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languages
Italian (native speaker); English (CPE C2); Spanish (C1)

coding
Python, R

In short

My main areas of research expertise are Corpus Linguistics, Discourse Studies, and Cognitive Linguistics. My principal research interests concern both academic and non-academic application of Linguistics disciplines, in particular Corpus and Cognitive Linguistics approaches. For this purpose I have worked in various interdisciplinary projects, where I have offered an often innovative perspective and application of Linguistics methodologies. Among the latest researches I have focussed on the analysis of Far-Right propaganda on social media; on radicalisation narratives in Islamic extremist groups online magazines; on how trust is created in online crypto-drug markets; on big data analysis for the purpose of analysing how information is spread - across Twitter - by those users who are regarded as the "most influential" ones on a range of topics; and on the analysis of cognitive processes (Cognitive Resonance, Entrenchment Inhibition) involved in language creativity. As part of these projects I contributed to the design of the research in terms of both data collection and processing as well as data analysis, creating tools and investigating linguistic frameworks to fulfil the aims of the researches. Central to my work is in fact the development of novel approaches to the analysis of language, based on the exploration of the relationship between practical and theoretical aspects involved in Corpus Linguistics methodologies. From 2019 to 2022 I worked as linguist and project manager at the EdTech centre FEM (Future Education Modena), where I gained extensive experience in using corpus and cognitive linguistics for educational purposes. In 2018 I co-founded AFOr, a multidisciplinary project on the collection and analysis of collective memories pertaining local territories.

Education

PhD Linguistics | *supervisor*: prof. Tony McEnery; thesis: Rethinking dysphemism and euphemism: a corpus-based construction grammar approach to swearing in Italian Lancaster University | 2015

MA Progettazione e gestione di attività culturali Università degli studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia | 2010

BA Lingue e culture europee Università degli studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia | 2007

Research experience

01 Oct. 2022 - present **Università di Pisa**, Research Fellow | Project *Communicating transparency - New trends in English-language corporate and institutional disclosure practices in intercultural settings*.

18 Mar. 2018 - Dec. 2018 **Swansea University, Department of Law and Criminology**, Research Fellow | Project *Combating online child grooming*.

18 Sep. 2017 - Mar. 2018 **Swansea University, Department of Law and Criminology**, Research Fellow | Project *Far-Right Extremist Use of Facebook and Twitter*.

12 Jan. 2017 - Aug. 2017 **Swansea University, Department of Law and Criminology**, Co-Investigator | Project *Developing Interdisciplinary and Industry Collaboration to Tackle Far-Right Extremist Use of Social Media for Propaganda and Recruitment*.

- 18 Aug. 2016 - 30 Dec. 2016 **Swansea University, Department of Law and Criminology**, Co-Investigator | Project *Trust in crypto-drug markets*.
- 3 Jan. 2016 - 17 Jun. 2016 **Lancaster University, Department of Linguistics**, Research Fellow | Project *Dynamic resonance and social reciprocity in language change*.
- 3 Jun. 2015 - 18 Dec. 2015 **Swansea University, Department of Law and Criminology**, Research Fellow | Project *Cyber-terrorism Advanced training in interdisciplinary methods*.
- 12 Jan. 2015 - 24 May 2015 **Università degli studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Dipartimento di Economia**, Research Fellow | Project *poli.in Analisi e modellizzazione dei Poli di innovazione in Toscana*.
- Apr. 2015 - Dec. 2017 **Lancaster University**, Mentor | Corpus Linguistics MOOC on FutureLearn
- 3 Feb. 2014 - 28 Oct. 2014 **Swansea University, English Language and Literature Department**, Research Fellow | Project *The visual automated search for super influences*.
- 2 Sep. 2012 - 29 May 2013 **Lancaster University, Department of Sociology**, Research Fellow | Project *Great Transformations A Cultural Political Economy of Crisis-Management*.

Teaching experience

- Sep. 2022 - present **Università degli studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Dipartimento di Studi Linguistici e Culturali**, Lecturer in English specialized communication and translation (40hours per academic year)
- Jan. 2020 - present **Università degli studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Dipartimento di Studi Linguistici e Culturali**, Lecturer in Digital Humanities (36 hours per academic year)
- Jan. 2020 - Dec. 2021 **Università degli studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Dipartimento di Educazione e Scienze Umane**, Lecturer in Digital Education (L/LIN-12; 36 hours per academic year)
- Feb. 2019 - Dec. 2021 **Università degli studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Dipartimento di Scienze e Metodi dell'Ingegneria**, Lecturer in Technical English (L/LIN-12; 36 hours per academic year)
- Aug. 2015 - Sep. 2015 **UMass Lowell (Boston, US)**, Summer school convenor and data analyst at the Centre for Terrorism and Security Studies | Project *Cyber-terrorism Advanced training in interdisciplinary methods*.
- Sep. 2011 - May 2013 **Lancaster University, Department of Linguistics**, Tutor | Modules *Corpus Linguistics* and *First Language Acquisition*.

