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SyntOp 2022
Syntactic Optionality in Italian
4th-5th July 2022 – Ca' Foscari University of Venice

Conference program

Location: Sala B – Ca' Bernardo, Dorsoduro 3199

Monday, 4th July

10:00 – 10:30	Conference opening
	1st session
10:30 – 11:30	Invited speaker Michela Cennamo (University of Naples “Federico II”) <i>Lexico-aspectual constraints on object omission in Italian</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 12:40	Alice Suozzi (Ca' Foscari University of Venice): <i>Instruments in Italian: accounting for their syntactic optionality</i>
12:40 – 13:20	Lara Mantovan and Alice Suozzi (Ca' Foscari University of Venice): <i>A comparative analysis of instruments in spoken and sign languages: challenges for interpretation between optionality and obligatoriness</i>
13:20 – 14:30	Lunch break
	2nd session
14:30 – 15:30	Invited speaker Elisabetta Jezek (University of Pavia) <i>Implicit participants in the argument structures of verbs: a semantic approach</i>
15:30 – 16:10	Prudence de Pontbriand (University of Göttingen): <i>Object drop in Early Romance languages</i>
16:10 – 16:40	Coffee break
16:40 – 17:20	Giulia Cappelli, Pier Marco Bertinetto (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa) and Alessandro Lenci (University of Pisa): <i>Gradient grammaticality of the indefinite object drop in Italian: behavioral evidence</i>
17:20 – 18:00	Giuliana Giusti (Ca' Foscari University of Venice) and Ileana Paul (Western University - Canada): <i>Object drop in Italian recipes. A refinement of the notion of “object of manipulation”</i>

Tuesday, 5th July

	3rd session
09:30 – 10:30	Invited speaker Maria Rita Manzini (University of Florence) <i>Causative constructions in Romance: on dative and by-phrase causee</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 11:40	Giuliano Bocci, Valentina Bianchi (University of Siena) and Silvio Cruschina (University of Helsinki): <i>Optional prosodic effects of wh-movement in Italian</i>
11:40 – 12:20	Angelapia Massaro (University of Siena): <i>Optionality in adverbial agreement: subject-object asymmetries, phi features, and nominalizations</i>
12:20 – 13:00	Luca Molinari (University of Warsaw): <i>Optionality in the choice of indefinite determiners: A pilot study in Piacentine</i>
13:00 – 13:20	Wrap up