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Education

2021–present **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**
PhD in Linguistics, expected May 2027.
Dissertation research: mereological no-overlap and constraints on the licensing of semantic structures.

2019–2021 **University of Amsterdam**
MSc in Logic, *cum laude*.

2016–2019 **Ca' Foscari University of Venice**
BA in Philosophy, *cum laude*.

Research Interests

Formal semantics and its interfaces with syntax, pragmatics, and cognition; logical and mereological constraints on meaning composition; semantic alternatives and individuation; disjunction and free choice; plurality and homogeneity; ellipsis and parasitic gaps. Further interests include spatial representation, visual perception, and shape parsing.

Publications

Pinton, Lorenzo. 2025. VP-ellipsis and parasitic gaps: Observations on temporal modifiers and parallelism. *Proceedings of the 27th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar (SICOGG 27)*, 237–246. [Paper]

Guerrini, Janek, and **Lorenzo Pinton**. 2024. Numerous-like predicates in bare plural generics. *Proceedings of the Linguistic Society of America* 9(1): 5875. [DOI]
Equal contribution; authors listed alphabetically.

Pinton, Lorenzo, and Maria Aloni. 2023. You may like or dislike this paper, and we do care which: Sluicing and free choice. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 27*, 519–534. [DOI]

Pinton, Lorenzo. 2022. Numerous relative clauses: Permutation invariance, anti-restrictiveness, triviality. *Proceedings of the 23rd Amsterdam Colloquium*, 251–257. [DOI]

Pinton, Lorenzo. 2022. Gathered solutions from numerous problems: Anti-monotonicity, restrictiveness, star operators. *Proceedings of the ESSLLI 2022 Student Session*. [DOI]

OTHER UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

Pinton, Lorenzo. Numerous relative clauses: Permutation invariance, anti-restrictiveness, triviality. Unpublished manuscript extending my 2022 Amsterdam Colloquium paper. [Updated manuscript]

Pinton, Lorenzo. The role of focus in the factive projection of *know*. Unpublished manuscript. [PDF]
Developed with substantial input and examples from Janek Guerrini.

Pinton, Lorenzo. I claim 'PRO' to not be so special: *De re*/*de se* readings as a matter of implicatures. Unpublished manuscript. [PDF]

Pinton, Lorenzo. Grammaticalization in Venetan: The case of *gaver*. Unpublished manuscript. [PDF]

Pinton, Lorenzo. An *imperfetto* essay: Ludic use, formalisation and L1 implications. Unpublished manuscript. [PDF]

PRESENTATIONS

2025 **VP-ellipsis and parasitic gaps: Observations on temporal modifiers and parallelism.** SICOGG 27, Sogang University, Seoul, August 14–16.

2025 **VP-ellipsis and parasitic gaps: Observations on temporal modifiers and parallelism.** International Conference on Syntax and Semantics (ICSS), Gyeongkuk National University, Andong, August 11. [updated slides for Logical Form Reading Group, MIT]

2024 **Numerous-like predicates in bare plural generics.** With Janek Guerrini. Poster, Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, New York, January 4–7.

2023 **"Numerous" relative clauses: Permutation invariance, anti-restrictiveness, triviality.** S-Babble, University of California, San Diego, February 21.

2022 **Numerous relative clauses: Permutation invariance, anti-restrictiveness, triviality.** 23rd Amsterdam Colloquium, University of Amsterdam, December 19–21.

2022 **Sluicing and free choice.** With Maria Aloni. Sinn und Bedeutung 27, Prague, September 14–16.

2022 **Gathered solutions from numerous problems: Anti-monotonicity, restrictiveness, star operators.** ESSLLI Student Session, National University of Ireland Galway, August 8–19.

University Teaching

Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2022–present

Lead instructor: intensive preparatory course in semantics at the graduate level

Designed and taught two iterations of a two-week course for incoming PhD students, meeting every weekday. Developed the full curriculum and assignments in logic, set theory, type notation, and semantic fundamentals to prepare students with varied backgrounds for graduate semantics.

Teaching assistant

- General Linguistics (undergraduate).
- Semantics and Pragmatics (undergraduate).
- Advanced Semantics (graduate).

Led discussion and problem-solving sessions, provided individual support, and graded assignments with personalized feedback.

Academic and Institutional Service

Member, MIT Dining Advisory Group 2024–present

Analyzed spending and student satisfaction across 18 dining venues; benchmarked peer institutions; developed recommendations for senior leadership in collaboration with representatives across campus offices.

Graduate Resident Advisor, MIT 2022–present

Served in graduate housing through 2024 and undergraduate housing thereafter. Mentor 36 undergraduate residents annually; organize orientation and community activities; connect students with academic and well-being resources. Previously served as RA president, directing a team of 15 RAs and participating in RA recruitment and selection.

Organizer and Captain, MIT Linguistics Soccer Club 2025–2026

Organized departmental soccer activities to strengthen collegiality and connections across the department beyond academic work.

Co-organizer, MIT Linguistics Colloquium and LingLunch 2022–2023

Coordinated event logistics and catering, communicated with visiting speakers, and facilitated opportunities for junior students to meet speakers and discuss research.

Outreach Teaching

November 2023 **The Mathematical Foundations of Language.** MIT Fall Splash. Co-designed and co-taught with Christopher Legerme for students in grades 9–12.

March 2023 **Linguistics: The Science of Language.** MIT Spring Spark. Co-designed and co-taught with Aspen Abner, Cora Lesure, Christopher Legerme, and Vincent Zu for students in grades 7–8.

Languages

Italian (native); English (near-native); Spanish (intermediate).