

# CURRICULUM VITÆ

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### Research interests

Ethics of belief; practical reasons for belief; doxastic empowerment; epistemic injustice; Nietzsche; nihilism about life's meaning; democratic deliberation; doxastic alienation

### Education

#### MA in Philosophical Sciences, double-degree programme

University of Cologne, Department of Philosophy; University of Salento, Department of Humanities  
28 April 2026 | Final mark: 110/110 cum laude

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

Supervisors: Paul Silva Jr., Alfredo Di Giorgio, Paolo Baldi

#### BA in Philosophy

University of Salento, Department of Humanities

16 November 2023 | Final mark: 108/110

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

### Current research

My work is primarily in epistemology, with a focus on the rationality of belief. My current research develops pragmatist accounts of reasons for belief and applies them to issues of epistemic empowerment and doxastic alienation, especially in social epistemology and the ethics of belief.

### Publications

- 2 manuscript under review.

### Paper presentations

- 2-4 September 2026. "Alienated Belief and the Limits of Belief-Relative Pragmatism". SOPhiA 2026 - Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy, Department of Philosophy (Humanities), University of Salzburg, Austria. Accepted presentation.
- 17 June 2026. "Empowerment, Self-Trust and Democratic Deliberation". Epistemic Dimensions of Democratic Deliberation in the Digital Age, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Rijeka, Croatia.

### 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.
- 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.

## **Creative writing and literary publications**

- 2026. “Epistole Amoroze II”, in AA. VV., eds. Michele Cicutelli and Ester Pepe, Eboli: Edizioni “Il Saggio”.
- 2025. “FEUER”, Il Saggio. Mensile di cultura. Libri, poesia, storia, arte, n. 354, anno XXX, October 2025

## **Literary awards and recognitions**

- 2026. Epistole Amoroze II, 6th place.
- 2019. Versi sotto gli irmici, finalist.

## **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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- Alfredo Di Giorgio, University of Salento, [alfredo.digiorgio@unisalento.it](mailto:alfredo.digiorgio@unisalento.it)
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