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Date of Birth: December 8, 1956

Education:

Degree in Medicine and Surgery (summa cum laude), University of Padua: October 1982.
Specialization in Neurology (summa cum laude), University of Verona: October 1986.

Professional activities:

From 1985 to 1988 he worked as a grantee researcher in neuropsychology at the Dpt. of Neuropsychiatry of the Children's Hospital "Burlo Garofalo" in Trieste, where he worked first as researcher in neuropsychology. In this period he studied the hemispheric specialization in healthy children and in children with dysphasia, dyslexia, and acquired aphasia. He was PI of several research projects on the neural bases of learning processes.

From 1988 to 1991 he worked as a child neurologist at the Dept. of Neuropsychiatry of the Children's Hospital in Trieste. At the same time he was chief researcher and responsible in charge of research projects on the neuropsychological aspects of learning processes.

From 1991 to 1999 he worked as an assistant professor of Linguistics, Neurolinguistics and Neurophysiology at the Faculty of Medicine in Trieste. During this period he spent three years as a visiting researcher at the Dept. of Linguistics of the McGill University in Montreal, Canada (Prof. Michel Paradis), and at the Dept. of Neurolinguistics of the Vrije Universiteit in Brussels, Belgium (Prof. Yvan Lebrun), where he carried out research on the neurolinguistics of bilingualism and neuropsychology of altered states of consciousness.

From 2001 to 2005 he was full professor of Neurosciences (Department of Philosophy) of the University of Udine (Italy) and held the post of chief of the Neurolinguistic Unit at the Children's Neurological Research Hospital "E. Medea" in San Vito al Tagliamento (PN) and Pesian di Prato (UD, Italy).

From 2001 to 2017 he has been Scientific Director of the IRCCS E. Medea Polo Regionale Friuli Venezia Giulia. From 2003 to 2009 he was Dean of the Faculty of Educational Sciences of the University of Udine.

From 2006 to 2018 he was full Professor of Child Neuropsychiatry at the University of Udine. From 2017 to 2022 he was the Director of the Master in Meditation and Neuroscience at the University of Udine. From 2018 to 2022 he was full Professor of Clinical Psychology. From March 2022 he retired and finished teaching at the University of Udine.

Affiliations

He has been member of the *Società Italiana di Neuropsichiatria infantile* (Italian Society of Developmental Neuropsychiatry) and of the Society *Esperienze di Mindfulness* (Mindfulness Experiences).

He has been member of the *Società Italiana di Neuropsicologia* (Italian Neuropsychology Society) and of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and of the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatics (IALP).

He was Associate Editor or Consulting Editor of the “*Journal of Neurolinguistics*” (Pergamon, Oxford, UK), of the “*Journal de la Trisomie 21*”(APEM-T21, Heusy, Belgique), of the “*Pholia Phoniatica & Logopaedica*” (Krager, Basel), *Jouranl of Learning Disabilities* and of the *Friulian Journal of Science* (Forum, Udine, Italy).

He was Chief of the Aphasia Committee of the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatics (IALP) (2001-2003).

Research Interests

His research interests involve the neural bases of language processing and of bilingualism, the study of altered state of consciousness, the neuropsychology of the religious experiences and the plasticity of cognitive functions following brain damage. In the recent years his research interest have been focusing on the biological and neuroscientific foundations of philosophy. He has published numerous books and articles on the neuroscience of bilingualism, consciousness and the philosophy of science (<https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=it&user=nl0mgyEAAAAJ>).