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Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum

1. Personal details

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2. Education, Academic Degrees and Positions

(March, 28, 2017 – March 28, 2023) **Habilitation** as Associate Professor in Logic and Philosophy of Science (Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale come Professore di Seconda Fascia settore 11/C2 Logica, Storia e Filosofia della Scienza – Italy)

(March, 28, 2017 – March 28, 2023) **Habilitation** as Associate Professor in Philosophy of Language (Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale come Professore di Seconda Fascia settore 11/C4 Estetica e Filosofia dei Linguaggi – Italy)

(October, 1, 2016 – today) **Teaching Fellow** Università degli Studi di Macerata. Course: Philosophy of Mind Seminar – Physicalism, Emergentism, and Dualism (21 hours)

(October, 1, 2015 – September, 30, 2016) **Postdoctoral Grant** Università degli Studi di Macerata on the Ontology of Relations and the Relations of Ontological Emergence as part of the PRIN 2012

Project “Models and Inferences in Science. Logical, Epistemological, and Cognitive Aspects” (P.I. of the local research group: Francesco Orilia) (“**Assegno di Ricerca**”)

(October, 1, 2014 – September, 30, 2015) **Postdoctoral Grant** Durham University – Università degli Studi di Macerata (Durham Emergence Project Fellowship Programme, funded by the John Templeton Foundation), as **Principal Investigator** of the Project “Causal Relata, Mental Causation and Downward Causation” (sites.google.com/site/emergenceinmacerata) (“**Assegno di Ricerca**”)

(2015) “**TFA**” – “Tirocinio Formativo Attivo” classe A037 (filosofia e storia) – Habilitation course to teach philosophy and history in Italian high schools. Habilitation obtained on July 20th, 2015, Università degli Studi di Macerata – final score: 100/100

(2014) **PhD** in Human Sciences - Philosophy and Theory of Human Sciences – Università degli Studi di Macerata + **Doctor Europaeus** Award

(2011-2013) Università degli Studi di Macerata – PhD in Philosophy and Theory of Human Sciences (this University is the second University in Italy for the quality of research in philosophy, according to the Italian Ministry of Education). Title of the dissertation: *To Be And Not To Be? A Metaphysical Inquiry into Existence and Non-Existence*. Supervisor: prof. Francesco Orilia (end of the PhD: December, 31, 2013 – final exam: March, 3, 2014 – judgment: Excellent)

(2008-2010) Università degli Studi di Perugia - Corso di **laurea magistrale** in Filosofia ed etica delle relazioni (Second Level Degree Course in Philosophy and Relationships Ethics: 2 years) – Average score: 30/30. Title of the degree thesis: “*Filia Dei harmoniaeque*. The metaphysical notion of existence in Leibniz” (supervisor: prof. Angelo Capecci) - Final score: 110/110 *magna cum laude*

(2005-2008) Università degli Studi di Perugia – Corso di **laurea** in Filosofia (First Level Degree Course in Philosophy: 3 years) – Average score: 29,7/30. Title of the degree thesis: “Being and essence. The metaphysical question in Étienne Gilson” (supervisor: prof. Massimo Borghesi) - Final score: 110/110 *magna cum laude*

(2000-2005) Liceo Classico “A. Mariotti” (Perugia, Italy) – Final score of 100/100

3. Published Works

(I = in Italian; E = in English)

→ *Books*

(in print-2017) *The Quest for Emergence*. Munich: Philosophia (series: Analytica). ISBN: 9783884051221 (E)

(forthcoming-2017) *Alvin Plantinga* (I)

(2015) *Materialismo e fisicalismo. Questioni filosofiche contemporanee* (Materialism and Physicalism. Contemporary Philosophical Questions). Rome: Carocci. ISBN: 9788843077489 (I)

(2014) *Cattive argomentazioni: come riconoscerle* (How To Recognize Bad Reasoning) (with Francesco F. Calemi). Rome: Carocci. ISBN: 9788843073177 (I)

