

# DAMIÁN EZEQUIEL BLASI



## POSITION

ICREA Research Professor  
Catalan Institute for Advanced Study (Nov 2023-)

Associate Professor  
Center for Brain & Cognition, Pompeu Fabra University (Nov 2023-)

Research associate at Culture, Cognition and Coevolution Group  
Human Evolutionary Biology Department, Harvard University (Nov 2023-)

Research associate at the Human Relations Area Files  
Yale University (2018-)

## EDUCATION

Dr. Rer. Nat. in Computer Sciences, *Summa Cum Laude*  
University of Leipzig  
Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in the Sciences  
Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology  
Leipzig, Germany (Jul 2012- Sep 2015, defended Mar 2018)

M.Sc. in Interdisciplinary and Statistical Physics  
Instituto Balseiro  
Bariloche, Argentina (2009-2010)

*Licenciatura* in Physics (*five-year undegrad program*)  
Instituto Balseiro  
Universidad de Buenos Aires  
Buenos Aires & Bariloche, Argentina (2004-2009)

PREVIOUS  
ACADEMIC  
POSITIONS

Research associate at the Department of Linguistic and Cultural Evolution,  
Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Biology (2022-2023)

Harvard Data Science Initiative Fellow  
Harvard University (Jan 2021 - Oct 2023)

Postdoc at the Culture, Cognition and Coevolution Group  
Human Evolutionary Biology Department  
Harvard University (Aug 2020 - Sept 2023)

Research associate at the Linguistic Convergence Laboratory,  
University of Higher School of Economics  
Moscow, Russian Federation (Jan 2020 - Feb 2022)

Research affiliate at the Department of Linguistic and Cultural Evolution,  
Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History  
Jena, Germany (2016- 2021)

Maury Green 2019-2020 fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study,  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, USA (Sept 2019- Jul 2020)

Postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Comparative Linguistics  
and the Psycholinguistics Laboratory, University of Zürich  
Zürich, Switzerland (Sept 2015- Aug 2019)

Senior researcher at the Laboratory of Quantitative Linguistics, Federal University of Kazan  
Kazan, Russian Federation (2019)

Research assistant at the Institute of Mathematical Sciences Chennai  
Chennai, India (Nov 2011 - May 2012)

Research assistant at the Language and Cognition Development Group,  
International School for Advanced Studies  
Trieste, Italy (Apr-Aug 2011)

PAST VISITING  
SCHOLAR  
POSITIONS

Santa Fe Institute  
Santa Fe, USA (Mar 2016)

University of Edinburgh, Language Evolution and Computation Research Unit  
Edinburgh, UK (Nov 2014)

Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Evolutionary Processes in Language and Culture Group  
Nijmegen, The Netherlands (Feb-Jul 2014)

State University of São Paulo, Mathematical Biology Group  
São Paulo, Brazil (Feb 2011)

SCHOOLS &  
COURSES  
ATTENDED

Language In The Human-Machine Era Training School  
Porto, Portugal (Jun 2022)

Princeton Deep Learning Theory Summer School  
Online (Jul 2021)

CIFAR Deep Learning + Reinforcement Learning Summer School  
Online (Aug 2020)

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Summer School on Neurobiology & Genetics of Language  
Long Island, USA (Aug 2018)

Kavli Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience  
Santa Barbara, USA (Jun 2017)

Language documentation and linguistic fieldwork summer course

Jerusalem, Israel (Feb 2016)

Graduate School of Linguistics Summer School

Groningen, Netherlands (Jun 2013)

Okinawa Institute of Technology Integrative Biology Course

Okinawa, Japan (May 2013)

Summer School on Random Motion and Random Graphs

Berlin, Germany (Jun 2011)

Santa Fe Institute Summer School on Complex Systems

Santa Fe, USA (May-Jun 2010)

GRANTS,  
AWARDS AND  
SCHOLARSHIPS

Association for Psychological Science Rising Star Award  
2024

Bellagio Center Residency Fellow, awarded by the Rockefeller Foundation  
2024

International Chair Labex EFL  
2023

Cultural Evolution Society New Investigator Award Finalist  
2022

SAPIENS Public Scholar Fellow  
2022

Constructive Advanced Thinking (CAT) Fellowship, awarded by the Network of European Institutes for  
Advanced Study (NETIAS)  
2021

