



Master Thesis
(Research Paper, TFM)

**Research lines for students in the Linguistics
branch**

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Research interests: Biolinguistics: Biological bases of language, Evolutionary Developmental Biology (Evo-Devo), Phylogeny of the Faculty of Language, Ecology of Development (Eco-Devo), Philosophy of biology

Recent publications:

Balari, S., & Lorenzo, G. (2021). Evo-devo of language and cognition. In. L. Nuño de la Rosa & G. B. Müller, eds. Evolutionary Developmental Biology. A Reference Guide (pp. 1221-1233). Cham: Springer. https://doi.org/are.uab.cat/10.1007/978-3-319-33038-9_43-1.

Segovia-Martín, J. & Balari, S. (2020). Eco-evo-devo and iterated learning: towards an integrated approach in the light of niche construction. *Biology and Philosophy*, 35(4):42. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10539-020-09761-3>.

Research group: Center of Theoretical Linguistics (CTL)

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Research interests: Language Acquisition, Syntax, Morphology, Generative grammar, language pathologies

Recent publications:

Salmons, I. & A. Gavarró (2022) Intervention effects in Catalan agrammatism, *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 7(1). doi: <https://doi.org/10.16995/glossa.6348>

Gavarró, A. & I. El Hadef (2022) A study on the acquisition of relativisation in Moroccan Arabic. In Avaz, M. (ed.) *Perspectives on Arabic Linguistics XXXIV*, Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins.

Research group: Center of Theoretical Linguistics (CTL), Acquisition and Pathology Lab (APL)

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Recent publications:

2022 “Syncretism and ordering in the evolution of Catalan pronominal clitic clusters”. *Borealis: An International Journal of Hispanic Linguistics*, 11(1), pp. 173–190.

2021 (amb Francesc Torres-Tamarit i Maria del Mar Vanrell) “Hypocoristic truncation in Sardinian”, *Linguistics*, Volume 59, Number 3, pp. 683-714(32).

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Gómez, D. & J. Mateu (2022). “How to obtain a copula from a process verb: Insights from the event structure of posture verbs.” *Glossa. A Journal of General Linguistics*. Volume 7(1): 1-40. DOI 10.16995/glossa.8575 .

Acedo-Matellán, V., J. Mateu & A. Pineda (2022). “Argument Structure and Argument Realization.” In A. Ledgeway & M. Maiden (eds.). *The Cambridge Handbook of Romance Linguistics*, 491-518. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Research group/s: Microparameters and Networks in Romance Variation (MINERVA)

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Recent publications:

Bonet, Eulàlia; Cheng, Lisa Lai-Shen; Downing, Laura; Mascaró, Joan. 2019. (In)Direct reference in the phonology-syntax interface under phase theory: a response to Modular PIC. *Linguistic Inquiry* 50 (4): 751-777.

Bonet, Eulàlia; Torres-Tamarit, Francesc. 2022. Typologically exceptional phenomena in Romance phonology. In Adam Ledgeway & Martin Maiden (eds), *The Cambridge Handbook of Romance Linguistics*, pp. 292-318. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

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Recent publications:

Villalba, X. (2022). The Functional Structure of Infinitive Relatives in Romance Consequences for the Cartographic Approach. *<i>Annali Di Ca' Foscari. Serie Occidentale</i>*

Espinal, M. T., Real-Puigdollers, C., & Villalba, X. (2022). From a movement verb to an epistemic discourse marker. *<i>Linguistic Variation</i>*, 1–38.

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Recent publications:

2022, ‘Greek non-negative min, epistemic modality, and positive bias’ (with E. Tsiakmakis & J. Borràs-Comes). *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11049-022-09565-y>

2022, ‘From a movement verb to an epistemic discourse marker: The diachronic change of Spanish *vaya*’ (with C. Real-Puigdollers and X. Villalba). *Linguistic Variation*. <https://doi.org/10.1075/lv.22006.esp>

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Recent publications:

“TRUTH: the rule or the aim of assertion?”, Episteme, 2021

“Lying: Knowledge or Belief?”, Philosophical Studies, 2021

Research group/s: LOGOS, BIAP

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“My primary research concerns (in)sincere communication and communicative norms. More generally, I am interested in philosophy of language (especially pragmatics and speech act theory), social epistemology (testimony, online communication), aesthetics (philosophy of literature), ethics (norms), and experimental philosophy.”

Dan Dediu

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Recent publications:

Josserand, M., Meeussen, E., Majid, A., & Dediu, D. (2021). Environment and culture shape both the colour lexicon and the genetics of colour perception. *Scientific Reports*, 11(1), 19095.

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-021-98550-3>

Dediu, D., & Moisik, S. R. (2019). Pushes and pulls from below: Anatomical variation, articulation and sound change. *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics*, 4(1), 7.

<https://doi.org/10.5334/gjgl.646>

Prefers: NA

“I’m interested in patterns of linguistic diversity and the factors/mechanisms shaping them, language and demographic history, advanced statistics, inferring causality from non-experimental data.”

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Research interests: Phonetics, Clinical phonetics

Recent publications: Elvira-García, Wendy; Marrero Aguiar, Victoria. 2020. El ritmo y la tasa de habla como ayuda diagnóstica en síndromes neurodegenerativos de los lóbulos frontotemporales. *Loquens*, 7(1), e068. *Linguistics*. 10.3989/loquens.2020.068

Elvira-García, Wendy; Marrero Aguiar, Victoria. 2021. Syllable repetition speech rate and rhythm as a tool to distinguish types of neurodegenerative aphasias. *Phonetics and Phonology in Europe (PaPE)*.

Research group/s: Phonetics Lab, CLIC research group

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"My current project involves providing an accurate characterization of phonetic markers of Fronto Temporal Lobar Degeneration and its variants, like Primary Progressive Aphasias (a condition that leads to dementia and which became viral last year when Bruce Willis said he suffered it) in Spanish and Catalan. Data in Spanish is already recorded and patient's diagnosis (both syndromic and pathological) provided. Possible works on this project involve annotating the data and analyzing parameters of your choice. Upon request and if you already have a topic decided and have worked with acoustic phonetics before (i.e. you know what Praat is and how to read a spectrogram), I can also advise works on Intonational variation (for example, gender and frequency of patterns or how a pragmatic function is expressed); Forensic Phonetics and Phonetic variation in general."

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Research interests: Biological foundations of language

Recent publications: Eusebi, P. G., Sevane, N., O'Rourke, T., Pizarro, M., Boeckx, C., & Dunner, S. (2021). Gene expression profiles underlying aggressive behavior in the prefrontal cortex of cattle. *Bmc genomics*, 22(1), 245. doi:10.1186/s12864-021-07505-5

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Theofanopoulou, C., Gedman, G., Cahill, J. A., Boeckx, C., & Jarvis, E. D. (2021). Universal nomenclature for oxytocin–vasotocin ligand and receptor families. *Nature*, 592(7856).

Research group/s: Cognitive Biology of Language Group

Prefers: N/A