

# Bruno Cortesi

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AOS: Philosophy of Mind, Phenomenology

AOC: Metaphysics (esp. the metaphysics of mind and consciousness),  
Epistemology (esp. the epistemology of mental states)

## EDUCATION

- 2020 - Present Ph.D. Candidate in Cognitive Neuroscience and Philosophy of Mind  
*University School of Advanced Studies IUSS, Pavia,*  
Dissertation: 'The Argument from Revelation Against Physicalism'  
Supervisor: Prof. Alfredo Tomasetta (*IUSS Pavia*)  
Co-Supervisor: Prof. Michele Di Francesco (*IUSS Pavia*)
- 2019 - 2020 Master of Arts in 'Consciousness and Embodiment' (*First Class Honours*)  
*University College Dublin*
- 2016 - 2019 Master of Arts in Philosophy (*summa cum laude*)  
*University of Pavia*
- 2013 - 2016 Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy  
*University of Pavia*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Jan. 2023 - Jul. 2023 Visiting Ph.D. Scholar  
Oct. 2023 - Feb. 2024 *University of Fribourg*  
Sponsor: Martine Nida-Rümelin
- Jan. 2018 - May 2018 Erasmus+ Visiting Student  
*CEU - Central European University, Budapest*
- Aug. 2018 Research Visiting Student  
*University of Cambridge, Corpus Christi College*

## HONOURS

- 2013 - 2018 Fellow (now *alumnus*) of *Almo Collegio Borromeo, Pavia.*  
Founded in 1561, the *Almo Collegio Borromeo* is recognised by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR), as a highly qualified Cultural Institution.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2020 - 2023 *IUSS* Doctoral Grant (16343.00 € per year)  
*Istituto Universitario di Studi Superiori IUSS, Pavia,*

- Oct. 2023 - Feb. 2024 University of Fribourg Doctoral Grant (1900.00 CHF per month)  
*Université de Fribourg - Universität Freiburg*
- Jan. 2023 - Jun. 2023 Erasmus+ Research Grant (2350 €)  
*Istituto Universitario di Studi Superiori IUSS, Pavia,*
- Aug. 2018 *Almo Collegio Borromeo* Visiting Allowance  
Granted to three outstanding students each year, this scholarship allowed me to spend a summer research period at the *University of Cambridge* for free, as a visiting student of the *Corpus Christi College*.
- Jan. 2018 - May 2018 Erasmus+ Research Grant (400€ per month)  
*University of Pavia and CEU - Central European University, Budapest*

#### PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 B. Cortesi. 'The Thesis of Experiential Revelation in The Philosophy of Mind: A Guide for The Perplexed', *Argumenta*. Available at: <https://www.argumenta.org/article/the-thesis-of-revelation-in-the-philosophy-of-mind-a-guide-for-the-perplexed/>
- J. Pallagrosi and B. Cortesi; 'The Stalemate between Causal and Constitutive Accounts of Intrinsic Knowledge by Acquaintance', Forthcoming on *Argumenta*.
- 2018 B. Cortesi; 'Emanuele Severino: Il tramonto della Politica, considerazioni sul futuro del mondo' in *Quaderni Borromaici*, 5; Interlinea; 2018  
<http://www.interlinea.com/scheda-fascicolo/autori-vari/quaderni-borromaici-5-788868571757-434652.html>
- 2016 B. Cortesi, A. Oliani, P. Vigiani ; 'Conversazione con Emanuele Severino' in *Quaderni Borromaici*, 3; Interlinea; 2016  
<http://www.interlinea.com/scheda-fascicolo/autori-vari/quaderni-borromaici-3-788868570095-434413.html>

#### TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

(\* = Peer reviewed)

- 2023 'The Dangers of Dissecting Phenomenology' (with Jacopo Pallagrosi)  
First-Person Science of Consciousness – Methodological Potentials, Challenges and Developmental Perspectives, *Universität Witten/Herdecke\**
- 'Varieties of Introspective Knowledge by Acquaintance' (with Jacopo Pallagrosi)  
17th Creph Annual Seminar 2023: The Significance of Subjectivity, *University of Liège, Philosophy Department, Center for Phenomenological Research\**

'The Epistemic Oomph of Literature'

Thinking at the Limit: Philosophy's Futures, *Duquesne University*  
Graduate Students Annual Conference (Online)\*

'The Conceivability Argument is not About Conceivability'

- *IUSS Work in Progress Seminars*
- *EXRE Doctoral Colloquia*

'Knowledge by Acquaintance: A Study in Experimental  
Philosophy' (with Jacopo Pallagrosi and Achille Fusco)

- Experimental Philosophy Workshop, Season 2, UK X-PHI,  
*University of East Anglia* (Online)\*
- 15th Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic  
philosophy – SIFA: Who's Afraid of Philosophy? New  
Challenges for Contemporary Society, *University of Eastern  
Piedmont* (projected)\*
- 3rd European Experimental Philosophy Conference,  
*University of Zurich* (projected)\*

2022

'The Thesis of Experiential Revelation in The Philosophy of  
Mind: A Guide for The Perplexed'

