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Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum

1. Personal details

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2. Education, Academic Degrees and Positions

(March, 1, 2026 - today) **Associate Professor** (Professore di Seconda Fascia) Università degli Studi di Macerata - Logic and Philosophy of Science (gruppo disciplinare 11/PHIL-02 Logica, storia e filosofia delle scienze e delle tecniche, settore disciplinare PHIL-02/A Logica e filosofia della scienza)

(October, 3, 2025 - February, 28, 2026) **Associate Professor** (Professore di Seconda Fascia) Università degli Studi di Macerata - Philosophy of Language (gruppo disciplinare 11/PHIL-04 Estetica e filosofia dei linguaggi, settore disciplinare PHIL-04/B Filosofia e teoria dei linguaggi)

(October, 3, 2022 - October, 2, 2025) **Assistant Professor** (Ricercatore T. D. tipo B) Università degli Studi di Macerata - Philosophy of Language

(July, 15, 2025 – July, 15, 2037) **Habilitation** as Full Professor in Logic and Philosophy of Science (Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale come Professore di Prima Fascia settore 11/C2 Logica, Storia e Filosofia della Scienza – Italy)

(March, 13, 2025 – March, 13, 2037) **Habilitation** as Full Professor in Philosophy of Language (Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale come Professore di Prima Fascia settore 11/C4 Estetica e Filosofia dei Linguaggi – Italy)

(November, 11, 2020 – November, 11, 2032) **Habilitation** as Associate Professor in Theoretical Philosophy (Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale come Professore di Seconda Fascia settore 11/C1 Filosofia Teoretica – Italy)

(March, 28, 2017 – March 28, 2029) **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, 2029) **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 – April, 30, 2022) **Adjunct Professor** Università degli Studi di Macerata. Courses: Philosophy of Mind Seminar – Physicalism, Emergentism, and Dualism (21 hours); Kant – Critique of Practical Reason (21 hours); Philosophy of Science Seminar - Tacit Knowledge and the Neurosciences (21 hours)

(September, 1, 2020 – August, 31, 2021) **Postdoctoral Grant** Università degli Studi di Macerata on the Ontology of Relations as part of the PRIN 2017 Project "The Manifest and the Scientific Image" (P.I. of the project: Francesco Orilia) ("**Assegno di Ricerca**")

(2018) Awarded a **Humboldt-Forschungsstipendium für Postdoktoranden** for 12 Months at the University of Erlangen with Prof. Erasmus Mayr – *Not accepted for family reasons*

(September, 1, 2017 – October, 2, 2022) **High-School Teacher** of History and Philosophy (permanent post) at Liceo Scientifico "G. Galilei" Macerata

(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 and Durham University), **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 – PhDC 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. Research Projects

(December 1, 2023 - February 28, 2026) **Head of Local Unit** of the PRIN 2022 PNRR Project "Make it Explicit: Documenting interpretations of literary fictions with conceptual formal models (MITE)" (PI: Emilio Sanfilippo) (local unit: 76,197 €)

(September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021) **Member** of the PRIN 2017 Project "The Manifest and the Scientific Image" (PI: Francesco Orilia)

(October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016) **Member** of the PRIN 2012 Project "Models and Inferences in Science. Logical, Epistemological, and Cognitive Aspects" (PI: Lorenzo Magnani)

(October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015) **Principal Investigator** of the Project "Causal Relata, Mental Causation and Downward Causation" (Durham Emergence Project Fellowship Programme, funded by the John Templeton Foundation and Durham University)

4. Published Works

(I = in Italian; E = in English)

Books

(2025) *The Identity of Fictional Characters. A Philosophical Survey* (with Francesco Orilia and Jansan Favazzo). Macerata: EUM. ISBN: 9791257040536 (E)

(2024). *The Ontology of Relations*. London-New York: Routledge (series: Routledge Studies in Metaphysics). ISBN: 9781032426525. E-book ISBN: 9781003363651 (E)

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

(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

(forthcoming-2026) *New Philosophical Approaches to Emergence: Towards Pluralism*. Special Issue of *Synthese* (with Erica Onnis) (E)

(2023) *Sin and Vice*. Special Issue of *TheoLogica*, 7: 2 (with Maria Silvia Vaccarezza) (contributors: I. Kidd, P. Haratine, K. Timpe, B. Page, C. Taliaferro, E. Knuths, H. De Cruz, J. De Smedt, L. Azzano, A. Raimondi). Online ISSN: 2593-0265 (E)

