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Current Position

Full Professor (Philosophy of Language and Linguistics), Facoltà di Psicologia, Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca

Education

University of Milan, Ph.D., 1996, Philosophy of Language
Title of the thesis: *Grammatica e Sintassi della Forma Logica*
(Grammar and the Syntax of Logical Form)

Diplôme d'Études Supérieures en Linguistique
(Université de Genève, 1994)
Title of the thesis: *Specificity and Some Other Stories*

University of Milan, B.A., 1991, Philosophy

Teaching Experience

University of Milan-Bicocca, "Introduction to sociolinguistics", "Advanced syntax" and "Sign language linguistics" (2004/2005)

University of Milan-Bicocca, "Introduction to philosophy of language" and "Introduction to linguistics" (2003/2004)

University of Tokyo, "The syntax of Logical Form" (Fall Term 2003)

University of Milan-Bicocca, "Introduction to philosophy of language" and "Introduction to linguistics" (2002/2003)

University of Milan-Bicocca, "Introduction to linguistics" (2001/2002)

University of Milan-Bicocca, "Introduction to linguistics" (2000/2001)
University of Siena, "History of Linguistics" (2000/2001)

UCLA (University of California at Los Angeles), "Topics in Italian Syntax" and "Introduction to Latin Structure" (Spring Term 2000)

University of Siena, "History of Linguistics" (1999/2000)

Glow Summer School, Themi (Greece), "Introduction to the Syntax/Semantics Interface" (1999)

DIPSCO, (Department of Cognitive Science), Istituto S. Raffaele, Milan (1996), "Introduction to Semantics"

Previous Grants/Fellowships/Positions

Elected member of "Board of Directors", Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca (2003-2006)

Short term fellowship of the "Japan Society for the Promotion of Science", Tokyo University, November - December 2003.

Research Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, University of Siena (October 1998 - September 1999)

Post-doc fellowship of the "Japan Society for the Promotion of Science", Kanda University of International Study, November 1997 - October 1998

Research fellowship, DIPSCO (Dipartimento di Scienze Cognitive *Department of Cognitive Science*), Istituto S. Raffaele, Milan, 1995-1997

"Fulbright Visiting Scholar", Harvard University, Department of Linguistics, September - December 1995.

Grant of the Fondazione Monte Tabor, Milan, December 1994 - August 1995

Grant of the Italian Ministry of Scientific Research, January 1992 - December 1994

Publications

(Co)-editor of:

Snippets, An international on Line Journal of Technical Notes in Syntax and Semantics

<http://www.ledonline.it/snippets/>

Books:

C. Cecchetto *Introduzione alla sintassi. La Teoria dei Principi e dei Parametri* LED Edizioni, Milano, 2002 (second edition)

C. Cecchetto, G. Chierchia and M. T. Guasti (eds.) *Semantic Interfaces* CSLI publications, Stanford University, 2001

C. Cecchetto, *Grammatica e Sintassi della Forma Logica*, Rivista di Grammatica Generativa Monograph Series, Unipress, Padova, 1996

Articles:

C. Cecchetto, (2007) "Some preliminary remarks on a 'weak' theory of linearization", *Annali Online di Ferrara Lettere*, Vol. 1, 1-13,
<http://eprints.unife.it/annali/lettere/2007vol1/indice.htm>

C. Geraci, M. Gozzi, C. Papagno, e C. Cecchetto, (2007) "How grammar can cope with limited short-term memory: Simultaneity and seriality in sign languages", *Cognition*, doi:10.1016/j.cognition.2007.04.014.

C. Papagno, C. Cecchetto, F. Reati, L. Bello (2007) "Processing of syntactically complex sentences relies on verbal short-term memory. Evidence from a STM patient", *Cognitive Neuropsychology*, Volume 24: 3 292-311.

C. Cecchetto and S. Zucchi (2006) "Condizioni di verità, sottospecificazione e discorso nelle lingue dei segni" in In Rocco Pititto & Simona Venezia (eds.) *Tradurre e comprendere. Pluralità dei linguaggi e delle culture*, Aracne editrice, Roma.

C. Cecchetto, C. Geraci and S. Zucchi (2006) "Strategies of Relativization in Italian Sign Language", *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, volume 25: 945-975.

C. Cecchetto, and O. Percus (2006) "When we do that and when we don't: a contrastive analysis of VP ellipsis and VP anaphora", in Frascarelli, Mara (ed.) *Phases of Interpretation*, 67-100 Mouton De Gruyter, Berlin.