Branco Weiss Fellow  
2020

Maury Green Fellow of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University  
Sept 2019 - May 2020

Glushko Dissertation Prize, awarded by the Cognitive Science Society  
and the Glushko-Samuels Foundation  
2020

Research Academy Leipzig Doctoral Prize in STEM research  
2019

Doctoral Summa Cum Laude (highest distinction)  
Mar 2018

Swiss National Foundation grant (co-PI with Sebastian Sauppe)  
2017

European Science Foundation grant via the NetWordS program  
2014

International Max Planck Research School Fellowship  
Jun 2012 - Aug 2015

Indian Department of Science and Technology Fellowship  
2010

National Commission of Nuclear Energy Fellowship  
Aug 2007 - Dec 2010

JOURNAL  
PUBLICATIONS

Speech and language markers of neurodegeneration: a call for global equity

A. Garcia, J. de Leon, B. Tee, [D. E. Blasi](#), M. Gorno-Tempini  
Brain (2023)

Using machine learning to decode animal communication

C. Rutz, M. Bronstein, A. Raskin, S. Vernes, K. Zaccarian, [D. E. Blasi](#)  
Science (2023)

Grambank reveals the importance of genealogical constraints on linguistic diversity and highlights the impact of language loss

H. Skirgård, H. Haynie, [D. E. Blasi](#), ..., R. Gray  
Science Advances (2023)

Grambank's typological advances support computational research on diverse languages

H. Haynie, [D. E. Blasi](#) et al.,  
Proceedings of the 5th Workshop on Research in Computational Linguistic Typology and Multilingual NLP (2023)

Societies of strangers do not speak grammatically simpler languages

O. Scherbakova, V. Gast, [D. E. Blasi](#), S. Michælis, H. Haynie, S. Passmore, V. Gast, R. Gray, S. Greenhill, [D. E. Blasi](#), H. Skirgård  
Science Advances (2023)

A quantitative global test of the complexity trade-off hypothesis: the case of nominal and verbal grammatical marking

O. Scherbakova, V. Gast, [D. E. Blasi](#), H. Skirgård, R. Gray, S. Greenhill  
Linguistics Vanguard (2022)

Over-reliance on English hinders cognitive science

[D. E. Blasi](#), J. Henrich, E. Adamou, D. Kemmerer, A. Majid  
Trends in Cognitive Sciences (2022)

A global analysis of matches and mismatches between human genetic and linguistic histories

C. Barbieri, [D. E. Blasi](#), ...K. Shimizu  
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (2022)

Phylogeographic analysis of the Bantu language expansion supports a rainforest route

E. Koile, S. Greenhill, [D. E. Blasi](#), R. Bouckært, R. Gray  
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (2022)

Cross-linguistic differences in case marking shape neural power dynamics and gaze behavior during sentence planning

A. Egurtzegi, [D. E. Blasi](#), et al.  
Brain and Language (2022)

A cultural species and its cognitive phenotypes.

J. Henrich, P. [D. E. Blasi](#), et al.  
Review of Philosophy and Psychology (2022)

Dependency length minimization and its limits.

Y. Ying, P. [D. E. Blasi](#) B. Bickel  
Language (2022)

Does morphological complexity affect word segmentation? Evidence from computational modeling

G. Loukatou, S. Stoll, [D. E. Blasi](#) A. Cristia  
Cognition (2022)

Exploring correlations in genetic and cultural variation across language families in northeast Asia.

H. Matsumæ, P. Ranacher, P. Savage, [D. E. Blasi](#) et al.  
Science Advances (2021)

Dogs display owner-specific expectations based on olfaction.

J. Bräuer & D. E. Blasi  
Scientific Reports (2021)

Neural signatures of syntactic variation in speech planning .

S. Sauppe , ..., D. E. Blasi et al.  
Plos Biology (2021)

Panpipes as units of cultural analysis and dispersal.

