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## Short CV

1987-1992: Degree in Foreign Languages and Literatures at the University of Bergamo
1995-1998: PhD in Linguistics at the University of Pavia
1997-1998: Teaching Assistant at the University of Bergamo
1998-2001: Research assistant (AR) at the University of Eastern Piedmont
2001- 2006: Tenured Researcher at the University of Eastern Piedmont
2006-2019: Associate Professor at the Free University of Bolzano-Bozen, Faculty of Education
2019 to date: Full Professor at the Free University of Bolzano-Bozen, Faculty of Education

## Institutional appointments

2008-2021: Member of the Supervisory board of the PhD Consortium in Linguistics (headed by the University of Pavia until 2013, then Bergamo-Pavia).
2010-2016: Vice Director of the Language Study Unit
2012-2015: Scientific member of the Schreibzentrum/Centro di Scrittura, in charge for Italian
2017-2025: Spokesperson for the Faculty Research Area "Languages and Multilingualism in South Tyrol"
2019-2024: Director of the MA in Applied Linguistics
2021 to date: Member of the Supervisory board of the PhD in Linguistics in cooperation with Verona, Bolzano and Marburg
2024-to date: Member of the working group for the reorganization of the Study Course in Primary Education (BIWI)
2025-to date: Member of the Quality Committee of the Free University of Bolzano-Bozen

## Academic teaching (2015-2026)

- Linguistica italiana - MA in Primary Education (2015-16 to 2021-22 and 2024-25 to date)
- Riflessione sulla lingua - MA in Primary Education (2020-21 to date)
- Linguistica educativa – Training Course for secondary teachers "30 CFU" (2024)
- Approfondimenti di linguistica – MA in Applied Linguistics (2019-20 to 2022-23)
- Laboratorio di Documentazione linguistica – MA in Applied Linguistics (2019-20 to 2022-23)
- Language Policy and Planning - MA in Applied Linguistics (2023-24)
- Linguistica del contatto – PhD Linguistics (2021-22 with Simone Ciccolone)
- Elementi di teoria linguistica – BA in Communication and Culture (2020-21)
- Acquisizione e didattica della lingua - MA in Primary Education (2015-16 to 2018-19)
- Sociolinguistica delle lingue di minoranza – ANTROPOLAD (2017-18)

## PhD Supervision

- Lingua, etnicità e stile. Usi linguistici di adolescenti albanofoni a Bolzano (Enrica Cortinovis, 2011 – PhD Pavia)
- Segnali discorsivi italiani in situazione di contatto linguistico. Il caso del ladino delle valli dolomitiche (Ilaria Fiorentini, 2014 – PhD Pavia)
- La concessione: caratteristiche semantiche e sintattiche in testi scritti da giovani italofoni (Elena Ferrato, 2025 - PhD Bolzano-Verona)
- La competizione funzionale tra i Tempi passati nella conversazione informale. Un confronto tra italiani regionali (Eleonora Morei, 2026 – PhD Bolzano-Verona)
- *Tue*-Periphrasis in Walser German (Clara David – working title – PhD Bolzano-Verona)

**Main research topics**

- Contact linguistics
- Minority languages and linguistic diversity
- Language documentation and description with focus on spoken and non standard varieties
- The sociolinguistics of Italy
- Educational linguistics

**Main research projects (as PI) in the years 2015-2023**

- **GRASS** – Riflessione grammaticale a scuola: il soggetto sintattico (Research Committee unibz 2013, 39,500 €)
- **GRASS 2.0** - Didattica e sintassi della lingua parlata (New Projects funding – unibz, 30,000 €
- **KONTATTO** - Italiano-tedesco: aree storiche di contatto in Sudtirolo e in Trentino (1° Bando Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano - Progetti nel campo della ricerca scientifica 2010, 97,470 €)
- **KONTATTI** - Germanico - Romanzo: discorsi e strutture in contatto in area dolomitica (3° Bando Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano - Progetti nel campo della ricerca scientifica 2014, 125.000 €)
- **DIALOG** – Un database di interazioni dialogiche per lo studio del riferimento personale (Start-Up Funding unibz, 2021-23, 70,000 €)

**Most important awards**

- First prize at the 6th edition (1999) of the competition for studies on bilingualism of the "Ufficio Bilinguismo e Lingue Straniere" (Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano)
- Best Fund Raising 2017 for the project "Kontatti" (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano)
- Premio AItLA (Associazione Italiana di Linguistica Applicata) 2017 for the publication: *Attorno al soggetto* (edited volume by E. Calaresu and S. Dal Negro).

