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CURRENT POSITION

May 2021 - Associate Professor at the Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL), Bergen (Norway).

Head of the “Sign language, interpreting, linguistics and communication” research group at the Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (since August 2022).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

November 2023 Pompeu Fabra University
Visiting researcher.

April 2023 Georg-August-Universität Göttingen
Visiting researcher ([LinG Conversations](#)).

September 2020 – April 2021 Pompeu Fabra University
Visiting researcher.

December 2018 – August 2020 Pompeu Fabra University
Postdoctoral researcher (Project "MINECO/FEDER, UE-FFI2015-68594-P "The grammar of reference in Catalan Sign Language").

August 2019-February 2020;
July-August 2020 SIGN-HUB project manager (Grant agreement ID: 693349).

2016 – 2020 SIGN-HUB project collaborator (<https://thesignhub.eu/>)
Tasks: creation of experimental assessment tools and data analysis for lexical tasks (Catalan Sign Language, French Sign Language, Italian Sign Language) and syntactic tasks (Catalan Sign Language); grammar writing of Catalan Sign Language.

EDUCATION

2014 – 2018 Ph.D. in Linguistics, Pompeu Fabra University (UPF).
Dissertation: Coordination and gapping in Catalan Sign Language (LSC). (Evaluation: Excellent Cum Laude).

September – December 2015 Visiting student at University of Massachusetts of Amherst (UMass) under the supervision of professor Vincent Homer.

- September – December 2013 Master in Linguistique Théorique et Descriptive (LTD) at University Paris 8 in collaboration with LingMaster at ENS (École Normale Supérieure), Paris.
- 2011 – 2013 MA in Theoretical Linguistics, Ca' Foscari University of Venice. (Evaluation: 110/110).
Thesis: Role Shift in LSF (Langue de Signes Française).
- September 2012 – June 2013 ERASMUS program in partnership with Université Paris VIII and Institut Jean-Nicod, Pavillon Jardin École Normale Supérieure in Paris, France, as MA student at Ca' Foscari University of Venice.
- 2007 – 2011 BA in Languages and Language Sciences – Linguistics applied to Deafness and Language Impairments, Ca' Foscari University of Venice. (Evaluation: 108/110).
Thesis: La ristrutturazione in LIS. Uno studio preliminare.

PUBLICATIONS

Papers

Zorzi, G., Aristodemo, V., Giustolisi, B., Hauser, C., Donati, C., and Cecchetto, C. (2023). Assessing Lexical and Syntactic Comprehension in Deaf Signing Adults. *The Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education*, enad022, <https://doi.org/10.1093/deafed/enad022>

Zorzi, G., Giustolisi, B., Aristodemo, V., Cecchetto, C., Hauser, C., Quer, J., Sánchez Amat, J., and Donati, C. (2022). On the reliability of the notion of native signer and its risks. *Frontiers in Psychology* 13:716554. <https://doi:10.3389/fpsyg.2022.716554>

Aristodemo, V., Giustolisi, B., Zorzi, G., Gras, D., Hauser, C., Sala, R., Sánchez Amat, J., Donati, C., and Cecchetto, C. (2022). On the nature of role shift: insights from a comprehension study in different populations of LIS, LSC and LSF signers. *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11049-022-09539-0>

Blunier, D., and Zorzi, G. (2021). Catalan Sign Language ellipsis, role shift, and the QUD. *FEAST. Formal and Experimental Advances in Sign language Theory* 4: 25-37. <https://doi.org/10.31009/FEAST.i4.03>

Hauser, C., Zorzi, G., Aristodemo, V., Giustolisi, B., Gras, D., Sala, R., Sánchez Amat, J., Cecchetto, C., and Donati, C. (2021). Asymmetries in relative clause comprehension in three European sign languages. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 6(1): 72. 1–36. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.1454>

Zorzi, G. (2020). Coordinació conjuntiva, disjuntiva i adversativa en llengua de signes catalana (LSC). Dossier: “Darrers avenços en la recerca sobre la llengua de signes catalana (LSC) / Recent advances in research on Catalan Sign Language (LSC)”. [Revista d'Estudis Catalans / Zeitschrift für Katalanistik](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11049-022-09539-0) 34: 79-109.

