

Ilaria Porru

EDUCATION

PhD – Linguistics – expected 2026
The Graduate Center (CUNY)

Dissertation: *Turkish in Bilingual Contexts: Pronoun Interpretation and Language Use among Heritage Speakers in the United States and Germany*

MA – Linguistics 2019 – 2021
The Graduate Center (CUNY)

MA – Language and civilization of Asia and Mediterranean Africa 2016 – 2018
Ca' Foscari University, Italy

BA – Foreign Languages and Media 2012 – 2015
Cagliari University, Italy

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

Provost Fellowship, Graduate Center Digital Initiatives 2025 – 2026
The Graduate Center (CUNY)

Social Media Fellowship, Department of Linguistics 2024 – 2025
The Graduate Center (CUNY)

Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Fellowship 2023 – 2024
Guttman Community College, CUNY

Human Subjects Research Support, Linguistics Program — \$2000 2025
The Graduate Center (CUNY)

Doctoral Student Research Grant (DSRG) — \$900 2024
The Graduate Center (CUNY)

CUNY Science Communication Audience Choice Award — \$300 2024

ConCALL-4 Student Abstract Award — \$200 2020

SCHOLARLY WRITING AND PUBLICATIONS

Martohardjono, G., Johns, M., Franciotti, P., Castillo, D., Porru, I., & Lowry, C. 2023
Use of the first-acquired language modulates pupil size in the processing of island constraint violations. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 14, 1180989.

Porru, I., Stern, M. C., & Martohardjono, G. (2021, April). Comparing dominance measures in speakers of typologically different languages: A case study of Turkish-English bilinguals. In *Conference on Central Asian Languages and Linguistics* (p. 211). 2021

MA thesis: *Evidentiality and Language Contact: A case study of Turkish in Berlin*. Ca' Foscari University, Italy. 2018

Bachelor thesis: *Stereotype and Prejudice: Turkish women in the media as seen* 2015

through Critical Discourse Analysis. Cagliari University, Italy.

CONFERENCE TALKS

Pronoun Interpretation and Use in Turkish Heritage Speakers: A Comparative Study in Germany and the US. <i>15th International Symposium on Bilingualism (ISB15)</i>	6/2025
Pronoun interpretation and use in Turkish heritage speakers: A comparative study in Germany and the US. <i>RISLUS Research Forum, The Graduate Center (CUNY)</i>	10/2024
Project Launch: An Ocean Apart – Pronoun Choices in Turkish Heritage Speakers. <i>NWAV 51, Queens College</i>	10/2023
Language Use Modulates Processing of Island Constraints in Heritage Language Speakers. Co-author; <i>HL@Cross, İstanbul Medeniyet Üniversitesi</i>	5/2023
Does Italian dominance affect Sardinian phonology? A case study of Southern Campidanese. <i>LABiC, Ca' Foscari University</i>	9/2022
Comparing dominance measures in bilingual speakers of typologically different languages. <i>ConCALL-4, Indiana University</i>	4/2021
Explicit and implicit measures of language dominance in Turkish-English bilinguals. <i>BUSCTEL, Boğaziçi Üniversitesi</i>	2/2020
Evidentiality and Language Contact: A Case Study of Turkish Children in Berlin. <i>SYNC, New York University</i>	12/2019

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Manager – Second Language Acquisition Lab (SLAL), The Graduate Center, CUNY	2024 – present
Adjunct Instructor – CUNY (Lehman College; LaGuardia Community College)	2020 – 2025
Courses taught include:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Structure of Modern English(es)</i>• <i>Introductory and Advanced Linguistics</i> (e.g., <i>The Phenomena of Language, Internet Linguistics</i>)• <i>Italian Language and Grammar</i> (Elementary II; Intermediate Grammar)	

ACADEMIC AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Social Media Coordinator – Linguistics Department, The Graduate Center (CUNY)	2025 – 2026
Chair – SYNC, The Graduate Center (CUNY)	2025
Teaching Linguistics Across CUNY Campuses – Workshop facilitator	2021 – 2024
Chair – Nwav51, Queens College	2023
Executive Committee – Department of Linguistics, Graduate Center (CUNY)	2022 – 2024

