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Curriculum Vitae and list of publications: Sabine Christopher, PhD

Personal data

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Children	Laura, *15.07.1994 Dante, *26.01.1997 Leonardo, *27.08.1999
Nationalities	Swiss and British
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- Current positions:**
- **Osservatorio linguistico della Svizzera italiana**
 - o Research associate
 - **USI Università della Svizzera Italiana**, Faculty of Communication Sciences
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(www.ils.com.unisi.ch):
 - o lecturer in the courses: *Comunicazione verbale* (Verbal Communication), Didattica dell'italiano L2, lecturer and teaching assistant in *Analisi del discorso e del dialogo* (Discourse and Dialogue analysis).

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Research Projects

- 2005-2008 Project No. 405640-108636 *Per una nuova posizione dell'italiano nel quadrilinguismo elvetico. Strumenti e strategie per l'elaborazione di un curriculum minimo di italiano* (For a new positioning of Italian language in the context of Swiss quadrilingualism. Instruments and strategies for the elaboration of a minimal curriculum of Italian) funded by the National Research Programme No 56 (Language Diversity and Linguistic Competence in Switzerland) of the Swiss National Science Foundation. Project directed by Bruno Moretti (University of Berne) and Eddo Rigotti (Università della Svizzera Italiana)
- 2011-2014 Participation in the research project "Curriculum minimo di italiano: un percorso alternativo per promuovere l'italiano come L2" financed by the Schweizerische Konferenz der kantonalen Erziehungsdirektoren EDK (Swiss Conference of the cantonal ministers of education)
- 2012-2013 Project "Sprachkurse für Mitarbeitende der Bundesverwaltung: Evaluation und Analyse des Angebotes und dessen Nutzung" financed by the Institute of Multilingualism in Fribourg, Switzerland
- 2012-2013 Project „Un curriculum ricettivo d'italiano“ at the University of Berne, financed by the Institute of Multilingualism in Fribourg, Switzerland.

Education

- 2004-2011 PhD student at the Faculty of Communication Sciences, Institute of Linguistics and Semiotics, Università della Svizzera Italiana, director of thesis: Prof. E. Rigotti.
Participation in the doctoral programme *Argupolis. Argumentation practices in context*
- 02.05.2011 Defense of PhD thesis (*summa cum laude*). Title of the thesis: *I flussi comunicativi in un contesto istituzionale universitario plurilingue: Il caso dell'Università della Svizzera italiana (USI)* (Communication flows in the institutional context of a multilingual university. Università della Svizzera italiana (USI): a case study).
- 1993-1994 Courses in English and Italian didactics, University of Zurich
- 19.02.1993 Degree (*Lizenziat*) at the faculty of Philosophy of the University of Zurich
Title of thesis: "Analisi di produzioni linguistiche di afasici, con particolare riguardo agli aspetti semantico-lessicali" ("Analysis of aphasic speech: lexical and semantic aspects")
Director of thesis: prof. G. Berruto
- 1986-1993 University of Zurich, Faculty of Philosophy:
main subject: Italian linguistics and literature
subsidiary subject I: English linguistics
subsidiary subject II: English literature
- 24.10.1986 Diploma KBM

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1984-1986	Banking apprenticeship: “ <i>Kaufmännischer Bildungsgang für Maturitäts-schulabsolventen</i> ” (KBM) at the <i>Kaderschule Zürich</i> with internship at <i>BSI Banca della Svizzera Italiana</i> in Zurich
1983-1984	University of Zurich, Faculty of Philosophy: main subject: French linguistics and literature
16.09.1983	Matura type D (modern languages)
1979-1983	<i>Neusprachliches Gymnasium, Kantonsschule Küsnacht ZH</i> , Switzerland
1971-1979	Primary and secondary school in Zollikon ZH, Switzerland

Research interests

- Multilingualism: multilingual institutional settings, language and cultural identity, second language acquisition, language teaching, language policy
- Argumentation studies: structure of argumentative discourse in context

Academic Teaching

2014 to date	Co-lecturer of the course <i>Comunicazione verbale (Verbal Communication)</i> together with Prof. Sara Greco at the Università della Svizzera italiana (BA level)
2011 -2013	Co-lecturer of the course <i>Comunicazione verbale (Verbal Communication)</i> together with Prof. E. Rigotti at the Università della Svizzera italiana (BA level)
2010 -2013	Lecturer of the course “Italiano per allofoni” for non-Italian-speaking first-year BA students of the Faculty of Communication Sciences
2005-2011	Teaching assistant for the course: <i>Comunicazione verbale (Verbal Communication)</i> , held by Prof. E. Rigotti
2005 to date	Teaching assistant and co-lecturer of the course: <i>Analisi del discorso e del dialogo (Discourse and Dialogue analysis)</i> held by Prof. A. Rocci at the Università della Svizzera italiana (BA level)

Academic Memberships

Member of the Vereinigung für Angewandte Linguistik in der Schweiz/Association de Linguistique Appliquée/ Associazione Svizzera di Linguistica Applicata (VALS/ASLA) <http://www.vals-asla.ch>

Member of the Schweizerische Sprachwissenschaftliche Gesellschaft / Société suisse de linguistique (SSG/SSL) <http://www.assh.ch/de/ssg/die-gesellschaft.html>

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Member of Società di Linguistica Italiana SLI <http://www.societadilinguisticaitaliana.net/>

Participation in the network *Language Experts Suisse* <http://languageexperts-ch-francais.weebly.com>

Participation in the network REI (Rete per l'eccellenza dell'italiano istituzionale) http://ec.europa.eu/translation/italian/rei/index_it.htm e il gruppo OIIFI (Osservatorio dell'italiano istituzionale fuori d'Italia)

Member oft the accompanying group: *Studie zur Analyse der Situation des Italienischen in der Schweiz*, SAGW.

Previous professional experience

2001-2004	ESP teaching (physiotherapists and occupational therapists) at the <i>Scuola Superiore medico-tecnica</i> in Lugano
2002-2003	Teaching of general education at the department “Dental Assistants” of the <i>Scuola cantonale medico-tecnica</i> in Lugano
2000-2003	English and Italian teaching at the private language school “ <i>il ponte</i> ” in Caslano, Ticino and various translating and interpreting jobs
1995-2000	maternity leave
1994-1995	Translator for “Umwelt + Energie” Engineering, Maschwanden, Zurich
1990-1992	Teaching of English (advanced level): personnel training at the insurance company <i>SCHWEIZ</i> in Adliswil, Zurich
1991	Teaching of Italian (beginners) at <i>Oberstufenschule Rümlang</i> , Zurich
1988-1990	Teaching of English (beginners, intermediate and advanced): personnel training at <i>BSI Banca della Svizzera Italiana</i> , Zurich
1986-1988	Part-time employment at <i>BSI Banca della Svizzera Italiana</i> , Zurich (assets administration)
1984-1986	Banking internship at <i>BSI Banca della Svizzera Italiana</i> , Zurich