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Area of Specialization: Philosophy of Time, Metaphysics, Phenomenology, Speculative Realism
Area of Competence: Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Mind

Education

Period 2021- 2025
Qualification PhD in Philosophy
Institution Università degli Studi di Milano
Thesis Title Antirealism and Time: An Essay in Method and Ontology
Supervisors Giuliano Torrenco (Primary). Jonathan Tallant (Secondary)
External Examiners Francesco Orilia and Tina Rock

Period 2024
Qualification Visiting PhD student in Philosophy
Institution Università della Svizzera Italiana
Supervisor Damiano Costa

Period 2018- 2020
Qualification Awarded Master of Arts in Philosophy
Thesis Title Metaphysics of Relational Quantum Mechanics
Supervisor Towfic Shomar
Institution University of Jordan

Period 2013- 2016
Qualification Awarded Bachelors of Engineering in Aerospace Engineering
Institution University of Sheffield

Publications

- Freij, Y. (2025). The Openness of the Future: A Phenomenological Account. *The Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, 39(1), 25-40.
- Freij, Y. (2025). Naturalistic Metaphysics and Metaphysical Realism. *Revue de métaphysique et de morale*, 125(2), 223-237.
- Freij, Y. (2025). Spacetime Composition, Intuition and Familiarity. *Cosmos and History: The Journal of Natural and Social Philosophy*, 21(2), 318–328. Retrieved from <https://cosmosandhistory.org/index.php/journal/article/view/1244>
- Freij, Y. (Forthcoming). Phenomenology, Speculative Realism and the Global Present. *Rivista di Estetica*.

Translations

- English-Arabic Translation of the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy entry "Time Travel". Available on hekmah.org

Work Experience

University of Jordan

Period 2019 - 2020
Position Philosophy Teaching Assistant (TA)

Ibn Rushd National Academy (IRNA)

Period 2016 - 2019
Position Physics and Theory of Knowledge Teacher

Conferences and Talks

- Invited discussant as part of the book symposium *Out of Time: A Philosophical Study of Timelessness* as part of the Seventh Conference of the International Association for the Philosophy of Time at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, Catalonia. 7 July 2022
- Invited talk entitled “*Time Has Two Faces But Only of Them is Beautiful*” as part of the workshop *The Nature of Time* at the University of Tübingen, Germany. 12 November 2022
- Peer-reviewed talk entitled “Metaphysics of Time: Between Edenic and Theoretic Concepts” as part of the 7th Panhellenic Conference on the Philosophy of Science at the University of Athens, Greece. 3 December 2022.
- Invited talk entitled “The Non-Ontological Metaphysics of Manifest Time” as part of the workshop *The Dynamic Time*. Milan, Italy. 26 May 2023.
- Peer-reviewed talk entitled “Spacetime Composition: Not so Unfamiliar After All” as part of the workshop *Spacetime: Emergence and Mereology* at the University of Lisbon, Portugal. 30 May 2023.
- Peer-reviewed talk entitled “Two Arguments Against Metaphysical Realism” as part of the International Student Symposium at the University of Maribor, Slovenia. 15 November 2023.
- Invited talk entitled “Aion and Chronos: Explaining the Dynamicity of Time” as part of the final conference of the project CHRONOS. Autonomous University of Barcelona. 12 November 2024.
- Peer-reviewed talk entitled “Perceptual Presentness and the Global Non-Objective Present” as part of the 8th Panhellenic Conference on the Philosophy of Science at the University of Athens, Greece. 8 December 2024.
- Invited Participant at the First Continental Metaphysics Workshop (COMET). Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands. 13-15 October 2025.
- Peer-reviewed talk entitled “Why Objects are Insufficient: Accounting for the Dynamicity of Time” as part of the *Engaging the Contemporary* conference at the University of Malta. 13 November 2025.

Summer Schools

- Process Metaphysics Summer School. Scienza Nuova Institute. Turin, Italy. 15-17 September 2025.

Event Organisation

- March-May 2021: Series of Public Philosophy Lectures at the Jordanian Philosophical Association, Amman, Jordan. (Co-organiser).
- December 2021- May 2022: Mind, Brain and Reasoning Online Seminars at the University of Milan. (Co-organiser).
- October 2022- June 2023: Contemporary Metaphysics Reading Group at the University of Milan. (Organiser).
- 26-28 June 2024: The Legacy of Feyerabend Conference at the University of Milan (co-organiser).

Scholarships and Awards

- International Undergraduate Excellence Scholarship at the University of Sheffield (2013, 2014)
- Research Excellence Scholarship at the University of Jordan (2020).
- PhD scholarship at the University of Milan (2021-2024)
- Academic Visiting Bursary at the University of Milan (2024)

Languages

- English (Fluent), Arabic (Native), Italian (Advanced), French (Intermediate).

References

- Giuliano Torrenco (Università degli Studi di Milano). Email: giuliano.torrenco@unimi.it
- Jonathan Tallant (University of Nottingham). Email: jonathan.tallant@nottingham.ac.uk
- Francesco Orilia (Università degli Studi di Macerata). Email: francesco.orilia@unimc.it
- Niki Young (University of Malta). Email: niki.young@um.edu.mt

