
- Paris. ESF OMLL Workshop on Early Word Segmentation. February 2005.
  - *Phonological differences in word segmentation*
- RIKEN Brain Science Institute. 28 March 2005 (invited speaker)
  - *On vowels and consonants in language processing and acquisition*
- Ferrara. ESF OMLL Workshop on The phylogeny and Ontogeny of Language. 2-4 June 2005.
  - *Differential acquisition of lexicon and grammar*
- New Delhi. Asia GLOW October 2005.
  - *Differential mechanisms in the acquisition of lexicon and grammar.*
- Potsdam. Center for Cognitive Studies. November 2005.
  - *Phonology in language acquisition mechanisms*
- Boca Raton. Department of Psychology. February 2006. (invited speaker)
  - *Differential learning of lexicon and grammar*
- Ferrara. CONTACT Conference May 2006. (invited speaker)
  - *What the sound of language might tell the infant's brain*
- Utrecht. Sound Circle. May 2006. (invited speaker)
  - *What the sound of language might tell the infant's brain*
- Trieste. SISSA May 2006 (invited speaker)
  - *What the sound of syntax might tell the infant's brain*
- Trieste. SISSA September 2006
  - *The acquisition of syntax and the iambic trochaic law*
- Milano. Università Vita Salute, Ospedale San Raffaele January 2007
  - *Fonologia e acquisizione del linguaggio*
- Rhodes. OCP4. January 2007
  - *Setting the head-complement parameter?*
- Utrecht OTS. April 2007. Birdsong, Speech and Language: Converging Mechanisms. (invited speaker)
  - *What the sound of syntax can tell the infant's brain*
- Bologna May 2007. On the Biology Genetics of Music
  - *On the function of rhythm in language acquisition*
- Istanbul, Bogasici University. May 2007. Workshop on the prosody of Sign Languages. (invited speaker)
  - *Different realization of prominence in OV and VO*
- Lecce, June 2007. Is a neural theory of language possibile?
  - *Rhythm and language acquisition*
- Iannina IGGL8 Aug. 2007
  - *The function of prosody in the acquisition of language*
- Barcelona GALA Sept. 2007 (invited speaker)
  - *The function of prosody in the acquisition of language*
- Amsterdam. Going Romance. December 2007 (invited speaker)
  - *Rhythmic and distributional regularities in the acquisition of word order*
- Rome. December 2007. ESF OMLL Final Conference
  - *Rhythmic and distributional regularities in the acquisition of word order*

- Sydney. MARCS Auditory Labs February 2008 (invited speaker)
  - *The function of prosody in the acquisition of language*
- Venice. Fondazione Querini Stampalia. May 2008 (invited speaker)
  - *E' il suono che fa la poesia*
- Utrecht. ESPP June 2008 (invited speaker)
  - *Mechanisms of early language acquisition*
- Utrecht. EMLAR November 2008 (invited speaker)
  - *Different mechanisms of early language acquisition*
- Barcelona. Opening lecture. *Cognitive Science and Language master*. November 2008
  - *Communication and grammar do not rely on the same cognitive system*
- Buenos Aires. December 2008. Departamento de Fisica. FCEN-UBA
  - Invited Series of lectures: *From Sounds to Grammar*
- Sydney. MARCS Auditory Labs February 2010 (invited speaker)
  - *Cognitive systems struggling for word order*
- Patras. PCGL. June 2010 (keynote speaker)
  - *Different cognitive systems struggling for word order*
- Paris. Laboratoire Psychologie de la Perception. June 2010 (invited speaker)
  - *Different cognitive systems struggling for word order*
- San Sebastian June 2010 (invited speaker)
  - *Why SOV and SVO languages?*
- Barcelona September 2010 (invited speaker)
  - *Different cognitive systems struggling for word order*
- Lisbona. Frequency Patterns of Phonological Objects October 2010 (keynote speaker)
  - *Word order and the Iambic-Trochaic Law*
- The Latin America School for Education, Cognitive and Neural Sciences. San Pedro deAtacama, Chile. March 2011 (invited lecturer)
  - *What is Phonology and what is learned through it?*
- Pontignano. III Joint Workshop Rutgers-Siena on Cognitive Sciences. June 2011 (invited speaker)
  - *Cognitive systems struggling for word order.*
- Arezzo. Villa Salmi Workshop. July 2011 (invited speaker)
  - *Different cognitive systems struggling for word order.*
- Haifa. Israel Association for Theoretical Linguistics conference. October 2011 (keynote speaker)
  - *Communication and grammar do not rely on the same cognitive system*
- Milano. Centro di Audiologia. The listening brain (invited lecturer) novembre 2011
  - *Lo sviluppo del linguaggio nel bambino*
- MARCS Sydney (invited speaker) January 2012
  - *Perceptual biases in the chunking of auditory and visual sequences by infants and adults*
- McQuary Sydney (invited speaker) January 2012
  - *Perceptual biases in the chunking of auditory and visual sequences by infants and adults*
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong January 2012
  - *Communication and grammar do not rely on the same cognitive system*

