

Alessandro Rossi

Curriculum Vitae

Employment

Sep. 2021 – Present **Assistant Professor**, New College of the Humanities (London)

Education

- Sep. 2016 – Apr. 2021 **PhD in Philosophy**, University of St. Andrews and Arché Research Centre
Thesis Title: *Existence, Actuality and Logical Pluralism*
Examiners: Prof. Catarina Dutilh Novaes, Prof. Graham Priest
Supervisors: Dr. Kevin Scharp, Dr. Aaron Cotnoir
- Sep. 2019 – Oct. 2019 **Visiting Research Scholar**, City University of New York, Funded by Arché
Supervisor: Prof. Graham Priest
- Oct. 2015 – Jul. 2016 **MPhil in Philosophy**, Homerton College, University of Cambridge
Advisor: Dr. Owen Griffiths
Thesis Title: *First-Order Hyper-Actualism. An Enquiry into the Semantics of Modal Logic*
Final Grade: 2.1
- Oct. 2013 – Sep. 2015 **MA in Philosophy**, University of Pisa
Supervisors: Prof. Mauro Mariani, Prof. Enrico Moriconi
Thesis Title: *If Possible then Necessary: Leibniz and Gödel on the Ontological Argument*
Final Grade: 110 *Cum Laude*/110
- Oct. 2014 – Dec. 2014 **Graduate Visiting Student**, Champion Hall, University of Oxford
- Sep. 2012 – Sep. 2013 **BA in Philosophy**, University of Pisa
Supervisor: Prof. Mauro Mariani
Thesis Title: *Natural Numbers as Abstract Objects. A Defence of Mathematical Realism*
Final Grade: 110 *Cum Laude*/110
- Sep. 2010 – Jun. 2012 **Baccalaureate in Philosophy**, Gregorian University, Rome
Supervisor: Dr. Roberto Presilla
Thesis Title: *Axiomatic Foundation in Mathematics and Gödel's Incompleteness Theorems*
Final Grade: 9.5/10 *Magna Cum Laude*

AOS

- Philosophical Logic
- Metaphysics
- History of Early Modern Philosophy
- Philosophy of Religion

AOC

- Philosophy of Language
- Philosophy of Mind
- Epistemology
- Medieval Logic and Metaphysics

Publications

- 2021 Kant and Russell on Leibniz' Existential Assertions, *Sophia*, 60(2): 389-409
- 2017 Modal and Conceptual Ontological Arguments. Some Remarks on Gödel, Descartes and Meinong, in Vettorello, L. (ed.) *Ripensare una Metafisica Critica. Importanza e Attualità degli Argomenti Ontologici*, Mimesis, Milano, 83 - 102

Revise & Resubmit

From Collapse Theorems to Proof-Theoretic Arguments

Under Review

The Contingently Non-Concrete. Or, Real Rivalry in the Simplest Quantified Modal Logic

In Preparation

A Realist Solution to the Selection Problem

De Re Intentionality: Arbitrary Reference and the Semantics of Indefinite Descriptions

Awards and Grants

- May 2019 **Nominee for the Postgraduate who Tutor Prize for Excellence in Teaching**, University of St. Andrews
- June 2018 **Arché Travel Award**, To visit another institution in 2019, Total Amount: £840
- May 2018 **Mind Major Conference Grant**, (with Lisa Bastian) for the 11th Arché Graduate Conference, Total Amount: £956.2
- May 2018 **Aristotelian Society Conference Grant**, (with Lisa Bastian) for the 11th Arché Graduate Conference, Total Amount: £200
- Oct. 2013 **Highest Distinctions BA Graduation Prize**, University of Pisa, Total Amount: €250
- Jul. 2011 **Student Scholarship**, Gregorian University, Total Amount: €960

Service

- May. 2020 **Referee**, 12th Arché Graduate Conference, University of St. Andrews
- Oct. 2018 **Organiser**, 11th Arché Graduate Conference, University of St. Andrews
- Oct. 2017 **Referee**, 10th Arché Graduate Conference, University of St. Andrews
- Sep. 2017 – Jun. 2019 **Convener of the Conceptual Engineering Seminar**, Arché Research Centre
- Sep. 2017 – Jun. 2019 **Convener of the Metaphysics Seminar**, Arché Research Centre
- Sep. 2017 – Jun. 2018 **Organiser of the Logic & Semantics Seminar**, Arché Research Centre
- Jan. 2017 – Jun. 2017 **Convener of the History and Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics Seminar**, Arché Research Centre

Teaching

Lecturer

- Sep. 2021 – Present **New College of the Humanities**, Metaphysics (BA and MA)

Instructor

- Oct. 2019 – Dec. 2019 **University of St. Andrews**, Basic Logic (MLitt Programme)

Guest Lecturer

- 19th March 2021 **Gregorian University (Rome)**, FR2012 - Truth and Religious Pluralism, Lecture on: "E Pluribus... Plura? From Logical Pluralism to Religious Pluralism"
- 30th April 2019 **Gregorian University (Rome)**, FGT116 - Anselm: Monologion and Proslogion, Lecture on: "Existence as a Real Property"
- 30th October 2018 **University of St. Andrews**, PY2010 - Intermediate Logic, Lecture on: "The Barcan Formula"