(2021) *Form, Structure and Hylomorphism*. Special Issue of *Synthese*, 198: S11 (with Anna Marmodoro) (contributors: J. Heil, J. Skrzypek, R. Koons, M. Paolini Paoletti, T. Dumsday, T. Sattig, M. Morganti, J. Brungardt, M. Owen). Online ISSN: 1573-0964. ISSN: 0039-7857 (E)

(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-2026) "Aquinas and the Varieties of Dependence". *Dialectica*. ISSN: 0012-2017. Online ISSN: 1746-8361 (E)

(online-2026) "Literary Interpretation: How Actual Intentions Matter". *Erkenntnis*. Published in Online First on June 29th, 2026. Online ISSN: 1572-8420. ISSN: 0165-0106 (E)

(2026) "Platonism in Better Shape". *Acta Analytica*, 41: 1199-1234. Published in Online First on April 17th, 2026. Online ISSN: 1874-6349. ISSN: 0353-5150 (E)

(2026). "Weak emergence and external relations". *Synthese*, 208: article n. 101. Online ISSN: 1573-0964. ISSN: 0039-7857 (E)

(2026) "The Identity of Ficta and the Place of Authors". *Estetika. The European Journal of Aesthetics*, 63(1): 72-88. ISSN: 0014-1291. Online ISSN: 2571-0915 (E)

(2025) "Hylomorphism and the Virtues of Active Nihilism - Comments on Rooney's Material Objects and Aristotelian Metaphysics". *Asian Journal of Philosophy*, 4: article n. 125. Online ISSN: 2731-4642 (E)

(2025) "The Good and the Powers". *Analytic Philosophy*, 66(3): 402-431. Published in Early View on November, 28th, 2023. Online ISSN: 2153-960X (E)

(2025) "Events and Facts in the Image of Modes". *Metaphysica. International Journal for Ontology and Metaphysics*, 26(1): 133-153. Published as Ahead of Print on March 24, 2025. Online ISSN: 1874-6373. ISSN: 1437-2053 (E)

(2024) "Not So Weak Emergence". *Argumenta*, 10(1): 303-312. ISSN: 2465-2334 (E)

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(2024) "An experimental study on the ontology of relations" (with Francesco Orilia). *Synthese*, 203: article n. 75. Online ISSN: 1573-0964. ISSN: 0039-7857 (E)

(2024) “Bill, Bowl, and Ball. A Tale of Disjunctive Properties”. *Studium Philosophicum*, 9-10: 25-32. ISSN: 1721-3495

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(2023) “The Composition of Naïve Powers”. In: Austin, C. J., Marmodoro, A., Roselli, A. (eds.), *Powers, Parts and Wholes. Essays on the Mereology of Powers*. London-New York: Routledge: 185-205. ISBN: 9781032288567 (E)

(2023) “Bare Particulars, Modes, and the Varieties of Dependence”. *Erkenntnis*, 88(4): 1593-1620. Published in Online First on May 28th, 2021. Online ISSN: 1572-8420. ISSN: 0165-0106 (E)

(2023) “Causes Versus Background Conditions: A Double Negation Account”. *Global Philosophy*, 33(1): article n. 1. Online ISSN: 2948-1538. ISSN: 2948-152X (E)

(2023) “Events and Modes”. *Metaphysica. International Journal for Ontology and Metaphysics*, 24(1): 71-99. Published as Ahead of Print on June 10th, 2022. Online ISSN: 1874-6373. ISSN: 1437-2053 (E)

(2023) “Substance Causation”. *Philosophia. Philosophical Quarterly of Israel*, 51(1): 287-308. Published in Online First on June, 11th, 2018. Online ISSN: 1574-9274. ISSN: 0048-3893 (E)

(2023) “Relationism and the Problem of Order”. *Acta Analytica*, 38(2): 245-273. Published in Online First on March 11th, 2022. Online ISSN: 1874-6349. ISSN: 0353-5150 (E)

(2023) “Editorial: Special Issue on Sin and Vice” (with Maria Silvia Vaccarezza). *TheoLogica*, 7(2): 1-6. Online ISSN: 2593-0265 (E)

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(2021) “Functional Powers”. In: Jansen, L., Sandstad, P. (eds.), *Neo-Aristotelian Perspectives on Formal Causation*. London-New York: Routledge: 124-148. ISBN: 9780367341206 (E)

(2021) “Intrinsic and Extrinsic Modes”. *Metaphysica. International Journal for Ontology and Metaphysics*, 22(2): 223-249. Published as Ahead of Print on March 12th, 2021. Online ISSN: 1874-6373. ISSN: 1437-2053 (E)

