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Curriculum Vitae

Employment

- Jan. 2025 – Present **Lecturer in Logic & Metaphysics**, University of St Andrews.
Sep. 2022 – Dec. 2024 **Programme Director for the Philosophy & AI MA**, Northeastern University London.
Sep. 2021 – Dec. 2024 **Assistant Professor in Philosophy**, Northeastern University London.

Education

- Sep. 2016 – Apr. 2021 **PhD in Philosophy**, University of St. Andrews and Arché Research Centre.
Thesis Title: *Existence, Actuality and Logical Pluralism*.
Examiners: Prof. Catarina Dutilh Novaes, Prof. Graham Priest.
Supervisors: Dr. Kevin Scharp, Dr. Aaron Cotnoir.
- Sep. 2019 – Oct. 2019 **Visiting Research Scholar**, City University of New York, Funded by Arché.
Supervisor: Prof. Graham Priest.
- Oct. 2015 – Jul. 2016 **MPhil in Philosophy**, Homerton College, University of Cambridge.
Advisor: Dr. Owen Griffiths.
Thesis Title: *First-Order Hyper-Actualism. An Enquiry into the Semantics of Modal Logic*.
Final Grade: 2.1.
- Oct. 2013 – Sep. 2015 **MA in Philosophy**, University of Pisa.
Supervisors: Prof. Mauro Mariani, Prof. Enrico Moriconi.
Thesis Title: *If Possible then Necessary: Leibniz and Gödel on the Ontological Argument*.
Final Grade: 110 *Cum Laude*/110.
- Oct. 2014 – Dec. 2014 **Graduate Visiting Student**, Campion Hall, University of Oxford.
- Sep. 2012 – Sep. 2013 **BA in Philosophy**, University of Pisa.
Supervisor: Prof. Mauro Mariani.
Thesis Title: *Natural Numbers as Abstract Objects. A Defence of Mathematical Realism*.
Final Grade: 110 *Cum Laude*/110.
- Sep. 2010 – Jun. 2012 **Baccalaureate in Philosophy**, Gregorian University, Rome.
Supervisor: Dr. Roberto Presilla.
Thesis Title: *Axiomatic Foundation in Mathematics and Gödel's Incompleteness Theorems*.
Final Grade: 9.5/10 *Magna Cum Laude*.

AOS

- Logic (Formal and Philosophical)
- Metaphysics
- Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence
- History of Early Modern Philosophy

AOC

- Philosophy of Language
- Philosophy of Mind
- Epistemology
- Philosophy of Religion

Teaching

- My logic teaching material (slides, notes, and exercises), and my teaching material for all other courses I have taught, is available on my webpage, <http://ar2797.wixsite.com/rossi/teaching>.

Lecturer

- Jan. 2026 – Apr. 2026 **University of St Andrews**, Texts in Contemporary Metaphysics (MLitt).
- Jan. 2026 – Apr. 2026 **University of St Andrews**, Reasoning (BA).
- Sep. 2025 – Dec. 2025 **University of St Andrews**, Intermediate Logic (BA).
- Jan. 2025 – Apr. 2025 **University of St Andrews**, The Enlightenment (BA).
- Jan. 2025 – Apr. 2025 **University of St Andrews**, Reasoning (BA).
- Sep. 2024 – Dec. 2024 **Northeastern University London**, Technology & Human Values (BA).
- Sep. 2024 – Dec. 2024 **Northeastern University London**, Mind & Reality (MA).
- Jan. 2023 – Apr. 2024 **Northeastern University London**, Introduction to Logic (BA).
- Sep. 2023 – Apr. 2024 **Northeastern University London**, Metaphysics (BA and MA).
- Sep. 2023 – Dec. 2023 **Northeastern University London**, Mind & Reality (MA).
- Jan. 2022 – Apr. 2023 **Northeastern University London**, Formal Logic (BA and MA).
- Sep. 2022 – Apr. 2023 **Northeastern University London**, Metaphysics (BA and MA).
- Sep. 2022 – Dec. 2022 **Northeastern University London**, Mind & Reality (MA).
- Sep. 2021 – Apr. 2022 **Northeastern University London**, Metaphysics (BA and MA).

Instructor

- Oct. 2019 – Dec. 2019 **University of St. Andrews**, Basic Logic (MLitt Programme).