- *IUSS Nidi Seminars*
- 6th Italian Conference in Analytic Metaphysics and  
Ontology, *University of L'Aquila* (AQ), Italy\*
- 2022 Australasian Association of Philosophy (AAP)  
Conference (Online)\*
- Ixe Congrès Triennal De La Societè De Philosophie  
Analitique – Epistemic Values, *University of Neuchâtel*\*
- Sophia Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy  
2022, *University of Salzburg*\*

'The Dangers of Dissecting Phenomenology' (with Jacopo  
Pallagrosi)

- Second Austrian Summer School in Phenomenology:  
Phenomenological Approaches to Epistemology, Metaethics  
and Metaphysics, Department of Philosophy (Section  
Phenomenology) *University of Graz* (Online)\*
- Philosophical Marathon 2022: Philosophy and Method,  
*University of Ljubljana*, Faculty of Arts\*
- 18th Annual Conference of the Italian Association of  
Cognitive Sciences AISC, *University of Trento*, Rovereto\*

2021

'The early Husserl and Merleau-Ponty on Intentionality: a brief  
review of Merleau-Ponty's account of our pre-reflective  
encounter with the environment'

- *IUSS Work In Progress Seminars*
- *University of Waikato* 2021 Postgraduate Conference:  
Perspectives on Intentionality and Consciousness\*

'On the distinction between simple acquaintance and  
knowledge-by-acquaintance: does it apply to cognitive states?'  
14th Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy  
(SIFA), *University of Messina*, Noto\*

- 2019 'Is an Objective Phenomenology even Possible?'  
The 93rd Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, *Durham University\**
- ACADEMIC SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS
- Present Reviewer for *Argumenta*
- Member of: *Italian Association of Analytic Philosophy* (SIFA); *Italian Association of Cognitive Sciences* (AISC); *Société francophone de Philosophie Analytique* (Sopha); *Australasian Association of Philosophy* (AAP); *European Society of Analytic Philosophy* (ESAP); *Aristotelian Society*; *EXRE* (EXperience and REason) research group at *University of Fribourg*
- 2022 'Where is my mind? il ruolo degli esperimenti mentali nella filosofia della mente contemporanea' (with Jacopo Pallagrosi)  
Scuola di orientamento universitario SOU 2022  
*IUSS Pavia, Scuola Normale Superiore Pisa, Scuola Sant'anna Pisa*
- 2020 - 2023 2017P9E9NF PRIN 'The Mark of the Mental (MOM) Project. The project aimed to explore different approaches to the venerable question of what makes it the case that given properties, states and events are classifiable as mental; it was split into four university units, and had among its coordinators Professor Alberto Voltolini (University of Turin, principal investigator), Professor Michele di Francesco (IUSS), Professor Elisabetta Sacchi (S. Raffaele University of Milan) and Professor Alfredo Paternoster (University of Bergamo).
- CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION
- 2021 Co-Organizer of the Workshop on 'Analytic Phenomenology, Intentionality and Consciousness' at *IUSS, Pavia*
- 2020 - Present Co-Organizer of the *IUSS* 'Philosophy of Mind' and 'Kinds of Minds' Seminars Cycles (with L&PIC Linguistics and Philosophy Centre and MOM - Mark Of the Mental - PRIN Project)
- 2017 Co-Organizer of the Conference 'On the Concept of Game'  
*Almo Collegio Borromeo*
- Organizer of Emanuele Severino's *Lectio Magistralis* 'Sulla Tecnica'  
*Almo Collegio Borromeo*
- SUMMER SCHOOLS
- 2022 Second Austrian Summer School in Phenomenology Phenomenological Approaches to Epistemology, Metaethics and Metaphysics, Department of Philosophy (Section Phenomenology), as speaker (with Jacopo Pallagrosi)  
*University of Graz* (Online)

2021 First Austrian Summer School in Phenomenology  
Phenomenological Approaches to Epistemology, Metaethics  
and Metaphysics, Department of Philosophy (Section  
Phenomenology)  
*University of Graz (Online)*

2019 Copenhagen Summer School in Phenomenology and  
Philosophy of Mind, *University of Copenhagen, Center for  
Subjectivity Research*

2018 Copenhagen Summer School in Phenomenology and  
Philosophy of Mind, *University of Copenhagen, Center for  
Subjectivity Research*

Summer School of Phenomenology and Phenomenological  
Research,  
*Università Ca' Foscari, Venice,*

International Summer School on Memory and Contemporary  
Visual Arts  
*University of Pavia*

#### TRANSLATIONS

Proofreader for *Gavagai Translations*. The project consisted in  
translating specific entries of the Stanford Encyclopedia of  
Philosophy on the philosophy of mind and language in Italian  
on behalf of the *Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA)*.  
Issues available at: <https://www.gavagaitranslations.com/>

#### LANGUAGE & IT

Present Italian (Native); English (Full Professional Proficiency, IELTS  
11/05/2019 Level C1); Spanish (very basic understanding);  
French (very basic understanding)

GNU Linux; Windows; Mac OS; MS Office and Open Source  
Alternatives; TeX (Intermediate); Video-Conferencing  
Platforms (Zoom; Meet; Skype; Teams);