G. Aguirre-Fernández , D. E. Blasi, M Sánchez-Villagra  
Evolutionary Human Sciences (2020)

Meaning before grammar: A review of ERP experiments on the neurodevelopmental origins of semantic processing

E. U. Morgan, A. van der Meer, M. Vulchanova, D. E. Blasi and Giosuè Baggio,  
Psychonomic Bulletin Review (2020)

Human sound systems are shaped by post-Neolithic changes in bite configuration

D. E. Blasi, S. Moran, S. Moisiuk, D. Dediu, P. Widmer and B. Bickel,  
Science (2019)

On the Relationships Between the Grammatical Genders of Inanimate Nouns and Their Co-Occurring Adjectives and Verbs

A. Williams, R. Cotterell, L. Wolf-Sonkin, D. E. Blasi and H. Wallach,  
Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics (2019)

Studying language evolution in the age of big data

T. Bhattacharya, N. Retzlaff, D. E. Blasi, W. Croft, M. Cysouw, D. Hruschka, I. Maddieson, L. Müller, E. Smith, P. F. Stadler, G. Starostin, H. Youn  
Journal of Language Evolution (2018)

A universal cue for grammatical categories in the input to children: frequent frames

S. Moran, D. E. Blasi, R. Schikowski, A. C. Küntay, B. Pfeiffer, S. Allen and S. Stoll  
Cognition (2018)

Grammars are robustly transmitted even in extreme situations:  
the emergence of creole languages

D. E. Blasi, S. Michælis and M. Haspelmath  
Nature Human Behaviour (2017)

Sound-meaning associations evidenced across thousands of languages

D. E. Blasi, M. Christiansen, S. Wichmann, H. Hammarström and P. Stadler  
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (2016)

Language evolution and climate: the case of desiccation and tone

C. Everett, D. E. Blasi and S. Roberts  
Journal of Language Evolution (2016)

D-PLACE: A global database of cultural, linguistic and environmental diversity

K. R. Kirby, ..., D. E. Blasi et al.  
PloS One (2016)

Arbitrariness, iconicity and systematicity in language

M. Dingemanse, D. E. Blasi, G. Lupyan, P. Monaghan and M. H. Christiansen  
Trends in Cognitive Sciences (2015)

Climate, vocal folds and tonal languages: connecting the physiological and geographical dots

C. Everett, D. E. Blasi and S. Roberts  
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (2015)

BOOK  
CHAPTERS

Fixed-effects regression modelling

M. Hilpert and D. E. Blasi

In Paquot and Gries (ed), *A Practical Handbook of Corpus Linguistics*, Springer (2020), pp. 505-533

Beyond binary dependencies in the structure of the world's languages

D. E. Blasi and S. Roberts

In Enfield (ed), *Dependencies in Language*, Language Sciences Press (2017), pp. 117-128

Assessing transitivity prominence from a statistical perspective

D. E. Blasi

In Valency Classes in the World's Languages, Comrie & Malchukov eds, Brill press (2015), pp. 149-153

Cross-linguistic comparison of complexity measures in phonological systems

S. Moran and D. E. Blasi

In Newmeyer and Preston (eds), *Measuring Linguistic Complexity*. Oxford University Press (2014), pp. 217-240

On the Interpretability and Significance of Bias Metrics in Texts: a PMI-based Approach

CONFERENCE  
PROCEEDINGS

F. Valentini, G. Rosati, D. E. Blasi et al.

Association for Computational Linguistics (2022)

Systematic Inequalities in Language Technology Performance across the World's Languages

D. E. Blasi, A. Anastasopoulos & G. Neubig,

Association for Computational Linguistics (2022)

A surprisal-duration trade-off across and within the world's languages

T. Pimentel, C. Meister, E. Salesky, S. Teufel, D. E. Blasi & R. Cotterell,

Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (2021)

Finding Concept-specific Biases in Form-Meaning Associations

T. Pimentel, B. Roark, S. Wichmann, R. Cotterell D. E. Blasi,

North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (2021)

How (non-)Optimal is the Lexicon?

T. Pimentel, I. Nikkarinen, K. Mahowald, R. Cotterell D. E. Blasi,

North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (2021)

Speakers Fill Lexical Semantic Gaps with Context

T. Pimentel, R. Maudsley, D. E. Blasi R. Cotterell,

Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (2020)

On the distribution of deep clausal embeddings: A large cross-linguistic study

D. E. Blasi, R. Cotterell, L. Wolf-Sonkin, S. Stoll, B. Bickel and M. Baroni,

Association for Computational Linguistics (2019)

Quantifying the Semantic Core of Gender Systems

A. Williams, D. E. Blasi, L. Wolf-Sonkin, H. Wallach R. Cotterell,

Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (2019)

Meaning to Form: Measuring Systematicity as Information

T. Pimentel, A. McCarthy, D. E. Blasi, B. Roark and R. Cotterell,

Association for Computational Linguistics (2019)

Is Word Segmentation Child Play in All Languages?

