

## CURRICULUM VITAE – BREVE/SHORT

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### **ISTRUZIONE**

- 2005- 2011: PhD in Linguistics, University of Toronto, Department of Linguistics (Specializzazione: sintassi generativa, interfaccia sintassi-semantica, tipologia, morfologia/generative syntax, syntax-semantics interface, typology, morphology)  
*Titolo della tesi: **Secondary Predicates***. Membri della commissione: Prof. Diane Massam (head), Prof. Elizabeth Cowper, Prof. Susana Béjar.  
Esaminatore esterno – Prof. Timothy Stowell. Data della discussione della tesi: 15 Novembre 2011
- 2004-2005: MA in Linguistics, University of Toronto. Tesi: *Syntax and semantics of secondary predicates*
- 2001-2002: Diplomă de Studii Aprofundate în Lingvistică Teoretică, Università di Bucarest. Tesi: *The political language*
- 1997-2001: Università di Bucarest, Romania, Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Diplomă de Licență (în Filologie) (Lingua e letteratura greca e latina, linguistica storica)  
Tesi: *The technique of dialogues in Late Latin*

### **ESPERIENZE ACCADEMICHE**

- 2018- Professoressa Associata/Associate Professor. Linguistica Formale. Settore Scientifico Disciplinare L-LIN/01 (Glottologia e Linguistica). Dipartimento di Comunicazione ed Economia, Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia.
- 2018 Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale. Settore Concorsuale 10/G1, Settore Scientifico disciplinare L-LIN/01 (Glottologia e Linguistica). 31 agosto 2018.
- 2016- Ricercatore a Tempo Determinato/Assistant Professor. Settore concorsuale 10/G1, Settore Scientifico Disciplinare L-LIN/01 (Glottologia e Linguistica). Dipartimento di Comunicazione ed Economia, Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia.
- 2013-2016 Ricercatore post-dottorato – University of York (UK). ‘Meeting Darwin’s last challenge: toward a global tree of human languages and genes’ (LanGeLin - Language and Gene Lineages). Coordinatore: Prof. Giuseppe Longobardi  
Post-doctoral researcher

Aree di ricerca: sintassi generativa, tipologia, linguistica diacronica e comparativa, classificazione delle lingue, evoluzione linguistica, principi e parametri, linguistica filogenetica (generative syntax, typology, diachronic and comparative linguistics, language classification, linguistic evolution, principles and parameters, phylogenetic linguistics)

2011-2013 Ricercatore post-dottorato e lecturer in Linguistica teorica – University of Toronto

2006-2011 Undergraduate instructor di Linguistica Generale - University of Toronto

2004-2009 Teaching assistant (tutorials) di Linguistica Generale - University of Toronto

**AREE DI INTERESSE:** sintassi generativa, semantica formale, interfaccia sintassi-semantica, interfaccia lessico-sintassi, parametri, linguistica storico-comparativa, tipologia, universali del linguaggio, biolinguistica, filosofia del linguaggio, minimalismo, pragmatica

*Lingue romanze, romeno, linguistica balcanica, lingue native americane (Inuktitut, Athapaskan), giapponese, ugro-finnico, coreano, georgiano, basco, lingue Bantu, cinese, lingue indo-ariane, lingue turchiche*

**AREAS OF INTEREST:** generative syntax, formal semantics, syntax-semantics interface, lexicon-syntax interface, parameters, historical-comparative linguistics, typology, language universals, biolinguistics, philosophy of language, biolinguistics, minimalism, pragmatics

*Romance language, Romanian, Balkan linguistics, native American languages (Inuktitut, Athapaskan), Japanese, Ugro-Finnic, Korean. Basque, Georgian, Bantu languages, Chinese, Indo-Aryan languages, Turkic languages*

**AREE DI SPECIALIZZAZIONE:** sintassi e semantica di NPs e DPs, caso, marcatura differenziale (dell'oggetto), genitivi e possesso, sistemi dei determinanti, struttura argomentale, soggetti, accordo, modalità, predicati secondari, predicati complessi, predicazione, event structure, argument sharing, diatesi, aspetto, sollevamento/controllo, categorie vuote, catene, nasalizzazione, armonia vocalica

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:** NP and DPs syntax and semantics, case, differential (object) marking, genitives and possession, determiner systems, argument structure, subjects, agreement, modality, secondary predicates, complex predicates, predication, event structure, argument sharing, voice and diathesis, raising/control, empty categories, chains, nasalization, vowel harmony,

#### Prizes and awards

Prof. Irimia has received research and travel grants from the University of Toronto, McGill University and the Canadian research agency SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council).