Tutor

- Sep. 2021 – Dec. 2021 **University of St. Andrews**, Tutor for: PY2011 - Foundations of Western Philosophy
- Jan. 2021 – Jun. 2021 **University of St. Andrews**, Tutor for: PY1012 - Reasoning
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- Jan. 2019 – Jun. 2019 **University of St. Andrews**, Tutor for: PY1012 - Reasoning
- Sep. 2018 – Dec. 2018 **University of St. Andrews**, Tutor for: PY2010 - Intermediate Logic
- Jan. 2018 – Jun. 2018 **University of St. Andrews**, Tutor for: PY1012 - Reasoning
- Sep. 2017 – Dec 2017 **University of St. Andrews**, Tutor for: PY1010 - Mind and World
- Jan. 2017 – Jun. 2017 **University of St. Andrews**, Tutor for: PY1012 - Reasoning
- Sep. 2016 – Dec. 2016 **University of St. Andrews**, Tutor for: PY2010 - Intermediate Logic
- Oct. 2015 – Jun. 2016 **University of Cambridge**, Class Marker for: Formal Logic (Part 1A)
- My teaching material is available at: <http://ar2797.wixsite.com/rossi/teaching>

Outreach

- Jan. 2017 **Tacito High School, Rome**, Invited to give an introductory class on the study of philosophy at university
- Apr. 2015 **Talete High School, Rome**, Invited to give an introductory class on university study abroad

Talks

Invited

- **Logic & Metaphysics Workshop, CUNY, 23rd September 2019**, Talk on: "Existence, Verbal Disputes and Equivocation".
- **11th Arché Graduate Conference, University of St. Andrews, 14th October 2018**, Respondent to Jonas Raab (Manchester) on: "The Unbearable Circularity of Easy Ontology".
- **10th Arché Graduate Conference, University of St. Andrews, 15th October 2017**, Respondent to Annina Loets (Oxford) on: "Infelicitous yet True. Pragmatic Defenses of Monism about Coincident Objects".
- **11th Metaphysics Reloaded Conference, Rosmini Institute, Domodossola, Italy, 19th – 20th November 2016**, Talk on: "Is the Orthodoxy vs Meinongianism Dispute a Pseudo-Dispute?".
- **10th Metaphysics Reloaded Conference, Rosmini Institute, Varese, Italy, 14th – 15th November 2015**, Talk on: "Modal and Conceptual Ontological Arguments. Some Remarks on Gödel, Descartes and Meinong".

Refereed

- **13th Logic Today Conference (13LoTo), St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russia, 31st May – 2nd June 2018.** Talk on: “Homophonic and Heterophonic Translations between Allism and Noneism”.
- **2nd Philosophy Alumni Conference, Gregorian University, Rome, Italy, 21st – 22nd March 2018.** Talk on: “Indiscernibles, therefore Identicals?” (in Italian).
- **9th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy (ECAP9), LMU, Munich, Germany, 21st – 26th August 2017.** Talk on: “Understanding Orthodoxy and Meinongianism as Subcontrary (Rather than Contradictory) Propositions”.
- **1st World Congress on Logic and Religion (1WCLR), Federal University of Campina Grande, João Pessoa, Brazil, 1st – 5th April 2015.** Talk on: “*Ens a Se* and *Ens Creatum*: A Twofold Treatment of the Predicate of Existence in Leibniz’s Ontological Argument”.
- **60th Centro Studi Filosofici di Gallarate Conference, Vercelli, Italy, 9th – 11th September 2015.** Talk on: “What is a Leibnizian Semantics?” (in Italian).

Departmental

- **Arché Metaphysics Seminar, 8th of April 2019.** Talk on: “Problems for Logic-Driven Necessitism”.
- **Arché Logic & Semantics Seminar, 15th of November 2018.** Talk on: “Homophonic and Heterophonic Translations between Allism and Noneism”.
- **University of St. Andrews, PhD Seminar, 23rd of February 2018.** Talk on: “Homophonic and Heterophonic Translations between Allism and Noneism”.
- **Arché Logic & Semantics Seminar, 10th of November 2017.** Talk on: “Identity and Set Theory”.
- **Arché Logic & Semantics Seminar, 13th of October 2017.** Talk on: “Elements of Fuzzy Set Theory”.
- **Arché Metaphysics Seminar, 7th of July 2017.** Talk on: “Is Modal Talk Necessarily World-Based?”.
- **Arché History and Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics Seminar, 18th of April 2017.** Talk on: “On The Semantic Determinacy of Plural Logic”.
- **Arché Metaphysics Seminar, 3rd of April 2017.** Talk on: “Serious Actualism”.
- **University of St. Andrews, PhD Seminar, 17th of February 2017.** Talk on: “Orthodoxy and Meinongianism Made Compatible”.
- **Arché History and Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics Seminar, 1st of November 2016.** Talk on: “Set Theoretic Models of Modal Logic and the Two-Cardinal Theorem”.

References

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