(2013) *Leibniz. Metafisica dell'esistenza* (Leibniz. Metaphysics of Existence). Monza: Limina Mentis. ISBN: 9788895881928 (I)

→ *Edited Volumes and Journal Issues*

(2017) *Philosophical and Scientific Perspectives on Downward Causation*. London-New York: Routledge (with Francesco Orilia) (contributors: W. Bechtel, M. Bertolaso and M. Buzzoni, L. Boi, S. Clark and T. Lancaster, M. De Caro, S. C. Gibb, C. Gillett, S. Gozzano, J. Heil, R. F. Hendry, F. Jouen and M. Molina, M. Kistler, A. Marmodoro, E. Mayr, U. Meixner, S. Mumford and Rani Lill Anjum, F. Orilia and M. Paolini Paoletti). ISBN: 9781138195059 (E)

(October 2013) *Meinong strikes again. Return to Impossible Objects 100 Years Later*. Special Issue of *Humana.Mente*, 25 (www.humanamente.eu) (with Laura Mari) (invited papers by: P. Simons, D. Jacquette, W. J. Rapaport, N. Cocchiarella, F. Orilia, F. Berto, A. Voltolini, V. Raspa). ISSN: 1972-1293 (E)

→ *Translations*

(2012) É. Gilson, *Realismo tomista e critica della conoscenza* (original title: *Réalisme thomiste et critique de la connaissance*). Rome: Studium. ISBN: 9788838240690 (I)

(2011) R. Scruton, *Arte, bellezza e giudizio* (Art, beauty, judgment). *Philosophical News*, 3: 25-31. ISSN: 2037-6707 (I)

→ *Articles and Contributed Papers*

(forthcoming-2018) "Emergent Powers". *Topoi*

- (2017) "Formulating Emergence". *Ratio*. Published in Early View on February, 27th, 2017. Online-ISSN: 1467-9329 (E)
- (2017) "Downward Causation: An Opinionated Introduction" (with Francesco Orilia). In: M. Paolini Paoletti, F. Orilia (eds.), *Philosophical and Scientific Perspectives on Downward Causation*. London-New York: Routledge, 1-21. ISBN: 9781138195059 (E)
- (2017) "Three Grades of Downward Causation" (with Francesco Orilia). In: M. Paolini Paoletti, F. Orilia (eds.), *Philosophical and Scientific Perspectives on Downward Causation*. London-New York: Routledge, 25-41. ISBN: 9781138195059 (E)
- (2017) "From Falsemakers to Negative Properties". *Theoria*, 83(1): 53-77. Published in Early View on November, 30th, 2016. ISSN: 1755-2567 (E)
- (2016) "How I (freely) Raised My Arm. Downward, Structural, Substance Causation". *Mind and Matter*, 14(2): 203-228. Online ISSN: 2051-3003. ISSN: 1611-8812 (E)
- (2016) "Relazioni ed entità emergenti: da Broad e Lloyd Morgan a Kim" (Relations and Emergent Entities: from Broad and Lloyd Morgan to Kim). *Rivista di Filosofia*, CVII(3): 301-325. ISSN: 0035-6239 (I)
- (2016) "Non-Symmetrical Relations, O-Roles and Modes". *Acta Analytica*, 31(4): 373-395. Published as an Online First article on January 23rd, 2016. Online ISSN: 1874-6349. ISSN: 0353-5150 (E)
- (2016) "A Sketch of (an actually serious) Meinongian Presentism". *Metaphysica. International Journal for Ontology and Metaphysics*, 17(1): 1-18. Published as Ahead of Print on August 11th, 2015. Online ISSN: 1874-6373. ISSN: 1437-2053 (E)
- (2016) "Who's Afraid of Non-Existent Manifestations?". In: F. F. Calemi (ed.), *Metaphysics and Scientific Realism: Essays in Honour of David Malet Armstrong*. Berlin: De Gruyter, 193-206. ISBN: 9783110454611. E-Book (PDF) ISBN: 9783110455915 (E)
- (2016) "Paradise on the Cheap. Ascriptivism about *Ficta*". In: M. Antonelli, M. David (eds.), *Existence, Fiction, Assumption. Meinongian Themes and the History of Austrian Philosophy. Meinong Studies, vol. VI*. Berlin, De Gruyter, 99-140. ISBN: 9783110453270 (E)
- (2016) "How Powers Emerge from Relations". *Axiomathes*, 26(2): 187-204. Published also as an Online First article on September 22nd, 2015. Online ISSN: 1572-8390. ISSN: 1122-1151 (E)

