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Academic Positions

2022-	Professor of Semantics and Pragmatics, Heinrich-Heine Universität Düsseldorf
2021-2022	Professor of English Linguistics, Department of Foreign Languages, University of Bergen
2020-2021	Associate Professor of English Linguistics, Department of Foreign Languages, University of Bergen
2017-2020	Senior Lecturer in Linguistics, School of Communication and Media, Ulster University
2014-2020	Course Director of MSc in Linguistics, School of Communication and Media, Ulster University
2013-2017	Lecturer in Linguistics, School of Communication and Media, Ulster University
2012-2013	Postdoctoral Fellow, Macquarie University

Other Positions and Appointments

2021-2022	Leader of the ArQus Alliance Action 4 line, University of Bergen, Norway
2019-2022	Honorary Associate Professor, University College London, UK
2012-	Consultant, National Geographic Science Festival, Auditorium Parco della Musica, Rome, Italy
2019-	External member, Language and Meaning Centre, University College London, UK
2012-2018	Associate Investigator, Centre of Excellence in Cognition and its Disorders, Maquarie University
2018-2024	Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale, Associate professor, settore 10/G1, MIUR, Italy
2018-	Project partner, Xprag.de, New pragmatic theory based on experimental evidence, SPP 1727

Education

2016	P.G. certificate in Higher Education Practice, Ulster University
2012	Ph.D in Linguistics with a minor in Psycholinguistics, Harvard University
	Dissertation: Soft but strong: neg-raising, soft triggers, and exhaustification (Chair: Gennaro Chierchia)
2006	B.A. in Theories and Technologies of Communication, University of Milan-Bicocca
2004	B.A. in Psychology of Communication, University of Milan-Bicocca

Grants, honors & awards

2023-2026	DFG research grant *Asymmetries in presupposition projection and the nature of meaning* €445,547
2021-2024	AHRC-DFG bilateral agreement research grant *IDEAlISM: Interaction between Dynamic Effects and*

	Alternative-based Inferences (with Richard Breheny, Clemens Mayr, Cornelia Ebert, Markus Steinbach, and Yasutada Sudo) £349,350 and €394,206
2019-2022	LEVERHULME TRUST research grant *Alternatives in the foundations of a theory of implicit meaning* (with Richard Breheny, Nathan Klinedinst and Yasutada Sudo) £185,016
2016-2018	LEVERHULME TRUST research grant *Plural mass nouns as a window into language variation* (with George Tsoulas and Raffaella Folli) £134,267
2018	ULSTER UNIVERSITY Distinguished Research Fellowship, Faculty Champion Award £2,500
2018	XPRAG.DE, NEW PRAGMATIC THEORY BASED ON EXPERIMENTAL EVIDENCE, *Free choice, inclusion, and redundant material*, short project funding (with Nicole Gotzner and Paolo Santorio) €2,000
2017-2018	CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN COGNITION AND ITS DISORDERS, travel support funding $2,500
2017-2018	ULSTER UNIVERSITY pump-priming fund *What is specifically linguistic in linguistic competence?* (with Lynda Kennedy, Christina Sevdali, Julie Gerard, Raffaella Folli) £22,300
2016-2017	BRITISH ACADEMY small research grant (PI) *On the interaction between morpho-syntax and semantics/pragmatics. The case of Temporal Implicatures* (with Yasutada Sudo and Raffaella Folli) £8,029
2015-2016	SIAS SUMMER INSTITUTE fellowship *The Investigation of Linguistic Meaning: In the Armchair, in the Field, and in the Lab*, National Humanities Center and Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin.
2015-2020	BIG LOTTERY FUND, *Language made fun!* (with Raffaella Folli, Christina Sevdali, Catrin Rhys and Alison Henry) £27,000
2014-2015	ULSTER UNIVERSITY research challenge fund *Plural mass nouns as a window into language variation* (with George Tsoulas, Dora Alexopoulou and Raffaella Folli) £21,500
2011-2012	HARVARD UNIVERSITY Dissertation Completion fellowship $27,500
2010	HARVARD UNIVERSITY Mind Brain and Behavior Graduate Student award $1,350
2007-2008	DOUGLAS DILLON fellowship $27,500