Zorzi, G. (2019). Coordination and gapping in Catalan Sign Language. *Sign Language & Linguistics* 22: 1. <https://doi.org/10.1075/sll.00031.zor>

Zorzi, G. (2018). Coordination in Catalan Sign Language: a syntactic account for conjunction. FEAST 2: 132-142. <https://doi.org/10.31009/FEAST.i2.11>

Zorzi, G. (2018). Gapping vs VP-ellipsis in Catalan Sign Language. FEAST 1: 70-81. <https://doi.org/10.2436/20.8050.03.7>

Book chapters

Zorzi, G. (2020). Lexicon: 3.9. Conjunctions. In Quer, Josep and Gemma Barberà (eds.), *A Grammar of Catalan Sign Language (LSC)*. 1st ed. (SIGN-HUB Sign Language Grammar Series). (<https://thesignhub.eu/>)

Zorzi, G. (2020). Syntax: 2.5. Clausal ellipsis. In Quer, Josep and Gemma Barberà (eds.), *A Grammar of Catalan Sign Language (LSC)*. 1st ed. (SIGN-HUB Sign Language Grammar Series). (<https://thesignhub.eu/>)

Zorzi, G. (2020). Syntax: 3.1. Coordination of clauses. In Quer, Josep and Gemma Barberà (eds.), *A Grammar of Catalan Sign Language (LSC)*. 1st ed. (SIGN-HUB Sign Language Grammar Series). (<https://thesignhub.eu/>)

Veiga Busto, R. and Zorzi, G. (2020.) Syntax: 4.4. Quantifiers. In Quer, Josep and Gemma Barberà (eds.), *A Grammar of Catalan Sign Language (LSC)*. 1st ed. (SIGN-HUB Sign Language Grammar Series). (<https://thesignhub.eu/>)

Zorzi, G. (2020). Syntax: 4.5. Adjectives. In Quer, Josep and Gemma Barberà (eds.), *A Grammar of Catalan Sign Language (LSC)*. 1st ed. (SIGN-HUB Sign Language Grammar Series). (<https://thesignhub.eu/>)

Manuscript

Zorzi, G. 2018. *Coordination and gapping in Catalan Sign Language (LSC)*. Dissertation. Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF). <http://hdl.handle.net/10803/665045>

INVITED TALKS

Zorzi, G. (2023). [Workshop at LinG Conversations](#). 19-21 April 2023. Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (Germany).

Blunier, D. and Zorzi, G. (2020). ‘Ellipsis, indexicals and role shift in Catalan Sign Language: the role of QUD’. GLiF seminar, Pompeu Fabra University. October 29, 2020.

Navarrete-González, A. and Zorzi, G. (2019). ‘The role of contrast in coordination and subordination in Catalan Sign Language’. University of the Basque Country / Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea. Vitoria-Gasteiz (Spain). May 13, 2019.

Zorzi, G. (2019). ‘Gapping in Catalan Sign Language (LSC)’. CLT Seminar, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), Barcelona (Spain). January 11, 2019.

Zorzi, G. (2018). ‘Coordination and Gapping in Catalan Sign Language’. CreteLing Summer School workshop "Sign language grammars through the formal and experimental glass". University of Crete, Rethymon. July 25, 2018.

Sánchez Amat, J. and Zorzi, G. (2017). 'SIGN-HUB: Online Sign Language Assessment Tools'. Workshop on Assessing Sign Language in clinical and classroom environment: learning from experience exchange, Istituto Statale per Sordi di Roma, Rome (Italy). November 9-11, 2017.

CONFERENCES

Plenary presentations

Navarrete-González, A. and Zorzi, G. (2024). 'Marking sentence types in Catalan Sign Language: coordination and subordination'. Workshop on Clause-type marking in the visual modality at the 46th Annual Conference of the German Linguistic Society (DGfS). February 28 - March 01, 2024. Ruhr University Bochum, Germany.

Zorzi, G., Saltnes Urdal, G. H., Raanes, E., Mesch, J. (2023). 'Use of haptic communication by interpreters in tactile Norwegian Sign Language'. Hapticconf 2023: Conference on Social-Haptic Communication. September 4-5, 2023. Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy.

Zorzi, G., Saltnes Urdal, G. H., Raanes, E., Mesch, J. (2023). 'The use of depiction when interpreting to tactile Norwegian Sign Language'. Norwegian research conference on signed languages and deaf communities. February 6-7, 2023. Trondheim, Norway.

