

Costanza Lucchini

PhD in Communication Sciences - Discourse and Argumentation

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Researcher with a strong interdisciplinary background in discourse analysis, linguistics, and argumentation, particularly within the field of public communication. Creative, empathetic, and proactive communicator with a proven ability to adapt strategies to meet communicative goals in academic and non-academic contexts. Skilled in translating complex ideas into clear messages for varied audiences. Experienced in managing research projects, coordinating teams, and managing administrative responsibilities.

Academic experience

09.2021–07.2026
Università della Svizzera
italiana / Leiden
University (NL)

PhD in Communication Science (Discourse and Argumentation)

- Doctoral dissertation: "Evidentials as argumentative indicators in the argumentative activity type of the Earnings conference calls"
- Defended: 9.07.2026 – *Summa cum laude*
- Doctoral mobility (10.2024–06.2025) – Leiden University Center for Linguistics, Leiden University (The Netherlands), host: dr. Henrike Jansen
- Teaching assistant
 - *Analisi del discorso* (BA Communication, IT)
 - *Argomentazione* (MA Italian Language, Literature and Culture, IT)
 - *Argumentation in Finance* (MA Financial Communication, EN)
 - *Financial communication* (MA Financial Communication, EN)
 - *Linguistica pragmatica* (MA Italian Language, Literature and Culture, IT)
- Doctoral school in Communication science (USI) – selected courses:
 - *Philosophy of Science*
 - *Traditions of Communication Sciences*
 - *Qualitative and Quantitative Methods for research*
- Doctoral Programme in Applied Linguistics: Managing Languages, Arguments and Narratives in the Datafied Society (USI-ZHAW)

09.2021–08.2025 **Researcher** in the Swiss National Science Foundation project *Mining argumentative patterns in context. A large-scale corpus study of Earnings Conference Calls of listed companies* – P.I. Prof. Andrea Rocci (Università della Svizzera italiana, CH)

10.2025–01.2026 **Researcher** in the EU-funded project ORBIS – Augmenting participation, co-creation, trust and transparency in deliberative democracy – under the supervision of Prof. Sara Greco (Università della Svizzera italiana, CH)

09.2020–09.2021
Università della Svizzera
italiana

Research and Student Assistant

- Collaboration within the SNSF research project "Infinita" (Prof. Johanna Miecznikowski)
 - Transcription of conversations in Italian (ELAN)
- Collaboration within the research project "Argumentative Patterns in Earnings Conference Calls" (prof. Andrea Rocci)
 - Corpus annotation for evidentiality (INCEption)
- Teaching assistant for the Bachelor course "Analisi del discorso e del dialogo" (Prof. Andrea Rocci)

Education

09.2019–10.2021
Università della Svizzera
italiana / Université de
Neuchâtel

Master of Arts in Lingua, Letteratura e Civiltà italiana (Italian Language, Literature and Culture)

- Specialization in Linguistics | Mobility semester at the Université de Neuchâtel, Neuchâtel (CH)
 - Pragmatics & Semantics
 - Argumentation
 - Textual linguistics
 - Sociolinguistics, Language didactics, Methods for linguistics
- Final grade: 9.88/10 (summa cum laude)
- Master Thesis title: "Argomentazione linguistica e analisi del discorso narrativo in Ann Banfield" – Supervisor: prof. Andrea Rocci

09.2016–09.2019
Università della Svizzera
italiana

Bachelor of Arts in Lingua, Letteratura e Civiltà italiana (Italian Language, Literature and Culture)

- Specialization in Communication | Highlight courses:
 - Digital Cultures
 - ICT, Media and Society
- Final grade: 9.56/10 (summa cum laude)
- Thesis title: "Meteorologie pascoliane" (Semantic and syntactic analysis of Italian weather verbs and their poetical uses in Giovanni Pascoli) – Supervisor: professor Emilio Manzotti

Honors and Awards

- 09.2025 ECA Frans van Eemeren Prize for Outstanding Student Paper (ECA Conference 2025)
- 09.2024 USI Doctoral Mobility scholarship
- 11.2021 Alma Bacciarini Prize for the best MA graduate in Italian studies
- 11.2019 Alma Bacciarini Prize for the best BA graduate in Italian studies

Memberships

- 2022– Swiss Association for Applied Linguistics (VALS-ASLA)
- 2022– Swiss Society for Linguistics (SSG-SSL)
- 2022– International Pragmatics Association (IPrA)
- 2021–2024 COST Action APPLY – European network for argumentation and public policy analysis website

Other experiences

- 2021–2024

Centro Culturale della Svizzera italiana

Voluntary work – Communication and Event Organization
 - Organization of cultural events, exhibitions and conventions, managing all aspects from planning to execution.
 - Creation and editing of monthly newsletter for community members and participants; overseeing of public relations with sponsors and key stakeholders, including local foundations, and invited speakers; production of visual materials such as flyers and event graphics
- 2022–2023

Università della Svizzera italiana

PhD representative in the Faculty Council (Faculty of Communication)
 - Participation in the Faculty meetings and in the Doctoral Committee meetings
 - Organization of events for PhDs and Post-docs
 - Promotion of policies and activities for PhD and Post-docs within the Faculty Council and the Doctoral Committee
 - Creation of an on-boarding guide for PhDs, Post-docs and researchers
 - Establishment of a fund for external PhDs
 - Proposal of a new regulation for Doctoral courses and Schools
- 2023–2024

Università della Svizzera italiana

PhD representative in the University Academic Senate
 - Participation in the Academic Senate
 - Promotion of policies and activities for PhDs and Post-docs
 - Organization of a survey on the work-life balance situation of researchers
 - Implementation of new policies and rules for PhDs and Post-docs within the University regulations
 - Part of the “Legal Bases Committee” of the Senate

Languages

- Italian** mothertongue
- English** advanced
- French** intermediate

IT skills

- Microsoft Office & 365** advanced
- Canva, Prezi, Figma** advanced
- INCEPTION , OVA, ELAN** advanced
- Mindmeister, Wooclap** advanced
- AntConc, Superlab** intermediate
- Illustrator, InDesign** intermediate
- R, Python** basic

Interests

- Cooking and baking
- Biking and running
- Reading, writing and crafting