Publications & talks

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2025	Degano, Marco, Ramotowska, Sonia, Marty, Paul, Aloni, Maria, Breheny, Richard, Romoli, Jacopo, and Sudo, Yasu. "The ups and downs of ignorance" to appear in *Natural Language Semantics*
2024	Marty, Paul, Romoli, Jacopo, Sudo, Yasutada, and Breheny, Richard, "Implicature priming, salience, and context adaptation", *Cognition*, 244: 105667
2024	Marty, Paul, Romoli, Jacopo, Sudo, Yasu, van Tiel, Bob, and Breheny, Richard, "Scalar Inferencing, Polarity and Cognitive Load", *Glossa Psycholinguistics*, 3(1): 1–15
2024	Tieu, Lyn, Bill, Cory, and Romoli, Jacopo "An experimental investigation of implicature and homogeneity approaches to free choice", *Natural Language Semantics* 32: 431–471
2024	Marty, Paul, Romoli, Jacopo, Sudo, Yasutada, and Breheny, Richard, "What makes linguistic inferences robust?", *Journal of Semantics* 41(1): 1–52

2023   Mucha, Anne, Renans, Agata, and Romoli, Jacopo, "Sequence of tense and cessation implicatures: Evidence from Polish", *Natural Language and Linguistics Theory* 41: 267-346

2022   Marty, Paul and Romoli, Jacopo, "Varieties of Hurford Disjunctions", *Semantics & Pragmatics* 3: 1–25

2022   Romoli, Jacopo, Santorio, Paolo, and Wittenberg, Eva, "Alternatives in counterfactuals: what is *right* and what is *not*", *Journal of Semantics* 39: 213–260

2022   Gotzner, Nicole and Romoli, Jacopo "Meaning and alternatives", *Annual Review of Linguistics* 8: 213–34

2021   Bill, Cory, Pagliarini, Elena, Tieu, Lyn, Romoli, Jacopo, and Crain, Stephen "When more is less: children's understanding of sentences with multiple scalar terms", *Journal of Semantics* 38(4): 601-637

2021   Marty, Paul, Romoli, Jacopo, Sudo, Yasutada, and Breheny, Richard, "Negative Free Choice", *Semantics & Pragmatics* 14(13): 1–54

2021   Marty, Paul and Romoli, Jacopo "Presupposed free choice and the theory of scalar implicatures", *Linguistics & Philosophy* 45: 91–152

2021   Marty, Paul and Romoli, Jacopo "Presuppositions, implicatures, and contextual equivalence", *Natural Language Semantics* 29: 229–280

2020   Tieu, Lyn, Bill, Cory, Romoli, Jacopo, and Crain, Stephen "Testing theories of plural meanings: Insights from acquisition", *Cognition* 205:104307

2020   Renans, Agata, Yagmur Sag, Ketrez, Nihan, Tieu, Lyn, Folli, Raffella, Tsoulas, George, de Vries, Hanna, and Romoli, Jacopo, "Plurality and cross-linguistic variation: An experimental investigation of the Turkish plural", *Natural Language Semantics* 28: 307–342

2020   Romoli, Jacopo and Renans, Agata "Multiplicity and modifiers", *Journal of Semantics* 37(3): 455–474

2020   Gotzner, Nicole, Romoli, Jacopo, and Santorio, Paolo "Choice and prohibition in non-monotonic contexts," *Natural Language Semantics* 28: 141–174

2020   Mandelkern, Matthew, Zehr, Jeremy, Romoli, Jacopo and Schwarz, Florian, "We discovered that projection in conjunction is asymmetric (and it is!)," *Linguistics & Philosophy* 43(5): 473-514

2019   Mandelkern, Matt and Romoli, Jacopo "What's not to like," *Linguistic Inquiry* 51(4): 815–828

2019   Romoli, Jacopo and Santorio, Paolo "Filtering free choice", *Semantics & Pragmatics* 12(11):1–27

2019   Leffel, Timothy, Cremers, Alexandre, Gotzner, Nicole, and Romoli, Jacopo "Vagueness and the derivation of implicatures", *Journal of Semantics*, 36(2): 317–348

2019   Shetreet, Einat, Alexander, Edward, Romoli, Jacopo, Chierchia, Gennaro, and Kuperberg, Gina, "What we know about knowing: presuppositions generated by factive verbs influence downstream neural activity", *Cognition*, 184: 96–106