Quer, J. and Zorzi G. (2023). 'Subject and object *wh*-questions with two animate arguments in Catalan Sign Language (LSC)'. Workshop on Interrogatives and Imperatives in the Visual Modality. University of Amsterdam. May 16-17, 2023

Zorzi, G., Saltnes Urdal, G. H., Raanes, E., Mesch, J. (2023). 'The use of depiction when interpreting to tactile Norwegian Sign Language'. Norwegian research conference on signed languages and deaf communities. February 6-7, 2023. Trondheim, Norway.

Zorzi, G., Giustolisi, B., Aristodemo, V., Hauser, C., Donati, C. and Cecchetto, C. (2022). 'Sign language assessment in deaf adults in clinical settings and the role of age of exposure'. 31st Colloquium on Generative Grammar – Workshop on Language acquisition in typical and atypical populations, Palma de Mallorca. June 1-3, 2022.

Blunier, D. & Zorzi, G. (2021) 'Catalan Sign Language ellipsis, role shift, and the QUD'. FEAST 2021HK. June 1-4, 2021.

Blunier, D. & Zorzi, G. (2020) 'The role of QUD in ellipsis and role shift in Catalan Sign Language'. Graz QUD workshop - QUDs and exhaustivity: experiments, computation, and theory. September 25-26, 2020.

Giustolisi, B., Aristodemo, V., Donati, C., Zorzi, G., Sánchez Amat, J., Gras, D., Hauser, C., Sala, R., Cecchetto, C. (2020). 'Age of acquisition matters. Effects of age of first sign language exposure in role-shift processing in three different sign languages (LIS, LSC and LSF)'. FEAST 2020. June 23-25, 2020.

Hauser, C., Zorzi, G., Aristodemo, V., Giustolisi, B., Gras, D., Sala, R., Sánchez Amat, J., Cecchetto, C., Donati, C. (2020). 'The effect of age of acquisition in relative clauses across sign languages'. FEAST 2020. June 23-25, 2020.

- Zorzi, G. (2019) ‘Strict reading in stripping under Role-Shift in Catalan Sign Language’. ReSSP. Olot (Spain). October 10-13, 2019.
- Zorzi, G., and Sánchez Amat, J. (2019) ‘La comprensione delle domande wh “chi” e “quale” nella Lingua dei Segni Catalana’. Workshop VaLiVoLiS. Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, Venice (Italy). October 10-11.
- Sánchez Amat, J., and Zorzi, G. (2019) ‘Validazione degli stimoli nelle prove lessicali di valutazione del progetto SIGN-HUB per la Lingua dei Segni Catalana e per la Lingua dei Segni Spagnola’. Workshop VaLiVoLiS. Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, Venice (Italy). October 10-11.
- Navarrete-González, A. and Zorzi, G. (2018) ‘Coordination vs subordination: Marking contrast in Catalan Sign Language’. RALFe 2018 - Rencontres d’Automne de Linguistique Formelle. CNRS - UPS Pouchet, Paris (France). December 6-7, 2018.
- Giustolisi B., Checchetto, A., Zorzi, G., Cecchetto, C. (2018) ‘La batteria Sign-Hub per la valutazione della Lingua dei Segni Italiana’. IV Convegno Nazionale LIS. ENS, Rome (Italy). November 9-11, 2018.
- Zorzi, G., Sánchez Amat, J., Giustolisi, B. (2018) ‘Minimal pairs as phonological distractors in a comprehension task in sign languages’. Linguistics Beyond and Within 2018 (LingBaw). John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin. October 18–19, 2018.
- Zorzi, G. (2018) ‘ ϕ -features mismatch in gapping in Catalan Sign Language’. Workshop on form-meaning-mismatches in natural language (FMM2018). University of Göttingen. August 3-4, 2018.
- Zorzi, G. (2018) ‘Coordination in Catalan Sign Language: CoP’. GLiF seminar. Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona. June 21, 2018.
- Zorzi, G. (2017) ‘Head-final languages gapping forward: right-branching coordination across modalities’. Colloque de Syntaxe et sémantique à Paris (CSSP). École Normale Supérieure, Paris (France). November 23-25, 2017.
- Zorzi, G. (2017) ‘ ϕ -features mismatch in gapping in Catalan Sign Language (LSC)’. SIGGRAM workshop. Universidad del País Vasco / Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea. Vitoria-Gasteiz (Spain). October 5-6, 2017.
- Zorzi, G. (2017) ‘Gapping vs VP-ellipsis in Catalan Sign Language (LSC)’. Formal and Experimental Advances in Sign Language Theory (FEAST). University of Iceland, Reykjavik. June 21-22, 2017.
- Zorzi, G. (2017) ‘Gapping and VP-ellipsis in Catalan Sign Language (LSC)’. UR-Ling workshop. Pompeu Fabra University. June 15, 2017.
- Zorzi, G. (2017) ‘Gapping in Catalan Sign Language (LSC): like VP-ellipsis?’. Incontro di Grammatica Generativa (IGG43), Pavia (Italy). February 16-17, 2017.
- Zorzi, G. (2016) ‘Prosody of gapping in LSC’. SIGGRAM workshop. Universidad de Alcalá (Spain). April 7-8, 2016.
- Zorzi, G. (2015) ‘Asyndetic coordination in LSC: conjunction and disjunction’. UR-Ling workshop. Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona (Spain). June 15, 2015.