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(2019) "Respects of Dependence". *Studia Neoaristotelica*, 16(1): 49-82. Online ISSN: 1804-6843. ISSN: 1214-8407 (E)

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(2018) "There could be a light that never goes out. The metaphysical possibility of disembodied existence". *Argumenta*, 3(2): 353-366. ISSN: 2465-2334 (E)

(2018) "Bradley's Regress: A Matter of Parsimony". In: Bertini, D., Migliorini, D. (eds.), *Relations. Ontology and Philosophy of Religion*. Milan: Mimesis International: 109-121. ISBN: 9788869771262 (E)

(2018) "Formulating Emergence". *Ratio*, 31(S1): 1-18. Published in Early View on February, 27th, 2017. Online ISSN: 1467-9329 (E)

(2017) "Empirical Physicalism and the Boundaries of Physics". *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, 31(4): 343-362. Online ISSN: 1469-9281. ISSN: 0269-8595 (E)

(2017) "Downward Causation: An Opinionated Introduction" (with Francesco Orilia). In: Paolini Paoletti, M., Orilia, F. (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: Paolini Paoletti, M., Orilia, F. (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)

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(2016) “Who’s Afraid of Non-Existent Manifestations?”. In: Calemi, F. F. (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: Antonelli, M., David, M. (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) “Falsemakers: 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=557D030122027403210703007773 27). ISSN: 2036-9972 (I)

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(2013) “Foreword” (with Laura Mari). In: Mari, L., Paolini Paoletti, M. (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)

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(2012) “Conoscere l'essere. Fabro, Gilson e la conoscenza dell'*actus essendi*” (Fabro, Gilson and the knowledge of the *actus essendi*). In: Acerbi, A. (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)

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(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)

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(2015) F. Laudisa, *Naturalismo. Filosofia, scienza, mitologia*. *Recensioni filosofiche*, 97 (www.recensionifilosofiche.info). ISSN: 1826-4654 (I)

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5. Talks

(August 24-28, 2026) "Powerful Persistence Made More Powerful". *12th Conference of the European Society for Analytic Philosophy (ECAP 12)*, Complutense University of Madrid (E)

(June 29, 2026) “In Defense of Diachronic Emergence”. *SILFS Triennial Conference*, IUSS Pavia (E)

(May 25, 2026) “Micro-Latent or Conditional? No Powers to Reconcile with Physicalism”. *A Tale of Two Substances: New Perspectives on the Mind-Body Problem*, USI Lugano (E)

(May 12, 2026) “Better Late Than Never. The Strong, Diachronic Emergence of State”. *Transitions in Emergence*, University of Namur (E)

(April 16, 2026) “Ontologia delle relazioni e intenzionalità”. University of Perugia (I)

(March 31, 2026) “Complexity and External Relations”. *Structure and Function in Biology and Metaphysics*, University of Aix Marseille (E)

(March 16, 2026) “Comments on Della Rocca’s Reasons for Action are Unintelligible”. *Two Lessons in Metaphysics by Michael Della Rocca*, University of Macerata (E)

(October 22, 2025) “*Ficta* and their Powerful Identity: A Case Study from Paul Auster’s *4 3 2 1”*. *MITE final workshop: From critical analysis to formal representation: literary characters, interpretations, and ontologies*, CNR - University of Trento (E)

(September 18, 2025) “Emergence vs. Methodological Individualism: A Metaphysical Debate at the Heart of Social Sciences”. *International Conference on Emergence*, UniCusano University Rome (E)

(September 17, 2025) “Epistemological and Ontological, Strong and Weak Emergence: do we really need them?”. *Summer School on Emergence*, UniCusano University Rome (E)

(August 27-29, 2025) “Grounding and Enabling: A Tale of Two Relations”. *SIFA Conference “Minds and Worlds”*, University of Turin (E)

(May 15, 2025) “Emergent Powers (and Properties) without Collapse”. *Spontaneous Workshop on Emergence*, University of Namur (E)

(February 5, 2025) “The Identity of Ficta: Actual Intentions Matter”. *The Interpretation of Fictional Characters*, University of Macerata (E)

(November 25, 2024) “Emergent Powers (and Properties) without Collapse”. *Emergence, Causality and Complexity*, University of Aachen (E)

(November 21, 2024) “Platonism in Better Shape”. *Metaphysics Collaborative Monthly Meetings* (E)

(October 31, 2024) “The Identity of Ficta and the Place of Authors and Interpreters”. *Language, Ethics, & Fiction Seminar Series*, University of Milan (E)