#### Teaching activities and PhD supervision

For Prof. Irimia teaching is an essential part of academic life. She is of the opinion that high level scholarly activity cannot be performed without teaching. The results obtained by research must be passed on and refined through teaching, and knowledge must be shared with the younger generations. Prof. Irimia has a rich and vast international teaching experience, spanning over 20 years, and covering undergraduate and Master's levels, from large enrolment introductory courses (400+ students) to specialized seminars. She has held academic teaching positions at the assistant or associate professor level in Canada, UK and Italy, covering introductory courses to linguistics, syntax, morphology, phonology, language variation, pragmatics, seminars on specialized topics (differential object marking, the morpho-syntactic encoding of objects, ellipsis, null categories), tutorials

on thesis writing, etc. At the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia she supervised undergraduate theses in linguistics. In 2026 she also joined the doctoral teaching program. National and international collaborations and networks that contribute to enhancing the scientific quality and feasibility of the project

Since 2019, Prof. Irimia has been part of the international research project ‘The syntax of nominal linkers’, lead by Professor Arsalan Kahnemuyipour, University of Toronto Mississauga (Canada), funded by SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Insight Grant 958832, 233,000 CAD), and grouping together internationally renowned experts from Hungary/Portugal (Prof. Marcel den Dikken), Canada (Prof. Diane Massam), Switzerland (Prof. Ur Shlonsky). The project investigates the categories known as linkers (elements that help introduce modifiers to nouns), and an important part of this research is dedicated to the relationship between linkers and grammatical case, as well as the complex interactions between linkers and nominalizations/non-finite categories, topics that are extremely relevant to the current PRIN project. The expertise obtained through an in-depth analysis of various types of nominalizations and non-finite categories as they interact with linkers will be extended to the wider nominalization domains to be examined in the PRIN project. Moreover, this SSHRC project opens the possibility of investigating languages that otherwise would not be easily accessible. Some of the recent activities in the SSHRC project that enhance the feasibility of the PRIN project are an oral talk on nominalizations at IGG (Incontro du Grammatica Generativa 51, Feb. 2026, Udine, Irimia, Kahnemuyipour and Taghipour) and an invited talk on nominalizations by the same authors at the University of Siena.

Another international network Prof. Irimia is part of and which is highly relevant to the current project is the SFB (Collaborative Research Centre) project ‘Language between redundancy and deficiency’, funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF, 10.55776/F1003). This Collaborative Research Centre refers to a consortium formed of three universities in Austria, Prof. Irimia being a member in the subproject TP6 ‘The (Non-)Deficiency and (Non-)Redundancy of Clitic Pronouns’, led by Prof. Dalina Kallulli at the University of Vienna. The research conducted as part of this project focuses on morpho-phono-syntactic aspects of clitics in their interactions with case, their behaviour in other deficient domains such as nominalizations, non-finite configurations, as well as impersonal and passive structures. Another topic on which Prof. Irimia has worked as part of the SFB project is null categories, with oral presentations at high level international conferences, in collaboration with Dalina Kallulli and another member of the Vienna Unit, Adina Camelia Bleotu. Null categories are highly relevant in nominalizations, but have received less attention in formal and typological studies. Our project intends to fill a gap in this domain too,

Prof. Irimia is also the research coordinator in the FAR (Fondi di Ateneo per la Ricerca, ) project POM ‘Parametrizing Object Marking’, PI Cristina Guardiano, held at University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, 2024-2026. This project has as its main goal the investigation of the relevant morpho-syntactic parameters in differential object marking across a large set of human languages from diverse families, taking the Parametric Comparison Method as a starting point. Differentially marked objects, and structural accusatives more generally are of utmost importance to the current PRIN project.

