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## Appointments

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2025–2028 **Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Geneva**  
Within the SNSF project *Metaphysics We Can Believe In*

2025–2026 **Postdoctoral Associate of the Oxford Philosophy Faculty**

## Education

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2022–2025 **D.Phil in Philosophy, University of Oxford, Jesus College**  
Thesis: *Frege Puzzles in Metaphysical Debates*  
Supervisors: Timothy Williamson, Matthew Parrott  
Examiners: Nicholas Jones (Oxford); J Robert G Williams (Leeds)

2021–2022 **M.A. in Philosophy, Distinction, Uppsala University**  
Thesis: *Amie Thomasson's Easy Ontology and Semantic Reductionism*  
Supervisor: Matti Eklund

2018–2021 **M.A. in Philosophy, 110/110 cum laude, University of Bologna**  
Thesis: *Perspectives on the Hard Problem of Consciousness*  
Supervisors: Sebastiano Moruzzi, Raffaella Campaner, Matti Eklund

2015–2018 **B.A. in Philosophy, 110/110 cum laude, University of Bologna**  
Thesis: *Teorie Filosofiche della Percezione: Questioni Normative e Lacune Esplicative*  
Supervisor: Luca Guidetti

## Research Areas

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**Areas of Specialization:** Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind

**Areas of Competence:** Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology

## Publications

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2025 **'Is the Knowledge Argument a Frege Puzzle?'**  
*Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 55 (1): 99–115

2021 **'No Ground to Bridge the Gap'**  
*Synthese*, 199 (3–4): 7981–7999

## Scholarships and Awards

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2023 **Young Scholar Prize, Philosophy of Language Session**  
Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA)

- 2023–2025 **Jesus College Graduate Scholarship**  
University of Oxford
- 2022–2025 **AHRC Studentship, Full PhD funding**  
Open Oxford Cambridge Doctoral Training Partnership

### Talks (\*peer-reviewed)

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- 2026 *On Perspicuity and Reductive Metaphysical Explanation*  
Eidos seminar, University of Geneva
- 2025 *\*Against Reductive Approaches to Metaphysical Explanation*  
16th Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy, University of Turin
- Against Reductive Approaches to Metaphysical Explanation*  
Seminario di Filosofia Analitica, University of Bologna
- 2024 *\*Is the Knowledge Argument just a Frege Puzzle?*  
International Society for the Philosophy of the Sciences of the Mind Annual Conference, Online
- \*Purely Factual Definitional Disputes*  
ENFA 9th National Meeting in Analytic Philosophy, NOVA University Lisbon
- \*Purely Factual Definitional Disputes*  
1st Parma Workshop in Analytic and Scientific Metaphysics, University of Parma
- \*Purely Factual Definitional Disputes*  
Harvard–MIT Graduate Conference, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2023 *\*Verbal Disputes and Metalinguistic Disagreement*  
15th Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy, University of Eastern Piedmont
- \*Verbal Disputes and Metalinguistic Disagreement*  
Open Minds XVI Postgraduate Conference, University of Manchester
- 2022 *Deflationism and the Problem of Consciousness*  
DPhil seminar, University of Oxford
- 2021 *\*No Ground to Bridge the Gap*  
Open Minds XV Postgraduate Conference, University of Manchester

### Organisation of Conferences

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- 2023 **27th Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference, University of Oxford**

### Teaching

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#### Undergraduate Classes

- 2025 **The Metaphysics and the Ethics of Consciousness, University of Oxford**  
Series of Four Lectures

2024 **Philosophy of Mind**, *Merton College / Worcester College, University of Oxford*  
Tutorial

2023 **General Philosophy**, *St Hugh's College, University of Oxford*  
Teaching Assistantship

**Introduction to Logic**, *New College, University of Oxford*  
Teaching Assistantship

### Graduate Classes

2024 **Seminar on Frege Puzzles**, *University of Bologna*  
Guest lecture – main lecturer: Filippo Ferrari

**Topics in Epistemology**, *University of Oxford*  
Guest lecture – main lecturer: Timothy Williamson

### Professional Service

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**Journal Referee** *Argumenta; Australasian Journal of Philosophy*

**Area Editor** *Argumenta* – Philosophy of Mind

**Reviewer**, 27th Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference

**Postgraduate Assistant for Philosophy Undergraduate Admission Interviews**,  
Jesus College, University of Oxford (Fall 2022)

### Affiliations

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**Eidos** Centre for Metaphysics, University of Geneva

**Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA)**

**Aristotelian Society**

**Oxford Philosophy Society**

### Languages

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**Italian** – Native speaker      **English** – Fluent

### References

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University of Oxford (New College)  
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