Other work experience

- Jul 2019 - Jan 2022 Linguist project manager and teaching mentor at EdTech center FEM (Future Education Modena)
- 2019 Co-creator of the site-specific art installation *CODE syntax error* (Isabella Bordoni, Periferico Festival)
- May 2019 Artistic jury for *hacklocal - Local Innovation Hackathon*
- 2018 - present Linguist and co-designer | Project *AFOr - Archivio di Fonti Orali del Villaggio Artigiano di Modena Ovest*.
- Aug. 2018 Invited mentor at Transluoghi
- Sep. 2013 - Forensic Consultant | *Recovery and analysis of digital evidence for legal purposes* | Studio legale Cavani (Modena)
- Apr. 2014

Invited Talks

- Maratona DH, *Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia*** 2022
 Matteo Di Cristofaro, Jessica Jane Nocella | “Academic and Professional Communication (CAP) corpora.”
- Play - Festival del gioco, *Modena*** 2022
 Matteo Di Cristofaro | “Giocare con le parole: il dialogo come meccanismo di creazione della lingua.”
- Tabù della lingua e della letteratura nell’età contemporanea *Università di Padova***
 2019
 Matteo Di Cristofaro | Coding taboo in language: from taboo words to taboo constructions, and back.
- Corpus research in linguistics and beyond seminar, *King’s College, London*** 2018
 Nuria Lorenzo-Dus, Matteo Di Cristofaro | “Doing cyber-trust outside the law: A linguistic approach.”
- Corpora and Discourse International Conference, *Lancaster University*** 2018
 Nuria Lorenzo-Dus, Matteo Di Cristofaro | “Digital trust, drugs and the extreme far right: Too much for CADS?”
- United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), *Geneve***
 2017
 Nuria Lorenzo-Dus, Matteo Di Cristofaro | “Trust in crypto-drug markets.”
- Contributed Presentations**
- ABC Regional Conference: Europe, Middle East and Africa, *Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II*** 2023
 Matteo Di Cristofaro | “The transparency of contracts: a corpus-assisted study for a semi-automated evaluation of transparency in the tertiary sector”
- Linuxday, *Modena*** 2019
 Matteo Di Cristofaro | “Storia Orale e Tecnologie Open: AFOr – Archivio di Fonti Orali del Villaggio Artigiano di Modena Ovest”
- Strategies of inclusion and exclusion in social media interaction, *Università di Catania*** 2019
 Matteo Di Cristofaro | “Digital identities and trust in extra-judicial environments - a Corpus-Assisted Discourse Studies approach”
- InVito alla Storia. Terza Conferenza AIPH, *Santa Maria Capua Vetere e Caserta*** 2019
 Matteo Di Cristofaro, Silvia Tagliazucchi, Antonio Canovi | “Dalle fonti alla rigenerazione - il Villaggio Artigiano di Modena Ovest e il processo di rigenerazione innescato da OvestLab ed il Collettivo Amigdala.”
- International Pragmatics Association (IPrA), *Hong Kong*** 2019
 Matteo Di Cristofaro, Vittorio Tantucci | “Preemptive interaction as trigger of language change and indicator of intersubjective reasoning: The case of [There is no NP]”

A-Mode - Approaches to Multimodal Digital Environments: from theories to practices, Università di Tor Vergata, Rome 2019

Matteo Di Cristofaro | "Analysing and mapping the language of a place: the AFor archive."

EAUH 2018 Urban renewal and resilience, Roma Tre, Rome 2018

Silvia Tagliazucchi, Matteo Di Cristofaro | "Semantic changes in urban-related terminology: a linguistic inquiry."

AIPH 2a Conferenza Nazionale di Public History, Pisa 2018

Matteo Di Cristofaro, Silvia Tagliazucchi | "Relazione tra spazio e memoria: Villaggio Artigiano di Modena Ovest."