### **Short description of projects**

1) Collaborator in the international project ‘The syntax of nominal linkers’, led by Prof. Arsalan Kahnemuyipour, University of Toronto Mississauga (Canada), funded by SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Insight Grant 958832, 233,000 CAD). Other members: Prof. Marcel den Dikken (Portugal), Prof. Diane Massam (Canada), Prof. Ur Shlonsky (Switzerland). Parts of this research dedicated to the interactions between linkers and nominalizations/non-finite categories, topics that are extremely relevant to the current PRIN project. The expertise obtained through an in-depth analysis of various types of nominalizations and non-finite categories as they interact with linkers will be extended to the wider nominalization domains to be examined in the PRIN project.

2) SFB (Collaborative Research Centre) project ‘Language between redundancy and deficiency’, funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF, 10.55776/F1003), Prof. Irimia being a member in the subproject TP6 ‘The (Non-)Deficiency and (Non-)Redundancy of Clitic Pronouns’, PI Dalina Kallulli (University of Vienna).

Topics investigated, which are highly relevant to the current PRIN project in enhancing its scientific quality and feasibility: i) morpho-phono-syntactic aspects of clitics and case, and their behaviour in deficient domains such as nominalizations, non-finite configurations, as well as impersonal and passive structures; ii) null categories.

3) Research coordinator in the FAR (Fondi di Ateneo per la Ricerca) project POM ‘Parametrizing Object Marking’, PI Cristina Guardiano, at University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, 2024-2026. Main topic: morpho-syntactic parameters in differential object marking (DOM) across a large set of human languages from diverse families, taking the Parametric Comparison Method as a starting point. DOM and structural accusatives more generally are of outmost importance to the current PRIN project.

Scientific organisations/Coordination of academic activities

member of the Consiglio del Corso di Studio LM Pubblicità, Comunicazione Digitale e Creatività d'Impresa (University of Reggio Emilia)

responsabile del servizio di tutorato LM Pubblicità, Comunicazione Digitale e Creatività d'Impresa (University of Reggio Emilia)

Editorial activity:

Prof. Irimia has coordinated a special issue on the topic of Differential Object Marking and Datives: A Homogeneous Class? in the journal *Linguisticae Investigationes* (with Anna Pineda) and is the current editor of a special issue on the SE pronominal element in Romance languages in the journal *Linguistic Variation* (with Anna Pineda). She is also the editor, with Alexandru Mardale, of the book ‘Differential object marking in Romance. Towards microvariation’, published by John Benjamins in 2023.

Membership of scientific societies:

- Societas Linguistica Europea
- Canadian Linguistic Association
- Linguistic Society of America

Funding:

- Besides the projects mentioned above, also the following projects

PRIN Project: Parameter theory on historical corpora: Measuring the power of parameter setting theory on historical corpora – PARTHICO (member of the Reggio Emilia unit, 2023-2025)

FAR Project: Mapping Perceptions of Reggio Emilia and Enhancing Communities through Digital Narratives (FAR 2023, M-FIL/05; L-LIN/01; L-LIN/12)

FAR Project: DOM across Romance: a comparative perspective (2022-2024)

Spazi collaborativi, creatività e innovazione: SECS-P/10; L-LIN/01; SPS/08; SPS/09 (2017-2024)

Peer reviewed publications (4 recent titles):

Monica Alexandrina Irimia. 2026. Asymmetric coordination in Romanian. A diagnostic for DOM position? *Linguistic Inquiry* 57 (2): 388-409. (Online first 2025).

[https://doi.org/10.1162/ling\\_a\\_00522](https://doi.org/10.1162/ling_a_00522)

Monica Alexandrina Irimia. 2021. Oblique differential object marking and types of nominals. *Canadian Journal of Linguistics* 66(4): 486-518. [doi:10.1017/cnj.2021.28](https://doi.org/10.1017/cnj.2021.28)

Monica Alexandrina Irimia and Anna Pineda. 2025. Arbitrary SE and accusative clitics in Catalan. Resolving (mis)matches in the syntax. *Isogloss. Open Journal of Romance Linguistics*. 11(7): 1-37. <https://doi.org/10.5565/rev/isogloss.577>

Monica Alexandrina Irimia. 2023. Oblique DOM in enriched case hierarchies. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics*. 8(1): 1-56. <https://doi.org/10.16995/glossa.5751>