

CURRICULUM VITÆ

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Research interests

Areas and topics

Epistemology: Epistemic normativity, Social epistemology · Nietzsche studies: Nietzsche's epistemology · Value theory: The value of lives

Practical reasons for belief · ethics of belief · doxastic empowerment · nihilism about cosmic meaning · democratic deliberation · doxastic alienation · antinatalism · austere pragmatism

Education

MA in Philosophical Sciences, double-degree international programme

University of Cologne, Germany ([Universität zu Köln](https://www.uni-koeln.de)) · University of Salento, Italy ([Università del Salento](https://www.unisalento.it))

28 April 2026 · Final grade: 110/110 cum laude

Thesis: *Truth Against Life? Rational Belief between Pragmatism, Nietzsche, and Nihilism*

Supervisors: [Dr. Paul Silva Jr.](#) · [Dr. Alfredo Di Giorgio](#) · [Dr. Paolo Baldi](#)

BA in Philosophy

University of Salento, Italy ([Università del Salento](https://www.unisalento.it))

16 November 2023 · Final grade: 108/110

Thesis: *Il superuomo come dottrina del nichilismo classico. Analisi dell'interpretazione heideggeriana nel testo "Il nichilismo europeo"*

Publications

- 4 manuscripts under review.

Paper presentations

- 22-23 October 2026. "Does Cosmic Meaninglessness Supply an Independent Reason Against Procreation?". [Fourth International Conference on Ancient Philosophy & Other \(ICAP&O\), University of Split](#). Accepted presentation.
- 4 September 2026. "[Alienated Beliefs and the Limits of Belief-Relative Pragmatism](#)". [SOPhiA 2026 – Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy, University of Salzburg](#). Accepted presentation.
- 17 June 2026. "[Empowerment, Self-Trust, and Democratic Deliberation](#)". [Epistemic Dimensions of Democratic Deliberation in the Digital Age, University of Rijeka](#).

Academic and research activities

- 12-14 November 2026. Accepted Commentator, Sixth International Conference of the North American Nietzsche Society (NANS), Department of Philosophy, Boston University, United States.

- 17–20 August 2026. Confirmed participant, Sixth Nordic Logic Summer School (NLSS 2026), Scandinavian Logic Society, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 15-19 June 2025. Participant, Summer school ‘Equality and Citizenship’ 2026, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Rijeka, Croatia.
- 2025-2026. Member, Brown Bag Seminar, CONCEPT - Cologne Center for Contemporary Epistemology and the Kantian Tradition, University of Cologne, Germany.
- 21-25 July 2025. Participant, XVIII Summer School in Applied Epistemology, CONCEPT, University of Cologne, Germany.
- February-June 2025. Research Intern, Durandus-Edition, Thomas-Institut, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Cologne, Germany.

Teaching, outreach, and professional activities

- April 2025-March 2026. Table Moderator, Café Babylon, Kölner Studierendenwerk, Germany. Moderated Italian conversation tables.
- October 2024-June 2025. Cultural Ambassador, Europa macht Schule e.V. / Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD), Germany. Designed and conducted sessions on Italian culture for German secondary school students.

Voluntary work and public engagement

- September 2014-present. Wikipedia Writer, Wikipedia, Italy and Germany. Authored more than 60 articles in multiple languages.
- September 2025-March 2026. Event Organiser, BlaBla Language Exchange, Germany. Organised informal language-exchange events bringing together different kind of people to practise languages and foster intercultural exchange.

Scholarships and grants

- 2024-2025. Erasmus+ mobility grant, European Commission, Italy-Germany.
- 2023-2024. Recipient, ADISU Puglia scholarship, University of Salento, Italy.

Literary publications

- Forthcoming. *Senza nome né data* [*Without a Name or Date*], AA. VV. Lecce: Edizioni Terra d’ulivi.
- 2026. Contribution to *Epistole Amoroze II* [*Love Letters II*], eds. Michele Cicutelli and Ester Pepe. Eboli: Edizioni Il Saggio.
- 2025. “FEUER” [“Fire”], in *Il Saggio. Mensile di cultura: libri, poesia, storia, arte* [*Il Saggio: Monthly Review of Culture, Books, Poetry, History and Art*], no. 354, year XXX, October 2025. Il Saggio Editore.

Literary and artistic awards

- 2026. 12th Artistic and Literary Prize *Una cartolina da Matera (A Postcard from Matera)*, 1st place, Section E: Photography.
- 2026. 12th Artistic and Literary Prize *Una cartolina da Matera (A Postcard from Matera)*, 3rd place, Section D: Short Stories.
- 2026. 2nd International Literary Prize *Epistole Amoroze (Love Letters)*, 6th place, Thematic Section *L’orizzonte del noi (The Horizon of Us)*.
- 2019. 6th Literary Competition *Versi sotto gli irmici (Verses beneath the Irmici Roof Tiles)*, finalist, Section A: Poets.

Languages

- Italian: native.
- English: C1, TOEFL iBT, ETS.
- German: B2, German Placement Test, EU Academy.
- French: B2, university language course.
- Spanish: B1, studied as part of high school curriculum.

References

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