

## **INTRODUCTION**

DAVIDE MAZZI is Full Professor of English at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, *Dipartimento di Studi Linguistici e Culturali* [Department of Studies on Language and Culture]. Prof. Mazzi's teaching sits at the intersection of language and culture and mainly concerns Ireland's history, language history, political and institutional profile as well as language policy. In addition, his courses cover academic writing skills in both English linguistics and clinical and experimental medicine. His research interests concentrate on legal, political and news discourse, which he has explored mainly in an Irish context. His recent publications include: *A discourse perspective on Daniel O'Connell's Repeal movement*, 2022; *The discourse of well-being in late-modern Ireland: A case study of letters to the editor*, 2023; The Irish public discourse on Covid-19 at the intersection of legislation, fake news and judicial argumentation, *International Journal for the Semiotics of Law*, 2022; "...a matter of grave concern": Online hate speech in Ireland at the intersection of legislation and case law. In *Handbook on Cyber Hate: The Modern Cyber Evil*, 2024.

## **EDUCATION**

- 1998/1999-2001/2002: Degree in "European Languages and Cultures", University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.
- January 2003–December 2005: PhD in "Comparative Languages and Cultures", University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy.

## **RESEARCH PROJECTS (Recent)**

- P.R.I.N. National Project "Knowledge Dissemination across media in English: continuity and change in discourse strategies, ideologies, and epistemologies". Duration: 2017-2019.
- P.R.I.N. National Project "Discourses and contexts of well-being in the history of English". Duration: 2024-2025.

## **MEMBERSHIP OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES**

- 01/07/2006– Associated Member, I.S.S.A. (International Society for the Study of Argumentation), University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- 01/12/2020– Member, Research Network SLIN (Society for the History of the English

Language), University of Catania, Italy.

- 01/11/2021– Associated Member, IrEN (The Irish English Network), Universität Lüneburg, Germany.

## **TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

2024/2025-2026/2027–

- o “Language, Culture and Institutions of Ireland”, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy.
- o “Technical English”, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy.

## **INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

November 2015 – October 2024: Representative of the Department of Studies on Language of Culture in the Head Council of the Language Centre of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy.

January 2018 – September 2020: Member of the Committee for the draft of the English tests of the Entrance Examination, Bachelor Degree in “European Languages and Cultures”, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy.

November 2018 – October 2021: Member-in-charge of Disability Support, Department of Studies on Language of Culture, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy.

November 2018 – October 2024: Member-in-charge of College Counseling, Department of Studies on Language of Culture, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy.

July-September 2019 – Member of the Committee for the Development Plan of the Language Centre, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy.

November 2020 – October 2024 Member of the Pedagogical Advisory Board, Department of Studies on Language of Culture, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy.

November 2021 – October 2024: Deputy Head of the Department of Studies on Language of Culture, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy.

October 2019 – Member of the Advisory Board of the Modena Foundation.

November 2024 – Head of the Department of Studies on Language of Culture, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy.

## PUBLICATIONS (2022-)

- **Books**

Mazzi, D. (2022). *A discourse perspective on Daniel O’Connell’s Repeal movement*. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Mazzi, D. (2023). *The discourse of well-being in late-modern Ireland: A case study of letters to the editor*. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

- **Articles in international peer-reviewed journals**

Mazzi, D. (2022). The Irish public discourse on Covid-19 at the intersection of legislation, fake news and judicial argumentation. *International Journal for the Semiotics of Law* 35: 1233-1252.

Mazzi, D. (2024). Review of Nicholas Brownlees (ed.), *The Edinburgh History of the British and Irish Press*. Volume 1. Beginnings and Consolidation, 1640-1800, Edinburgh, Edinburgh UP, 2023. *Studi Irlandesi – A Journal of Irish Studies* 14: 289-291.

Mazzi, D. (2025). “The mask is off at last!”: Propaganda discourse in the Irish Civil War. *Token* 18: 233-251.

Mazzi, D. (2026). “...animated by a number of fundamental principles”: An analysis of pragmatic argumentation in a corpus of Supreme Court of Ireland’s judgments on human rights. *International Journal of Corpus Linguistics* 31 (1): 94-114.

- **Chapters in peer-reviewed conference proceedings**

Mazzi, D. (2024). “...like their comrades who fell in 1916”: Argumentative discourse in propaganda sheets from the Irish Civil War. In R. Boogart, B. Garssen, H. Jansen, M. van Leeuwen, R. Pilgram and A. Reuneker (eds.), *Proceedings of the Tenth Conference of the International Society for the Study of Argumentation*. Amsterdam: Sic-Sat, 646-654.

Mazzi, D. (2024). “We have weathered the Omicron storm...”: A case study on the argumentative use of metaphor in Ireland’s political discourse on Covid-19. In F. Paglieri, A. Ansani and M. Marini (eds.), *The Cognitive Dimension of Social Argumentation. Proceedings of the 4th European Conference on Argumentation*. London: College Publications, 85-96.

- **Book chapters**

Mazzi, D. (2021). “If you want Ireland to prosper...”: A discourse-analytic study of Irishness in advertising from the 1930s. In N. Brownlees (ed.), *The Role of Context in the Production and Reception of Historical News Discourse*. Bern: Peter Lang, 313-331.

- Mazzi, D. (2022). "...without proof of negligence or a causative connection...": On causal argumentation in the discourse of Supreme Court of Ireland's judgments on data protection. In S. Goźdz-Roszkowski and G. Pontrandolfo (eds.), *Law, Language and the Courtroom: Legal Linguistics and the Discourse of Judges*. London: Routledge, 112-125.
- Mazzi, D. (2024). "...a matter of grave concern": Online hate speech in Ireland at the intersection of legislation and case law. In A. Wagner and S. Marusek (eds.), *Handbook on Cyber Hate: The Modern Cyber Evil*. Cham: Springer, 313-333.
- Mazzi, D. (2025). "'The analogy...is imperfect': On criticisms of argumentation by comparison in Supreme Court of Ireland's judgments on human rights". In S. Goźdz-Roszkowski and G. Pontrandolfo (eds.), *In the minds of judges: Argumentative discourse at the intersection of law and language*. Berlin: De Gruyter, 15-34.
- Mazzi, D. (2026). "'Works of creation' and 'diabolical proceedings': Fact and ideology in Irish news discourse about Italy, 1738-1800". In N. Brownlees, B. Dooley and S. U. Baldassarri (eds.), *Fact and Ideology in the Reporting of News about Italy from 1600 to the Unification*. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 117-131.
- Mazzi, D. (2026). "'...a long journey through the valley of the shadow...': A comparison of Irish and British news discourse on the Irish Civil War". In M. Włodarczyk and N. Brownlees (eds.), *News Translation and Intertextuality in the British and International Press, 1600-1960s*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 253-278.