

Francesco Orilia - Curriculum Vitae

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Brief presentation. I studied at the University of Palermo (M.A. in philosophy, 1979) and at Indiana University (Ph.D. in Philosophy, 1986). Since 1997 I teach at the University of Macerata, where I chaired the philosophy teaching program in 2010-2013 and I was rector's delegate for research and research evaluation from 2010 to 2016. My main research interests are in these areas: logic (logical paradoxes, normativity of logic), philosophy of language (reference), philosophy of mind (mind-body problem, mental causation), philosophy of time, ontology (properties and relations, relational order, Bradley's regress).

Education

B.A. in philosophy, University of Palermo, 1979.

Ph. D. in philosophy, Indiana University, Bloomington, 1986.

Fellowships/positions

1981: Fulbright travel grant for Graduate Studies in the US.

1981-1982: First year Graduate Student Fellowship, Indiana University.

1982-1985: Associate instructor, Indiana University.

1985 (II semestre). Doctoral dissertation fellowship, Indiana University.

1985-1986: Visiting Assistant Professor, Indiana University.

1987-1994: researcher in A.I., Olivetti Research Lab, Pisa.

July 1994- July 1997: researcher/lecturer in theoretical philosophy, University of Cagliari.

August 1997- January 2001: researcher/lecturer in the philosophy of language, University of Macerata.

February 2001- December 2004: Associate professor in the philosophy of language, University of Macerata.

Since January 2005: full professor in the philosophy of language, University of Macerata.

Visiting teaching positions

Indiana University (1986), Université Paris IV (2005), University of Iowa (2006), Cambridge University (2008), Université Blaise Pascal, Clermont Ferrand (2013), Università della Svizzera Italiana – Lugano (2019).

Services

2000-2003: member of the selection committee for the E. W. Beth Dissertation Prize (for a Ph. D. dissertation in Europe in logic, language and information).

2010-2013: Director of the B.A. and Master programs in philosophy, University of Macerata.

2010-2016: Rector's delegate for research and evaluation.

Member of the editorial board of *Metaphysica*, *L&PS - Logic and Philosophy of Science, an electronic Journal* (<http://www.univ.trieste.it/~episteme>), *Rivista Italiana di Filosofia Analitica Junior* (<http://www.rifanalitica.it>), *Philosophy International Journal* (<https://medwinpublishers.com/PhIJ>) and of the book series *OLTRE - Orizzonti di teoresi filosofica*, Mimesis.

Referee for *Noûs*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*, *Erkenntnis*, *dialectica*, *Studia Logica*, *Mind*, *Metaphysica*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Australasian Journal of Logic*, *Metaphysica*, etc.

Funded projects

National coordinator for the project PRIN 2007, *La Metafisica tra a priori e a posteriori (Metaphysics: a priori and a posteriori)* (funded by MIUR, the Italian Ministry for Education University and Research).

Local coordinator for the project PRIN 2012, *Modelli e inferenze nella scienza: aspetti logici, epistemologici e cognitivi. (Models and inferences in science: logical, epistemological and cognitive aspects)* (funded by MIUR, the Italian Ministry for Education, University and Research).

Publications

Monographs

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Edited

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