C. Cecchetto (2006), "Reconstruction in relative clauses and the copy theory of traces" in P. Pica and J. Rooryck (eds.) *Linguistic Variation Yearbook N. 5*: 73-103, John Benjamin, Co., Amsterdam

C. Cecchetto, (2004) "Explaining the locality conditions of QR. Consequences for the Theory of Phases", *Natural Language Semantics* 12:4, 345-397

C. Cecchetto (2004) "Remnant Movement in the Theory of Phases", in *The Structure of CP and IP*, L. Rizzi (ed.), pp. 166-189, Oxford University Press, Oxford

C. Cecchetto (2004), "QR in the Theory of Phases" in G. Garding and M. Tsujimura (eds.) *Proceedings of the 22nd West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, Cascadilla Press, pp. 123-136, Somerville. MA.

C. Cecchetto and R. Oniga (2004) "A Challenge to Null Case Theory", *Linguistic Inquiry*, 35:1, 141-149

C. Cecchetto (2002), "Consequences of the Analysis of Latin infinitival Clauses for the Theory of Case and Control", *Lingue e Linguaggio*, 1, 151-189

C. Cecchetto (2001) "Syntactic or Semantic Reconstruction? Evidence from Pseudoclefts and Clitic Left Dislocation" in C. Cecchetto, G. Chierchia and M. T. Guasti (eds.) *Semantic Interfaces* CSLI publications, 90-144, Stanford University

C. Cecchetto, (2001) "Proper Binding Condition Effects are Phase Impenetrability Condition Effects" in K. Minjoo and U. Strauss (eds.), *Proceedings of NELS 31*, 99-115, GLSA, University

of Massachusetts, Amherst

C. Cecchetto and L. Rizzi (2000) "A Naturalistic Approach to Language" in Sandro Nannini and Hans Jörg Sandkühler (eds.) *Naturalism in the Cognitive Sciences and in the Philosophy of Mind*, 117-130, Peter Lang Europäischer Verlag der Wissenschaften

C. Cecchetto, (2000) "Proper Binding Condition effects reduced to Phase Impenetrability Condition Effects" in M. Saito (ed.), *Proceedings of the II Asian Glow Conference*, 37-54, Nagoya University

C. Cecchetto, (2000) "Connectivity and Anti-Connectivity in Pseudoclefts " in M. Hirotani, A. Coetzee, N. Hall and J-Y. Kim (eds.), *Proceedings of NELS 30*, 137-151, GLSA, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

C. Cecchetto, (2000) "Doubling Structures and Reconstruction" *Probus* 12:1, 1-34

C. Cecchetto and G. Chierchia, (1999) "Reconstruction in Dislocation Constructions and the Syntax/Semantics Interface" in *Proceedings of the 17th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics*, S. Blake, E. Kim and K. Shahin (eds.), 132-146. CSLI publications, Stanford University

C. Cecchetto, (1999) "Optionality and Directionality. A View from Leftward and Rightward Scrambling in Japanese" in Grant-in-Aid for COE Research Report No. 08CE1001, Kanda University of International Study

C. Cecchetto, (1999) "Without Expletive Replacement?" in *Semantic Issues in Romance Linguistics*, J. Lema and E. Treviño (eds.), 21-37. John Benjamin, Co., Amsterdam

C. Cecchetto, (1999) "A Comparative Analysis of Left and Right Dislocation in Romance" *Studia Linguistica* 53:1, 40-67

C. Cecchetto, (1998) "La semantica fra internismo ed esternismo. Qualche riflessione sulla recente produzione filosofica di Chomsky", *Lingua e Stile* XXXIII, 1, 23-50.

M. Piattelli-Palmarini and C. Cecchetto (1997), "The Problem of Meaning in Generative Grammar" *The Problem of Meaning: Behavioural and Cognitive Perspectives*, Ch. Mandell and A. McCabe (eds.), 415-469. Elsevier Publishing House

C. Cecchetto, (1996) "Logica e linguistica. Possono andare d'accordo?", *Kos* nuova serie, January 1998, Europa Scienze Umane Editrice, Milan

C. Cecchetto, (1995) "Clitic Left Dislocation and Scrambling: towards a unified analysis", in *Teoria del Linguaggio e Analisi Linguistica*, G. Borgato (ed.), Unipress, Padua

C. Cecchetto, (1994) "A Semantic Trigger for Scrambling", *Rivista di Grammatica Generativa* n. 19, 33-69.

Review Articles

C. Cecchetto, recensione di É. Kiss (a cura di) *Universal Grammar in the reconstruction of ancient languages* Mouton de Gruyter, Berlin, in *Journal of Linguistics* 43: 240-244, 2007.

C. Cecchetto, review of G. Mensching *Infinitive Constructions with Specified Subjects* Oxford University Press, Oxford, in *Journal of Linguistics* 38-2, 2002.

