Valentina Bianchi - Curriculum vitae

- **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Family name, First name: Bianchi Valentina   ORCID : 0000-0002-4441-063X

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- **SCIENTIFIC PROFILE**

My intellectual profile took shape at the Scuola Normale Superiore (Pisa), one of the excellence schools of the Italian academic system, where I pursued both undergraduate and graduate studies; I obtained the doctoral degree in 1995 with a thesis in comparative syntax (published 1999, Mouton de Gruyter).

Although formal and comparative syntax has remained an active research topic ever since, my early collaboration with Pier Marco Bertinetto, concerning tense and aspect, kindled my interest in the relation between syntax and interpretation. After moving to Siena in 2002, I started investigating this relation in the analysis of grammatical person and the encoding of the "first person perspective". Another line of inquiry focussed on the role of the discourse context in interpretation, and developed into an analysis of how information structure categories (topic and focus) relate to the conversational dynamics and to the encoding of evaluative implicatures (Bianchi *et al.* 2015, 2016).

In more recent years, my research has been mainly focussed on questions. Through interdisciplinary workshops in my Department, I also realized the relevance of my research for the analysis of discourse in deliberative settings (Olmastroni, Bianchi & Duguid 2021) and of online contexts that are conducive to hate speech (Cruschina & Bianchi in press).

- **EDUCATION**

1991-1995	Doctoral degree (*Diploma di perfezionamento*)	
	Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, Italy (with scholarship)	
1991-1992	Certificat de spécialisation en linguistique générale	
	University of Geneva, Switzerland (with scholarship)	
1987-1991	MA degree (*Laurea*) Modern Letters – Linguistics	
	Università degli Studi di Pisa, Italy	
1987-1991	MA-level diploma (*Diploma di Licenza*) – Humanities (*Classe di lettere e filosofia*)	
	Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, Italy (with scholarship)	

- **CURRENT POSITION**

2007 – 2020   Associate professor, University of Siena, Italy

- **PREVIOUS POSITIONS**

2002 – 2007   Researcher, University of Siena, Italy

1996 – 2002   Researcher, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, Italy

- **CAREER BREAKS**

1998   Obligatory maternity leave (5 months)

2003   Maternity leave (obligatory 5 months + facultative 4 months 18 days)

2005 – 2006   Maternity leave (18-4-2005 – 1-4-2006)

2008 – 2009   Unpaid leave for family reasons (12 months, August 1 2008 - July 31 2009)

2010   Facultative maternity leave (4-3-2010 to 14-4-2010 and 19-4-2010 to 9-7-2010)

2010 – 2011   Unpaid leave for family reasons (6 months, September 1 2010 - February 28 2011)

- **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

2014   Qualification as University professor, Ministry for National Education, Higher Education
                           and Research, France (*Qualification aux fonctions de professeur des universités, Section 7:
                           Linguistique et phonétique générales*)

- **TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

2020 -   Issues in compositional semantics (MA level, 36 hours) University of Siena, Dept. of Social,
                           Political, and Cognitive Sciences

2015 –   Syntactic structures and Compositional Semantics, Module B (MA level, 36 hours)– Ibidem

2015   Syntax-semantics interface (MA level, 36 hours) – *Ibidem*

2013 –   General Linguistics (BA level, 54 hours) – *Ibidem*

2004 – 2009   General Linguistics, module B– University of Siena, Faculty of Letters

2001 – 2014   Semantics (MA level, 36 hours) – University of Siena, Faculty of Letters (then: Dept. of
                           Social, Political, and Cognitive Sciences)

1997   Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Brazil

                           Two-weeks intensive course "The syntax of relative clauses"

- **INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

2022-   Member of the doctoral committee, Doctoral program Theoretical and Experimental
                           Linguistics, Istituto Universitario di Studi Superiori, Pavia, Italy

2018 – 2022   Member of the doctoral committee, Doctoral program in Cognitive Neurosciences and
                           Philosophy of Mind, Istituto Universitario di Studi Superiori, Pavia, Italy

2018 –   Member of the International Applications Committee, MA program Language and Mind:

Linguistics and Cognitive Sciences, University of Siena, Italy

2015   Member of evaluation committee for researcher position, Università Milano Bicocca

2014 – 2015   Member of the selection committee for young researchers' funds, University of Siena, Dept of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences

2002-2005   Member of the Didactic Committee, MA program in Linguistics, University of Siena, Italy

- **REVIEWING ACTIVITIES**

2019 – 2020   Referee for National Science Foundation, USA

2016   Referee for Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, Germany

2016   Evaluator for University College London, UK

2013   Referee for The MIT Press, USA

2011   Referee for Cambridge University Press (Series: Cambridge Studies in Linguistics), UK

2010 - 2024   Member of Editorial Board "Syntax" (https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/14679612)

2005   Referee for Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (NWO)

Referee for peer-review journals: Natural Language and Linguistic Theory; Linguistic Inquiry; Linguistics; Syntax; Lingua; Glossa; Journal of Linguistics; Language Acquisition; The Linguistic Review; Studia Linguistica; Italian Journal of Linguistics; Probus.

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS, 2014-2024

[1] Bianchi, Valentina & Cruschina, Silvio. 2023. Building trees, building bridges: compositionality in inquisitive semantics and syntactic cartography. *Theoretical Linguistics* 49(1-2), 93-106.

[2] Cruschina, Silvio & Bianchi, Valentina. 2022. The syntactic encoding of conventional implicatures in Sicilian polar questions. *Probus* 34(1), 77-109.

[3] Bocci, Giuliano, Bianchi, Valentina & Cruschina, Silvio. 2020. Focus in wh-questions: Evidence from Italian. *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* 2020 (open access article). https://doi.org/10.1007/s11049-020-09483-x

[4] Bianchi, Valentina. 2019. Spelling Out Focus-Fronting Chains and Wh-Chains: The Case of Italian. *Syntax* 22 (2-3), 146-161.

[5] Servidio, Emilio, Bocci, Giuliano & Bianchi, Valentina. 2018. (Dis)agreement, polarity, and focus: Answering negative polar questions in Italian. Glossa 3 (1), 1-28. DOI:10.5334/gjgl.360

[6] Bianchi, Valentina & Frascarelli, Mara. 2017. Complementizer deletion. In *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Syntax*, second edition. DOI:10.1002/9781118358733.

[7] Bianchi, Valentina & Cruschina, Silvio. 2016. The derivation and interpretation of polar questions with a fronted focus. *Lingua* 170, 47-68. DOI:10.1016/j.lingua.2015.10.010.

[8] Bianchi, Valentina, Bocci, Giuliano & Cruschina, Silvio. 2016. Focus fronting, unexpectedness, and evaluative implicatures. *Semantics and Pragmatics* 9(3). DOI:10.3765/sp.9.3

[9] Bianchi, Valentina & Chesi, Cristiano 2014. Subject islands, reconstruction, and the flow of the computation. *Linguistic Inquiry* 45 (4), 525-569. Journal impact factor: 1.364 (2019) DOI:10.1162/LING_a_00166.