(July 31, 2024) “Weak Emergence and External Relations”. *Emergence. New Philosophical Perspectives*, UniCusano University Rome (E)

(June 28, 2024) “Weak Emergence and External Relations”. *International Congress on Emergence, Causation and Free Will*, University of Cali (E)

(June 18, 2024) “The Relations Within and Between Events and Processes”. *Events. New Work on Their Ontology and Semantics*, University of Nice (E)

(June 8, 2024) “The Identity of Ficta and the Place of Authors”. *Annual Conference of the European Society of Aesthetics*, University of Naples “L’Orientale” (E)

(September 16, 2023) “Life is Strongly Emergent”. *Annual Ratio Conference: Purpose in Biology: New Directions*, University of Reading (E)

(September 9, 2023) “Intentional Relations are External”. SIFA Conference, University of Eastern Piedmont (E)

(February 22, 2023) “La vaghezza tra linguaggio, pensiero e realtà”. Università per Stranieri di Perugia (I)

(December 15, 2022) “Not So Weak Emergence”. Associazione Italiana di Scienze Cognitive Conference, University of Trento (Rovereto campus) (E)

(June 22, 2022) “The Good and the Powers”. Sixth Italian Conference in Analytic Metaphysics and Ontology, University of L’Aquila (E)

(June 21, 2022) “Not So Weak Emergence”. Workshop on Jessica Wilson’s *Metaphysical Emergence*, University of L’Aquila (E)

(December 2, 2021) “I problemi del riferimento nella filosofia analitica del ‘900”. Università per Stranieri di Perugia (I)

(November 30, 2021) (with F. Orilia) “In Defense of Irreducible Relations”. University of Florence (E)

(October 15, 2021) “Final Causes as Teleological Powers”. Central European University Budapest (E)

(September 22, 2021) “Powers: A Relational Account”. SIFA National Conference (E)

(April 9, 2021) “Defending the Asymmetry of Dependence”. PRIN 2017 “The Manifest Image and the Scientific Image” Online Research Seminar (E)

(May 2020) “Per una teoria della traduzione. Tra Steiner e la filosofia analitica”. Università per Stranieri di Perugia (I)

(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)

6. Teaching

(2025-Today) Associate Professor (Università degli Studi di Macerata). Courses: Critical Thinking (2022-today, 1st degree, 30 hours); Philosophy of Mind (2022-today, 2nd degree, 30 hours); Philosophy of Logic (2025-today, 2nd degree, 30 hours); Didactics of Philosophy (2025-today, PF30/PF60 - high-school teachers training, 30 hours)

(2022-2025) Assistant Professor (Ricercatore T. D. tipo B) (Università degli Studi di Macerata). Courses: Critical Thinking (2022-today, 1st degree, 30 hours); Philosophy of Mind (2022-today, 2nd degree, 30 hours); Philosophy of Logic (2025-today, 2nd degree, 30 hours); Didactics of Philosophy (2025-today, PF30 - high-school teachers training, 15/30 hours)

(2016-2022) Teaching Fellow/Adjunct Professor (Università degli Studi di Macerata). Courses: Philosophy of Mind Seminar – Physicalism, Emergentism and Dualism (21 hours); Kant – Critique of Practical Reason (21 hours); Philosophy of Science Seminar – Tacit Knowledge and the Neurosciences (21 hours)

(2011-2016) 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)

7. Philosophical Activities

(March 2021-February 2026) Editor of *TheoLogica. An International Journal for Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology*

Reviewer for: Acta Analytica; American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly; American Philosophical Quarterly; Analysis; Argumenta; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Axiomathes; Canadian Journal of Philosophy; dialectica; Diametros; Epistemologia; European Journal for Philosophy of Science; Journal for General Philosophy of Science; Journal of the American Philosophical Association; Metaphysica; Metaphysics; Noûs; Philosophia; Philosophical Papers; Philosophical Studies; Res Philosophica; Rivista Internazionale di Filosofia e Psicologia; Synthese; The Philosophical Quarterly; Topoi

(2013-2016) 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)

(2012-2014) 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)

8. Other Activities

(november 2025-today) Coordinator of didactics for the Department of Human Studies (Università degli Studi di Macerata)

(2023-november 2025) Coordinator of high-school orientation activities for the Philosophy courses (Università degli Studi di Macerata)

(2023-today) Editor of PhiloBlog Unimc (https://philoblogunimc.blogspot.com/)

(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)

9. 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)

10. Further Qualifications

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

11. 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