2018   Pagliarini, Elena, Bill, Cory, Tieu, Lyn, Romoli, Jacopo, and Crain, Stephen "On children's variable success with scalar inferences: Insights from disjunction in the scope of a universal quantifier",

Cognition, 178: 178–192

2018 Cremers, Alexandre, Kane, Frances, Tieu, Lyn, Kennedy, Lynda, Sudo, Yasutada, Folli, Raffaella, and Romoli, Jacopo "Testing theories of temporal inferences: evidence from child language," *Glossa: a journal of generative linguistics*, 3(1), 139

2018 Bill, Cory, Romoli, Jacopo, and Schwarz, Florian "Processing Presuppositions and Implicatures: Similarities and Differences", in *Frontiers in Communication*, 3:44

2018 Kennedy, Lynda, Tieu, Lyn, Romoli, Jacopo, Moscati, Vincenzo, Folli, Raffaella "Beyond the scope of acquisition: a novel perspective on the isomorphism effect", *Language Acquisition*

2018 Renans, Agata, Romoli, Jacopo, Makri, Margarita, Tieu, Lyn, de Vries, Hanna, Folli, Raffella, and Tsoulas, George "The abundance inference of pluralised mass nouns is an implicature: Evidence from Greek," to appear in *Glossa: a journal of generative linguistics*, 3(1): 103. 1-34.

2018 Mandelkern, Matt and Romoli, Jacopo "Hurford conditionals" *Journal of Semantics* 35(2):357–367

2018 Breheny, Richard, Klinedinst, Nathan, Romoli, Jacopo, and Sudo, Yasutada "The Symmetry problem: current theories and prospects" *Natural Language Semantics*, 26(2):85–110

2018 Gotzner, Nicole and Romoli, Jacopo "The scalar inferences of strong scalar terms under negative quantifiers and constraints on the theory of alternatives" *Journal of Semantics* 35(1): 95–126

2018 Tieu, Lyn, Romoli, Jacopo, Poortman, Eva, Winter, Yoad, and Crain, Stephen, "Children's comprehension of plural predicate conjunction" *Journal of Child Language*, 45(1):242–259

2018 Santorio, Paolo and Romoli, Jacopo "Probability and implicatures: a unified account of the scalar effects of disjunction under modals" *Semantics & Pragmatics*, 10(13)

2017 Mandelkern, Matthew and Romoli, Jacopo (2017), "Parsing and Presupposition in the calculation of local context", *Semantics & Pragmatics* 10(7)

2017 Tieu, Lyn, Cremers, Alexandre, Yatsushiro, Kazuko, Romoli, Jacopo, Sauerland, Uli, and Chemla, Emmanuel (2017), "On the role of alternatives in the acquisition of simple and complex disjunctions in French and Japanese", *Journal of Semantics* 34(1):127–152

2017 Sudo, Yasutada, Romoli, Jacopo, Lifetime effects as presuppositional scalar strengthening, *UCL working paper in Linguistics*, 29: 30–41

2016 Mayr, Clemens and Romoli, Jacopo, "A puzzle for theories of redundancy: exhaustification, incrementality and the notion of local context" *Semantics & Pragmatics* 9(7):1–48

2016 Tieu, Lyn, Romoli, Jacopo, Zhou, Peng, and Crain, Stephen "Children's knowledge of free choice inferences and scalar implicatures" *Journal of Semantics* 33(2):269–298

2016 Bill, Cory, Romoli, Jacopo, Schwarz, Florian and Crain, Stephen "Presuppositions vs. Scalar Implicatures: the view from acquisition" *Topoi* 35(1): 57-71

2016 Moscati, Vincenzo, Romoli, Jacopo, Demarie, Tommaso, and Crain, Stephen "Born in the USA: an experimental comparison of quantifiers and modals in child language" *Natural Language Semantics* 24(1): 79-115

2015 Romoli, Jacopo "A structural account of conservativity" *Semantics-Syntax Interface*, 2: 28-57

2015   Romoli, Jacopo "The presuppositions of soft triggers are obligatory scalar implicatures." *Journal of Semantics* 32(2), 173-219