Guest Lecturer

- 19th March 2021 **Gregorian University (Rome)**, FR2012 - Truth and Religious Pluralism, Lecture on: "E Pluribus... Plura? From Logical Pluralism to Religious Pluralism".
- 30th April 2019 **Gregorian University (Rome)**, FGT116 - Anselm: Monologion and Proslogion, Lecture on: "Existence as a Real Property".
- 30th October 2018 **University of St. Andrews**, PY2010 - Intermediate Logic, Lecture on: "The Barcan Formula".

Tutor

- Jan. 2022 – Jun. 2022 **University of St. Andrews**, Tutor for: PY1012 - Reasoning (Introductory course on logic for first-year undergraduate students, covering both critical reasoning and classical propositional and predicate logic).
- Sep. 2021 – Dec. 2021 **University of St. Andrews**, Tutor for: PY2011 - Foundations of Western Philosophy (Introductory course on ancient philosophy for first-year undergraduate students).
- Jan. 2021 – Jun. 2021 **University of St. Andrews**, Tutor for: PY1012 - Reasoning.
- Jan. 2020 – Jun. 2020 **University of St. Andrews**, Tutor for: PY1012 - Reasoning.
- Jan. 2019 – Jun. 2019 **University of St. Andrews**, Tutor for: PY1012 - Reasoning.

- Sep. 2018 – Dec. 2018 **University of St. Andrews**, Tutor for: PY2010 - Intermediate Logic.
Jan. 2018 – Jun. 2018 **University of St. Andrews**, Tutor for: PY1012 - Reasoning.
Sep. 2017 – Dec 2017 **University of St. Andrews**, Tutor for: PY1010 - Mind and World (Introductory course for first-year undergraduate students, covering a range of topics in metaphysics, epistemology and the philosophy of mind) .
Jan. 2017 – Jun. 2017 **University of St. Andrews**, Tutor for: PY1012 - Reasoning.
Sep. 2016 – Dec. 2016 **University of St. Andrews**, Tutor for: PY2010 - Intermediate Logic.
Oct. 2015 – Jun. 2016 **University of Cambridge**, Class Marker for: Formal Logic (Part 1A).

Publications

Edited Work

- 2024a (with Ball, B. and Helliwell, A. (eds.)) *Wittgenstein and Artificial Intelligence. Vol. 1: Mind and Language*, Forthcoming in July 2024. London: Anthem Press.
2024b (with Ball, B. and Helliwell, A. (eds.)) *Wittgenstein and Artificial Intelligence. Vol. 2: Values and Governance*, Forthcoming in July 2024. London: Anthem Press.

Papers

- 2024a Is, Ought and Wittgenstein, in Rossi, A., Ball, B. & Helliwell, A. (eds.) *Wittgenstein and Artificial Intelligence. Vol. 2: Values and Governance*, London: Anthem Press, pp. 23-42.
2024b (with Ball, B. and Helliwell, A.) Introduction, in Rossi, A., Ball, B. & Helliwell, A. (eds.) *Wittgenstein and Artificial Intelligence. Vol. 1: Mind and Language*, London: Anthem Press, pp. 1-16.
2024c (with Ball, B. and Helliwell, A.) Introduction, in Rossi, A., Ball, B. & Helliwell, A. (eds.) *Wittgenstein and Artificial Intelligence. Vol. 2: Values and Governance*, London: Anthem Press, pp. 1-21.
2023 From Collapse Theorems to Proof-Theoretic Arguments, *Australasian Journal of Logic* 20(1): 1-31.
2021 Kant and Russell on Leibniz' Existential Assertions, *Sophia*, 60(2): 389-409.
2017 Modal and Conceptual Ontological Arguments. Some Remarks on Gödel, Descartes and Meinong, in Vettorello, L. (ed.) *Ripensare una Metafisica Critica. Importanza e Attualità degli Argomenti Ontologici*, Mimesis, Milano, 83 - 102.

Awards and Grants

- May 2019 **1413 Awards for Excellence in Teaching**, University of St. Andrews: Runner Up in the categories *Outstanding Teacher (Arts/Divinity)* and *Outstanding Academic Mentorship (University-Wide)*.
Nov. 2023 **Advance Higher Education**, Fellow (FHEA), in recognition of attainment against the UK Professional Standards Framework for teaching and learning support in higher education.
Jan. 2022 **Society for Applied Philosophy Event Funding Grant**, for the Wittgenstein and AI Conference (NU London), Total Amount: £3,000.
Dec. 2021 **Mind Conference Grant**, for the Wittgenstein and AI Conference (NU London), Total Amount: £417.
Nov. 2021 **Analysis Conference Grant**, for the Wittgenstein and AI Conference (NU London), Total Amount: £500.

