

Meeting Darwin's last challenge:
toward a global tree of human languages and genes

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Advances in Phylogenetic Linguistics

Ragusa Ibla, Teatro Donnafugata
July 15-17, 2013

PROGRAM



Monday, July 15

- 10.00 *Opening*
- 10.30 - 11.30 **David Lightfoot** (Georgetown)
Nothing in linguistics makes sense except in the light of change
- 11.30 - 12.30 **Giuseppe Longobardi** (York), **Andrea Sgarro** (Trieste),
Luca Bortolussi (Trieste), **Giuseppina Silvestri** (Cambridge),
Andrea Ceolin (Trieste), **Cristina Guardiano** (Modena e Reggio Emilia)
The historical reality of parametric variation
- 12.30 *Posters*
Lunch (Teatro Donnafugata, foyer)
- 15.30 - 16.30 **Cedric Boeckx** (Barcelona)
The locus of logodiversity: Implications for phylogenetic linguistics
- 16.30 - 17.30 **Peter Forster** (Cambridge)
Reconstructing language prehistory using phylogenetic network methods
- 18.30 ***Visit to Valle dell'Acate, Wine Reception***

Tuesday, July 16

- 09.00 - 10.00 **Hilda Koopman** (UCLA), **Dominique Sportiche** (UCLA)
Grounding the study of linguistic variation
- 10.00 - 11.00 **Silvia Ghirotto** (Ferrara), **Francesca Tassi** (Ferrara),
Andrea Benazzo (Ferrara), **Cristina Guardiano** (Modena e Reggio Emilia),
Guido Barbujani (Ferrara), **Giuseppe Longobardi** (York)
Across language families: exploration in genomic and linguistic variation
in Europe
- 11.00 - 11.30 *Break* (Teatro Donnafugata, foyer)
- 11.30 - 12.30 **Russel Gray** (Auckland)
To be announced
- 12.30 - 13.30 **Tecumseh Fitch** (Vienna)
Glossogeny and phylogeny: ontogeny as the middle term
- 16.30 ***Guided tour: Castello di Donnafugata, Punta Secca, Marina di Ragusa***
Dinner (on the beach), Lido Don Serafino
Guided tour: Scicli, Modica

Wednesday, July 17

10.00 - 11.00	Charles Yang (Philadelphia) Predicting language change
11.00 - 12.00	Theresa Biberauer (Cambridge), Ian Roberts (Cambridge) Emergent parameters: hierarchies and phylogenies
12.00 - 13.00	Anna Maria Di Sciullo (UQAM) Phylogenetic trees, phylogenetic networks and microparameters
13.00	<i>Lunch</i> (Teatro Donnafugata, foyer)
15.00 - 16.00	Robert Berwick (MIT) To be announced
16.00 - 17.00	Robin Ryder (Paris) A stochastic Dollo model of lexical change through time
17.00 - 17.30	<i>Break</i> (Teatro Donnafugata, foyer)
17.30 - 18.30	Cristina Guardiano (Modena e Reggio Emilia), Alessio Boattini (Bologna), Stefania Sarno (Bologna), Marilisa Carta (Bologna), Donata Luiselli (Bologna), Davide Pettener (Bologna) Insights into genetic and linguistic structures of Sicily and Southern Italy. First steps towards an integrated perspective
18.30	<i>Closing remarks</i>
21.00	Dinner (Ragusa Ibla), Quattro Gatti

Posters

A. Ceolin (Trieste): Syntactic Trees and Parsimony analysis

M. Irimia (York): Non canonical, but still structural

D. Michelioudakis (York): Rethinking the syntactic status and parametrising possessive clitics.
Evidence from the diachrony of Greek

L. Pagani (Cambridge), **A. Boattini** (Bologna): In search of the best measure for syntactic
distances and their implications

S. Sarno (Bologna), **M. Carta** (Bologna), **G. Ferri** (Modena e Reggio Emilia), **M. Alù** (Modena
e Reggio Emilia), **S. Tofanelli** (Pisa), **L. Sineo** (Palermo), **D. Luiselli** (Bologna), **D. Pettener**
(Bologna): A patchwork of genes and cultures. Insights into the population history of Sicily and
Southern Italy

F. Tassi (Ferrara): Early human dispersal from Africa. A model-based test of two hypotheses

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