- (2015) “Attualismo, pluralismo ontologico e meinonghismo” (Actualism, Ontological Pluralism and Meinongianism). *Rivista di Estetica*, 59: 149-162. ISSN: 0035-6212 (I)
- (2015) “A Problem for Ontological Pluralism and a Half-Meinongian Solution”. *Philosophia. Philosophical Quarterly of Israel*, 43(2): 463-473. Published also as an Online First article on February 21st, 2015. Online ISSN: 1574-9274. ISSN: 0048-3893 (E)
- (2015) “Trivial and Non-Trivial (yet Difficult) Physicalism”. *Philosophical Inquiries*, III/1: 29-38. Online ISSN: 2282-0248. ISSN: 2281-8618 (E)
- (2014) “False-makers: Something Negative About Facts”. *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, 90: 169-182. ISSN: 0165-9227 (E)
- (2014) “Ci sono più cose di quelle che esistono? Essere, esistenza, identità a partire da van Inwagen” (Are there more things than the existing ones? Being, Existence and Identity in van Inwagen). *Giornale di Metafisica*, 1/2013: 49-67. ISSN: 0017-0372 (I)
- (2014) “Il paradosso della finzione” (The Paradox of Fiction). *Analytical and Philosophical Explanation*, 9 (<http://www.aphex.it/index.php?Temi=557D03012202740321070300777327>). ISSN: 2036-9972 (I)
- (2013) “Commentary of R. Routley, Exploring Meinong’s Jungle and Beyond: an Investigation of Noneism and the Theory of Items”. In: L. Mari, M. Paolini Paoletti (eds.), *Meinong strikes again. Return to Impossible Objects 100 Years Later*. Special Issue of *Humana.Mente*, 25: 275-292. ISSN: 1972-1293 (E)
- (2013) “Foreword” (with Laura Mari). In: L. Mari, M. Paolini Paoletti (eds.), *Meinong strikes again. Return to Impossible Objects 100 Years Later*. *Humana.Mente*, 25: III-XVI. ISSN: 1972-1293 (E)
- (2013) “Tutti per uno, uno per tutti. Vizi e virtù del monismo” (Vices and Virtues of Priority Monism). *Rivista Italiana di Filosofia Analitica*, IV/1: 29-44 (<http://riviste.unimi.it/index.php/rifanalitica/article/view/2520>). ISSN: 2037-4445 (I)
- (2013) “Jonathan Lowe” (Profile). *Analytical and Philosophical Explanation* (<http://www.aphex.it/index.php?Profili=557D03012200740321070403777327>). ISSN: 2036-9972 (I)

(2012) “Nota del traduttore” (Translator's Note). In: É. Gilson, *Realismo tomista e critica della conoscenza*. Rome: Studium, 31-34. ISBN: 9788838240690 (I)

(2012) “Apologia dell'ultimo uomo. Routley, lo ‘sciovinismo umano’ e l'etica ambientale” (An Apology of the Last Man. Routley, the “human chauvinism” and the Environmental Ethics). In: A. Poli (ed.), *La persona nelle filosofie dell'ambiente*. Monza: Limina Mentis, 151-170. ISBN: 9788895881591 (I)

(2012) “Conoscere l'essere. Fabro, Gilson e la conoscenza dell'*actus essendi*” (Fabro, Gilson and the knowledge of the *actus essendi*). In: A. Acerbi (ed.), *Crisi e destino della filosofia. Studi su Cornelio Fabro*. Rome: EDUSC, 157-172. ISBN: 9788883332630 (I)

