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Employment

2024 — present Researcher (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter) within the project *Negation in Language and Beyond*, Goethe University Frankfurt

Education

2021 — 2025 **Ph.D. in Linguistics**, Goethe University Frankfurt
Summa cum laude

2018 — 2020 **M.A. in Linguistics**, University of Padua
110/110 *cum laude*

2015 — 2018 **B.A. in Literature and Linguistics**, University of Padua
110/110 *cum laude*

Other

2026 **University of Edinburgh**
research stay (April – May)
Host: Rob Truswell

2023 **University of Pennsylvania**
research stay (Spring Term)
Host: Martin Salzmann

2022 **University of Granada**
data collection stay (May – June)
Host: Cristóbal Lozano

Summer/winter-schools

2022 **CreteLing Summer school 2022**, University of Rethymno, Crete

2022 **Intensive Remote School in Theoretical Linguistics (IRS)**, online

2021 **Winter school in Linguistics**, University of Verona (held online)

2019 **EGG Summer school 2019**, University of Wrocław

Research interests

Formal Syntax; Minimalism; Experimental syntax; Grammar–parser interface; Sentence processing

Publications

Peer-reviewed Journal Papers

2024 **Presotto, G.**, Torregrossa, J. (2024). “Intervention and amelioration effects in the acquisition of Spanish object relative clauses: the role of word order and DOM”. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics*.

Proceedings Papers (Peer-reviewed abstracts)

- 2024 Presotto, G. (2024). "On the morphosyntax of Spanish (object) relative clauses". *ConSOLE XXXII: Proceedings of the 32nd Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe* (17–19 January 2024, Queen Mary University of London).
- 2024 Presotto, G. (2024). "The interaction between grammar and processing in intervention locality". *U. Penn Working Papers in Linguistics*, 30.1.
- 2024 Mattiuzzi, T., **Presotto, G.**, Koehlich, V. (2024). "Influential inflection. Testing the role of overt morphology in the distribution of Italian colour adjectives". *ConSOLE XXXI: Proceedings of the 31st Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe* (22–24 February 2023, Bielefeld University).

Presentations

Refereed Conference and Workshop Presentations

- 2026 Mattiuzzi, T., **Presotto, G.**, Poletto, C. "From BigDP to BigNegP: explaining the Anti-Non-Strict Gap". Talk at *PLC50 (50th Penn Linguistics Conference)*, University of Pennsylvania, 28 Feb.–01 Mar..
- 2026 **Presotto, G.** Mattiuzzi, T., Poletto, C. "Divide et Impera: Negative Concord as Quantifier Splitting". Poster at *IGG 51*, University of Udine, 12–14 Feb.
- 2025 Sgrizzi, T. **Presotto, G.**, Torregrossa, J. "Extending the Growing Trees Hypothesis: The role of structural complexity and featural intervention in older children's syntactic development". Talk at *GALA 2025*, Tours (France), 11–13 Sep.
- 2025 Sgrizzi, T. **Presotto, G.**, Torregrossa, J. "Structural Complexity and Featural Intervention: Extending the Growing Trees Hypothesis Beyond Infancy". Lightning talk at *Child Language Symposium 2025*, University of Reading, 08–10 Sep.
- 2025 **Presotto, G.**, Caloi, I., Torregrossa, J. "We don't want no trouble with negative concord". Poster at *IGG50*, University of Padua, 19–21 Feb.
- 2024 Presotto, G. "On the syntax and processing of Spanish object relative clauses". Poster at *IGG49*, IUSS Pavia, 22–23 Feb.
- 2024 Presotto, G. "Amelioration effects in adult comprehension of Spanish ORCs: the role of syntax and processing". Talk at *ConSOLE32*, Queen Mary University of London, 17–19 Jan.
- 2023 Torregrossa, J., **Presotto, G.** "Ameliorating cues in the comprehension of object relative clauses in child Spanish: assessing the interaction between DOM and word order". Poster at *BUCLD48*, online, 2–5 Nov.
- 2023 Presotto, G. "Differential object marking makes Spanish ORCs easier". Talk at *LSRL53*, INALCO (Paris), 27–29 Jun.
- 2023 Mattiuzzi, T., **Presotto, G.**, Koehlich, V. "Colourful modifiers. How overt morphology restricts the distribution of Italian adjectives". Talk at *LSRL53*, INALCO (Paris), 27–29 Jun.
- 2023 Presotto, G. "How redundancy affects syntax: evidence from Spanish ORCs". Poster at *CGG32*, University of the Basque Country, 24–26 Apr.
- 2023 Presotto, G. "Locality at the interface". Talk at *Workshop on Locality in Theory, Processing, and Acquisition*, University of Pennsylvania, 31 Mar–1 Apr.
- 2023 Presotto, G. "How much is too much? The impact of redundancy on syntax". Talk at *PLC47 (47th Penn Linguistics Conference)*, University of Pennsylvania, 18–19 Mar.
- 2023 Koehlich, V., Mattiuzzi, T., **Presotto, G.** "Influential inflection". Poster at *ConSOLE31*, University of Bielefeld, 22–24 Feb.
- 2022 Presotto, G. "The role of DOM in Spanish children's comprehension of ORCs". Talk at *ExMorph*, University of Vienna, 27–28 Oct.

