

## Curriculum Vitae

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From 2001 to 2008 she lectured in English for Communication Studies, *Lingua e Testualità Inglese*, at the University of Calabria in southern Italy. From 2001 – 2007 she lectured at the Faculty of Law, University of Rome Three. She has also taught specialized courses in legal linguistics at the Italian Chamber of Deputies - *Camera dei Deputati*, High Council of Magistrates and Prosecutors - *Consiglio Superiore della Magistratura e dei Pubblici Ministeri*, the Spanish High Council of Magistrates, *Consejo General del Poder Judicial*, the National School for Public Administration - *Scuola Superiore della Pubblica Amministrazione*, the Italian High Council of Advocates – *Scuola Superiore dell’Avvocatura*. In 2011 she developed and taught a course entitled *English for Supreme Court Judges* sponsored by the Italian Supreme Court, *Corte Superiore di Cassazione*.

In 2009, she was appointed as liaison by the Faculty of Law at the Language Centre of the Academy, *Centro Linguistico d’Ateneo*. In 2010 she was appointed by the High Council of Magistrates as legal linguistics expert. The two-year project (2011-2012), co-sponsored by the European Commission and the Brussels-based *European Judicial Training Network*, EJTN, offers legal English training for European judges in Italy, France, Spain, Slovenia, Romania, and Poland.

Her academic and research interests are in two principal areas: a) legal lexicography, word formation and specialized legal terminology; and b) education theory, methodology and practice for the teaching and learning of legal linguistics in higher education.

Among her recent publications: *The Digital School: learning English with Internet*, University of Calabria Press, 2006; *IPAD, Interactive Public Administration Dictionary*, published by the Scuola Superiore della Pubblica Amministrazione, SSPA Press, Rome, 2006; *Exploring Students' Engagement with the Curriculum. A law programme taught in English at an Italian University* (co-author Rebecca Spitzmiller), Urbino, Italy: Guerra Editori, 2009; *Glossary of Crimes and the Language of the Courts*, a glossary of criminal law terms published by the High Council of Magistrates in 2009; *Glossary of European Civil Justice Terminology, GCJT*, a glossary of civil law terms published in 2010 by the High Council of Magistrates (co-sponsored by the European Commission); *Principles, methods, strategies and definition formats engaged in the construction of an EU glossary of civil law terms*, published by the Consiglio Superiore della Magistratura (accessible at the CSM site: [www.csm.it](http://www.csm.it), E-Gaius, European Gaius Project); *The "Word Factory." A study of the processes engaged in the formation of legal terms*, article published in *Opinio Juris in Comparatione*, Op.J. Vol 1/2011, Paper no. 3.

Research in progress by Isabel Alice Walbaum Robinson is focused on three principal areas: a) *lexicography*: a review of *IPAD, Interactive Public Administration Dictionary*, published by the National School for Public Administration in 2006; b) *language of the law*: the nature, meaning and pragmatic uses of legal English terminology, grammar and text; c) *education*: as member of the legal and linguistics European Judicial Training Network experts' team, the development of a European on-line manual for the teaching and learning of English legal linguistics.