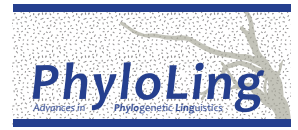


Meeting Darwin's last challenge:  
toward a global tree of human languages and genes

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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 **Charles Yang** (Philadelphia)  
Predicting language change
- 18.30 ***Visit to Valle dell'Acate, Wine Reception***

## Tuesday, July 16

- 09.30 - 10.30 **Hilda Koopman** (UCLA), **Dominique Sportiche** (UCLA)  
Grounding the study of linguistic variation
- 10.30 - 11.30 **Silvia Ghirotto** (Ferrara), **Francesca Tassi** (Ferrara),  
**Andrea Benazzo** (Ferrara), **Cristina Guardiano** (Modena e Reggio Emilia),  
**Guido Barbujani** (Ferrara), **Giuseppe Longobardi** (York)  
Across language families: explorations in genomic and linguistic variation  
in Europe
- 11.30 - 12.00 *Break* (Teatro Donnafugata, foyer)
- 12.00 - 13.00 **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 Azzurro Ristorante da Serafino  
Guided tour: Scicli, Modica***

## Wednesday, July 17

- 10.00 - 11.00     **Theresa Biberauer** (Cambridge), **Ian Roberts** (Cambridge)  
Emergent parameters: hierarchies and phylogenies
- 11.00 - 12.00     **Peter Forster** (Cambridge)  
Reconstructing language prehistory using phylogenetic network methods
- 12.00 - 13.00     **Anna Maria Di Sciullo** (UQAM)  
Phylogenetic trees, phylogenetic networks and microparameters
- 13.00             *Lunch* (Teatro Donnafugata, foyer)
- 15.00 - 16.00     **Russel Gray** (Auckland)  
Language phylogenies: rates, dates and structural traits
- 16.00 - 17.00     **Robin Ryder** (Paris)  
A stochastic Dollo model of lexical change through time
- 17.00 - 17.30     *Break* (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             *Closing remarks*
- 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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