

# Maria Napoli

## *Curriculum vitae*

### BIO AND EDUCATION

I graduated from the University of Pisa in 1999 (M.A. in Classics, with a specialization in Linguistics, 110/110 *cum laude*). In 2000 I got a PhD scholarship at the University of Pisa and I received my PhD in Linguistics in 2003. Since 2003, I have taught Historical Linguistics, Sociolinguistics, General Linguistics, Applied Linguistics, Latin Language, Greek Grammar, Greek Linguistics at the University of Pisa, University of 'Siena Stranieri', 'Università Cattolica' (Milan) and University of Eastern Piedmont. I participated in many projects. I attended several international conferences, in some cases as an invited speaker. In March 2018, I was awarded the National Scientific Qualification (*Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale*) for Full Professor.

### UNIVERSITY CAREER

2018-	Associate Professor, Università del Piemonte Orientale
2011-2018	Assistant Professor, Università del Piemonte Orientale
2010-2011	Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in Linguistics, Università per Stranieri di Siena
2008-2010	Temporary Assistant Professor, Università telematica G. Marconi
2005-2007	Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in Linguistics, Università di Pisa

### UNIVERSITY POSITIONS

2019-	Member of the UPO Research Committee ( <i>Commissione Ricerca di Ateneo</i> ), Università del Piemonte Orientale
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2019-	Research Quality Assurance Manager ( <i>Responsabile della Qualità della Ricerca</i> ), Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici, Università del Piemonte Orientale
2015-2019	Member of the Committee coordinating advisory service for prospective students ( <i>Commissione Orientamento</i> ), Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici, Università del Piemonte Orientale
2013-2019	Member of the Joint Committee Professors-Students, Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici, Università del Piemonte Orientale
2013-2014	Member of the Committee for Quality Management, Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici, Università del Piemonte Orientale

### SCIENTIFIC POSITIONS

2020-2023	Editor in chief of <i>Folia Linguistica Historica</i> (De Gruyter, Berlin)
2020-2023	Member of the Executive Committee of the <i>Societas Linguistica Europaea</i> (SLE)
2016-	Member of the Program Committee of the <i>Societas Linguistica Europaea</i>
2016-	Member of the European Science Foundation College of Expert Reviewers
2015-	Member of the PhD School “Ecologia dei sistemi culturali e istituzionali”, Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici, Università del Piemonte Orientale
2015-	Member of the <i>Società di Linguistica Italiana</i>
2011-	Reviewer for collected volumes published by John Benjamins, Mouton de Gruyter and for the following Journals: <i>Linguistics</i> , <i>Archivio Glottologico Italiano</i> , <i>Journal of Greek Linguistics</i> , <i>Journal of Latin Linguistics</i> , <i>Journal of Historical Linguistics</i> , <i>Journal of Indoeuropean Linguistics</i> , <i>AION nuova serie</i> , <i>Testi e Linguaggi</i> , <i>Lingue e Linguaggi</i>
2010-	Member of the <i>Societas Linguistica Europaea</i>
2005-	Member of the <i>Società Italiana di Glottologia</i>
2005-2019	Editorial Assistant of the Journal <i>Studi e Saggi Linguistici</i> (Edizioni ETS, Pisa)

## **MAIN FIELDS OF INTEREST**

1. Linguistic change
2. Diachronic Typology
3. Syntax-Semantics Interface: the verb (aspect and argument structure)
4. Historical Sociolinguistics
5. Multilingualism in the ancient world

## **CURRENT ISSUES OF RESEARCH**

### **1. “Aspect and actionality in ancient languages”**

Since my M.A. thesis, I have dealt with the interaction between aspect and actionality with other verbal categories, such as tense, mood and voice, from a synchronic and a diachronic perspective. More specifically, I have investigated functional oppositions between imperfective and perfective aspect in Indo-European languages, verbal adjectives, participles and imperatives in Vedic, Greek and Latin, and constructions made up of the verb ‘have’ plus a participle in Latin and Hittite. I have also analyzed passive and impersonal constructions in Indo-European, Latin impersonal passive with a special focus on the relationship between telicity and agentivity, and, finally, pluractionality in Italian.

### **2. “The grammar of reference”**

My research interests include the cross-linguistic strategies used to express the category of referentiality, by focusing on its relationship with properties such as definiteness/indefiniteness, identifiability, specificity and discourse prominence. I have worked on the functions of definite and indefinite articles, and on their diachronic evolution in Greek, Latin and Old Italian.

### **3. “Syntax and semantics of ditransitive constructions”**

I have recently started to study verb argument structure from a typological approach. More specifically, I am concentrating on trivalent verbs giving rise to ditransitive constructions.

