PERSONAL INFORMATION

Elena Fornasiero

Date of birth: 26/04/1991

EDUCATION

September 2016 – to date

Phd Degree in Modern Languages, Cultures and Societies and Linguistics (D.M.45/2013)
Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italy), Department of Linguistics and Comparative Cultural Studies. PhD Student with bursary, project *The SIGN-HUB: Preserving, Researching and Fostering the Linguistic, Historical and Cultural Heritage of European Deaf Signing Communities with an Integral Resource*, funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 693349.
Investigations on the nominal domain of Italian Sign Language (LIS), especially focusing on the display of evaluative morphology and on the morpho-syntactic properties of size and shape classifiers. The research project contributes to the development of the WP2_Task 2.1 of the Horizon 2020 SIGN-HUB Project.
Development of the following work packages of SIGN-HUB:
·   WP 2_Task 2.1 Construction of the online grammar of LIS
·   WP 4 Building of the national website "Sign-Hub Italy" www.sign-hub.it

September 2015- May 2016

LIS Course (Third Level). Mark: 92, 804/100
Gruppo SILIS – Gruppo per lo studio e l'informazione della Lingua dei Segni Italiana (Rome). Advanced LIS course. Main topics: correct usage of the signing space, role-shift and classifiers; basic aspects of LIS linguistics and psycholinguistics of Tactile Sign Language.

October 2013 – March 2016

Master's Degree in Language Sciences, Mark: 110 e Lode/110 (with honours)
Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italy), Department of Linguistics and Comparative Cultural Studies. Second Cycle Degree Programme (Ministerial Decree no. 270/2004) LM-39 (Linguistics). Dissertation Title: "*Evaluative Morphology in Italian Sign Language*". Supervisor: Dr. C. Branchini.

September 2010 – October 2013

Bachelor's Degree in Language and Language Sciences, Mark: 107/110
Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italy), Department of Linguistics and Comparative Cultural Studies. First Cycle Degree Programme (Ministerial Decree no. 270/2004) L-11 (Modern Languages and Civilisations).

October 2005 – July 2010

Scientific High School Diploma, Mark: 72/100.

TRAINING

July 16-27, 2018

CreteLing 2018 Summer School of Linguistics, University of Crete. Courses and Instructors: Advanced Morphology (A. Albright); Introduction to Semantics (R. Bhatt); Introduction to Phonology (D. Steriade); Language and Animal Communication in Evolution (S. Miyagawa).

June 11-15, 2018

SIGN-HUB CNRS Thematic School in Sign Language Linguistics, Villa Grumello (Como), Summer School organised by the SIGN-HUB Project (Horizon 2020). Instructors: D. Brentari, Y. Cantin, N. Friedmann.

January – April 2018
Courses attended:

Visiting PhD Student at University of Amsterdam, research and training. Supervisor: Dr. R. Pfau. Morphology (Prof. Dr. E.O. Aboh, Dr. E.H. van Lier); Sign Linguistics 2 (Dr. R. Pfau).

June 21-22, 2017

Formal and Experimental Advances in Sign language Theory (FEAST 2017), University of Reykjavik (Iceland). Attendance at the sixth edition of the FEAST Conference.

May 8-12, 2017

SIGN-HUB LABEX Summer School in Sign Language Linguistic 2017, Gargnano (Garda Lake). Organised by the SIGN-HUB Project (Horizon 2020). Instructors: A. Herrmann, C. Geraci, C. Cecchetto, M. Santoro.

September 1-2, 2016

Formal and Experimental Advances in Sign language Theory (FEAST 2016), Ca' Foscari University of Venice. Attendance at the fifth edition of the FEAST Conference, organised by the

Department of Linguistics and Comparative Cultural Studies, Ca' Foscari University of Venice.

CONFERENCE TALKS

November 9-11, 2018	**IV Convegno Nazionale LIS,** organized by Ente Nazionale Sordi (ENS) in Rome (Italy). Paper "La morfologia valutativa in LIS: una descrizione preliminare" (20 minutes talk).
June 27-30, 2018	**Word-Formation Theories III & Typology and Universals in Word-Formation IV,** Šafárik University Košice (Slovakia). Paper "Evaluative Morphology in Italian Sign Language (LIS): a preliminary description" (20 minutes talk).
June 18-20, 2018	**Formal and Experimental Advances in Sign Language Theory (FEAST7),** Ca' Foscari University of Venice. Paper "A preliminary description of evaluative morphology in LIS" (30 minutes talk).
April 10-14, 2018	**GLOW 41 - Workshop: Sign Language Syntax and Linguistic Theory**, University of Budapest (Hungary). Poster "Size and Shape Specifiers in LIS".
February 8-9, 2018	**2nd Meeting on Morphosyntax of Portuguese Sign Language and other Sign Languages**, University of Porto (Portugal). Paper "Size and Shape Specifiers in LIS" (20 minutes talk).
December 13-15, 2017	**First International Symposium of Morphology (ISMO 2017),** Université Lille 3 (France). Paper "Morphology through the hands and face: evaluative morphology in Italian Sign Language" (20 minutes talk).

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s)	Italian				
Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	**C1**	**C1**	**C1**	**C1**	**C1**
Italian Sign Language (LIS)	**B2**	**-**	**B2**	**B2**	**-**
	Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2 Proficient user (CEFR)				
Personal skills	Well developed **communication and inter-personal skills** acquired thanks to the study of languages at university. Learning LIS has allowed me to greatly improve my **socialitation skills**. Friendly and willing for **team-working**, I believe in **cooperation and sharing**. Very good **time-managing skills** and knowledge of how to develop a linguistic research: data collection, analysis of results, comparison with prevoius researches.				
Digital Competences	Competent with Microsoft Office Programmes, the Internet and basic knowledge of the **Joomla! Server** for the realisation of websites (www-sign-hub.it). Good knowledge of ELAN (Crasborn & Sloetjes, 2008).				
Driving Licence	Italian Driving License of the B kind.				

Rovigo, 21-11-2018

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