

CURRICULUM VITAE ET STUDIORUM

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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CURRENT POSITION

Post Doctoral fellow, FTD Center, University of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION AND DEGREES

November 2012 – PhD in Cognitive Science, with maximal distinction and the congratulations of the committee, at the laboratory L2C2, Lyon, France.

June 2011 – Neuroscience of Communicative Meaning summer school, Utrecht, Netherland.

June 2010 - LOT summer school of psycholinguistic, Nijmegen, Netherland.

Sept. 2009 - MA in Philosophy of Mind, of Person, of Town and of History at University Vita-Salute San Raffaele (Milano) with full marks (110/110 cum laude and “dignità di stampa” (i.e., recommended for publication). Title of the dissertation: “La metafora dall’interno: Modelli pragmatico-cognitivi e movimenti oculari” (“Metaphor from inside: Pragmatic-cognitive models and eye movements”) (Supervisor: Prof. Claudia Bianchi, cosupervisor: Dr. Valentina Bambini).

Nov. 2008 - May 2009 - Visiting student at Scuola Normale Superiore (Pisa), Laboratory of Linguistics, Director: Prof. Pier Marco Bertinetto, Tutor: Dr. Valentina Bambini.

Dic. 2007 - BA in Philosophy at University Vita-Salute San Raffaele (Milano) with full marks (110/110 cum laude). Title of the dissertation: “La comprensione del linguaggio figurato: analisi e prospettive fra filosofia e neuroscienze” (“Comprehension of figurative language: Analysis and prospects between philosophy and neuroscience”) (Supervisor: Prof. Claudia Bianchi).

Spring 2006 - Training period at Scientific Institute San Raffaele, Milano (topic: Methodologies for the study of the neural bases of cognitive processes, namely fMRI and EEG).

GRANTS

2012 – Travel grant for the project: “The neural basis of irony processing” (with Ira Noveck and Simone G. Shamay-Tsoory, funded by the European Science Foundation’s EURO-XPRAG research network).

2011 – “InEurope Short Stay Grant”, grant for short-stay visit founded by the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO).

2011 – “Bourse Eole”, travel grant founded by the Réseau Franco-Néerlandais.

2010 – Travel grant for the project: “How linguistic is linguistic context?” (with Marta Ghio, funded by the European Science Foundation’s EURO-XPRAG research network).

2007-2008 – Scholarship for academic merits funded by University Vita-Salute San Raffaele.

PUBBLICATIONS

Spotorno N, Cheylus A, Van Der Henst J-B, Noveck IA (2013) “What’s behind a P600? Integration Operations during Irony Processing. *PLoS ONE* 8(6): e66839.

Spotorno, N., Koun, E., Prado, J., Van Der Henst, J.B., Noveck, I., (2012) “Neural evidence that utterance-processing entails mentalizing: The case of irony”. *NeuroImage*: 63(1); 25-39.

Noveck, I.A. & Spotorno, N. (to appear), Narrowing. In L. Goldstein (Ed.), *Brevity*. Oxford: OUP.

Noveck, I.A. & Spotorno, N. (to appear), Experimental Pragmatics, in J. Verschueren (Ed.). *Handbook of Pragmatics*. Benjamins Publishing Company.

CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

- Spotorno, N., Koun, E., Prado, J., Van Der Henst, J.B., Noveck, I., “Of course there is no Theory of Mind activation in verbal irony”: An fMRI investigation, talk, Social and Affective Neuroscience Society Conference, New York, 20-21 April 2012.

- Spotorno, N., Irony in our mind: The interaction between language and Theory of Mind, Pragmatics reading groups (seminar), UCL, London, 7 December 2011.

- Spotorno, N., Koun, E., Prado, J., Van Der Henst, J.B., Noveck, I., Can irony reveal extensive Theory of Mind activation?, talk, Neurobiology of Language Conference, Annapolis, 10-11 November 2011.

- Spotorno, N., Bambini, V., Reading metaphors: Metaphor comprehension from an ecological perspective, poster presentation, XPrag2011, Barcelona, 2-4 June 2011.

- Spotorno, N., Bambini, V., Metafore fra concetti, contesto e sforzo cognitivo (Metaphors between concepts, context and cognitive effort), talk, SFL Conference 2010, Trieste, 16-18 September 2010.

- Spotorno, N., Bambini, V., Metaphor: concepts, context and cognitive effort, poster presentation, XPrag2009, Lyon, 23-25 April 2009.

- Spotorno, N., Bambini, V., Metaphor: Blended concepts, inferred meanings, poster presentation, 2nd U K Postgraduate Conference in Cognitive Linguistics, Brighton, 8 August 2008.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian (native), English (advanced) and French (advanced).

DIDACTICS

2011 Tutor of three master students (French Master 1) on a project on the cognitive bases of the comprehension process of irony.

13 April 2010 – Seminar at University Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Milano: “Metafora: Quando e come” (“Metaphor: When and how”).