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CURRICULUM VITAE

CURRENT POSITION:

1/12/2016 —: Full Professor of African Linguistics at the Department of Humanities (*StudiUm*), the University of Turin.

FORMER ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

1/11/2008 — 30/11/2016: Associate Professor of African Linguistics at the Department of Humanities (*StudiUm*), the University of Turin.

1990: Technical Coordinator at the Somali Academy of Sciences in Mogadishu.

1986—1989: Teacher of Italian Language at the Somali National University, Mogadishu.

1992—2008: Associate Professor of African Linguistics at the Department of African and Arab Studies (DSRAPA) of the University of Naples “L’Orientale” (formerly the *Istituto Universitario Orientale*), Naples, Italy; courses in Somali Language and Literature, General African Linguistics; General Linguistics (1997-1998), Semitic Linguistics (from 1994 to 1998).

1990—1992: Teacher charged of Semitic Linguistics at the University of Turin.

FIELDWORK:

– Somalia (1986-1990); collection of data on various Southern Somali dialects: Karre (basic grammar published in 1989, in Italian); Tunni (grammar published in 1997); comparative analysis and reconstruction (various articles published).

– Kenya (1988): collection of data on the Dahalo language (endangered, South Cushitic; grammar published in 1991).

– Ethiopia, Southwest:

a. (1996-2000): description of Dhaasanac (East Cushitic; grammar published in 2001);

b. (2001-2007): Gawwada and other Dullay varieties (East Cushitic; various articles published; grammar and dictionary forthcoming in 2021 with Rüdiger Köppe Verlag, Cologne; Ongota (highly endangered and unclassified, possibly Afroasiatic; a few articles published; basic description published in 2001 together with Graziano Savà);

c. (2007): Hamar (South Omotic): one collective article published (2013);

– Kenya (2010-2012): work on the revitalization of the Elmolo language and culture; two articles published (2012; 2015).

– South Sudan (2013): Juba Arabic; linguistic and sociolinguistic documentation; one article published with Stefano Manfredi (2018).

ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES:

- *8th Meeting of Afroasiatic (Hamito-Semitic) Linguistics*, Naples, January 25-26, 1996. Proceedings published as: Alessandro Bausi and Mauro Tosco (eds.). *Afroasiatica Neapolitana. Articoli presentati all'8° Incontro di Linguistica Afroasiatica (Camito-Semita) / Papers from the 8th Italian Meeting of Afroasiatic (Hamito-Semitic) Linguistics*. Napoli: IUO: 1997.
- (with Alessandro Mengozzi) *14th Meeting of Afroasiatic Linguistics*. Turin, June 15-17, 2011. Proceedings published together as: Alessandro Mengozzi and Mauro Tosco (eds.). *Sounds and Words through the Ages: Afroasiatic from Turin*. Alessandria: dell'Orso: 2013; selection of articles published as Mauro Tosco (ed.). *Afroasiatic: Data and Perspectives* (“Current Issues in Linguistic Theory, 339”). Amsterdam: John Benjamins: 2018.
- (with Giorgio Banti and Stefano Manfredi) *Arabic in contact*, Naples, December 14-17, 2014. Selection of articles published as: Stefano Manfredi and Mauro Tosco (eds.). *Arabic in contact* (“Studies in Arabic Linguistics, 6”). Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- (with Benjamin Saade) *Fifth International Conference on Maltese Linguistics*, Turin, June 24-26, 2015. Selection of articles published as: Benamin Saade and Mauro Tosco (eds.). *Advances in Maltese Linguistics* (“Studia Typologica, 21”). Berlin: de Gruyter: 2017.
- (with Marco Tamburelli) *Contested Languages in the Old World – 2*, Turin, May 5-6, 2016. Selection of articles forthcoming (February 2021) as: Marco Tamburelli and Mauro Tosco (eds.). *Contested Languages: The Hidden Multilingualism of Europe* (“Studies in World Language Problems, 8”). Amsterdam: John Benjamins: 2021.

MEMBERSHIP IN EDITORIAL BOARDS AND FOUNDATIONS AND REFEREE ACTIVITY:

- Scientific director of *Kervan* (online journal of African and Asian studies; University of Turin).
- Editor (formerly with †Hans-Jürgen Sasse) of the series “Cushitic and Omotic Studies” (Rüdiger KöppeVerlag, Cologne).
- Member of the scientific board of the *Rassegna di Studi Etiopici*.
- Member of the scientific board of the *Journal of African Languages and Literatures*.
- Member of the international reading committee of *Faits de Langues*.
- Formerly (expired Dec. 31, 2020): Member of the scientific board of the *International Journal of the Sociology of Language*.
- Referee for the *National Science Foundation* (Arlington, VA), the *Endangered Languages Documentation Programme* (London, UK), and the *DoBeS* (“Dokumentation Bedrohter Sprachen”; Volkswagen-Stiftung, Hannover).
- Member of the *European Science Foundation* Pool of Reviewers (Strasbourg, France).

SCHOLARSHIPS:

- 1988; sponsor: *Istituto Italo-Africano* (Rome, Italy), spent in Lamu (Kenya); goal: description of the Dahalo

language.

- 1993/94 (9 months); sponsor: *Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung* (Bonn-Bad Godesberg, Germany), spent at the *Institut für Afrikanistik and the Institut für Sprachwissenschaft* of the University of Cologne (Germany). Hosts: Professors Bernd Heine and Hans-Jürgen Sasse.
- 1999 (6 months): Visiting Professor at the *Research Centre for Linguistic Typology, Australian National University*, Canberra (ANU, Australia). Host: Prof. R.M.W. Dixon.
- 2002 (8 months): sponsor: *Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung* (Bonn-Bad Godesberg, Germany), spent at the *Institut für Sprachwissenschaft* of the University of Cologne (Germany). Host: Prof. Hans-Jürgen Sasse.
- 2004 (2 months): Visiting Professor at the *University of Melbourne*, Australia. Host: Prof. Nicholas Evans.
- 2006 (1 month): *Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology*, Leipzig, Germany. Hosts: Prof.s Bernard Comrie and Martin Haspelmath.
- 2008 (4 months): *Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology*, Leipzig, Germany. Hosts: Prof.s Bernard Comrie and Martin Haspelmath.
- 2008 (1 month): *CNRS, LLACAN*, Villejuif, France. Host: Dr. Martine Vanhove.

GUEST LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS IN:

Australia, Austria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, San Marino, Somalia, South Sudan, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, USA.

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH GROUPS:

- *Loanword Typology Database* project (*Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology*; Leipzig: 2005-2007).
- *CORPAFROAS: Corpus Oral en langues Afroasiatiques : Analyse Prosodique et Morphosyntaxique* project (*Agence Nationale de la Recherche*; Paris): 2006-2010.
- Member in the FIRB project *Linee di Transizione Linguistiche e Culturali in Africa (ATrA)* with the Universities of Trieste and of Naples “L’Orientale” (funded by MIUR – Italian Ministry of Education, University, and Research): 2013-2016.

MAIN AREAS OF SCIENTIFIC INTEREST AND RESEARCH:

- Cushitic languages and languages of the Horn of Africa in an areal and typological perspective, with a special focus on East Cushitic and the southern Ethiopian area;
- language contact in the Horn of Africa;
- pidgins and creoles, especially African Arabic-based;
- language death, maintenance and revitalization;
- language policy and ideology;
- Piedmontese language.