(2011) “Fidarsi è bene, non fidarsi è meglio? Fede, fiducia, credenza, conoscenza” (Faith, Trust, Belief, Knowledge). *Dialegesthai. Rivista telematica di filosofia*, XIII (<http://mondodomani.org/dialegesthai/mpp01.htm>). ISSN: 1128-5478 (I)

(2011) “Leibniz and the metaphysical notion of existence”. In: IX. *Internationaler Leibniz-Kongress: Natur und Subjekt, Vorträge, 2te Teil*: 813-820. ISBN: 9783980816748 (E)

(2010) “*Doctores subtiles*. Possibilità e libertà in Leibniz e Duns Scoto” (*Doctores subtiles*. Possibility and Freedom in Leibniz and Duns Scotus). In: A. Malo (ed.), *Natura, cultura, libertà. Storia e complessità di un rapporto*. Rome: EDUSC, 211-220. ISBN: 9788883332524 (I)

(2010) “*Esse ut actus* e giudizio d'esistenza. Sulla riflessione metafisica di Étienne Gilson” (*Esse ut actus* and Existential Judgment. On Étienne Gilson's Metaphysics). *Euntes Docete*, LXIII/1: 191-215. ISSN: 0394-9850 (I)

→ *Encyclopedia Entries*

(2013) “Existence”; “Truth” (with Francesca Eustacchi). In: *New Catholic Encyclopedia – Supplement 2012/2013: Ethics and Philosophy*. Farmington Hills (MI): Gale Cengage. ISBN: 9781414482255 (E)

→ *Book Reviews*

(2016) D. Jacquette, *Alexius Meinong, The Shepherd of Non-Being*. *Brentano Studien*, 14: 327-335. ISSN: 0935-7009 (E)

- (2015) F. Laudisa, *Naturalismo. Filosofia, scienza, mitologia. Recensioni filosofiche*, 97 (www.recensionifilosofiche.info). ISSN: 1826-4654 (I)
- (2013) M. Mugnai, *Possibile/necessario. Recensioni filosofiche*, 81. ISSN: 1826-4654 (I)
- (2013) N. A. Vasil'ev, *Logica immaginaria. Recensioni filosofiche*, 80. ISSN: 1826-4654 (I)
- (2013) P. Porro, *Tommaso d'Aquino. Un profilo storico-filosofico. Recensioni filosofiche*, 79. ISSN: 1826-4654 (I)
- (2012) G. Ventimiglia, *To be o esse? La questione dell'essere nel tomismo analitico. Divus Thomas*, CXV: 278-283. ISSN: 0012-4257 (I)
- (2012) A. Poli, *In mente Dei. Ragion sufficiente e platonismo nella formazione della metafisica di Leibniz. Filosofia e Teologia*, XXVI/1: 222-224. ISSN: 1824-4963 (I)
- (2012) A. Plantinga, *Where the Conflict Really Lies: Science, Religion & Naturalism. Philosophical News*, 4: 226-230. ISSN: 2037-6707 (E)
- (2012) M. Di Stasio, *Alvin Plantinga. Conoscenza religiosa e naturalizzazione epistemologica. Recensioni filosofiche*, 68. ISSN: 1826-4654 (www.recensionifilosofiche.info) (I)
- (2011) P. Weingartner, *God's existence. Can it be proven? A logical commentary on the five ways of Thomas Aquinas. Philosophical News*, 3: 229-233. ISSN: 2037-6707 (E)
- (2011) A. Allegra, *Metamorfosi. Enigmi filosofici del cambiamento. Filosofia e teologia*, XXV/2: 428-430. ISSN: 1824-4963 (I)
- (2011) G. Galluzzo, *Breve storia dell'ontologia. Recensioni filosofiche*, 61. ISSN: 1826-4654 (I)
- (2011) A. Pavan, E. Magno (eds.), *Antropogenesi. Ricerche sull'origine e lo sviluppo del fenomeno umano. Philosophical News*, 2: 206-209. ISSN: 2037-6707 (I)
- (2011) R. Gatti, *Politica e trascendenza. Saggio su Pascal. Recensioni filosofiche*, 56. ISSN: 1826-4654 (I)
- (2010) P. Di Vona, *L'ontologia dimenticata. Dall'ontologia spagnola alla Critica della ragion pura. Recensioni filosofiche*, 56. ISSN: 1826-4654 (I)
- (2010) A. MacIntyre, *God, philosophy, universities. A Selective History of the Catholic Philosophical Tradition. Philosophical News*, 1: 130-133. ISSN: 2037-6707 (E)