- The Latin America School for Education, Cognitive and Neural Sciences. El Calafate, Argentina. March 2012 (invited lecturer)
  - *Phonology and Learning: Early (and late) language acquisition from the speech signal.*
- LPP Paris May 2012 invited speaker
  - *Order or Morphology?*
- The Latin America School for Education, Cognitive and Neural Sciences. Itacare, Bahia, Brazil, March 2013 (invited lecturer)
  - *Early and late language acquisition: both from the speech signal?*
- Good vibrations: Suono e comunicazione. Stazione zoologica Anton Dohrn, Napoli, October 2013
  - *La percezione del suono linguistico*
- The Latin America School for Education, Cognitive and Neural Sciences. Punta del Este, Uruguay, March 2014 (invited lecturer)
  - *Early and late language acquisition: both from the speech signal?*

### Work in progress

Project on different mechanisms in language acquisition. In collaboration with: Jacques Mehler (SISSA, Trieste), Marcela Peña (Pontificia Università Cattolica de Chile and SISSA, Trieste), Luca Bonatti (University Pompeu Fabra, ICREA, Barcelona), Mohinish Shukla (University of Rochester), Judit Gervain (CNRS, Paris), Ansgar Endress (MIT) Bahia Guellai (SISSA, Trieste and University of Paris West).

Project on rhythmic classes. In collaboration with Jacques Mehler (SISSA, Trieste), Mohinish Shukla (University of Rochester).

Project on the iambic-trochaic law. In collaboration with Ricardo Bion (Stanford), Marcela Peña (Pontificia Università Cattolica de Chile and SISSA, Trieste), Alan Langus (SISSA, Trieste), Bahia Guellai (SISSA, Trieste and University of Paris West).

Project on gestures accompanying language. In collaboration with: Bahia Guellai (SISSA, Trieste and University of Paris West) and Alan Langus (SISSA, Trieste).

Project on the acquisition of objects and movements. In collaboration with: Alan Langus (SISSA) and Amanda Saksida (SISSA).

Project on the linguistic abilities of cochlear implanted children. In collaboration with Alan Langus (SISSA, Trieste), Ricardo Bion (Stanford), Maria Teresa Guasti (University of Milano Bicocca), Alessandro Martini (University of Padova), Patrizia Trevisi (University of Padova).

Project on the VSO word order and the cognitive factors that influence it. In collaboration with Alan Langus (SISSA, Trieste).

Project on the factors triggering the two main word orders: SOV and SVO In collaboration with Alan Langus (SISSA, Trieste) and Hanna Marno (SISSA, Trieste).

Project on the acquisition of gender and number morphology In collaboration with Alissa Ferry (SISSA, Trieste), Jacques Mehler (SISSA, Trieste).

- Project of the Iambic-Trochaic Law and second language acquisition. In collaboration with Ana Flò and Andrea Junyent.
- Project on the functional difference between vowels and consonants. In collaboration with: Jacques Mehler (SISSA, Trieste), Luca Bonatti (University Pompeu Fabra, ICREA, Barcelona), Jean-Rémy Hochmann (Harvard).
- Project on the frequency of distribution of close and open class items. In collaboration with: Jacques Mehler (SISSA, Trieste), Judit Gervain (Université Descartes, Paris).