G. R. Loukatou, S. Moran, D. E. Blasi, S. Stoll, A. Cristia,

Association for Computational Linguistics (2019)

Modeling infant segmentation of two morphologically diverse languages

G. R. Loukatou, S. Stoll, D. E. Blasi, A. Cristia,

Automatic Treatment of Natural Languages Conference (2018)

PUBLIC SERVICE	Member of the Ad-Hoc Expert Committee for the World Atlas of Languages (UNESCO) (2022-present)
EDITORIAL SERVICE	Associate editor of Open Mind (MIT Press) (2020-present) Associate editor of the Journal of Language Evolution (Oxford University Press) (2016-present) Chief editor of the Studies of Amerindian Linguistics Book Series (Language Sciences Press) (2022-present)
JOURNAL REVIEWER SERVICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multidisciplinary: Nature, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Nature Human Behaviour, Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B, Nature Scientific Data, National Science Review, Journal of the Royal Society Interface, Interface Focus, BioEssays, PloS One, Physical Review E, Scientific Reports</li> <li>• Cognitive science: Cognition, Cognitive Science, Psychonomic Bulletin Review, Cognitive Neuropsychology, iPerception, Memory Cognition, Cognitive Psychology, Frontiers in Psychology</li> <li>• Anthropology: Evolutionary Human Sciences, Evolution and Human Behaviour, Cross-Cultural Research, Interaction Studies</li> <li>• Linguistics: Linguistic Typology, Lingua, Computational Linguistics, Diachronica, Language Dynamics and Change, Glossa, Linguistics Vanguard, Journal of Logic, Languages, Language and Information, Laboratory Phonology, Journal of Historical Linguistics, Linguistics: An Interdisciplinary Journal of the Language Sciences</li> <li>• Other disciplines: American Journal of Public Health, The American Journal of Bioethics</li> </ul>
OTHER ACADEMIC SERVICE	<p>Ad hoc reviewer (other): Association for Computational Linguistics, Peter Lang, Springer-Verlag, Practical Handbook of Corpus Linguistics, Societas Linguistica Europæa, EVOLANG, Cognitive Sciences Society, Linguistic Society of America, Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics, Empirical Methods for Natural Language Processing, SIGTYP</p> <p>Scientific/program committee: North American Association for Computational Linguistics - Human Language Technologies (2021), UK Cognitive Linguistics Association conference (2019)</p> <p>External referee: European Research Council (ERC), Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), French National Research Agency (ANR), Israel Science Foundation (ISF)</p> <p>Senior Area Chair: EMNLP 2023 (Linguistic Theories, Cognitive Modeling and Psycholinguistics)</p>



## TEACHING

### Courses

- **Biology of language**  
University of Zürich, Autumn semester 2015, 2016, 2018
- **Quantitative methods in linguistics**  
University of Zürich, Spring semester 2016
- **First language acquisition**  
University of Zürich, Spring semester 2017
- **Semantics and Pragmatics**  
University of Zürich, Spring semester 2018

### Schools and seminars

- **Non-normal and non-linear models**  
Summer Institute for Cross-Cultural Anthropological Research, Online, 2022
- **Non-normal and non-linear models**  
Summer Institute for Cross-Cultural Anthropological Research, Online, 2021
- **Quantitative typology**  
Pontificia Universidad Católica del Peru, Peru, 2019
- **A primer on language evolution**  
Escuela Lingüística de Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2019
- **Studying language from observational data: inference, causality and limitations**  
Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway, 2018
- **A crash course in the biology of language**  
University of Sonora, Mexico, 2017
- **Data science applied to language: a bag of methods to wrangle with linguistic data**  
Societas Linguistica Europea I summer school, Switzerland, 2017
- **Introduction to BEAST and phylogenetic inference**  
Pontificia Universidad Católica, Peru, 2016
- **Fundamentals of statistical reasoning**  
Jena Spring School in Quantitative Methods, Germany, 2016
- **Phylogenetic inference in historical linguistics**  
I binational workshop on language typology and documentation, Mexico 2015

