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## Areas of Research

**AOS:** Philosophy of Psychology, Philosophy of Mind, Cognitive Science

**AOC:** Philosophy of Language, Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Science,  
History of Analytic Philosophy

## Current Positions

### University of Sheffield

*Department of Philosophy*

- Lecturer (roughly equivalent to US Assistant Professor) 09/2014–now
- Director, MA Cognitive Studies 09/2014–now
- Director, MA Philosophy 09/2018–now

### Hang Seng Centre for Cognitive Studies

Associate Director 09/2015–now

## Previous Positions

### Ruhr-Universität Bochum

*Institut für Philosophie II & Center for Mind, Brain and Cognitive Evolution*

Von Humboldt Postdoctoral Fellow 10/2012–08/2014

### University of Glasgow

*Department of Philosophy & Centre for the Study of Perceptual Experience*

Visiting Research Fellow 04/2014–06/2014

### Ruhr-Universität Bochum

*Center for Mind, Brain and Cognitive Evolution*

Stipendiary Junior Research Fellow 10/2011–03/2012

## Education

### Università degli Studi di Milano

PhD in Philosophy 11/2007–05/2011

### Institut Jean Nicod

Visiting PhD Student 01/2010–07/2010

### Rutgers University

Center for Cognitive Science & Department of Philosophy

Visiting PhD Student 07/2008–06/2009

### Università degli Studi di Milano

BA in Philosophy (grade: 110/110 *cum laude*) 07/2007

## Fellowships and Grants

Humboldt Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers 2012-2014

FWO-Pegasus Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship (*declined*) 2013

Junior-Fellowship, Ruhr-Universität Bochum 2011-2012

Italian Ministry for Education Doctoral Research Grant 2007-2011

## Publications

1. **Barlassina, L.** (forthcoming). Valence: A reflection. *Emotion Researcher*.
2. **Barlassina, L.** (2020). Beyond good and bad: Reflexive imperativism, not evaluativism, explains valence. *Thought*, 9(4): 274-284.
3. **Barlassina, L.** & Hayward, M. K. (2019). Loopy regulations: The motivational profile of affective phenomenology. *Philosophical Topics*, 47(2): 233-261.
4. **Barlassina, L.** & Hayward, M. K. (2019). More of me! Less of me! Reflexive imperativism about affective phenomenal character. *Mind*, 128(512): 1013-1044.
5. **Barlassina, L.** & Gordon, R. (2017). Folk psychology as mental simulation. *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.
6. **Barlassina, L.** & Del Prete, F. (2015). The puzzle of the changing past. *Analysis*, 75(1): 59-67.
7. Reuter, K., Kirfel, L., Van Riel, R., & **Barlassina, L.** (2014). The good, the bad, and the timely: How temporal order and moral judgment influence causal selection. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 5: 1-10.
8. **Barlassina, L.** & Newen, A. (2014). The role of bodily perception in emotion: In defense of an impure somatic theory. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 89(3): 637-678.

9. **Barlassina, L.** (2013). Simulation is not enough: A hybrid model of disgust attribution on the basis of visual stimuli. *Philosophical Psychology*, 26(3): 401-419.
10. Zalla, T., **Barlassina, L.**, Buon, M., & Leboyer, M. (2011). Moral judgment in adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders. *Cognition*, 121(1): 115-126.
11. **Barlassina, L.** (2011). After all, it's still replication: A reply to Jacob on simulation and mirror neurons. *Res Cogitans*, 8(1): 92-111.

## In progress

1. Kurthy, M., Del Prete, F., & **Barlassina, L.** (under review). 'Must' implies 'can'. (Draft available upon request)
2. Reuter, K., Messerli, M., & **Barlassina, L.** (under review). It's a pleasure: An experimental investigation into the folk concept of happiness. (Draft available upon request)
3. **Barlassina, L.** (in preparation). Valence wars: The imperative strikes back.
4. **Barlassina, L.** (in preparation). Looking for troubles: Three stories of fear and pain.
5. Antilici, F. & **Barlassina, L.** (in preparation). Knowledge-first psychology?

## Selected talks

2017-20

- *Pain, Pleasure, and the Method of Cases.* (Keynote). University of Bern, Switzerland, January 2020
- *ERSS Seminar*, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, University of Toulouse, France, November 2019
- *Dimensions of Wellbeing*, University of Glasgow, Scotland, April 2019
- *Departmental seminar*, Department of Philosophy, University of Glasgow, Scotland, February 2019
- *Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, University of Rijeka, Croatia, September 2018
- *Alvin Goldman's retirement conference*, Department of Philosophy, Rutgers University, USA, February 2018
- *Departmental seminar*, Department of Philosophy, University of Stirling, Scotland, November 2017
- *Philosophy of mind seminar*, School of Philosophy, Psychology, & Language Sciences, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, October 2017
- *Departmental seminar*, Department of Philosophy, University of Sheffield, England, May 2017

2013-16

- *Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, August 2016

- *Suffering and Phenomenal Consciousness*, Department of Philosophy, University of Glasgow, Scotland, May 2016
- *Mind and Language Seminar*, Department of Philosophy, Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy, June 2015
- *ECAP 8: Eighth European Congress of Analytic Philosophy*, Bucharest, Romania, August/September 2014
- *National Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy*, L'Aquila, Italy, September 2014
- *Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Noto, Italy, September 2014
- *Philosophy & Neuroscience Colloquium*, University of Tübingen, Germany, February 2014
- *Cognitive Science Colloquium*, University Osnabrück, Germany, December 2013
- *Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Granada, Spain, July 2013