**Memberships, scientific boards and commitees**

- 2023-to date: President of the Italian Association of Applied Linguistics (AItLA)
- 2020-to date: Member of the Scientific Committee of the OLSI (Bellinzona, CH): Osservatorio Linguistico della Svizzera Italiana
- 2022 to 2025: Sektionleiterin der Sektion "Minderheitensprachen und Mehrsprachigkeit" der IGDD (Internationale Gesellschaft für Dialektologie des Deutschen)
- 2019 to 2022 and from 2025 to date: Member oft he Advisory Board of the journal *Linguistica e Filologia*
- 2018 to 2022: Member of the Scientific Committee of GISCEL (Gruppo di Intervento e Studio nel Campo dell'Educazione Linguistica)
- 2018 to 2022: Member of the Advisory Panel of the AItLA
- Member of the following societies of linguistics: AItLA, SLI, SIG, Sodalizio Glottologico Milanese, IGDD.

**Third Mission Activities (a selection)**

- Participation in radio and television programs on topics related to languages and multilingualism (MINET, RAI Alto Adige, Radio Tre)
- Writing popular articles for the divulgation of linguistics and language issues (Linguisticamente, Consulenza linguistica dell'Accademia della Crusca).
- Organization of a section devoted to minority languages within the Bolzano Film Festival ("Piccole Lingue DOC" – since 2020)
- Collaboration with local associations (for example: LoGlo with ARCI Merano) and with school intendencies, associations (GISCEL) and schools on topics related to language education

- Collaboration with associations for the protection and promotion of minority languages (Cimbro and especially Walser)

**Plenary speaker in national and international conferences**

- XLIX Convegno della Società Italiana di Glottologia (University of Milano, October 2025): "Parole funzionali e contatto linguistico tra germanico e romanzo"
- GISCEL - A 50 anni dalle Dieci tesi per l'educazione linguistica democratica (University of Bologna, May 2025): "Il plurilinguismo endogeno nella prospettiva di una sociolinguistica educativa"
- Diversität – Dynamik – Hybridität (University of Heidelberg, March 2025): „Die Wahrnehmung von Mehrsprachigkeit. Was Sprecher in deutschsprachigen Sprachinseln Norditaliens über ihre Mehrsprachigkeit sagen"
- MiLES Conference (University of Torino, July 2024): "Writing in a minority language/ in a dialect: language policy and actual use"
- German Abroad 5 (München LMU, October 2023): „Societal multilingualism in Northern Italy and the role of German varieties"
- Documenting languages, documenting cultures (University of Napoli, October 2023): "Documentazione linguistica e ultimi parlanti: l'esperienza con i dialetti walser"
- NILCS Conference (University of L'Aquila, online, May 2021): "Sociolinguistic Typology and Language Contact"
- 20th AItLA Conference (Università per Stranieri di Siena, February 2020): "Documentazione linguistica e lingue in contatto"
- Plurilinguismo e pianificazione linguistica (Roma, October 2019): "Lingue, comunità e territorio: digressioni a partire da esempi di lingue di minoranza in Italia"
- XLI Convegno annuale della Società Italiana di Glottologia (Università per Stranieri di Perugia, December 2016): "Lingue minori e deissi sociale: ricerca linguistica in piccole comunità di montagna"
- 17. Arbeitstagung zur alemannischen Dialektologie (University of Strasbourg, October 2011): „Formen des Sprachkontaktes: Oberdeutsch in Italien"
- *Vitalità di una lingua minoritaria. Vitality of a Minority Language* (Bellinzona, OLSI, October 2010): „Überdacht o obdachlos? Di vitalità e di coperture linguistiche"