INVITED  
SEMINARS &  
KEYNOTES

- “Brain dysfunctions across the world’s languages” keynote, online, Alzheimer’s Association and Include (2023)
- Cognition, Brain & Behavior Seminar, Harvard University (2023)
- AI & Anthropogeny, UCSD CARTA Symposium, online (2023)
- NVidia GTC, “Data-Driven Approaches to Language Diversity” session, keynote, online (2023)
- “Brain on Conlangs” keynote, McGovern Institute MIT (2022)
- University of Texas at Austin (USA), keynote at the “Digital Humanities Beyond Modern English Conference” (2022)
- Boston College (USA), Cognitive Science Colloquium (2022)
- University of California San Diego (USA), Cognitive Science Colloquium (2022)
- University of Arizona (USA), Linguistics Colloquium (2022)
- Cornell University (USA), Cognitive Science Colloquium (2022)
- West Coast NLP seminar (USA) (2022)
- Miami University (USA), Anthropology Department (2021)
- Pompeu Fabra University (Spain), Linguistic and Translation Sciences Department (2021)
- Harvard University (USA), Center for Brains, Minds & Machines (2021)
- Argentinian Society of Neuroscience (2021)
- Masakhane invited speaker (2021)
- Project CETI seminar series (2021)
- Abralin ao vivo online series (2021)
- University of California San Diego (USA), Comparative Cognition Laboratory (2021)
- Cambridge University (UK), Seminar “Culture at the Macro-Scale: Boundaries, Barriers and Endogenous Change” (2021)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA), Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences (2021)
- University of Irvine (USA), Department of Language sciences (2020)
- University of Buenos Aires (Argentina), Meetings in Artificial Intelligence (2020)
- University of Kyoto (Japan), Evolving linguistics meeting (2020)
- University of Tokyo (Japan), Evolutionary Anthropology Lab (2020)
- Santa Fe Institute (USA), workshop “Impersonal trends, big ideas and great leaders” (2020)
- St. Petersburg State University (Russia), keynote “Ill Language, music and computation international conference” (2019)
- Princeton University (USA), Department of Psychology (2019)
- Harvard University (USA), Language and Cognition seminar (2019)
- Stanford University (USA), Language and Cognition seminar (2019)
- Berkeley University (USA), Department of Linguistics (2019)
- University of Chicago (USA), Department of Psychology (2019)
- Higher School of Economics (Russia), Department of Linguistics (2019)
- University of New Mexico (USA), Department of Linguistics (2018)
- Santa Fe Institute (USA), workshop “Lexical semantics, language change, and universal translators” (2018)
- Yale University (USA), Department of Linguistics (2018)
- University of Marburg (Germany), keynote “Parallel text analysis in diachronic research” (2018)
- Hong Kong University (Hong Kong), Department of Linguistics (2018)
- University of Sonora (Mexico), seminar keynote “Syntactic Complexity 2017” (2017)
- Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics (Netherlands), keynote “Many paths to language” (2017)
- École Normale Supérieure (France), Cognitive Sciences and Psycholinguistics Laboratory (2017)
- Paris-Sorbonne (France), keynote “Sound Symbolism and Crossmodal Correspondences” (2017)
- Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, keynote “II International Colloquium on Amerind Languages Typology” (2016)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA), Department of Cognitive and Brain Sciences (2016)
- Max Planck Institute for Empirical Aesthetics (Germany) (2016)
- University of Cambridge (UK), Department of Phonetics (2015)
- Max Planck Institute for Complex Systems (Germany) (2015)
- Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (Mexico), keynote at the “I binational workshop on language typology and documentation” (2015)
- University of Olomuc (Czech Republic), conference keynote “Informational fundamentals of life -

- genomes and languages" (2014)
- University of Tübingen (Germany), Department of Linguistics (2013)
- University of Zürich (Switzerland) (2012).

