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## DARIO CECCHINI

*Curriculum Vitae*

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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AOS: Moral Psychology, Applied ethics  
AOC: Metaethics, Normative ethics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind

### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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Nov 2022-Dec 2025 Postdoctoral Research Scholar, North Carolina State University  
Project: *NSF Career "VR simulations of moral decision making for Autonomous Vehicles"*  
Supervisor: Dr. Veljko Dubljevic

### **EDUCATION**

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Nov 2018 - Mar 2022 Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Genoa  
Dissertation: *Sensitive to reasons: moral intuition and the dual process challenge to ethics*  
Thesis discussion: 18/03/2022. Passed without revisions.  
Supervisor: Dr. Maria Silvia Vaccarezza  
Referees: Dr. Hanno Sauer, Dr. Fabrice Teroni

Sep 2015 - Nov 2017 M.A., Philosophy, University of Pisa  
Dissertation: *L'argomento di indispensabilità epistemica a favore del realismo normativo*  
Grade: 110/110 cum laude  
Supervisors: Dr. Luca Bellotti, Dr. Massimo Mugnai

Oct 2015 - Sep 2017 Student of Scuola Normale Superiore, Class of Humanities  
Dissertation: *Sopravvenienza e grounding: un confronto*  
Supervisor: Dr. Giorgio Lando

Sep 2012 - Jul 2015 B.A., Philosophy, University of Florence  
Dissertation: *Verità e norme: il valore logico degli enunciati normative*  
Grade: 110/110 cum laude  
Supervisor: Dr. Pierluigi Minari

### **VISITING EXPERIENCE**

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Feb-Jun 2021 Visiting staff, Utrecht University  
Supervisor: Dr. Hanno Sauer

Feb-Jun 2018 Visiting scholar, University of Leeds.  
Supervisor: Dr. Pekka Väyrynen

## GRANTS

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- Consolidator fellowship for the project: “Il ruolo epistemologico dell’intuizione morale”. DAFIST Università di Genova (DR 3032) (2020)
- Erasmus+ traineeship scholarship (co-funded by Scuola Normale Superiore) for visiting term at University of Leeds (2018)
- Scuola Normale Superiore undergraduate scholarship (2015-2017)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Monographs

1. **D. Cecchini**, *Moral intuition from human mind to artificial agents*, Springer Nature (book series: *Advances in Neuroethics*), in press.

### Selected journal articles

1. **D. Cecchini** and V. Dubljevic, “Moral complexity in traffic: Advancing the ADC model for autonomous vehicles decision-making”, *Science and Engineering Ethics* 31 (1): 1-17. 2025.
2. **D. Cecchini**, “The reliability challenge to moral intuitions”, *Neuroethics* 17 (2). 2024.
3. **D. Cecchini**, M. Pflanzner and V. Dubljevic, “Aligning artificial intelligence with moral intuitions: an intuitionist approach to the alignment problem”, *AI and Ethics*, 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s43681-024-00496-5>
4. **D. Cecchini**, “Moral intuition, strength, and metacognition”, *Philosophical Psychology* 36 (1): 4-28. 2023.
5. **D. Cecchini**, “Dual-Process Reflective Equilibrium: Rethinking the Interplay between Intuition and Reflection in Moral Reasoning”, *Philosophical Explorations* 24 (3): 295-311. 2021.

### Other peer-reviewed articles

6. M. Pflanzner, **D. Cecchini**, S. Cacace, V. Dubljevic, “Morality on the road: the ADC model in low-stakes traffic vignettes”, *Frontiers in Psychology*, 16, 2025.
7. G. Cantamessi, **D. Cecchini**, “Why moral intuitions are not emotions: A critical examination”, *The Journal of Ethics*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10892-025-09518-8>.
8. H. Bissette, **D. Cecchini**, R. Sterner, E. Eskander, V. Dubljevic, “What’s left of moral bioenhancement? Reviewing a fifteen-year debate”, *HEC Forum*, 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10730-024-09545-2>
9. **D. Cecchini**, “Experiencing the conflict: the rationality of ambivalence”, *The Journal of Value Inquiry*. 58 (1): 1-12. 2024.
10. **D. Cecchini**, S. Brantley and V. Dubljevic, “Moral judgment in realistic traffic scenarios: Moving beyond the trolley paradigm for ethics of autonomous vehicles”, *AI & Society*, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00146-023-01813-y>
11. **D. Cecchini**, “Are moral intuitions intellectual perceptions?”, *Rivista Internazionale di Filosofia e Psicologia*. 13 (1): 31-40. 2022.
12. **D. Cecchini** and Francesco Emanuelli, “Percezione morale”, *Aphex* 22. 2020. URL: <http://www.aphex.it/index.php?Temi=557D03012202740321050401777327>

13. **D. Cecchini**, “Problems for Moral Particularism: Can we Really Escape General Reasons?”, *Philosophical Inquiries* 8 (2): 31-46. 2020.

#### Work in progress

1. “Goodness behind the wheel: Moral judgment in realistic traffic simulations featuring Agents, Deeds, and Consequences”, under review.
2. “Moral Judgment and Willingness to be Treated Concerning Physician’s Use Illicit Substances for Performance Enhancement”, under review.
3. “A scoping review on memory consolidation ethics”, in preparation.