**Invited speaker in workshops and seminars (a selection)**

- School of Modern Languages and Cultures (Hong Kong University, online, November 2025): "German-speaking communities in Italy: A typology"
- LMU (München, November 2024) at the workshop *L'italiano parlato oggi / Gesprochenes Italienisch heute*: "Appunti sull'italiano parlato dai giovani tra registro colloquiale, gergo e mutamento linguistico
- Almo Collegio Borromeo (Pavia, April 2024) - *Legge n. 482 del 15 dicembre 1999*: "La complessità che sfugge alla legge"
- Villa Vigoni (March 2024) at the workshop *Advancing the typology of language mixing* – "Insertional code-mixing and minority language communities"
- Torino, SLI Conference (September 2023) – Workshop *Le lingue pluricentriche: il caso dell'italiano*: "L'italiano in Alto Adige:
  lingua di minoranza e maggioranza, tra «disagio» e contatto linguistico"
- Università di Bergamo (April 2023) - *Seminar in honor of Fiorenzo Toso and Gabriele Iannàccaro*: "Della diacrolettìa e di altre meraviglie"
- *Workshop on Germanic linguistic islands* (Zürich, May 2022): "Walser German: Formazza"

- Copenhagen (August 2021) – Workshop *Effects of language contact in different European border zones and urban milieus*: "German and Romance varieties in contact in Northern Italy: Exploring insertional strategies"

**Publications (a selection)**

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2. Dal Negro, Silvia. 2025. Germanic-Romance contact in the Dolomite region. In Jeroen Darquennes, Joseph C. Salmons & Wim Vandenbussche (eds.), *Language Contact Volume 2* Handbücher zur Sprach- und Kommunikationswissenschaft / Handbooks of Linguistics and Communication Science [HSK]. 45/2, 185–198. De Gruyter. doi:10.1515/9783110443011-011.
3. Mereu, Daniela & Silvia Dal Negro. 2025. Pragmatic functions and phonetic reduction: *Cioè* and *cè* in contemporary spoken Italian. *Journal of Pragmatics* 236, 1–14. doi:10.1016/j.pragma.2024.12.006.
4. Dal Negro, Silvia. 2024. Sociolinguistic typology and language contact in Northern Italy. In: *Speakers and Structures in Language Contact: Pluralistic Approaches to Change and Variation*, edited by Barbara Hans-Bianchi, Chiara Truppi and Barbara Vogt, Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter Mouton, pp. 199-224. https://doi.org/10.1515/9783111188348-008.
5. Cerruti, Massimo & Silvia Dal Negro. 2023. Sociolinguistics in Italy. In: Ball, Martin J., Mesthrie, Rajend & Chiara Meluzzi (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Sociolinguistics Around the World*, 518–529. 2nd ed. London: Routledge. doi:10.4324/9781003198345-50.
6. Dal Negro, Silvia. 2022. Bilingual speech and bilinguals' speech. Subject pronoun expression at the German-Italian language border. In Miriam Voghera (ed.), *From Speaking to Grammar* (Sprache, Gesellschaft, Geschichte 15), 175–199. Berlin: Peter Lang.
7. Ciccolone, Simone, & Silvia Dal Negro. 2021. *Comunità bilingui e lingue in contatto*. Cesena, Caissa.
8. Dal Negro, Silvia. 2020. The dilemmas of 'saving' a dying language. Walser German between documentation and planning. In *Language Problems and Language Planning* 44:3, pp. 273–286. doi.org/10.1075/lplp.00067.neg
9. Dal Negro, Silvia, & Ilaria Fiorentini. 2014. Reformulation in bilingual speech: Italian *cioè* in German and Ladin. *Journal of Pragmatics* 74: 94-108. doi.org/10.1016/j.pragma.2014.09.002.
10. Dal Negro, Silvia. 2013. Variazione dialettale e tipologia. La flessione dei numerali cardinali nell'Italia settentrionale. *Vox Romanica* 72, pp. 138-150.
11. Dal Negro, Silvia. 2013. Dealing with bilingual corpora: parts of speech distribution and bilingual patterns. *Revue française de linguistique appliquée* XVIII/2: 15-28.
12. Dal Negro, Silvia, & Federica Guerini (eds.). 2011. *Italian Sociolinguistics*. *International Journal of the Sociology of Language* 210.
13. Dal Negro, Silvia, & Alessandro Vietti. 2006. The interplay of dialect and the standard in anonymous street dialogues: Patterns of variation in northern Italy. *Language Variation and Change,* 18: 1–14.
14. Dal Negro, Silvia. 2004. *The Decay of a Language. The Case of a German Dialect in the Italian Alps*. Bern, Lang.
15. Dal Negro, Silvia. 1993. *Il tedesco degli immigrati a Zurigo*. Milano, Guerini.

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