EVENTS  
ORGANIZED  
(ONLY AS MAIN  
ORGANIZER)

Cognitive explanations in linguistic typology: contemporary insights from language processing and language acquisition (2017)

Workshop at the Association for Linguistic Typology, Australia

Linguistic diversity meets the brain (2017)

Conference at University of Zürich, Switzerland

First language acquisition in the languages of the world: similarities and differences (2017)

Workshop at the 50th Societas Linguistica Europæa meeting, Switzerland

Triggers of language change (2017)

Conference at the Université of Lyon, France

Causality in the Language Sciences (2015)

Conference at Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in the Sciences, Germany

STUDENT  
SUPERVISION

Micah Pietraho (Harvard), Harvard College, USA

Zipf's Law for typing [2022]

Karina Halevy (Radcliffe research project), Harvard College, USA

Modularity for low-resource languages [2019-2020]

Silvia Casacuberta Puig (Radcliffe research project), Harvard College, USA

Modularity for low-resource languages [2019-2020]

Olena Shcherbakova (Linguistics Ph.D. co-supervisor), Department of Linguistic and Cultural Evolution, Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Germany

The evolution of linguistic complexity [2019-]

Camila Scaff (member of Cognitive Sciences Ph.D. advisory committee), Cognitive Sciences and Psycholinguistics Laboratory, École Normale Supérieure, France

Beyond WEIRD: An interdisciplinary approach to language acquisition [2017-2019]

Trudie Strauss (Statistics Ph.D. co-supervisor), Department of Statistics, University of the Free State, South Africa

Word frequency distributions - empirical and cross-linguistic insights [2017-2022]

Manuel Rüdishüli (Linguistics B.A. supervisor), Department of Comparative Linguistics, University of Zürich, Switzerland

Language acquisition and the evolution of language [2017-2018]

Eric Szabo Felix (Linguistics B.A. supervisor), Department of Comparative Linguistics, University of Zürich, Switzerland

Stability of Typological Features in High-Contact Varieties [2018-2019]

SELECTED  
MEDIA  
COVERAGE  
(ENG)

Scherbakova, ...Blasi & Skirgård (2023)

- Study of over 1,300 world languages finds which ones are most complex and why, *The Independent*

Blasi, Henrich, Adamou, Kemmerer & Majid (2022)

- Almost All Research on the Mind Is in English. That's a Problem, *WIRED*

Koile, Greenhill, Blasi, Bouckært & Gray (2022)

- New thoughts on Africa's Bantu expansion, *Archeology*
- Africa: migration of the Bantu peoples reconstructed, *Techzle*

Blasi, Antanasopoulos & Neubig (2022)

- In Africa, rescuing the languages that Western tech ignores, *Associated Press*
- How far have we, together, come to provide equal language technology performance around the world?, *NeuralSpace*
- In Africa, rescuing the languages that Western tech ignores, *Associated Press*

Matsumæ, Ranacher, Savage, Blasi et al. (2021)

- Do languages and genes share cultural evolutionary history?, *Science News*

Blasi, Moran, Moisik, Dediu, Widmer and Bickel (2019)

- Did dietary changes bring us f-words? Study tackles complexities of language's origin, *The New York Times*
- A change in our diet might have changed human language, *National Geographic*
- Mind Your Fs and Vs: Agriculture May Have Shaped Both Human Jaws and Language, *Scientific American*
- We Can Thank Agriculture and Soft Food for the 'F' Word, Claims Provocative New Study, *Gizmodo*
- The Science Behind Why We Use 'F' Words, *The Wall Street Journal*
- The Guardian view on language: the flesh made word, *The Guardian*
- The Ability to Pronounce 'F' and 'V' Sounds Might Have Evolved Along With Diet, *Smithsonian Magazine*

Blasi, Michælis and Haspelmath (2017)

- The painful origins of many creole languages, *The Economist*
- Humans learn complex grammatical patterns even in extremely challenging circumstances, *Eurek! Alert*
- No creoles?, *Language Log*
- Creoles (featuring Damián Blasi), *Talk the Talk podcast*

Blasi, Christiansen, Wichmann, Hammarström and Stadler (2016)

- Distant languages have similar sounds for common words, *The Economist*
- The hidden sound patterns that could overturn years of linguistic theory, *The Guardian*
- Linguistics: Sound and meaning in the world's languages, *Nature*
- "R" Is for Red: Common Words Share Similar Sounds in Many Languages, *Scientific American*

Everett, Blasi and Roberts (2015)

- Climate influences language evolution, *Scientific American*
- Soggy climate affects language, *Nature*

SELECTED  
MEDIA  
COMMENTARY

- Machine learning reveals role of culture in shaping meanings of words, *Princeton News (2020)*
- A Gene May Help Discern Language Tone Differences: Is It Shí or Shi?, *Scientific American (2020)*
- Lullaby Or Dance Song? Listen To Global Tunes And See If You Can Tell, *NPR (2018)*