#### **TALKS**

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##### Peer-reviewed Talks

1. “Automated moral vehicles”, AV and Ethics Workshop, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, October 2025
2. “Moral progress through better intuitions”, *South Carolina Society for Philosophy conference*, University of South Carolina - Columbia, March 2025
3. “Moral progress through better intuitions”, *North Carolina Philosophical Society conference*, Wake Forest University, March 2025
4. “Moral complexity in traffic: The ADC model for automated vehicle decision-making”, *Ethics and AI: The Uses We Make of Emerging Technologies and Machine Learning*, Utah State University, September 2024.
5. “Bivalent dyadic morality: complementing harm by help”, *10<sup>th</sup> conference of the Italian Society for Neuroethics (SINe)*, Rome (Italy), June 2024.
6. “The bioenhancement of morality: Reviewing fifteen years of debate” (poster), *International Neuroethics Society annual meeting*, Baltimore (MD), April 2024
7. “The Reliability Challenge to Moral Intuitions”, *9<sup>th</sup> conference of the Italian Society for Neuroethics (SINe)*, Pisa (Italy), May 2023
8. “The Reliability Challenge to Moral Intuitions”, *Meeting of the South Carolina Society for Philosophy*, Hilton Head Island (SC), April 2023.
9. “The Reliability Challenge to Moral Intuitions”, *Meeting of the North Carolina Society for Philosophy*, Durham (NC), March 2023.
10. “Moral belief under limited resources: a new argument for intuitionism?”. *Annual conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy*, Noto (Italy), September 2021.
11. “The metacognitive account of moral intuition”. *47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, (online, poster presentation), June 2021.
12. “Experiencing the Conflict: The Rationality of Ambivalence”. *University of Iowa Graduate Philosophy Society Conference*, (online), March 2021.
13. “Why are emotions evaluative?”. *14<sup>th</sup> Western Michigan Philosophy graduate conference*, (online), November 2020.
14. “Sensibile alle ragioni. Una teoria normativa dell’intuizione morale”. *Convegno nazionale dei dottorati di ricerca, Collegio Fondazione San Carlo*, (online), September 2020.
15. “Intuition in Moral Reasoning: Towards a Dual Process Reflective Equilibrium”.

*ECAP10, 10<sup>th</sup> European congress of analytic philosophy*, Utrecht University, (online), August 2020.

16. “Intuition in Moral Reasoning: An Integrated Account”. *Philosophy in Progress Conference*, University of Nottingham, January 2020.

### Other Talks

- “Moral complexity in traffic: The ADC model for automated vehicle decision-making”, *Autonomous Vehicle Symposium in the World of Artificial Intelligence*, NCSU college of engineering, April 2024.
- “Can we improve our moral character by biomedical means? A scoping review of moral bioenhancement”, *The Carolina Seminar on ethics, philosophy, and mental health*, UNC School of Medicine, January 2024.
- “When do we stop?” public conversation about AI and ethics with Sean Ekins (CEO of Collaborations Pharmaceuticals) and Alyson Wilson (Associate Vice Chancellor for National Security at NC State), *AI @ NC State Hot Topic series*, NCSU Data Science Academy, October 2023.
- “Aligning artificial intelligence with moral intuitions: An intuitionist approach to the alignment problem”, *work in progress seminar*, NCSU Department of Philosophy, April 2023.
- “Sensitive to Reasons: moral intuition and the dual process challenge to ethics”. *NeuroComputational Ethics Research Group*, NC State University, (online), September 2022.
- “The metacognitive account of moral intuition”. *Moral progress reading group*, Utrecht University, (online), May 2021.
- “From caring to sensitivity: the correctness of moral intuition”. *FINO ethics&politics work in progress seminar*, (online), April 2021.
- “Type-1 Moral Cognition: Intuition as Performance”. *FINO ethics&politics work in progress seminar*, (online), April 2020.
- “The Problem of Initial Credibility in Reflective Equilibrium: Reframing Intuitionism-Coherentism Debate”. *FINO ethics and politics seminar*, Vercelli, February 2020.

## **TEACHING**

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### **Instructor of records**

- *Contemporary Moral Issues* (PHI 221), North Carolina State University, Spring 2025
- *Ethics of Artificial Intelligence*, North Carolina State University (Global Training Initiative), Summer 2023

### **Course organizer and lecturer**

- *Ethics and autonomous vehicles*, North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, J-term 2025
- *Ethics and autonomous vehicles*, North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, J-term 2023
- *Moral perception*, University of Genova, Graduate Seminar, Spring 2020

## Teaching assistant

- *Religion and Bioethics* (HON 296), North Carolina State University, Fall 2025

## Guest lecturer

- *Ethics of automated vehicles*, in *Transportation engineering with emerging vehicle technologies*, North Carolina State University, Spring 2024
- *Moral bioenhancement*, in *Science, Technology, and Society*, North Carolina State University, Spring 2024
- *Ethics of AI*, in *Science, Technology, and Society*, North Carolina State University, Fall 2022
- *Moral perception*, in *Contemporary Practical Philosophy*, University of Genova, Spring 2020

## REVIEWER ACTIVITY

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*AJOB – Neuroscience* 2022-, *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice* 2023-, *American Philosophical Quarterly* 2023-, *Topoi* 2023-, *AI & Society* 2023-, *Philosophical Quarterly* 2024-, *Ratio* 2025-

## MEMBERSHIPS

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International Neuroethics Society (INS) 2023-  
Società Italiana di Filosofia Analitica (SIFA) 2021-2022

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Italian: native speaker  
English: C1 (written and spoken)  
German: B1 (written and spoken)

## REFERENCES

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### **Dr. Veljko Dubljevic**

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