

Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum

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Languages:

Fluent in Italian, English, and French.

Qualifications:

2018 – Now: Postdoctoral Research Scholar, University of Madison-Wisconsin.

2017 – 2018: Research Assistant, Philosophy Faculty, Oxford University.

2014 – 2017: PhD Student in Philosophy, Roma Tre University.

2014 – 2017: Teaching Assistant in Moral philosophy, Roma Tre University.

Areas of Specialization:

Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics, Neuroscience, Moral philosophy, Neuroethics.

Education:

2017: Ph.D. in Philosophy, Roma Tre University.

2012: M.A. in Cognitive Science, *Summa cum laude*, University of Milan.

2010: B.A. in Philosophy, *Summa cum laude*, University of Turin.

Visiting periods:

2016: Academic visitor, Oxford University. Supervisor: Dr. Anna Marmodoro.

- 2015: Visiting scholar, Washington University in St Louis. Supervisor: Prof. John Heil.
- 2015: Academic visitor, Oxford University. Supervisor: Dr. Anna Marmodoro.
- 2012: Erasmus visiting student, École Normale Supérieure (ENS, Paris).

Publications:

Forthcoming:

- Marmodoro, A. & Grasso, M. (forthcoming) The Power of Colour. *American philosophical quarterly*, special issue edited by William Jaworski.

2017:

- Grasso, M. (2017). Book review of *Structure and the Metaphysics of Mind: How Hylomorphism Solves the Mind-Body Problem*. By William Jaworski Oxford (Oxford University Press, 2016). *Philosophy*, 92(3), 486-489. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0031819117000201>
- Grasso, M. (2017) A “cognitivist” objection to Russellian monism's solution to the hard problem of consciousness. *Sistemi Intelligenti*, 1, 57-84. <https://www.rivisteweb.it/doi/10.1422/86618>
- Bucci, A. & Grasso, M. (2017) Sleep and dreaming in the Predictive Processing framework. In *Philosophy and Predictive Processing*. Metzinger, T. & Wiese, W. (eds.), Frankfurt am Main: MIND Group. <http://predictive-mind.net/papers/sleep-and-dreaming-in-the-predictive-processing-framework>
- De Caro, M. & Grasso, M. (2017) Three views on mental downward causation. In *Philosophical and scientific perspectives on downward causation*. Paolini Paoletti, M. & Orilia, F. (eds.), London: Routledge. <https://www.routledge.com/Philosophical-and-Scientific-Perspectives-on-Downward-Causation/Paolini-Paoletti-Orilia/p/book/9781138195059>

2015:

- Grasso, M. (2015) The Metaphysics of Free Will: A Critique of Free Won't as Double Prevention. *Rivista Internazionale di Filosofia e Psicologia*, 6(1), 120-129. <http://www.rifp.it/ojs/index.php/rifp/article/view/rifp.2015.0009/436>

2014:

- Grasso, M. (2014) *Cognitive neuroscience and animal consciousness*. In *Naturalism and Constructivism in Metaethics*. Sofia Bonicalzi, Leonardo Caffo and Mattia Sorgon (eds), Newcastle Upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 182-203. https://www.academia.edu/2508889/Cognitive_Neuroscience_and_Animal

Consciousness

- Grasso, M. & Sorgon, S. (2014) Conference report of the Workshop in memory of E.J. Lowe (1950-2014): "Ontology, Mind and Free Will". University of Macerata, March 3, 2014. *Rivista Italiana di Filosofia Analitica Junior*, 5(2), 128-136.

Conference Talks:

2018:

- "Subjects Do Combine: An a Posteriori Argument for the Combination of Conscious Subjects". *The Science of Consciousness Conference (TSC)*, April 2nd-8th, Tucson, Arizona (USA).

2017:

- "The power of sight". *WiP Seminar, Metaphysics of Entanglement Project*, June 13th, Corpus Christi College, Oxford University.