(2010) F. Berto, *L'esistenza non è logica. Dal quadrato rotondo ai mondi impossibili. Recensioni filosofiche*, 50. ISSN: 1826-4654 (I)

(2009) W. Fratticci, *Il bivio di Parmenide. Ovvero la gratuità della verità. Studium*, CV/6: 947-949. ISSN: 0039-4130 (I)

(2009) F. Amerini, *Tommaso d'Aquino. Origine e fine della vita umana. Recensioni filosofiche*, 45. ISSN: 1826-4654 (I)

(2009) A. Borghini, *Che cos'è la possibilità. Recensioni filosofiche*, 40. ISSN: 1826-4654 (I)

(2009) G. Reale, *Il dubbio di Pirrone. Ipotesi sullo scetticismo. Recensioni filosofiche*, 37. ISSN: 1826-4654 (I)

(2009) M. Borghesi, *L'era dello Spirito. Secolarizzazione ed escatologia moderna. Recensioni filosofiche*, 37. ISSN: 1826-4654 (I)

(2008) R. Scruton, *Gli animali hanno diritti? (Animal rights and wrongs)*, in *Recensioni filosofiche*, 33. ISSN: 1826-4654 (I)

(2008) É. Gilson, *Il realismo – Metodo della filosofia. Recensioni filosofiche*, 31. ISSN: 1826-4654 (I)

→ *Submitted Papers (and Papers in Submission)*

Empirical Physicalism and the Boundaries of Physics (E)

There might be a light that never goes out. The Metaphysical Possibility of my Disembodied Existence (E)

Substance Causation (E)

4. Talks

(April 2017) “On Emergence and Emergent Powers”. University of Oxford (E)

(October 2016) “Dipendenza speciale e novità: due formulazioni dell'emergenza”. *Explanation in Logic, Ontology and Science*, University of Macerata (I)

- (April 2016) “Esistenza eterna, sempiterna, temporale, atemporale”. *Seminario di filosofia del tempo*, University of Perugia (I)
- (September 2015) “Downward, Substance, Structural Causation”. *Emergence and Causation*, University of Macerata (E)
- (June 2015) “Relations and Downward Causation”. *Workshop on Emergence*, Durham University
- (February 2015) “Emergent powers and external relations”. *Emergent Powers*, University of Macerata (E)
- (February 2015) “Le sostanze come cause”. *Ontologia e scienza*, University of Macerata (I)
- (April 2014) “Come tollerare (alcune) proprietà disgiuntive”. *David Malet Armstrong e i fondamenti della metafisica contemporanea. An Opinionated Conference*, University of Perugia (I)
- (March 2014) “Grounding Modal Truths on Essences”. *Ontology, Mind and Free Will. A Workshop in Memory of E. J. Lowe (1950-2014)*, University of Macerata (E)
- (January 2014) “Attualismo, pluralismo ontologico e meinonghianismo”. *Realismo e ontologia*, Third University of Rome (I)
- (August 2013) “Naturalism (almost) self-defeated”. *World Congress of Philosophy*, Athens (E)
- (June 2013) “There might be a light that never goes out. The Metaphysical Possibility of my Disembodied Existence”. *The Soul Conference*, Oxford University (E)
- (June 2013) “Pensare Sherlock Holmes. Una teoria ascrittivista degli oggetti fittizi”. *Filosofi del Linguaggio a Gargnano*, Gargnano (I)
- (May 2013) “Perché non puoi dirti naturalista – anche se dici di esserlo”. *Seminario DISF Working Group*, Rome (I)
- (May 2013) “The Importance of Being Negative about Facts (and Properties)”. *Information Systems and the Four-Category Ontology*, Durham University (invited speakers: E. J. Lowe, B. Smith, L. Jansen, N. Guarino, L. N. Schneider) (E)
- (March 2012) “Tutti per uno, uno per tutti. Vizi e virtù del monismo”. *Seminario di metafisica*, University of Perugia (I)