C. Cecchetto, review of A. Schwegler, B. Tranel and M. Uribe-Etxebarria (eds.) *Romance Linguistics: Theoretical Perspectives* John Benjamins Publishing Company, Amsterdam/Philadelphia in *Estudis Romànics*, XXIV: 221-223, Institut d'Estudis Catalans, Barcelona, 2002.

C. Cecchetto, review of N. Hornstein, "Logical Form" in *Lingua e Stile*, 1997.

C. Cecchetto, review of *Lezioni Italiane, Teorie della Mente* (lectures by A. Damasio, D. C. Dennett and N. Chomsky) in *Informazione Filosofica*, 1997.

C. Cecchetto, review of "Introduzione alla Filosofia Analitica del Linguaggio", M. Santambrogio (ed.) in *Lingua e Stile*, 1992.

Translations

Editor of the Italian edition of M. Baker, *The atoms of language*, Basic Books, 2003. Title of the Italian edition: M. Baker, *Gli atomi del linguaggio* Hoepli, Milano, 2003

Translator (with Sara Trovato) of N. Chomsky, *Linguaggio e Natura*, Edizioni Universitarie di Siena, 2001

Coordinator of the translation team of L. Haegeman, *Introduction to Government and Binding Theory* (second edition), Blackwell, 1994. Title of the Italian Edition: L. Haegeman *Manuale di Grammatica Generativa*, Hoepli, Milano, 1996

Presentations in refereed conferences:

Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research 9, "Short term memory and sign languages. Reduced resources and full languages" (authors: Carlo Geraci, Marta Gozzi, Costanza Papagno & Carlo Cecchetto), Florianopolis, December 2006.

The 44th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Aphasia, "Is syntactic complexity processing limited by the phonological loop capacity? Evidence from a STM patient" (authors: Costanza Papagno & Carlo Cecchetto), Victoria, British Columbia October 2006.

The Architecture of Language. From Cognitive Modelling To Brain Mapping and Back, "Verbal STM and Language Comprehension" (authors: Carlo Cecchetto & Costanza Papagno) Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, Italy, June 2006

InterPhases, a conference on Interfaces in Current Syntactic Theory, "Principle C as case of mislabelling", University of Cyprus, May 2006

Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, "Why is Short Term Memory for Sign Language Short?" (authors: Marta Gozzi, Carlo Geraci, Costanza Papagno & Carlo Cecchetto), San Francisco, April 2006.

XXXII Incontro di Grammatica Generativa, "Principle C as case of mislabeling, University of Florence, Marzo 2006

XXXI Incontro di Grammatica Generativa, “VP Ellipsis: Languages that do that, and Languages that don’t” (authors: Carlo Cecchetto & Orin Percus), Roma 3 University, February 2005

27 GLOW colloquium, “Why is Spec,CP on the right in sign languages?” (authors: Carlo Cecchetto & Sandro Zucchi), University of Thessaloniki, April 2004

14 Spanish-Portuguese Colloquium on Generative Grammar, “Why is Spec,CP on the right in sign languages?” (authors: Carlo Cecchetto & Sandro Zucchi), University of Porto, April 2004

Georgetown University Roundtable on Comparative and Cross-Linguistic Research in Syntax, Semantics, and Computational Linguistics, “Strategies of Relativization in LIS” (authors: Carlo Cecchetto, Carlo Geraci & Sandro Zucchi), Georgetown University, March 2004

XXX Incontro di Grammatica Generativa, “Strategies of Relativization in LIS” (with Carlo Geraci and Sandro Zucchi), University of Venice, February 2004

XXII West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, "The locality conditions of QR and the Phase Impenetrability Condition", University of California at San Diego, San Diego, March 2003

XXIX Incontro di Grammatica Generativa, "The Locality Conditions of QR and the Phase Impenetrability Condition", University of Urbino, February 2003

IAP workshop on EPP and Phases, “The locality conditions of QR and the Phase Impenetrability Condition”, MIT, January 2003

XXVIII Incontro di Grammatica Generativa, "Reconstruction in Relative Clauses and the Cyclic Access to the Pragmatic Component", University of Lecce, March 2002

Tools in Linguistic Theory 2001, “The Directionality Parameter requires a Derivational Framework”, Utrecht University, July 2001

11th International Colloquium on Latin Linguistics, “Consequences of the Analysis of Latin Infinitival Clauses for Case Theory” (with Renato Oniga), University of Amsterdam, June 2001

XXXI Nels, "Proper Binding Condition effects reduced to Phase Impenetrability Condition Effects", Georgetown University, October 2000

XXVI Incontro di Grammatica Generativa, "Reducing Proper Binding Condition effects to Phase Impenetrability Condition Effects", Roma 3 University, March 2000

XXX Nels, "What Syntax cannot do is Pseudocleft Connectivity", Rutgers University, October 1999.