Zorzi, G. & Geraci, C. (2013) 'MovImperatives and imperatives in LSF'. COST Workshop on imperatives in SL. Istanbul, Turkey.

Poster presentations

2021

Zorzi, G. & Blunier, D. (2020) 'Indexicals under ellipsis and role-shift in Catalan Sign Language'. 46th Incontro di Grammatica Generativa (IGG46), Siena (Italy). February 25-27, 2021.

2020

Annucci, C., Hauser, C., Sánchez Amat, J., Aristodemo, V., Zorzi, G., Giustolisi, B., Gras, D., Cecchetto, C., Donati, C. (2020) Assessing lexical competences in European sign languages. FEAST 2020. June 23-25, 2020.

2019

Zorzi, G. (2019) 'The use of TOO in gapping in Catalan Sign Language'. TISLR, Hamburg (Germany). September 26-28, 2019.

Zorzi, G., Sánchez Amat, J., Giustolisi, B. (2019) 'Testing similarity to confirm the use of minimal pairs and phonologically related signs as phonological distractors in a comprehension task'. TISLR, Hamburg (Germany). September 26-28, 2019.

Zorzi, G. (2019) 'ALSO vs TOO in gapping in Catalan Sign Language'. Incontro di Grammatica Generativa (IGG45), Padova (Italy). February 21-23, 2019.

2018

Zorzi, G., Sánchez Amat, J., Giustolisi, B. (2018) 'Minimal pairs and phonologically related signs as phonological distractors in a comprehension task'. Sign Language Acquisition and Assessment (SLAAC). Haifa, Israel. November 19-21, 2018.

Zorzi, G. (2018) 'Coordination in Catalan Sign Language: CoP'. FEAST 2018. Venice (Italy). June 18-20, 2018.

Zorzi, G. (2018) 'Identity in meaning in gapping: mismatch in manner adverb incorporation'. CGG28. Tarragona (Spain). May 31-June 1, 2018.

Zorzi, G. (2018) 'Mismatch in gapping: ϕ -features in Catalan Sign Language'. Glow 41 Sign Language Workshop. Budapest, Hungary. April 14, 2018.

2017

Zorzi, G. (2018) 'Mind the gap: gapping vs VP-ellipsis in Catalan Sign Language (LSC)'. LOT Summer School poster session. Leiden (The Netherlands). June 26, 2017.

TEACHING

2023-24

Intro to linguistics (within TST111 *Norwegian Sign Language I*) at Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL), Bergen. Taught in Norwegian.

Intro to sign language linguistics (within TST112 *Norwegian Sign Language II*) at HVL, Bergen. Taught in Norwegian.

BA thesis (TST350) at HVL, Bergen. Taught in Norwegian.

Co-teaching of *Interpreting and accompanying people with combined vision and hearing impairment/deafblindness* (TST313) at HVL.

2022-23

Intro to linguistics (within TST111 *Norwegian Sign Language I*) at Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL), Bergen.

Intro to sign language linguistics (within TST112 *Norwegian Sign Language II*) at HVL, Bergen

BA thesis (TST350) at HVL, Bergen.

