

# Curriculum Vitae (updated December, 2017)

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## Education

- March 2010 – October 2014  
Ph.D. in Linguistics at Stockholm University, Sweden.  
Ph.D. Dissertation: *Gender and its interaction with number and evaluative morphology. An intra- and intergenealogical typological survey of Africa*. Supervisors: Professor Maria Koptjevskaja Tamm and Associate Professor Ljuba Veselinova.
- March 2007  
M.A. in Classics and Historical Linguistics at the University of Palermo, Italy.  
M.A. Thesis: *Il genere grammaticale in latino: un approccio cognitivista*. Supervisor: Dr Luisa Brucale. 110/110 with honors.
- March 2005  
B.A. in Classics at the University of Palermo, Italy. 110/110 with honors.

## Pedagogical training

- October 2012  
University Pedagogy course, 3 ECTS. Stockholm University.

## Additional academic training

- May 2016  
Spring School on Quantitative Methods in Linguistic and Cultural Evolution. Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History. Jena, Germany.
- August 2010  
DGfS-CNRS Summer School on Linguistic Typology, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology – Universität Leipzig, Germany.
- July 2009  
2009 Linguistic Institute, Berkeley, California, USA.
- Spring 2008  
Spring School on Linguistic Diversity, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology – Universität Leipzig, Germany.

## Positions held within academia

- January 2017 –  
Postdoctoral research fellow at the Department of Linguistics at Stockholm University (Sweden).  
Research project: *Indexation of nominal plurality in Cushitic: A study in intragenealogical and areal typology*, funded by the Ahlström och Terserus stiftelse (Sweden).
- February 2015 – December 2016  
Postdoctoral research fellow at the section for General Linguistics of the Department of Modern Languages at the University of Helsinki (Finland). Research project: *Gender systems, grammatical complexity and stability*, funded by The Wenner-Gren Foundations (Sweden).
- November 2014 – January 2015  
Senior Lecturer in Linguistics. Department of Linguistics, Stockholm University (Sweden).
- March 2010 – October 2014  
Ph.D. student in Linguistics. Department of Linguistics, Stockholm University (Sweden).

## Visits at foreign research institutes

April 2-9, 2017

Invited lecturer at the Institute of Estonian and General Linguistics – Graduate School of Linguistics, Philosophy and Semiotics. University of Tartu, Estonia.

November 6-24, 2016

Invited research visitor at the Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Department of Linguistics and Cultural Evolution. Jena, Germany.

March – April 2012

Research visitor at the French National Research Institute LLACAN (*Langage, Langues et Cultures d’Afrique Noire*). Villejuif (Paris), France.

February – July 2009

Visiting student at the Department of Linguistics, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque (New Mexico, USA). Supervisor: Professor William Croft.

## Distinctions and prizes

September 2017

First Prize in the category of *Best Conference Paper by starting postdoctoral researchers* at the 50th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea for the paper *Correlates of restructuring in Bantu gender systems* (coauthor: Annemarie Verkerk). University of Zürich. Zürich (Switzerland).

September 2015

Second Prize in the category of *Best Conference Paper by starting postdoctoral researchers* at the 48th Annual Meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea for the paper *Measuring morphosyntactic complexity across languages: Two case studies of grammatical gender*. University of Leiden. Leiden (The Netherlands).

May 2015

*Högskoleföreningen’s Award* for the best doctoral dissertation defended during 2014 at the Faculty of Humanities at Stockholm University.

## Organization and management of academic events

November 2015

Workshop on *Grammatical gender and linguistic complexity*, the Department of Linguistics at Stockholm University, Sweden. Main organizer together with Bernhard Wälchli.

June – July 2014

*International Summer School in Language Documentation and Linguistic Diversity*. Stockholm University, Sweden. Member of the summer school local organizing committee.

June 2014

*The Young Linguists’ International Conference*, June 28, 2014. Stockholm University, Sweden. Main organizer and member of the conference organizing committee.

April 2012

Ph.D. conference at the Department of Linguistics, Stockholm University, Sweden. Main organizer and member of the conference organizing committee.

## Ongoing research collaborations

With Kaius Sinnemäki (University of Helsinki). Research collaboration on designing principles of typological databases of language structures and social structures, and on non-linguistic causes of linguistic diversity.

With Annemarie Verkerk (Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Department of Linguistic and Cultural Evolution, Jena, Germany): *Correlates of restructuring in Bantu gender systems: typology, phylogeny, social history*.

With Bernhard Wälchli (Stockholm University) and Bruno Olsson (University of Singapore). Edited volume on *Grammatical Gender and Linguistic Complexity* to be submitted to Language Science Press, *Studies in Diversity Linguistics* series. Book proposal accepted in January 2016.

With Hatice Zora (Stockholm University) and Peeter Tinitis (Tallin University). Research collaboration on a behavioral experiment with a miniature artificial language: Semantic and/or morphological biases in nonnominal plural marking.

## Talks and conference participation (selected)

December 15, 2017

Design principles for databases of language structures and social structures. Paper presented with Kaius Sinnemäki at the workshop on *Design principles and comparisons of typological databases*, organized within the 12th Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT), Canberra (Australia).