2016:

- "Mereological Composition in IIT's Account of Subjecthood". *WiP Seminar, Metaphysics of Entanglement Project*, November 24th, Corpus Christi College, Oxford University.
- "Robot dreams and electric sheep Understanding sleeping and dreaming in the Predictive Processing framework" (with Alessio Bucci). *"MIND23" Workshop*, May 4th-6th, Frankfurt Institute for Advanced Studies (FIAS) (Frankfurt).
- "A 'cognitivist' objection to Russellian monism as solution to the hard problem of consciousness". Conference of the Italian Society for Neuroethics (SINe), May 18th-20th, University of Padua.

2015:

- "IIT, Russellian Monism, and the Nature of the Inscrutables". *Workshop "The Integrated Information Theory of Consciousness: Foundational Issues"* (Organizers: David Chalmers, Giulio Tononi, Hessa Hassel Mørch), November 13th-14th, NYU (New York).
- "The Phenomenal World of the Sleeping Brain: Merging Predictive Processing and Integrated Information Theory" (with Alessio Bucci). *Towards a Science of Consciousness Conference (TSC)*, June 8th-13th, University of Helsinki.
- "Consciousness as Information in Philosophy and Neuroscience: Double-Aspect and Integrated Information Theory Compared". *Towards a Science of Consciousness Conference (TSC)*, June 8th-13th, University of Helsinki.
- "Towards a Double-Aspect Integrated Information Theory of Consciousness?"

Tübingen Masterclass in Theoretical Philosophy 2015 with Prof. David Chalmers (ANU/NYU), University of Tübingen.

2013:

- "Integrated Information Theory and the Metaphysics of Consciousness". *5th Online Consciousness Conference*, February 15th-30th (organized by Richard Brown).

2012:

- "Cognitive neuroscience and animal consciousness". *Workshop on Ethics, A "Junior-Senior" Debate*, June 4th, University of Milan.

Poster Presentations:

2017:

- "Fair Competition in the Quest for Consciousness: A Comparative Analysis of Predictive Processing and Integrated Information Theory" (With Alessio Bucci). *Expecting Ourselves Workshop* - University of Edinburgh.

2015:

- "The phenomenology of dreaming: a multi-theoretical approach. Merging Predictive Processing and Integrated Information Theory" (With Alessio Bucci). *ASSC 19* - Paris.

Teaching Assistantship at Roma Tre University:

2016: *Bioethics* (undergraduate), *Moral philosophy* (graduate), *Neuroethics* (graduate)

2015: *Bioethics* (undergraduate), *Moral philosophy* (graduate), *Neuroethics* (graduate)

Organization of Conferences and Workshops:

- *The View from Above: Structure, Emergence, and Causation* (Oxford, January 11th-12th 2018), University of Oxford, Corpus Christi College. Co-organized with Prof. Anna Marmodoro.
- *Workshop on Metaphysics – A(nother) Junior-Senior Debate* (Rome, June 26th 2014), Roma Tre University (organized by RIFAJ and LabOnt).
- *SILFS 2014, Triennial Conference of the Italian Society for Logic and Philosophy of Science* (Rome, June 18th-20th 2014), Roma Tre University.
- *International Conference "Consequences of Realism"* (Rome, May 4th-6th 2014), MAXXI National Museum of XXI Century Arts, CNR, Roma Tre University (organized by LabOnt).

Public Talks:

- “Measuring consciousness: the mind-body problem between neuroscience and philosophy” - *Pint of Science* Festival 2016, Genoa (Italy)
<https://pintofscience.it/international/>

Editorial Board Memberships:

- Reviewer for Rivista Internazionale di Filosofia e Psicologia (RIFP), E-ISSN: 2239-2629.
- Reviewer for the Journal of the American Philosophical Association (JAPA), ISSN: 2053-4477 (Print), 2053-4485 (Online). Editor: John Heil, Washington University in St. Louis, (MO) USA (Cambridge University Press).

References:

- Prof. Giulio Tononi, Professor of Psychiatry (University of Wisconsin–Madison Department of Psychiatry), Director of the Center for Sleep and Consciousness (University of Wisconsin–Madison).

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- Prof. Anna Marmodoro, Chair of metaphysics (University of Durham) and fellow in Philosophy (Corpus Christi College and Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford).

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