

NILCS 2025



International Conference on
New Issues in Language Contact Studies
University of L'Aquila - 28-30 May 2025



Wednesday
28.5.2025

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| from 8:00 | Registration |
| 9:00-9:15 | Official greetings & Conference opening |
| 9:15-10:15 | KEYNOTE: Yaron Matras – <i>From multilingual repertoire to language change: A critical approach to feature spread, borrowing and language ecology</i> |
| 10:15-10:45 | Elena Marcati, Emanuela Sanfelici, Nicola D'Antuono & Cecilia Poletto – <i>Language contact through the lens of acquisition</i> |
| Coffee break | |
| 11:15-11:45 | Michela Cennamo & Patrizia Giuliano – <i>Language contact and bilingualism in the area of Naples: a study of auxiliary development and selection in immigrant children</i> |
| 11:45-12:15 | Margherita Di Salvo & Valentina Del Vecchio – <i>Discrete categories for continuous phenomena: discourse markers in code-switching between Italo-Romance and English/French</i> |
| 12:15-12:45 | Claire Saillard – <i>Sociolinguistic correlates of language contact leading to the formation of two Sinitic varieties in the Gansu-Qinghai area (China)</i> |
| Lunch | |
| 14:30-15:00 | Artemis Alexiadou & Tonjes Veenstra – <i>Different syntaxes for bare passives in creoles</i> |
| 15:00-15:30 | Rita Gonçalves – <i>Existential structures in Santomean Portuguese</i> |
| 15:30-16:00 | Luana Lamberti – <i>The typological implications of contact: a study of ditransitive constructions in Afro-Brazilian Portuguese</i> |
| 16:00-16:30 | Piero Visconte – <i>“Null subject or non-null subject? That is the question”. Subject pronoun expression language contact in Puerto Rican Spanish</i> |
| Coffee break | |
| 17:00-17:30 | Tobias Frick & Guido Seiler – <i>Regularization of verb-cluster syntax in Amish Shwitzer</i> |
| 17:30-18:00 | Francesco Costantini & Jelena Živojinović – <i>Clausal perception verb complementation in Slovenian dialects in Friuli, Italy: a result of language contact?</i> |
| 18:00-18:30 | Ignasi Planas Villalba – <i>Deficient concord in Occitanorromance possessives</i> |
| 18:30-19:00 | Pui Yee Yuen – <i>Morphosyntactic analysis on double plurals in Cantonese-English</i> |

**Thursday
29.5.2025**

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| 9:00-10:00 | KEYNOTE: Eeva Sippola – <i>Decolonial approaches to language contact</i> |
| 10:00-10:30 | Marie-Eve Bouchard – <i>Discourses of language endangerment and maintenance among young bi/plurilingual speakers of a Francophone minority school in Vancouver</i> |
| 10:30-11:00 | Petar Lefterov – <i>Schoolscapes for linguistic equity: Exploring the impact of language contact on identity representation in educational contexts</i> |
| Coffee break | |
| 11:30-12:00 | Martina Ožbot – <i>Language attitudes among secondary school students in a bilingual area of Friuli Venezia Giulia</i> |
| 12:00-12:30 | Yedi Yu & Tommaso Pellin – <i>Monolinguisimo vs. multilingual identity: exploring the relationship between language policy and linguistic identity/ies construction in Chinese heritage language schools in Italy</i> |
| 12:30-13:00 | Letizia Vallini & Yang Ni – <i>Constructing and deconstructing linguistic identity: The case of Britannica International School in Shanghai</i> |
| Lunch | |
| 14:30-15:00 | Sean McKinnon – <i>Challenging dual monolingualism in variationist sociolinguistics: Alternative pathways to testing for contact-induced change</i> |
| 15:00-15:30 | Carol Aru, Manfred Krifka, Miriam Meyerhoff & Tonjes Veenstra – <i>Variation and effects of register in Bislama</i> |
| 15:30-16:00 | Francesca R. Moro, Elsie Marie Or & Gina Russo – <i>Contact-induced syntactic changes in the language of Filipino heritage speakers in Italy</i> |
| 16:00-16:30 | Valentina Del Vecchio, Valerio Pisaniello & Carmela Perta – <i>Language change in Faetar as a heritage language in North America and Europe</i> |
| Coffee break | |
| 17:00-18:00 | POSTERSESSION: G. Gianfranchi – M. A. Limongelli & E. Raniolo – C. Marchese – N. Nagy, J. Kasstan, C. Dunoyer & L. Seguin – A. Tomaselli, R. Madaro & E. Bidese – L. Tramutoli – C. Vallicelli – P. Visconte & G. Marchini |
| 18:00-18:30 | Josh Brown – <i>Italian-based lingua francas around the Mediterranean</i> |
| 18:30-19:00 | Elena Simonato – <i>Contact-induced change in the French variety spoken by the Swiss diaspora on the Black sea coast, 1820-1940</i> |

Friday
30.5.2025

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| 9:00-10:00 | KEYNOTE: Ermenegildo Bidese – <i>Genetic waves and areal waves in the Germanic-Romance language contact region in the Northeast Alps</i> |
| 10:00-10:30 | Caterina Saracco – <i>Germanic-Romance language contact in the Western Alps: modal verbs and modality in the titsch language of Gressoney (Aosta, Italy)</i> |
| 10:30-11:00 | Sabrina Bertollo, Romano Madaro & Alessandra Tomaselli – <i>German relative clauses in contact with Romance: a way towards non-pronominal strategies</i> |
| Coffee break | |
| 11:30-12:00 | Giulia Meli – <i>Contact induced innovations in Piedmont Sinti of southern France verbal system</i> |
| 12:00-12:30 | Mattia Ravera & Nicola Duberti – <i>Some grammaticalizations in south-western Piedmont</i> |
| 12:30-13:00 | Marco Barone – <i>Seeking internal reasons for prosodic transfer failure: the emergence of rising boundaries in Pescara Italian and Abruzzese polar questions</i> |
| Lunch | |
| 14:30-15:00 | Henning Radke – <i>Orthographic variation in trilingual contact situations</i> |
| 15:00-15:30 | Sarah Josefine Schaefer – <i>“POV”, “Me when...”, and “BFF” – The use of English in German professionally produced youth media memes</i> |
| 15:30-16:00 | Sabina Fontana & Gabriella Ardita – <i>Mouthing as intermodal contact in Italian-LIS interpreting: a qualitative study on deaf signers’ perceptions</i> |
| 16:00-16:30 | CLOSING DISCUSSION |

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