(February 2012) “The mysterious noumena. Identity theory of mind and neural-mental states”. *Coscienza e identità personale. Prospettiva filosofica e neuroscientifica*, Rome (E)

(September 2011) “Leibniz and the metaphysical notion of existence”. *IX. Internationaler Leibniz-Kongress: ‘Natur und Subjekt’*, Hannover (E)

(June 2011) “Human agency. Three E. J. Lowe's arguments against physicalism”. *What is life? Theology, Philosophy, Science*, Krakow (E)

(March 2011) “Socrate vs. Sherlock Holmes. Essere, esistenza, identità”. *Seminario di metafisica*, University of Perugia (I)

(February 2010) “*Doctores subtiles*. Possibilità e libertà in Leibniz e Duns Scoto”. *Natura, cultura, libertà*, Rome (I)

5. Teaching Experience

(2016-today) Teaching Fellow/Adjunct Professor (Università degli Studi di Macerata). Course: Philosophy of Mind Seminar – Physicalism, Emergentism and Dualism (21 hours)

(2011-today) Teaching Assistant in Logic, Philosophy of Language and Ontology (Università degli Studi di Macerata) (prof. Francesco Orilia)

(2010-2011) Teaching Assistant in Moral Philosophy (Università degli Studi di Perugia) (prof. Massimo Borghesi)

6. Philosophical Activities

Reviewer for: American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Axiomathes; Epistemologia; Journal of the American Philosophical Association; Philosophical Papers; Rivista Internazionale di Filosofia e Psicologia; Topoi

(2013-today) Supervisor of a Philosophy of Mind Seminar (Università degli Studi di Macerata)

(April-May 2013, October-November 2012) Research Periods at Durham University – Department of Philosophy (prof. E. J. Lowe), Durham (UK)

(2012-today) Contributions to *Zettel* (an Italian philosophical TV show)

(2012-today) Member of Società Italiana di Filosofia Analitica (Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy)

(March 2010-July 2012) Member of the Editorial Board of *Philosophical News*

(July 2009, February 2010) Research Periods at Leibniz-Archiv, Hannover (Germany)

(2008-2012) Member of Società Filosofica Italiana (Italian Philosophical Society)

(2008-2012) Several informal talks (“caffè filosofici”) organized by Società Filosofica Italiana for non-philosophers (and children too)

7. Other Activities

(2012-2014) Representant for the PhD students at the Human Sciences Faculty Council (Università degli Studi di Macerata)

(2008-2010) Member of the Human Sciences Faculty Council (Università degli Studi di Perugia)

(2008-2010) Philosophy Students' Tutor (Università degli Studi di Perugia)

(2008) Member of the General Administration Council (Università degli Studi di Perugia)

(Summer 2007) Study Period (German language) in Cologne (Germany)

(2006-2010) Member of the Philosophy Council (Università degli Studi di Perugia)

(2006-2010) Voluntary work as teacher

(2006-2008) Member of the Students' Representative Council (Università degli Studi di Perugia)

8. Languages

Italian (mother language), English (CEFR level C2 – Certificate of Advanced English score: 203/210 (December 4th, 2015)), French (good knowledge), German (not bad), Latin (excellent knowledge), Ancient Greek (excellent knowledge)

9. Further Qualifications

ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence) Full Standard: Computer Essentials, Online Essentials, IT Security, Online Collaboration, Word, Excel, Power Point

10. Fields of Philosophical Inquiry

Primary Research Topics: Metaontology, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophical Logic

Secondary Research Topics: Aesthetics, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Science, History of Early-Modern and Modern Philosophy