Terrorism And Social Media (TASM), Swansea University 2017

Lella Nouri, Nuria Lorenzo-Dus, Matteo Di Cristofaro | "Far-Right Extremist Use of Social Media for Propaganda and Recruitment."

ICEHL 19, Essen, Germany 2016

Vittorio Tantucci, Jonathan Culpeper, Matteo Di Cristofaro | "Dynamic resonance and social reciprocity in language change."

Corpora and Discourse International Conference, Siena 2016

Nuria Lorenzo-Dus, Matteo Di Cristofaro | "The visual automated search for super influences."

EUSN2016, Paris 2016

Margherita Russo, Stefano Ghinoi, Valentina Fiordelmondo, Matteo Di Cristofaro | "poli.in: Analisi e modellizzazione dei Poli di innovazione in Toscana"

The Dark Web: An Interdisciplinary Workshop, Swansea University 2014

Matteo Di Cristofaro | "Language carving: finding criminal evidence through Corpus Linguistics"

Corpus Linguistics, Lancaster University 2013

Matteo Di Cristofaro | "Visualizing chunking and collocational networks: a graphical visualization of words' networks"

International Conference on Dialogic Language Use 3, Helsinki 2012

Matteo Di Cristofaro | "Rethinking dysphemisms and euphemisms: a corpus-based constructional approach to Italian taboo language"

LIAR 3, Urbana, Illinois 2012

Matteo Di Cristofaro | "Rethinking dysphemisms and euphemisms: a corpus-based constructional approach to Italian taboo language"

Publications

10 Di Cristofaro, M. (2023). *Corpus approaches to language in social media*. Routledge.

Tantucci, V., & Di Cristofaro, M. (2021). Pre-emptive interaction in language change and

- ontogeny: The case of [*there is no NP*]. *Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory*, 17(3), 715–742. <http://doi.org/10.1515/cllt-2020-0007>
- Tantucci, V., & Di Cristofaro, M. (2020). Entrenchment inhibition: Constructional change and repetitive behaviour can be in competition with large-scale “recompositional” creativity. *Corpus Linguistics and Linguistic Theory*, 16(3), 547–579. <http://doi.org/doi:10.1515/cllt-2019-0017>
- Lorenzo-Dus, N., Kinzel, A., & Di Cristofaro, M. (2020). The communicative modus operandi of online child sexual groomers: Recurring patterns in their language use. *Journal of Pragmatics*, 155, 15–27. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.pragma.2019.09.010>
- Tantucci, V., Culpeper, J., & Di Cristofaro, M. (2018). Dynamic resonance and social reciprocity in language change: The case of good morrow. *Language Sciences*, 68, 6–21. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.langsci.2017.09.004>
- Lorenzo-Dus, N., & Di Cristofaro, M. (2018). “I know this whole market is based on the trust you put in me and i don’t take that lightly”: Trust, community and discourse in crypto-drug markets. *Discourse & Communication*, 12(6), 608–626. <http://doi.org/10.1177/1750481318771429>
- Di Cristofaro, M., & Horton-Eddison, M. (2017). *Corpus linguistics on the silk road(s): The escrow example*. Swansea University. Retrieved from <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/media/Corpus-Linguistics-Methodology-on-the-Silk-Road-The-Escrow-Example.pdf>
- Horton-Eddison, M., & Di Cristofaro, M. (2017). *Hard interventions and innovation in crypto-drug markets: The escrow example*. Swansea University. Retrieved from <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/media/Hard-Interventions-and-Innovation-in-CryptoDrug-Markets-The-.pdf>
- Di Cristofaro, M., & McEnery, T. (2017). Swearing in italian: A redefinition of the notions of dysphemism and euphemism. In K. B. Fägersten & K. Stapleton (Eds.), *Advances in swearing research: New languages and new contexts* (Vol. 282, pp. 183–211). John Benjamins Publishing Company. <http://doi.org/10.1075/pbns.282.09dic>
- Lorenzo-Dus, N., & Di Cristofaro, M. (2016). # living/minimum wage: Influential citizen talk in twitter. *Discourse, Context & Media*, 13, 40–50. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.dcm.2016.02.003>
- Di Cristofaro, M., Fiordelmondo, V., Ghinoi, S., & Russo, M. (2015). *Promozione del sistema dei poli di innovazione nello spazio web: Analisi dei contenuti e delle reti di relazioni virtuali*. Dipartimento di Economia Marco Biagi-Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia. Retrieved from <https://iris.unimore.it/retrieve/handle/11380/1077762/253942/0074.pdf>