

Giuliana Diani

CV

Introduction

Full Professor of English linguistics at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Department of Studies on Language and Culture.

I am currently:

- Director of the University Language Centre;
- Rector's Delegate for the Quality Assurance Policies;
- Delegate for the Quality Assurance Policies of the Department of Studies on Language and Culture;
- Member of the Board of the PhD course in Humanities at UniMoRe;
- UniMoRe Disciplinary Expert (according to quality requirement R3 of the AVA system) for the evaluation of courses;
- Director of the Interuniversity Research Centre CLAVIER - Corpus and Language Variation in English Research, which include the following Universities: Bari, Bergamo, Cagliari, Calabria, Catania, Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Firenze, Milano, Modena e Reggio Emilia, Pisa, Roma "Sapienza", Roma Tre, Trieste, Verona.

Education

I graduated in Foreign Languages and Literature from the University of Pisa. I hold an MA in Language Studies from the University of Lancaster (UK) and a PhD in English Linguistics from the University of Pisa (Italy). I obtained the qualification for the position of researcher (English Linguistics) in 2005, taking service at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. I rose to the position of Associate Professor in English linguistics in 2015 at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

Research Interests

My initial research interest was in English conversation analysis and speech studies. Subsequently, I turned my attention to the study of English for academic purposes, focusing on textual and pragmatic aspects of different genres, on the argumentative structure of texts and on the potential of qualitative and quantitative analysis of small specialised corpora.

Another line of research concerns the analysis of legal language, approached from a pragmatic and contrastive (English-Italian) perspective.

I have recently explored the popularisation strategies adopted in print and in digital texts targeting young people and in law blogs.

I have participated in seven national projects PRIN 2001, 2003, 2005, 2008, 2015, 2020, 2022; I have obtained two University Research Grants (FAR) in 2016 and 2022 and a grant awarded by MIUR for research activities in 2017.

I have presented papers at national and international conferences.

Scientific acknowledgements

I am a member of the National Examining Board of Research Evaluation (Italian Ministry of Higher Education). I am currently a referee of international scientific journals (*Journal of Pragmatics*, *English for Specific Purposes*, *Journal of English for Academic Purposes*, *ESP Today*, *Languages in Contrast*, *Ibérica*, *Discourse, Context & Media*, *Pragmatics*, *Corpus Pragmatics*, *Scripta Manent*, *Iperstoria*, *Lingue Culture Mediazioni - Languages Cultures Mediation*, *International Journal of English Linguistics*, *Discourse & Interaction*, *Discourse Studies*, *Visual Communication*) and of international publishing houses (*John Benjamins*, *Palgrave Macmillan*, *Routledge*, *Cambridge Scholars*). I have been external examiner for national academic positions.

I have been:

- Director of the Master's Degree Course in "Languages for Communication in International Enterprises and Organizations" (2018-2024);
- Deputy Director of the University Language Centre (2018-2023);
- Member of the Board of CLIL course for teaching English in secondary schools (2014-2015);
- Director of teacher training courses (Italian TFA and PAS) in the field of English, French, German and Spanish languages (2015-2018);
- Member of the Scientific Committee of international conferences (CLAVIER "Corpus and Language Variation in English Research" at the University of Modena (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2025; InterGedi 2021 and 2026 at Universidad de Zaragoza).

Publications

<https://unimore.unifind.cineca.it/resource/person/66245>

Teaching

My undergraduate and postgraduate teaching has included courses in English for Academic Purposes, Corpus Linguistics, Pragmatics and Legal English. Supervised over 80 BA and MA dissertations, and two PhD theses. I am currently a supervisor of two PhD students. I have lectured at the following universities in Europe: Gloucestershire, Cheltenham (UK), Warsaw (Poland), Zaragoza and Almería (Spain).

Language skills

English: C2 (reading, writing, listening, speaking)

French: B2 (reading, writing, listening, speaking)