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- **Education**

From	To	Position	Institution, city	Country	Degree/remarks
10.2015	12.2018	Doctoral student	University of Leeds, School of Languages Cultures and Societies	UK	PhD Linguistics. Thesis defence 21/12/2018. Funded by WRoCAH/Arts and Humanities Research Council, UK.
09.2013	09.2014	Graduate Student	SOAS, London	UK	MA in Linguistics with Distinction
09.2006	03.2010	Undergraduate Student	La Sapienza, University of Rome, Faculty of Oriental Studies	Italy	BA in TEFL and Arabic linguistics with Distinction

- **Academic position(s)**

From	To	Position	Institution, city	Country	Remarks
05.2019	12.2021	Post-doctoral researcher	Fredrich-Alexander University (FAU), Erlangen	Germany	Research assistant. Position funded a Fritz Thyssen Foundation grant.

- **Research interests:**

Modern South Arabian linguistics, with an emphasis on historical phonology and morphology and etymology.

Linguistic contact between proto-Modern South Arabian and other language groups, as well as among Modern South Arabian languages.

Documentation techniques and description of endangered languages, with an emphasis on the languages spoken in the Arabian Peninsula.

Epigraphy of southern Arabia.

Arabic dialectology, with emphasis on those historically or currently in contact with Modern South Arabian languages.

- **Teaching training**

**November/December 2015:** Teaching Training course at the School of Languages, Cultures and Societies, University of Leeds.

- **Teaching Experience at Higher Education level**

**January/April 2017:** Weekly Undergraduate Seminar on Arabic dialects at the School of Languages, Cultures and Societies, University of Leeds.

- **Academic publications**

**A) Peer-reviewed papers/book chapters**

1. Castagna, G. (2020): An analysis of the Modern South Arabian languages as “Islamic languages”. *Eurasian Studies* 18(1): 73-87. Leiden: Brill DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/24685623-12340085>.
2. Castagna, G. (2022a): A collection of Jibbali/Shehret proverbs from Ali al-Shahri’s publication *The Language of Aad. Old world: journal of ancient Africa and Eurasia* 2. Leiden: Brill. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/26670755-01010009>.
3. Castagna, G. (2022b): An overview of al-Ḥallānīya place-names. In: Klimiuk, Maciej & Maria, Lipnicka. *Semitic Dialects and Dialectology: Fieldwork—Community—Change*. Heidelberg: Heidelberg University Publishing. (In print).
4. Castagna, G. (2022c): A text in the Jibbali/Shehret dialect of al-Ḥallānīya (Kuria Muria) with a grammatical commentary. In: Klimiuk, Maciej & Maria, Lipnicka. *Semitic Dialects and Dialectology: Fieldwork—Community—Change*. Heidelberg: Heidelberg University Publishing. (In print).
5. Castagna, G. (2022d): Etymological Investigations on Jibbali/Šherét anthroponyms. In: *IOS* 22.

## B) Non peer-reviewed papers

1. Castagna, G. (2017a): Towards a systematisation of the broken plural patterns of the Mehri language of Oman and Yemen. *Quaderni di Vicino Oriente XII*: 115-122.
2. Castagna, G. (Forthcoming): A plant-name of Austronesian origin in Modern South Arabian. In Castagna G. & Lutz Edzard (eds.). *South Arabia, Old Issues, New Perspectives. Proceedings of the meeting in Erlangen, 18/12/2019. Abhandlungen für die Kunde des Morgenlandes*. Harrassowitz Verlag.<sup>1</sup>

## C) Dissertations

1. Castagna, G. (2018): *A sketch of the Kuria Muria language variety and other aspects of Modern South Arabian*. PhD thesis, University of Leeds.

## D) Book reviews

1. Castagna, G. (2017b): Richard J. Davey : Coastal Dhofari Arabic, A Sketch Grammar. (Studies in Semitic Languages and Linguistics.) xxiii, 311 pp. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2016. ISBN 978 90 04 31670 6. *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, 80(3): 601–603. Cambridge University Press.

## E) Monographs

1. Castagna, G. (In preparation): *A Descriptive Grammar of the Jibbali/Şherét Language*.

- **Additional research achievements**

**2015-2018** - Awarded a full PhD stipendiary studentship by the UK Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) through the White Rose College for Arts and Humanities (WROCAH)

**2019-2021** - Awarded a post-doctoral stipend for the project entitled "A Descriptive Grammar of the Jibbali/Shahret Languages" by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation. Germany. Grant number 40.19.0.009SL.

- **Conferences, lectures, workshops and meetings attended**

**21/04/2016** – *Linguistics in the Gulf*. University of Turin, Italy.

Presentation: *Some preliminary remarks on the internal subgrouping of Modern South Arabian languages*.

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<sup>1</sup> Co-edited volume.

**03/07/2017** - *Postgraduate Workshop - Cambridge Endangered Languages and Cultures Group*. Cambridge University, UK.

Presentation: *inÉ tahǝrg? What Do They Speak in the Frankincense Land?* (with Fabio Gasparini)

**08/03/2018** - Invited lecture within the course of Arabic Language and Literature of the University of Turin, Italy.

Title: *Arabo e sudarabico nella penisola meridionale: orizzonti storici e linguistici* (Arabic and South Arabian in the Southern Arabian Peninsula: historical and linguistic perspectives).

**20/05/2019** – *Hidden voices of Arabia*. University of Leeds, UK.

Presentation: *Ba'l Sa'ab: deceitful appearances in Modern South Arabian*. (with Fabio Gasparini)

**1-2/07/2019** - *Semitic Dialectology Community, Continuum and Change*. Heidelberg, Germany.

Presentation: *Some Lexical Peculiarities of the Jibbali/Šherét Variety Spoken on al-Ḥallaniya Island in the Kuria Muria Archipelago in Dhofar, Oman*.

**03/07/2019** – *Le lingue islamiche*. Roma 3, Rome, Italy.

Presentation: *An analysis of Modern South Arabian languages as "Islamic languages"*

**30/10/2019** – Departmental seminar of the department of near-eastern studies. Heidelberg, Germany.

Presentation: The verbal classes of Jibbali/Šherét

**11/11/2019** – Departmental seminar of the department of Arabic and Islamic studies of the university of Naples "L'orientale". Naples, Italy.

Presentation: *Le lingue sudarabiche moderne nella storia e oggi* (Modern South Arabian languages today and in history).

**19/12/2019** - *South Arabia: Old Issues, New Perspectives*. Friedrich-Alexander University, Erlangen/Nuremberg, Germany.

Presentation: *An Austronesian (Super)strate in Modern South Arabian?*

**20/01/2020**: Invited lecture at the department of Hebrew studies of the University of Tel Aviv, Israel.

Title: *An introduction to the grammar of Jibbali/Šherét*

**23/03/2020:** *Language and Nature online workshop 1.* University of Leeds, UK (Zoom).

Presentation: *The Austronesian substrate in MSAL*

**21/03/2020:** *Language and Nature online workshop 5.* University of Leeds, UK (Zoom).

Presentation: *Sound shifts in the Šherét of al-Hallaniya.*

**14/06/2021:** Invited lecture at the department of Hebrew studies of the University of Tel Aviv, Israel.

Title: *Reflections on a collection of proverbs in Jibbali/Šherét.*

**17/05/2022:** Departmental seminar of the Semitic Seminar, University of Uppsala, Sweden.

Title: *The morphology of quadri- and quinqueliteral adjectives in Jibbali/Šherét.: some preliminary results.*