- May 2019 **Nominee for the *Postgraduate who Tutor Prize for Excellence in Teaching***, University of St. Andrews.
- June 2018 ***Arché Travel Award***, To visit another institution in 2019, Total Amount: £840.
- May 2018 ***Mind Major Conference Grant***, (with Lisa Bastian) for the 11th Arché Graduate Conference, Total Amount: £956.2.
- May 2018 ***Aristotelian Society Conference Grant***, (with Lisa Bastian) for the 11th Arché Graduate Conference, Total Amount: £200.
- Oct. 2013 ***Highest Distinctions BA Graduation Prize***, University of Pisa, Total Amount: €250.
- Jul. 2011 ***Student Scholarship***, Gregorian University, Total Amount: €960.

Service

- Sep. 2025– Present **Dissertation Coordinator for Hons. Philosophy Students**, University of St Andrews.
- Sep. 2025– Present **Study Abroad Coordinator for Hons. Philosophy Students**, University of St Andrews.
- Sep. 2025– Present **Lead Adviser for Hons. Philosophy Students**, University of St Andrews.
- Sep. 2025– Present **Referee** for *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*.
- Sep. 2024– Present **Referee** for *Rivista Italiana di Filosofia del Linguaggio*.
- Sep. 2023– Present **Referee** for *Organon F*.
- Jun. 2023– Present **Referee** for *Inquiry*.
- Jan. 2022– Present **Referee** for *Dialectica*.
- Jul. 2022 **Organiser** (with Brian Ball) of the *Wittgenstein and AI Conference*, Northeastern University London, London.
- May. 2020 **Referee** for the *12th Arché Graduate Conference*, University of St. Andrews.
- Oct. 2018 **Organiser** of the *11th Arché Graduate Conference*, University of St. Andrews.
- Oct. 2017 **Referee** for the *10th Arché Graduate Conference*, University of St. Andrews.
- Sep. 2017 – Jun. 2019 **Convener** of the *Conceptual Engineering Seminar*, Arché Research Centre.
- Sep. 2017 – Jun. 2019 **Convener** of the *Metaphysics Seminar*, Arché Research Centre.
- Sep. 2017 – Jun. 2018 **Organiser** of the *Logic & Semantics Seminar*, Arché Research Centre.
- Jan. 2017 – Jun. 2017 **Convener** of the *History and Philosophy of Logic & Mathematics Seminar*, Arché Research Centre.

Dissertation Supervision

- Jun. 2026 – Sep. 2027 **University of St Andrews**, Umit Ege Atakan, MPhil Thesis on Invariance Criteria of Logicality (40,000 words).
- Sep. 2023 – Apr. 2024 **Northeastern University London**, Anne-Marie Leysen, BA Thesis on Negative Existentials and Free Logic (7,000 words).
- Sep. 2023 – Apr. 2024 **Northeastern University London**, Chiara Fiorani, BA Thesis on Heidegger on Care (7,000 words).
- Mar. 2023 – Sep. 2023 **Northeastern University London**, Patrick Shanley, MA Thesis on Existential Risk (12,000 words).
- Mar. 2023 – Sep. 2023 **Northeastern University London**, Alice Parenti, MA Thesis on the Philosophy of Time (12,000 words).
- Mar. 2022 – Sep. 2022 **Northeastern University London**, Harvey Lidstone-Lane, MA Thesis on Berkeley's Idealism (12,000 words).

Mar. 2022 – Sep. 2022 **Northeastern University London**, James Napleton, MA Thesis on Transhumanism (12,000 words).

Outreach and Public Engagement

- 10 Sep. 2024 **Northeastern University London - Philosophy & AI Public Lecture Series**, Talk on: "The Existential Threat of Artificial Intelligence".
- Jan. 2017 **Tacito High School, Rome**, Invited to give an introductory class on the study of philosophy at university.
- Apr. 2015 **Talete High School, Rome**, Invited to give an introductory class on university study abroad.

