



Rahel T. Dires

Curriculum Vitæ

Summary

Skilled in research and information management, I have experience in data analysis, problem-solving and project management. Because of my communication skills with people from different backgrounds, I have been invited to give several international talks; I am currently a science communicator on social media. I am looking for independent and remote work opportunities.

General Professional Experience

- 02.2024 **Author and illustrator**, KINDLE, LULU, KOBO, GOOGLE BOOKS, Remotely
Main product: children's book *Yael's Whimsical Quest*
- 01.2021 – ongoing **Science Communicator**, *Social media*, INSTAGRAM, YOUTUBE, LINKEDIN AND TIKTOK, Remotely
Science communication: linguistics, fieldwork, academia, personal experience as a mixed person, storytelling, expat life.
- 11.2023 – ongoing **Digital illustrator and marketer**, KO-FI, REDBUBBLE, Remotely
Main products: educational tools for minorities and endangered languages.
- 09.2023 and 03.2020 **Web Designer**, *Freelance*, Remotely (Triest, Italy and Helsinki, Finland)
Main Tasks: Producing sample sites, testing site functionality, refining SEO, image editing, constant communication with clients.
- 01.2019 – 04.2020 **Freelance Translator and Proofreader**, FIVERR, Remotely (Triest, Italy)
Main Tasks: Native Italian translation, proofreading and editing of several kinds of texts such as books, articles, papers etc.
Used languages: English to Italian, Italian to English, Spanish to Italian and Italian to Spanish.

Education

- 06.2020 – on hold **Doctoral Degree in Linguistics**, *University of Helsinki*, Helsinki, Finland,
Title: *The typology of singulatives in Cushitic languages in the Horn of Africa*
- 09.2014 – 12.2016 **Master's Degree in Linguistic Sciences**, *University of Turin*, Turin, Italy, 110/110 *cum laude*
African Linguistics, Semitic Philology, Language planning and planned languages, Sociolinguistics, African Ethnology, ancient and modern Hebrew.

09.2009 – **Bachelor's Degree in Languages, Literatures and Performative Arts in Modern Cultures**, *University of Trieste*, Trieste, Italy, 105/110
Spanish Language and Literature, Linguistics, Anglo-American Literature, and Cinematography.

Academic Activities

- 01 – 03.2023, **Teacher**, HELSINKI UNIVERSITY, (Helsinki, Finland)
09 – 12.2021 Co-teaching the Sociolinguistics and The Horn of Africa courses (BA, MA and exchange students)
Main tasks: planning classes and assignments, giving lectures, assisting students, grading.
09 – 12.2022 **Visiting Researcher**, CNRS-LLACAN, (Villejuif, Paris, France)
Academic visit to an external institution.
Main tasks: independent research, giving talks, writing papers, cooperating with my host Yvonne Treis, networking with other researchers.
2023 **Publication** *Accepted paper* Title: A morphological analysis of singulatives in Cushitic languages

Volunteering

Computer skills

Advanced Web Design, OpenOffice, Microsoft Windows
Intermediate \LaTeX , HTML5, CSS3
Basic JavaScript

Communication Skills

- 1.09.2023 **Speaker**, SLE 56TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETAS LINGUISTICA EUROPAEA, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Athens, Greece)
Title: A morphological analysis of singulatives in Cushitic languages
4.11.2022 **Speaker and Organiser**, HYBRID CUSHITIC WORKSHOP, CNRS-LLACAN Villejuif (Paris, France)
Title: Singulatives in a sample of Cushitic languages: a comparative study
27.5.2022 **Invited Speaker**, LHEAF LINGUISTIC HISTORY OF EAST AFRICA, Remotely (African Studies Centre, Leiden, Netherlands)
Title: Singulatives within grammatical number systems in a sample of Cushitic languages
11.6.2021 **Speaker**, WOCAL 10TH WORLD CONGRESS OF AFRICAN LINGUISTICS, Remotely (Leiden, Netherlands)
Title: A morphological analysis of singulatives in Cushitic languages

Languages

Italian (mother tongue); English (C1); Spanish (B2); French, Esperanto, Swahili (B1); Finnish, German (A2); Amharic, Arabic, Hebrew, Somali (A1)

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