November 14, 2017

On the evolution of Bantu gender marking systems: Typology, phylogeny, and social history. With Annemarie Verkerk. Invited lecture at the Department of African Languages and Linguistics, Humboldt University, Berlin (Germany).

September 12, 2017

Correlates of restructuring in Bantu gender systems. Paper presented with Annemarie Verkerk at the 50th SLE Annual Meeting. Zürich (Switzerland).

July 11, 2017

Radical restructuring of gender systems in the northern Bantu borderlands as a potential substrate effect. Paper presented with Annemarie Verkerk at the workshop on *Language shift and substratum interference in (pre-)history*. Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History. Jena (Germany).

June 21, 2017

Modeling the complexity of grammatical gender systems: Three case studies in synchronic and diachronic typology. Invited speaker at the workshop on *Morphological complexity in noun class systems*. School of Oriental and African Studies. London (United Kingdom).

November 22, 2016

Towards a typological and phylogenetic analysis of Bantu gender marking systems. Work in progress together with Annemarie Verkerk. Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Department of Linguistic and Cultural Evolution. Jena (Germany).

September 2, 2016

How gender (agreement) systems complexify and/or simplify. Paper presented at the 49th SLE Annual Meeting. Naples (Italy).

November 21, 2015

Complexification/simplification in gender emergence and loss. Paper presented at the workshop on *Grammatical Gender and Linguistic Complexity*, Stockholm University (Sweden).

September 4, 2015

Measuring morphosyntactic complexity across languages. Two case studies of grammatical gender. Paper presented at the workshop on *Morphological complexity: Empirical and cross-linguistic approaches*, organized within the 48th SLE Annual Meeting. Leiden (The Netherlands).

September 2, 2015

Gender and its interaction with number and evaluative morphology: Two case studies of Africa. Paper presented with Yvonne Agetsoamedo at the workshop on *Non-canonical gender systems*, organized within the 48th SLE Annual Meeting. Leiden (The Netherlands).

January 26, 2015

An areal typology of gender in Africa. Paper presented at the workshop on *Gender and classifiers: Areal and genealogical perspectives*. Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen (The Netherlands).

June 28, 2014

Indexation of nominal plurality in Cushitic. Paper presented at *The Young Linguists' International Conference* Stockholm (Sweden).

August 26, 2012

Evaluative morphology and noun classification. A cross-linguistic study of Africa. Paper presented at the conference on *Universals and Typology in Word Formation II* Košice (Slovakia).

November 25, 2011

Towards a typology of preventive constructions. Paper presented at the workshop on *Negation in Uralic languages*, Department of Linguistics, Stockholm University (Sweden).

July 6, 2011

Diminutive, gender and number marking: The case of Bantu languages. Paper presented at the Panel on *Morphopragmatics of diminutives in African languages*, organized by Nana Amfo Aba Appiah and Clement Appah during the *12th International Pragmatic Conference*, Manchester (United Kingdom).

June 16, 2011

Evaluative morphology in noun phrases: a typological study. Paper presented at the *Third Conference of the Scandinavian Association for Language and Cognition (SALC III)*, Copenhagen (Denmark).

## List of publications (from most to least recent)

Di Garbo, Francesca and Annemarie Verkerk. In preparation. *Correlates of restructuring in northwestern Bantu gender systems*.

Di Garbo Francesca, Bernhard Wälchli & Bruno Olsson. In preparation. *Grammatical Gender and Linguistic Complexity*. The book proposal has been submitted to the Language Science Press series on *Studies in Diversity Linguistics*. The proposal was submitted on January 21th, 2016 and accepted on January 27, 2016.

Sinnemäki, Kaius & Francesca Di Garbo. Under review. On language complexity, population size, and linguistic adaptation.

Sandman, Erika & Francesca Di Garbo. Under review. Contact-induced reduction, loss, and emergence of numeral classifiers: Two case studies from East Asia. In Marcin Kilarski and Mark Tang (eds.) *Nominal Classification in Asia: Functional and diachronic perspectives*.

Di Garbo, Francesca. Under revision. *The complexity of grammatical gender and language ecology*. In Peter Arkadiev and Francesco Gardani *Morphological Complexity*.

Di Garbo, Francesca & Yvonne Agbetsoamedo. Forthcoming. Non-canonical gender in Africa. A typological survey of interactions between gender and number, and gender and evaluative morphology. In Sebastian Fedden, Jenny Audring and Greville Corbett (eds.) *Non-canonical gender systems*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Di Garbo, Francesca & Matti Miestamo. Forthcoming. *The evolving complexity of gender agreement systems*. In Francesca Di Garbo, Bernhard Wälchli & Bruno Olsson *Grammatical Gender and Linguistic Complexity*.

Di Garbo, Francesca. 2016. Exploring grammatical complexity crosslinguistically. The case of gender. *Linguistic Discovery* 14. 46-85. DOI:10.1349/PS1.1537-0852.A.468.