Talks

Invited

- **Arché Logical Disagreement Workshop, University of St. Andrews, 11th April 2022**, Talk on: "The Contingently Non-Concrete. Or, Real Rivalry in the Simplest Quantified Modal Logic".
- **Philosophy Research Seminar, NU London, 2nd March 2022**, Talk on: "The Contingently Non-Concrete. Or, Real Rivalry in the Simplest Quantified Modal Logic".
- **Logic & Metaphysics Workshop, CUNY, 23rd September 2019**, Talk on: "Existence, Verbal Disputes and Equivocation".
- **11th Arché Graduate Conference, University of St. Andrews, 14th October 2018**, Respondent to Jonas Raab (Manchester) on: "The Unbearable Circularity of Easy Ontology".
- **10th Arché Graduate Conference, University of St. Andrews, 15th October 2017**, Respondent to Annina Loets (Oxford) on: "Infelicitous yet True. Pragmatic Defenses of Monism about Coincident Objects".
- **11th Metaphysics Reloaded Conference, Rosmini Institute, Domodossola, Italy, 19th – 20th November 2016**, Talk on: "Is the Orthodoxy vs Meinongianism Dispute a Pseudo-Dispute?".
- **10th Metaphysics Reloaded Conference, Rosmini Institute, Varese, Italy, 14th – 15th November 2015**, Talk on: "Modal and Conceptual Ontological Arguments. Some Remarks on Gödel, Descartes and Meinong".

Refereed

- **15th Panhellenic Logic Colloquium, Athens, Greece, 6th July – 10th July 2026**. Talk on: "The Indeterminacy of Isomorphism Invariance".
- **3rd Logic and Philosophy Conference, Vilnius, Lithuania, 22nd May – 23rd May 2026**. Talk on: "The Indeterminacy of Isomorphism Invariance".
- **13th Logic Today Conference (13LoTo), St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russia, 31st May – 2nd June 2018**. Talk on: "Homophonic and Heterophonic Translations between Allism and Noneism".
- **(I)X Issues on the Impossible Conference, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia, 7th June – 8th June 2023**. Talk on: "Noneism, Possibilism and Actualism".
- **13th Logic Today Conference (13LoTo), St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russia, 31st May – 2nd June 2018**. Talk on: "Homophonic and Heterophonic Translations between Allism

and Noneism”.

- **2nd Philosophy Alumni Conference, Gregorian University, Rome, Italy, 21st – 22nd March 2018.** Talk on: “Indiscernibles, therefore Identicals?” (in Italian).
- **9th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy (ECAP9), LMU, Munich, Germany, 21st – 26th August 2017.** Talk on: “Understanding Orthodoxy and Meinongianism as Subcontrary (Rather than Contradictory) Propositions”.
- **1st World Congress on Logic and Religion (1WCLR), Federal University of Campina Grande, João Pessoa, Brazil, 1st – 5th April 2015.** Talk on: “*Ens a Se* and *Ens Creatum*: A Twofold Treatment of the Predicate of Existence in Leibniz’s Ontological Argument”.
- **60th Centro Studi Filosofici di Gallarate Conference, Vercelli, Italy, 9th – 11th September 2015.** Talk on: “What is a Leibnizian Semantics?” (in Italian).

Departmental

- **Arché Metaphysics Seminar, 8th of April 2019.** Talk on: “Problems for Logic-Driven Necessitism”.
- **Arché Logic & Semantics Seminar, 15th of November 2018.** Talk on: “Homophonic and Heterophonic Translations between Allism and Noneism”.
- **University of St. Andrews, PhD Seminar, 23rd of February 2018.** Talk on: “Homophonic and Heterophonic Translations between Allism and Noneism”.
- **Arché Logic & Semantics Seminar, 10th of November 2017.** Talk on: “Identity and Set Theory”.
- **Arché Logic & Semantics Seminar, 13th of October 2017.** Talk on: “Elements of Fuzzy Set Theory”.
- **Arché Metaphysics Seminar, 7th of July 2017.** Talk on: “Is Modal Talk Necessarily World-Based?”.
- **Arché History and Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics Seminar, 18th of April 2017.** Talk on: “On The Semantic Determinacy of Plural Logic”.
- **Arché Metaphysics Seminar, 3rd of April 2017.** Talk on: “Serious Actualism”.
- **University of St. Andrews, PhD Seminar, 17th of February 2017.** Talk on: “Orthodoxy and Meinongianism Made Compatible”.
- **Arché History and Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics Seminar, 1st of November 2016.** Talk on: “Set Theoretic Models of Modal Logic and the Two-Cardinal Theorem”.

References

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- Prof. Brian Ball (NU London)
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