2015   Romoli, Jacopo and Pistoia-Reda Salvatore, "Le implicature scalari" (2015), *Aphex.* 11

2013   Romoli, Jacopo "A scalar implicature-based approach to Neg-raising." *Linguistics and Philosophy* 36:4, 291-353

2012   Romoli Jacopo "A Solution to Soames' Problem: Conditionals, Presuppositions and Exhaustification". *International Review of Pragmatics* 4:2, 153-184

MANUSCRIPTS

unpublished   Kennedy, Lynda, Tieu, Bill, Cory, Schwarz, Florian, Sevdali, Christina, Romoli, Jacopo "Success beyond syntax: Implicatures and Broca's aphasia"

unpublished   Chemla, Emmanuel and Romoli, Jacopo "The role of probability in scalar inferences"

SNIPPETS

to appear   Romoli, Jacopo "Why *them?*" to appear in *Snippets*

2013   Romoli, Jacopo "A problem for the structural characterization of alternatives" *Snippets* 27: 14-15.

2013   Romoli Jacopo "Strong NPIs and negated neg-raising predicates" *Snippets* 26: 16-17.

2012   Romoli Jacopo "Obligatory Scalar Implicatures and Relevance" *Snippets*, 25: 11-12.

2012   Romoli Jacopo "Presupposition wipe-out can't be all or nothing. A note on conflicting Presuppositions" *Snippets*, 24: 11-12.

BOOK CHAPTERS

forthcoming   Romoli, Jacopo "Experimental Pragmatics," in the Linguistics section of the *Oxford Bibliographies*

2019   Tieu, Lyn and Romoli, Jacopo "Plurality," in *Handbook of Experimental Semantics and Pragmatics*, Cumming, C. and Katzos, N. (eds.), Oxford University Press

2018   Tieu, Lyn, Bill, Cory, and Zehr, Jeremy, Romoli, Jacopo, and Schwarz, Florian "Developmental insight into gappy phenomena: comparing presuppositions, implicature, homogeneity, and vagueness" in *Semantics in Language Acquisition*, Syrett, K. and Arunachalam, S., Trends in Language Acquisition Series, John Benjamins: 302–324

2017   Romoli, Jacopo and Sauerland, Uli "Presupposition and accommodation," in *The Routledge Handbook of Pragmatics*, Barron, A., Steen, G., and Yueguo, G. (eds.), Routledge: 257–276

2017   Pistoia-Reda, Salvatore and Romoli, Jacopo "Oddness and conjunction" in *Linguistic and psycholinguistic approaches to implicatures and presuppositions*, Pistoia-Reda, S. and Domaneschi, F. (eds.), Palgrave: 55-70

2015   Romoli, Jacopo and Schwarz, Florian "An experimental comparison between presuppositions and indirect scalar implicatures" in *Experimental work on Presuppositions*, Schwarz, F. (ed.), Springer: 215-240

2015   Romoli, Jacopo, Khan, Manizeh, Sudo, Yasutada and Snedeker, Jesse "Solving temporary referential ambiguity using presupposed content," in *Experimental work on Presuppositions*, Schwarz, F. (ed.), Springer: 67-87

2013   Panizza, Daniele and Romoli, Jacopo "On the Processing of Alternatives, Exhaustification and Covert Negation. The case study of mai," in *Alternatives in Semantics* Falaus, A (ed.). Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan: 209-237

Teaching & Advising

Awards

2018   Nominated for the Ulster University Student Union Teaching Excellence Award

Other institutions

Adv course   European Summer School on Logic, Language and Information, 2022, Galway, Ireland
Free choice: theories and experiments

Seminar   Trondheim University, 2019, Trondheim, Norway
Plurals: theories and experiments

Adv course   European Summer School on Logic, Language and Information, 2018, Sofia, Bulgaria
Plurals: theories and experiments

Heinrich Heine Universität Düsseldorf

Expressing choices in natural language (Summer 2022)

University of Bergen

ENG 343   Instructor, Language, thought, and reality (Autumn 2021)
ENG 223   Instructor, Aspects of meaning (Autumn 2021)
ENG 343   Instructor, Meaning and conversation (Autumn 2020)