Agbetsoamedo, Yvonne & Francesca Di Garbo. 2015. Σελεε. In Nicola Grandi and Lívia Körtvélyesy (eds.) *Edinburgh Handbook of Evaluative Morphology*, 487–495. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

Agbetsoamedo, Yvonne & Francesca Di Garbo. 2015. Unraveling temperature terms in Σελεε. In Maria Koptjevskaja-Tamm (ed.), *Linguistics of temperature*, 108–127. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

Di Garbo, Francesca. 2014. *Gender and its interaction with number and evaluative morphology: An intra- and intergenerational typological survey of Africa*. Stockholm: Stockholm University dissertation.

Di Garbo, Francesca. 2013. Evaluative morphology and noun classification: a cross-linguistic study of Africa. *SKASE Journal of Theoretical Linguistics* 10(1). 114-136.

Di Garbo, Francesca. 2009. Review of *Construction grammar in a cross-language perspective*, edited by Fried, Mirjam; Östman, Jan-Ola (eds.) 2004 (Amsterdam – Philadelphia: John Benjamins Publishing Company). Published on Linguist List 04/06/2009 (<http://linguistlist.org/issues/20/20-1297.html#1>).

Brucalè, Luisa & Francesca Di Garbo. 2009. Processi Cognitivi e mutamento linguistico: Il caso della metonimia [Cognitive processes and language change: a case study of metonymy]. In Floriana Di Gesù (ed.) *Pensieri vicini, parole lontane. Il contributo delle neuroscienze alla didattica delle lingue*, 11-20. Palermo: Palumbo Editore.

## Examiner/Referee for scholarly work

### Faculty examiner/student reviewer in connection with public defense of theses

July 2017: Member of the Doctoral Thesis Committee for the doctoral dissertation of PhD candidate Mulugeta Tarekagne Tsegaye: *Plural gender: Behavioral evidence for plural as a value of Cushitic gender with reference to Konso*. Leiden University (The Netherlands). The dissertation was successfully defended on July 5, 2017.

May 2016: Examiner/discussant of the 90% seminar (*skuggsopposition*) of a doctoral dissertation in linguistics at the Department of English at Stockholm University.

#### **Journal referee**

Reviewer for submissions to the following journals: *Journal of African Languages and Linguistics*, *Language Sciences*, *Nordic Journal of Linguistics*, *Open Linguistics*, *Studies in Language*.

#### **Referee in conference committee**

Member of the scientific committee and abstract reviewer for the Young's Linguists' International Conference (Stockholm University, Department of Linguistics, June 2014).

## **Teaching**

January-February, 2017

Grammatical gender in the languages of the world, 3 ECTS. Department of Modern Languages, University of Helsinki, Finland.

Fall 2014

Linguistic Theory and Methodology, 7.5 ECTS. Master's Programme in Language Sciences, Department of Linguistics, Stockholm University, Sweden.

Summer 2014

International Summer School in Language Documentation and Linguistic Diversity, Course on Linguistic Typology (Instructors: Maria Koptjevskaja Tamm and Ljuba Veselinova). Guest lecture on *Implicational Hierarchies and Linguistic Typology*. Department of Linguistics, Stockholm University, Sweden.

Fall 2013

Linguistic Theory and Methodology, 7.5 ECTS. With Matti Miestamo. Master's Programme in Language Sciences, Department of Linguistics, Stockholm University, Sweden.

Fall 2012

Linguistic Theory and Methodology, 7.5 ECTS. With Matti Miestamo. Master's Programme in Language Sciences, Department of Linguistics, Stockholm University, Sweden.

## **Supervision**

Fall 2017

Supervision of project work for students in the Bachelor's program in Linguistics. Project topic: Lexical plurality in Cushitic languages. Department of Linguistics, Stockholm University (Sweden)

Fall 2017

Supervision of final independent work in the teacher training program (advanced level) at the Department of Language Education, Stockholm University (Sweden).

Spring 2017

Supervision of final independent work in the teacher training program (advanced level) at the Department of Language Education, Stockholm University (Sweden).

Spring 2012 and Fall 2011

First term paper supervision (Bachelor's Program in Linguistics): *Word order typology: testing some word order correlations concerning Noun Phrases on WAL*. With Benjamin Brosig. Department of Linguistics, Stockholm University (Sweden).

Spring 2011

First term paper supervision (Bachelor's Program in Linguistics): *The implicational relation between gender and number: testing Greenberg's Universals 36 on WAL*. Department of Linguistics, Stockholm University (Sweden).

## **Interaction with the surrounding community**

October 2017

The Department of Linguistics hosted a one-day visit from a linguistically-oriented high school in the north of Sweden (Dalarna). On that occasion, I gave a short lecture on linguistic diversity in Africa.

October 2015

Lecturer at the *Forskardagarna*, 'Research Days', at Stockholm University. Lecture title: *Diversity and complexity in African languages*.

## Language skills

<b>Italian</b>	Native speaker
<b>Sicilian</b>	Near native
<b>English</b>	Fluent
<b>Swedish</b>	Intermediate
<b>French</b>	Intermediate
<b>Portuguese</b>	Reading only
<b>Spanish</b>	Reading only