Co-teaching of *Deaf culture, history and language* (TST113) at HVL, Bergen.

Co-teaching of *Interpretation to/from Norwegian and Norwegian Sign Language* (within TST211) at HVL – work in collaboration with a deaf Norwegian Sign Language expert.

COIL collaboration for the course *Sign language cross-linguistic studies using corpora* (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany; Stockholm University, Sweden; Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Brazil; Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, Norway). April-June 2023.

2021-22

Intro to linguistics (within TST111 *Norwegian Sign Language I*) at Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL), Bergen.

Intro to sign language linguistics (within TST112 *Norwegian Sign Language II*) at HVL, Bergen

2017

Syntax (MA seminar – Teacher Assistant) at Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona.

Structure of the languages (BA seminar – Teacher Assistant) at Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona

2015 - 2017

Linguistics (BA seminar – Teacher Assistant) at Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona.

Linguistic Analysis and Corpus (BA seminar – Teacher Assistant) at Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona.

2012

General Linguistics (tutor for Deaf students using LIS) at University Ca' Foscari of Venice.

Summer/winter schools

Qualitative elicitation methods in sign language research at the winter school “Sign languages and linguistics in Geneva (SLLG)”. November 16-19, 2021, Université de Genève.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

May 2021-

BA and MA students supervision at Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL).

2019

Co-supervision with Josep Quer (ICREA-UPF) of an MA student from Ioannina University (Greece) during her MA internship at Pompeu Fabra University.

SERVICE

2023-2024

- Reviewer for NELS.
- Co-organizer of the [Silc seminars](#) at Western Norway University of Applied Sciences.
- Co-coordinating editor for the special issue “Classifier Handshape Choice in Sign Languages of the World” on Open Linguistics.

2022-2023

- Reviewer for FEAST23.
- Co-organizer of FEAST23 in the local committee.
- Organizer of the [Silc seminars](#) at Western Norway University of Applied Sciences.

2021-2022

- Reviewer for NELS and FEAST22.
- Reviewer for the book “Tegn-til-tale i barnehage og skole”, Inger Birgitte Torbjørnsen, Randi Neteland, Edit Bugge (Eds.). Universitetsforlaget.

2020-2021

- Reviewer for TISLR14.
- Reviewer for The Croatian Review of Rehabilitation Research (HRRI).

2019-

- Reviewer for Language & Linguistics.

2019-2020

- Reviewer for Glossa.
- Reviewer for CONSOLE 2021, TISLR13.
- Co-organizers of CONSOLE 2020 at Pompeu Fabra University (UPF).

2018-2019

- Organizer of the GLiF (“Grup de Lingüística Formal” in Catalan) seminars at Pompeu Fabra University (UPF).

2017- 2020

- Reviewer for ESSLLI StuS.

2016 - 2020

- Organizer of the Sign Language reading group at Pompeu Fabra University (UPF).
- Organizer of the LSC Lunch at Pompeu Fabra University (UPF).

2015

- Reviewer for ESSLLI StuS 2015.
- Part of the organizers for ESSLI 2015.
- Organizer of the UR-Ling workshop at UPF.

SCHOLARSHIPS

2017

‘Ricerca volta alla costruzione di materiali per test su competenza lessicale e grammaticale in lingue dei segni’. Università Milano Bicocca. (SIGN-HUB project collaboration, Task 2.3).

2014 – 2018

ClauseCombi2 MINECO, FFI2012-36238, BES2013062848.

SKILLS

Spoken languages: Italian (Native), Paduan Dialect (Native), English (Proficient), French (Proficient), Catalan (Proficient), Spanish (Intermediate), Norwegian (Intermediate).

Sign Languages: Italian Sign Language (Advanced), Tactile Italian Sign Language (Advanced), Catalan Sign Language (Advanced), Norwegian Sign Language (Advanced), French Sign Language (Basic), American Sign Language (Basic).

Communication: International Sign (Advanced).

Fieldwork: Italian Sign Language (LIS), Catalan Sign Language (LSC), French Sign Language (LSF), Norwegian Sign Language (NTS), tactile Norwegian Sign Language (tNTS), Haitian Creole.

Technical: ELAN, LATEX, Qualtrics, R, Python, Canvas.