

MELISSA DONATI

Education

Predoctoral Researcher
Mar 2023 -

BCBL – Basque Center for Language and Cognition
Advisor: Marina Kalashnikova, Olivera Savic
Bilingualism, Language Acquisition, Cortical tracking

**Master Clinical
Linguistics
I level**
Sep 2022 - Jun 2023

University of Bologna
Advisor: Dr. Gloria Gagliardi
Project work: Analysing Eating Disorder Discourse in the Italian TikTok
Community: a Corpus-based Approach
Grade: 30L/30

**MSc. Cognitive Science
[Double Degree]**
Sep 2020 – Oct 2022

CIMEC, University of Trento and Universität Osnabrück
Advisor: Dr. Carlo Strapparava and Dr. Elia Bruni
Dissertation: Phrasal Verbs in Distributional Semantics: a Cognitive Linguistic
Analysis
Grade: 110/110

**Master International
Marketing,
Communication and
Made in Italy**
Nov 2019 – May 2020

Fondazione Italia USA
Grade: 28/30

**Ba. Foreign Languages
and Literatures**
Sep 2016 – Oct 2019

University of Bologna
Advisor: Dr. Claudia Borghetti
Thesis: Insegnare il discorso riportato nella scrittura: un caso di studio sull'italiano
L2
Grade: 110L/110

**Erasmus + Internship
University College
Dublin**
Jan 2019 – Apr 2019

Internship
Teaching Assistant in Italian Language, Linguistics and Literature
Supervisor: Dr. Ursula Fanning

**High school Scientific
Diploma**
Sep 2011 - Jul 2016

Liceo Scientifico Niccolò Rodolico, Firenze
Grade: 100/100

Teaching Experience

Spring 2022
Spring 2019

Computational Linguistics (Tutoring) – Universität Osnabrück
Italian Language, Linguistics and Literature (Tutoring) – University College Dublin

Publications

Donati, M., Strapparava, C. (2023) "A cognitive linguistics analysis of phrasal verbs representation in distributional semantics." *In Proceedings of the Ninth Italian Conference on Computational Linguistics (CLiC-it 2023)*, Venice, November–December 2023. <https://clit2023.ilc.cnr.it/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/paper24.pdf>

Donati, M., Polidori, L., Vernillo, P., Gagliardi, G. (2023) "Building a corpus on Eating Disorders from TikTok: challenges and opportunities." *In Proceedings of the Ninth Italian Conference on Computational Linguistics (CLiC-it 2023)*, Venice, November–December 2023. <https://clit2023.ilc.cnr.it/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/short9.pdf>

Vernillo P., Donati M. & Gagliardi G. (2023), Metaphors and Anorexia Nervosa: A research study on TikTok Recovery Accounts. In IPAN - Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Anorexia Nervosa: Book of Abstracts. Bologna: University of Bologna, pp. 47-48. <https://amsacta.unibo.it/id/eprint/7248/>

Donati, M., Strapparava, C. (2022). CorEDs a Corpus on Eating Disorders. In *Proceedings of Language Resources and Evaluation Conference (LREC) 2022 Workshop on Resources and Processing Linguistic, Para-linguistic and Extra-linguistic Data from People with Various Forms of Cognitive/Psychiatric/Developmental Impairments (RaPID-4)* (pp. 80-85). <https://aphasia.talkbank.org/LREC2022-RaPID-4-Abstracts.pdf>

Conferences

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| June 25, 2022 | <i>Oral presentation: CorEDs: A Corpus on Eating Disorders</i>
RaPID-2022: Resources and Processing of linguistic, para-linguistic and extra-linguistic Data from people with various forms of cognitive/psychiatric/developmental impairments -within the 13th Language Resources and Evaluation Conference (pp. 80-85). |
| May 26, 2023 | <i>Poster: "Metaphors and Anorexia Nervosa: A research study on TikTok Recovery Accounts"</i>
(with P. Vernillo & G. Gagliardi) at IPAN - Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Anorexia Nervosa. University of Bologna |
| June 9, 2023 | <i>Poster: "Metafore e Anoressia Nervosa: uno studio su comunità italofone pro-ana"</i>
(with P. Vernillo & G. Gagliardi) at La comunicazione parlata 2023. I 20 anni del GSCP. Rome: Sapienza University. |
| June 29, 2023 | <i>Oral presentation: "Corpus linguistics nell'era dei social media: le nuove sfide poste da TikTok"</i>
(with P. Vernillo & G. Gagliardi) at Circolo Linguistico dell'Università di Bologna - CLUB DAY 2023 "Il metodo nella ricerca linguistica: sfide e soluzioni".
Bologna: University of Bologna |
| Jul 31 – Aug 11, 2023 | <i>Summer School: European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information</i>
University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Computer and Information Science |
| November 30, 2023 | <i>Poster: "Building a corpus on Eating Disorders from TikTok: challenges and opportunities"</i>
(with G. Gagliardi) at CLiC-it 2023, 9th Italian Conference on Computational Linguistics |
| December 01, 2023 | <i>Poster: "A Cognitive Linguistics analysis of Phrasal Verbs representation in Distributional Semantics"</i>
(with C. Strapparava) at CLiC-it 2023, 9th Italian Conference on Computational Linguistics |

Research products

Donati, M., Strapparava, C., 2022, CorEDs – Corpus on Eating Disorders, available for research purposes on request from the corresponding author [CS]

Donati, M., Vernillo, P., Polidori, L., Gagliardi G., 2023, RAC - Recovery from Ana/Anorexia Corpus, ILC-CNR for CLARIN-IT repository hosted at Institute for Computational Linguistics "A. Zampolli", National Research Council, Pisa"

Donati, M., Vernillo, P., Polidori, L., Gagliardi G., 2023, PAC - ProAna/Anorexia Corpus, ILC-CNR for CLARIN-IT repository hosted at Institute for Computational Linguistics "A. Zampolli", National Research Council, Pisa

Projects

MetaphAn: Semantic Biomarkers of Anorexia Nervosa
(<https://site.unibo.it/metaphan/en>)

How About Metaphors for Dinner? A Digest of Metaphorical Conceptualizations in Pro-Ana Communities
(<https://site.unibo.it/metaphan/en/connected-research-activities>)

SmartUni: a website-based service for students
(<https://smartuni.uos.de/about/> - <https://smartuni.pages.gwdg.de/documentation/>)

Languages

Italian – Native
English – Advanced
French – Intermediate
German – Elementary

Programming/Software

Python – Advanced
Django – Basic
R – Advanced
Latex – Advanced
SGML–XML – Intermediate
Praat – Advanced
ELAN – Advanced
Psycho-py – Advanced
Antconc/SketchEngine – Advanced

Certification and Courses

CEDILS	Certificate for Teaching Italian as a Second Language, University of Venice
IELTS	score: 8.5, level:C2

References

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