Ulster University

CMM 349   Instructor, Semantics, (Autumn 2013, Autumn 2014, Autumn 2015, Autumn 2016, Autumn 2017)
CMM 351   Instructor, Linguistic Theory II (Pragmatics), (Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019)
CMM 165   Instructor, Experimenting with language, (Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019)
CMM 531   Instructor, Linguistic Interfaces, (Spring 2015, Spring 2018, Spring 2019)
CMM 355   Instructor, Linguistic Analysis II, (Spring 2014, Spring 2015)
SLT 317   Instructor, Linguistic theory for speech and language therapists, (Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016)
CMM 705   Instructor, Theoretical Perspectives on the Phonology of English (MSc), (Autumn 2013)

Teaching Assistant: Making Sense: Logic, Language and Thought, for Professor Gennaro Chierchia, Bernhard Nickel, Stuart Shieber Spring 2011

Instructor: Conditionals, Meaning, Structure and use Spring 2011

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Semantics for Professor Gennaro Chierchia, Autumn 2010

Instructor: Understanding Scalar Implicatures. Autumn 2010

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Linguistics, for Professor Amy Rose Deal, Spring 2010

Instructor: The Semantics and Pragmatics of Focus. Spring 2010

Instructor: Pragmatics and Grammar, the case of presuppositions. Autumn 2009

Teaching Assistant: Language and Cognition, for Professor Andrew Nevins, Autumn 2009

Committee membership and Supervision

supervisor	Sonia Ramotowska, Postdoc, Heinrich Heine Universität
co-supervisor	Saeedeh Salimifar, PhD Student, University of Oslo
Chair	Bodil Moss, PhD student, University of Bergen
External	Joseph de Veaugh-Geiss, PhD student Potsdam University
supervisor	Agata Renans, Postdoc, School of Communication & Media, Ulster University
supervisor	Alexander Cremers, Postdoc, School of Communication & Media, Ulster University
supervisor	Frances Kane, Postdoc, School of Communication & Media, Ulster University
Member	Anne Rainey, PhD student, School of Communication & Media, Ulster University
Chair	Federica di Bacco, PhD student, School of Communication, Ulster University
Member	Lynda Kennedy, PhD student, School of Communication, Ulster University
External	Cory Bill, PhD student ARC Centre of Excellence in Cognition and its Disorders (CCD)

Academic Service

Department and university service

2016-2017	Athena SWAN for gender equality, representative for Social Sciences, Ulster University
2017-present	Research Cluster Coordinator, Modern Language and Linguistics Unit

Reviewing

Grants	Arts and Humanities Research Council (member of the Peer Review College; 2020-2023), Research Council of Norway (2018, 2019) (panel member), Irish Research Council (2017, 2018, 2019), Leverhulme Trust (2017, 2018), National Science Foundation (2012, 2014)
Journals	*Natural Language Semantics, Journal of Semantics, Semantics and Pragmatics, International Review of Pragmatics, Linguistics, Studia Linguistica, Linguistics & Philosophy, Linguistic Inquiry, Australasian Journal of Philosophy*
Books	Oxford University Press, Palgrave, Blackwell, Springer

Conferences	Sinn und Bedeutung 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, Glow 2014, ESSLLI 2014, Pronouns Conference Tubingen, SALT 25, 26, 27, 28, 29

Consultant & Organiser

2020	Xprag Workshop on Alternative Approaches to Alternatives, London, UK
2020	Xprag Workshop on Modal Inferences, Siracusa, Sicily
2019	Xprag Workshop on Asymmetries in Language: Presuppositions and beyond, Berlin, Germany
2013-	Ulster University Linguistics colloquium series
2009-2012	Harvard University, Bok Center for teaching and learning
2009	Semantics New England Work Shop (SNEWS) at Harvard University
2010-2011	Harvard University, Harvard Language and Cognition Seminar, Organizer
2010-2011	Harvard Linguistic Colloquium Series, Organizer

Additional Professional Experience and Impact activities

2015-present	Member of the Editorial Board, *Semantics & Pragmatics*
2018	Logic and Language Expert, ESSLLI 2018, Sofia, Bulgaria
2013-present	Member of the Higher Education Academy
2012-present	Director of the International Science Festival of Rome, Auditorium Parco della Musica, Rome, Italy
2010-present	Member of the Editorial Board, Publisher Codice Edizioni, Turin, Italy
2013-present	Member of the Ulster University Centre on Multilingualism (UCoM)