Invited Talks

- 2026 Presotto, G. “How syntactic are syntactic islands?”. Talk at *Morpho-Syntax-Semantics Colloquium*, University of Potsdam, 30 June
- 2026 Presotto, G. “Island extraction and the source of locality”. Talk at *Meaning and Grammar Research Group*, University of Edinburgh, 12 May
- 2025 Presotto, G. “Negative Concord in non-standard English and German”. Talk at *Theoretical Approaches to Negation*, University of Padua, 19 Sep.
- 2023 Presotto, G. “Neither here nor there. Grammar and processing in the theory of locality”. CLT seminar, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (online), 19 May.
- 2022 Presotto, G. “Tame ORCs. Insights on ameliorations to intervention effects”. *Padova–Frankfurt Colloquium*, University of Padua, 21 Dec.
- 2022 Presotto, G. “Spanish DOM and subject–object asymmetries in RCs”. Talk at the University of Granada, 23 May.

Other Presentations

- 2025 Poletto, C., Mattiuzzi, T., **Presotto, G.** “Negative concord as doubling”. Talk at *Theoretical Approaches to Negation*, University of Padua, 19 Sep.
- 2025 **Presotto, G.**, Caloi, I., Poletto, C., Torregrossa, J., Toniolo, L. “Crosslinguistic Patterns in Negative Concord: Evidence from British English and Standard German”. Poster at *NegLab Summer Retreat 2025*, Schmittgen, 08 Jun.
- 2024 **Presotto, G.**, Caloi, I., Poletto, C., Torregrossa, J., Toniolo, L. “There is some discord in negative concord”. Poster at *NegLab I Workshop*, Goethe University Frankfurt, 17–18 Dec.
- 2024 **Presotto, G.**, Mattiuzzi, T., Koehlich, V. “Lack of inflection and the distribution of attributive adjectives in Italian”. Poster at *Closing Workshop of RTG ‘Nominal Modification’*, Goethe University Frankfurt, 23–24 May.
- 2024 Presotto, G. “How do you wonder where locality is?”. Talk at the *Romance Colloquium*, Goethe University Frankfurt, 6 Feb.
- 2023 Presotto, G. “On the syntax and processing of Spanish ORCs”. Talk at *RTG Nominal Modification Colloquium*, Goethe University Frankfurt, 14 Nov.
- 2023 Presotto, G. “On how to localise locality”. Talk at the *RTG Nominal Modification Retreat*, Bad Homburg, 29–30 Jun.
- 2022 Presotto, G. “Better alone than in bad company. Trade-offs between redundant and deficient cues assist the integration of ORCs”. Talk at *RTG Nominal Modification Colloquium*, Goethe University Frankfurt, 13 Dec.
- 2022 **Presotto, G.**, Mattiuzzi, T., Koehlich, V. “Influential inflection”. Talk at *WONDo*, Goethe University Frankfurt, 10–11 Nov.
- 2022 Presotto, G. “Testing Spanish ORCs. Preliminary results with child and adult populations”. Talk at the *RTG Nominal Modification Retreat*, Fulda, 1–2 Jul.
- 2022 Presotto, G. “On the disambiguation of subjects and objects in ORCs. Some thoughts on ameliorations in intervention effects”. Talk at the *RTG Nominal Modification Colloquium*, Goethe University Frankfurt, 15 Feb.
- 2021 Presotto, G. “Fantastic ORCs and where to find them. Inspecting subject–object asymmetries in relative clauses”. Talk at the *Romance Colloquium*, Goethe University Frankfurt, 30 Nov.
- 2021 Presotto, G. “First steps into Merge”. Talk at the *RTG Nominal Modification Retreat*, Goethe University Frankfurt (online), 24–25 Jun.
- 2020 Presotto, G. “Re(lati)vised Minimality. Reshaping the computation of intervention effects”. Talk at the *Romance Colloquium*, Goethe University Frankfurt (online), 8 Dec.

Student advising / supervision

- Michela Salvatore (University of Padua). MA thesis: “Negative Concord or Double Negation? The Case of German”. (Second advisor)
- Marta Freddi (University of Padua). MA thesis: “The acquisition of negation by L2 German L1 Italian speaker”. (External advisor)

Academic service

Conference and workshop organisation

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| Nov 2022 | Workshop: <i>Word Order in the Nominal Domain (WONDo)</i> — Organising committee, Goethe University Frankfurt |
| Jan 2022 | Winter school: <i>Intensive Remote School in Theoretical Linguistics (IRS)</i> — Organising team, online |
| 2020–2021 | Talk series: <i>Linguistic Flash Mobs</i> — Organising team; available online at this link |

Reviewing

- Articles: Linguistic Variation; Languages; Language and Cognition; International Journal of Multilingualism
- Abstracts: IGG; ConSOLE

Languages and Software

- **Natural:** Italian, English (fluent), Spanish (conversational), German (basic knowledge), Latin (working knowledge)
- **Formal:** R, $\LaTeX$, HTML, PCIBex