2th Asian Glow colloquium, "Unlabelled Syntactic Objects and Dislocation in the “Wrong” Direction", University of Nagoya, September 1999.

XVII West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics, "Reconstruction and the syntax/semantics interface" (with Gennaro Chierchia), University of British Columbia, Vancouver, February, 1998

Going Romance, "Right Dislocation and the Head-Complement Parameter", University of Groningen, December 1997

Going Romance, "Two types of reconstruction" (with Gennaro Chierchia), University of Groningen, December 1997

LSRL (Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages) 27, "The Distribution of Clitics in Dislocation Constructions", University of California, Irvine, February 1997

19 GLOW colloquium, "Right Dislocation is not Right Dislocation" University of Athens, April 1996.

LSRL (Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages) 26, "Without Expletive Replacement", Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana, Iztapalapa, Mexico City, March 1996

XXII Incontro di Grammatica Generativa, "Clitic Right Dislocation is not Right Adjunction", University of Bergamo, February 1996

Going Romance 1995, "Reconstruction and Clitic Left (Right) Dislocation", University of Amsterdam, December, 1995

Invited Talks

Colloquium talk, Harvard University, "Short Term Memory and Language Comprehension", March 2006.

Cecchetto C. and S. Zucchi, "Structural constraints on sign languages grammar: The role of short term memory", *ESF/SCH Exploratory Workshop: Modality Effects on the Theory of Grammar: A Crosslinguistic View from Signed Languages of Europe*, Barcelona, November 2004

Boston University, "Why is Spec,CP on the right in Sign Languages?", March 2004

University of Maryland at College Park, "QR in the theory of phases", March 2004

University of Kyoto, "QR in the theory of phases", December 2003

Tokyo Metropolitan University, "Remnant movement in the theory of phases", December 2003

University of Siena, "Covert Movement in the Theory of Phases", December 2001

University of Trieste, "Consequences of the Analysis of Latin infinitival Clauses for the Theory of Case and Control" (with Renato Oniga), April 2001

MIT, Cambridge (MASS.), "CLLD and Connectivity", October 2000

University of Tuebingen, "«Reconstruction» without movement", December 1999

Workshop on the Cartography of Syntactic Positions and Semantic Types, "Clitic Left Dislocation and Pseudocleft in Italian", University of Siena, November 1999

University of Tokyo, "Connectivity in Pseudoclefts", September 1999

University of Geneva, "Phrase Structure and Directionality", March 1999

Workshop in Acquisition and Variation in Syntax and Semantics, Scuola Internazionale Superiore di Studi Avanzati (SISSA), Trieste, "Defending the Head-Complement Parameter", September 1998

Konan University (Kobe), "Scrambling to the left in VO languages and to the right in OV languages", July 1998

Sophia University (Tokyo), "Transformations and Semantic Interpretation", January 1998

University of Geneva, "Against Right Adjunction in Dislocation Structures", April 1996

The Modularity of the Mind: Philosophical and Empirical Perspectives, "Externalism and Modularity in the latest Chomsky", University of Siena, February 1996

II Convegno della Società Italiana di Filosofia del Linguaggio, "Sull'ipotesi del rimorchio" (*Is Semantics towed by Syntax?*), University of Cassino, June 1995

XXI Incontro di Grammatica Generativa, "Strong and Weak Crossover in Clitic Left Dislocation" DIPSCO, Institute S. Raffaele, February 1995

I Convegno della Società Italiana di Filosofia del Linguaggio, "Il Rapporto fra Semantica Lessicale e Semantica Strutturale nel Programma Minimalistico Chomskyano" (*Lexical Semantics and Compositional Semantics in the Minimalist Perspective*) University of Rome, June 1994

XX Incontro di Grammatica Generativa, "The Syntax of Clitics and the Semantics of Specificity", University of Padova, February 1994

Other

Referee for:

Rivista di Linguistica, 1994

Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages, 1999

Natural Language and Linguistic Theory, 2002.

Incontro di Grammatica Generativa, 2002-2004.

Cognition, 2003-2005.

GLOW (Generative Linguistics in the Old World), 2003-2005.

Probus 2003

Studia Linguistica 2001

Language Acquisition 2004

Erkenntnis 2005

Syntax 2005

Consultant for *Radio-RAI* (Italian National Radio) on popularization programs about cognitive sciences, mind and the brain.

Member of the Scientific Board of ENS (Ente Nazionale Sordomuti)

Languages

Italian (native), English, some French.