#### 2010-12

- *Departmental Seminar*, Department of Philosophy, University of Turku, Finland, December 2012
- *Doc in Nicod*, Institut Jean Nicod, Paris, France, November 2012
- *Milan-York-Nottingham Workshop on Perception, Memory and Imagination*, Gargnano sul Garda, Italy, September 2012
- *Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, London, UK, August 2012
- *Perceiving Objects and Persons*, Center for Mind, Brain, and Cognitive Evolution, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany, February 2012
- *ECAP 7: Seventh European Congress of Analytic Philosophy*, Milan, Italy, September 2011
- *Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Bochum, Germany, August 2010
- *National Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy*, Padua, Italy, September 2010
- *Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Bochum, Germany, August 2010

## Teaching

### University of Sheffield

- *Cognitive Studies Research Seminar* (postgraduate), Autumn 2014, Autumn 2015, Autumn 2016, Autumn 2017, Autumn 2018, Autumn 2019, Autumn 2020
- *Pleasure, Pain, and Emotions* (3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduate/postgraduate), Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Autumn 2017, Autumn 2018, Spring 2021

- *Philosophy of Science* (2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduate), Spring 2015, Autumn 2015, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Autumn 2020
- *Philosophy of Mind* (2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduate), Autumn 2014, Spring 2017, Autumn 2019
- *Philosophical Project* (upper-level undergraduate):
  - Experimental Philosophy (Spring 2015)
  - Self-Knowledge (Spring 2016)
  - Special Sciences, Reduction, and Mechanisms (Autumn 2017)
  - Delusions (Spring 2019)

### **Ruhr-Universität Bochum**

- *Advanced Topics in the Philosophy of Mind: Pleasure and Pain*, (upper-level undergraduate/postgraduate), Autumn 2013
- *Advanced Topics in the Philosophy of Science: Explanation in Cognitive Science*, (upper-level undergraduate/postgraduate), Spring 2013

### **Università degli Studi di Milano**

- *Philosophy of Mind* (Teaching Assistant), Autumn 2011
- *Philosophy of Language* (Teaching Assistant), Spring 2008

## **Postgraduate supervision**

### **Completed PhD Students**

- Miklos Kurthy (first supervisor). Thesis topic: *“Ought implies can” as a principle of the Moral Faculty* (2019)
- Andreas Bunge (second supervisor). Thesis topic: *The nature of attitudes* (2018)
- Alex Duval (second supervisor). Thesis topic: *The cognitive mechanisms underlying spatial navigation* (2019)
- Damiano La Manna (second supervisor). Thesis topic: *The function of phenomenal consciousness* (2018)

### **Current PhD Students**

- Andrea Blomkvist (first supervisor). Thesis topic: *The cognitive architecture of memory and imagination*
- Richard Hassall (first supervisor). Thesis topic: *Are mental disorders natural kinds?*
- Viktoriia Kononova (first supervisor). Thesis topic: *The cognitive mechanisms underlying hedonic bodily feelings (and their disorders)*
- James Turner (first supervisor). Thesis topic: *Low mood: A representational theory*
- Marcantonio Gagliardi (second supervisor). Thesis topic: *A modular account of motivational systems*

### **Completed Postdocs**

- Michael Messerli. Project: *Decision-making—Normative and Descriptive* (2017-19)

## Other Activities

Associate Editor of *Analysis Reviews*, August 2020-now

Associate Editor of *Frontiers in Psychology—Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology*, September 2015-now

Member of the Steering Committee of the *Humanities Research Institute* (HRI) of the University of Sheffield, May 2018-June 2020

Member of the Steering Committee of the *HumLab* of the University of Sheffield

Organizer (with A. Blomqvist) of *Emotional Bonds: Recent Advances in Affective and Social Cognitive Science*, University of Sheffield, Spring-Summer 2019

Organizer (with M. Kurthy) of *Lies, Damned Lies, and Statistics: Experimental Methods for Philosophers*, Spring 2019

Organizer of *Philosophy Café*, Millennium Gallery, Sheffield, Autumn 2018

Organizer of *Natural Mechanisms: Consciousness, Cognition, and Evolution*, University of Sheffield, September 2018

Organizer (with A. Duval, I. González Vázquez, and S. Laurence) of *Mind and Society: Two Philosophical Conferences*, University of Sheffield, September 2017

Organizer of *Philosophy and Cognitive Science: A Conference in Honour of Steve Stich*, University of Sheffield, October 2016

Organizer of the *Mind Network Meeting*, University of Sheffield, September 2016

Organizer of the *Cognitive Science Bi-Weekly Meetings*, University of Sheffield, 2015-16

Organizer (with T. Stafford) of the *Cognitive Science in Sheffield Workshop*, November 2015

Organizer of the workshop *Affect: Pain, Pleasures, and Emotions*, University of Sheffield, June 2015

Organizer (with A. Newen, K. Reuter, & M. Werning) of the conference *Phenomenal Mindreading*, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany, November 2013

Organizer (with S. Gallagher, N. Gangopadhyay, & A. Newen) of the conference *Emotions: Nature, Recognition, and Culture*, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany, October 2013

Organizer (with F. Del Prete & I. Stojanovic) of the *1st Milan-Paris Workshop on Mind & Language*, Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy, June 2011

Referee for: *Analysis*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *dialectica*, *Erkenntnis*, *Frontiers in Psychology*, *Mind*, *Mind & Language*, *MIT Press*, *National Science Foundation (NSF)*, *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophical Explorations*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, *Routledge*, *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada*, *Synthese*, *The Monist*, and *Topoi*.

External examiner for the MSc in *Mind, Language, and Embodied Cognition* and the MSc in *Philosophy*, University of Edinburgh, March 2019-now.

## Languages

Italian: Native speaker

English: Fluent/Full proficiency