My current research concerns Latin ditransitives and takes into account the different types of syntactic constructions – or, in other terms, of alignments – associated with these verbs, their alignment alternations and splits, and their development in the Romance languages.

#### 4. “Strategies of intensification and evaluative morphology”

I am interested in the variety of strategies by which speakers denote intensification (in terms of both semantic and negative values), beside emphasis and vagueness, which are sometimes correlated to intensity itself, and in the role played by evaluative morphology within this functional dimension. As concerns this topic, I have examined nominal intensification in Latin, and intensification in Italian, with special regard to the superlative with *-issimo* and the morpho-syntactic expression of the notion of excess.

#### 5. “Textual bilingualism in Latin”

I was Principal Investigator of a project on “Textual Bilingualism in Latin” (TBL, 2015-2017). The aim of the project was to analyze phenomena resulting from contact between Greek and Latin in Late Latin literary texts. The first outcome of this project was the TBL corpus, made up of 50 texts belonging to different genres (from the 3<sup>th</sup> century AD to the 7<sup>th</sup> century AD), which have been annotated using a TEI language specific to textual bilingualism and created by our research team, thanks to an integrated approach based on the dialogue between linguistics, literature, philology and digital computing. Our main goal was to examine the different functions of written bilingual communication and to assess the degree of bilingualism in literary texts from a quantitative and qualitative point of view. The corpus is available online (<http://tbl.uniupo.it/>) and the users may freely search for “bilingual” phenomena at different levels of analysis.

#### FUNDED PROJECTS

PROGRAMME	FUNDED PROJECT
Compagnia di San Paolo Foundation 2014 ( <i>Call Excellent P1</i> )	<i>Textual Bilingualism in Latin</i> <a href="http://tbl.uniupo.it/">http://tbl.uniupo.it/</a> June 2015-June 2017

## TOP FIVE PAPERS

1. (2019) *Linguistica diacronica. La prospettiva tipologica*. Carocci, Roma.
2. (2017) *Ways to intensify: types of intensified meanings in Italian and German* (con Miriam Ravetto). In M. Napoli & M. Ravetto (eds.), *Exploring Intensification: synchronic, diachronic and cross-linguistic Perspectives* [SLCS 189]. Benjamins, Amsterdam/Philadelphia: 327-352.
3. (2013) *When the indefinite article implies uniqueness. A case study from Old Italian*. In “*Folia Linguistica*” 47/1: 183-236.
4. (2009) *Aspects of Definiteness in Greek*. In “*Studies in Language*” 33/3: 569-611.
5. (2006) *Aspect and Actionality in Homeric Greek. A Contrastive Analysis*. Franco Angeli, Milano.

## AWARDS

1. Italian FFBRA grant (*Fondo per il finanziamento delle attività di base di ricerca*, 5/12/2017).
2. Mobility grant 2016 within the “Mobility Grants” program of the University of Cologne, for a cooperation between young Italian and German researchers in the field of Linguistics.
3. “Young Researcher of the Year” Award, Università del Piemonte Orientale, Academic Year 2012-2013.
4. Italian *Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche* (CNR) grant (*Promozione della Ricerca 2004. Pubblicazione Opere e Periodici*) for the publication of the book *Aspect and Actionality in Homeric Greek. A contrastive analysis*, 2006, Franco Angeli, Milano.
5. Italian *Istituto Culturale Rotariano* grant (*Borsa di studio “Tristano Bolelli”*) for research in Linguistics (2003).

6. University of Pisa grant to attend a language course at the *Ruprecht-Karls-Universität*, Heidelberg (1997).
7. “Falcone-Borsellino” award (1996, High School).

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

In 2006, I was a Visiting Academic Researcher at the Department of Linguistics and English Language, University of Lancaster (UK). I have given invited talks at many universities, including, among others, the University of Cambridge UK (2007, 2013), Università di Napoli ‘Federico Secondo’ (2008), Universität Zürich (2009), University of Oslo (2010), Università di Pavia (2011), Università di Bologna (2012), Università di Verona (2014), Università di Padova (2016), Universität zu Köln (2016). I have organized two international conferences with Miriam Ravetto at the University of Eastern Piedmont: a conference on *Intensity, intensification and intensifying modification across languages*, Vercelli, November 5-6/2015 (financially supported by the Department of Humanities, the *Alexander von Humbolt Foundation* and the *Vercelli Cassa di Risparmio* Foundation); a workshop on *Bilingualism and language contact in the ancient and modern world*, December 1-2/2016, Vercelli (financially supported by the Department of Humanities and by *Compagnia di San Paolo* Foundation). I have also organized the international workshop on *The grammar of reference: functions, variation, and change*, May 13-14/2016, University of Cologne (with Klaus Von Heusinger and Chiara Gianollo, Institut für deutsche Sprache und Literatur I, Universität zu Köln).