

Claudia Caffi

Full professor

Education and training

2018

Professor of Linguistics

University of Genoa - Genoa - IT

Academic experience

2001 - 2011

**Coordinator of courses of Italian Language for students at
Genoa University**

University of Genoa - Genoa - IT

Work experience

2012 - 2018

Full Professor

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Language skills

English

Independent

French

Basic

Research interests

She studied at the University of Pavia, Italy, where she got a degree in semiotics and a *post-lauream* degree in epistemology. Since 1981 she has been review-editor (for continental Europe) of the "Journal of Pragmatics" (North-Holland/Elsevier www.sciencedirect.com) and since 1990 has been one of the editors. Since 2011 she is one of the ten members all over the world of the Honorary Board of the Journal. Among her present research commitments, she acts as a referee on a regular basis for international publications and leading journals in the field of pragmatics such as Journal of Pragmatics (Elsevier), Pragmatics and Society (Benjamins), Pragmatics (IprA). She has been the local scientific co-ordinator of the Genoa unit in the research project PRIN 2012 (code CUP D38C 130006 10001, National Scientific Co-ordinator: Andrzej Zuczkowski / Ramona Bongelli, University of Macerata). Within this research project funded by the MIUR, she organized an international workshop, 'Workshop on Certainty and

Uncertainty in Biomedical Scientific Communication', held in Genoa, April 7th 2016.

Her main research interests include: linguistic pragmatics, text linguistics, rhetoric, stylistics, psycholinguistics, emotive communication, institutional communication, discursive construction of identity. In these fields she has published extensively. She is also interested in applied linguistics and is author, with Maria Corti, of a grammar of Italian language for secondary school *Per filo e per segno*, Milano, Bompiani, 1989. One of the aims of her research is to build up an original theoretical model of linguistic and pragmatic analysis which tries to bridge different disciplinary perspectives, in particular rhetoric, stylistics, interpersonal psychology, which are still too distant and only occasionally linked. Some results of this research can be found in *Mitigation*, Elsevier, Amsterdam/ Oxford, She is author of *Mitigation*, Oxford, Elsevier, 2007. With Cesare Segre she edited the Italian version of Leo Spitzer's *Italienische Umgangssprache* (1922) which appeared in 2007 as *Lingua italiana del dialogo*, Milano, Il Saggiatore (translated by Livia Tonelli). She is presently editing the first Italian edition of Leo Spitzer's, *Umschreibungen des Begriffes 'Hunger' im Italienischen* (Halle, 1920) which will appear at the beginning of 2019 with the Italian title *Le perifrasi della fame in italiano* (translated by Silvia Albesano) (Milano, Il Saggiatore).

Grants

2012 - 2015

Certainty and uncertainty in scientific biomedical communication

Miur - IT

MIUR - Participant

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Assignments abroad

She is a visiting Professor at the University of Italian Switzerland at Lugano, ISI, Istituto di Studi italiani.