

Lorenzo Pinton

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Education

2021 - May 2027 (exp.) **PhD in Linguistics** at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
2019 - 2021 **MSc in Logic *cum laude*** at University of Amsterdam
2016 - 2019 **BA in Philosophy *cum laude*** at Ca' Foscari University of Venice

Research Experience

2021-Present **Language Researcher** — MIT Department of Linguistics

- Led end-to-end research projects (design, data collection, analysis, dissemination) on datasets of 10,000+ observations, including fieldwork on low-resource understudied languages
- Proposed theoretical advancements in semantic and syntactic theories, communicating findings to technical and non-technical audiences at conferences across 3 continents
- Designed behavioral experiments and developed participant recruitment, statistical analysis and visualization workflows using R and Praat
- Published 2 solo-authored and 2 first-authored peer-reviewed papers

Leadership Experience

2024-Present **Consultant** — MIT Dining Advisory Group

- Analyze operational spending and student satisfaction data across 18 dining venues to identify strategic improvement opportunities
- Present data-driven recommendations to senior leadership that inform discussions around a multi-million-dollar dining budget strategy affecting ~12,000 students
- Collaborate with 20+ cross-functional stakeholders, including senior leaders and external consultants, to refine analyses and strategic plans
- Benchmark dining operations against peer institutions to identify cost-efficiency opportunities for expanded food service models while maintaining long-term financial sustainability

2022-Present **Graduate Resident Advisor** — in a grad dorm up to 2024, in an undergrad dorm after

- Mentor and advise 36 undergraduate students per year for personal and academic development
- Plan orientation and semester events to facilitate college transition, improving community engagement and safety for ≥ 400 residents, working in a team of 12 GRAs and 3 senior members
- Connect with various cross-functional on-campus resources to provide well-being and health support
- Negotiated and secured budgets for dorm improvements and events open to ~7,500 students
- Directed a team of 15 RAs as RA president; selected and hired applicants for various RA positions

2022-Present **Main Instructor and Teaching Assistant** — MIT Department of Linguistics

- Appointed the first and currently only graduate student at MIT Linguistics to design and teach a 2-week intensive graduate course (twice), developing full curriculum and delivering entire teaching
- Led weekly teaching and problem-solving sessions in group and 1-on-1 settings for 5 courses
- Mentored 70+ students from diverse backgrounds on academic matters
- Managed grading of 100+ student assignments per semester, delivering personalized feedback

Awards

2021-2022 Kenan Sahin Presidential Fellowship

Selected Publications (out of total of 4)

- Pinton, Lorenzo and Maria Aloni (2023). “Sluicing and Free Choice”. In: *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 27, pp. 519–534.
- Pinton, Lorenzo (2025). “VP-ellipsis and Parasitic Gaps: observations on Temporal Modifiers and Parallelism”. In: *Proceedings of the 27th Seoul International Conference on Generative Grammar*, pp. 237–246.

Expertise

Technical skills Linguistic data analysis, Python, R, Praat, LaTeX

Languages Italian (native), English (near-native), Spanish (intermediate)

Hobbies Playing and studying chess, playing and producing music with guitar and laptop