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Born 5/10/1991, Sondrio (SO), Italy.
Nationality: Italian

EMPLOYMENT

2022- 2024: **Assistant Professor | Polonez Fellow (MSCA program)**, Interdisciplinary Center for Ethics, Jagiellonian University, Krakow.

PI of the project “Why we punish: a genealogical account” (ID: 538315)

Co-funded by the European Commission and the Polish National Science Center under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie COFUND grant.

EDUCATION

2017- 2021: **Ph.D. in Political Studies** (Political Theory Curriculum; taught and assessed in English), University of Milan & University of Genoa, Network for the Advancement of Social and Political Sciences (NASP).

Evaluation: *excellent (with honors)*

Supervisor: prof. Francesca Pasquali

Dissertation: *Crabwalk: Applying Pragmatic Genealogy to Contextualist Political Theory*

Viva voce: 20/5/2021

Committee: Nicholas Smyth, Enzo Rossi, Matthieu Queloz, David Owen, Francesca Pasquali

8/1/2020 – 9/4/2020, **Visiting research student**, University of Oxford, Faculty of Philosophy, under the supervision of prof. Alexander Prescott-Couch.

20/9/2019 – 19/12/2020, **Visiting research student**, University of Southampton, School of Economic, Social and Political Sciences, under the supervision of prof. David Owen.

2016 – **MA in Philosophical Sciences**, University of Milan.

Evaluation: *110/110 (with honors)*

Advisor: prof. Marco Geuna and prof. Antonella Besussi

Thesis: *What Remains: Bernard Williams on the idea of Ethical Objectivity (in Italian)*

2013 – **BA in Philosophy**, University of Milan.

Evaluation: *110/110 (with honors)*

Advisor: prof. Laura Boella

Thesis: *Hannah Arendt: the Gift of Freedom, the Price of Contingency (in Italian)*

Further education

17/8/2017 – 27/8/2017, **Summer School**: Introduction to Conceptual History, University of Helsinki, with the participation of Kari Palonen, Jan Ifversen and Martin Bourke.

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Specific themes: Foundational issues in political theorizing (critical theory vs. normative theory, realism vs. moralism, ideal theory vs. non-ideal theory, normativity); the relation between empirical knowledge and normative/critical theorizing; genealogical arguments and their normative and metaethical implications; Bernard Williams; Michel Foucault

AOS: Social and Political Philosophy, Analytical Political Theory.

AOC: Legal Philosophy, Moral Philosophy, Philosophy of Science (especially Social Sciences), Metaethics, Rhetorical Political Analysis, Conceptual History.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Quel che rimane. Un'introduzione a Bernard Williams [What Remains? An introduction to Bernard Williams], ETS, Pisa (forthcoming in 2024)

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

'Genealogical solutions to the problem of critical distance: the case of punishment in transitional scenarios', *Res Publica: A Journal of Moral, Legal and Political Philosophy* (2021) <https://bit.ly/3CEcVhY>

'Tra cielo e terra', ['Between earth and sky'], review paper of D. Estlund, *Utopophobia*, and C. Larmore, *What is Political Philosophy?*, *Biblioteca della Libertà* (2021) <https://bit.ly/2SjCkM4>

'Testing pragmatic genealogy in political theory: The strange case of John Rawls', *European Journal of Political Theory* (2020). <https://bit.ly/2SguaE9>

'Appeals to authority in political rhetoric: Machiavelli in the Italian Parliament 1945-1994', (with Matteo Casiraghi), (2020). *Parliamentary Affairs*. <https://bit.ly/3ywuorp>

'Profile: Bernard Williams', *Aphex: Portale Italiano di Filosofia Analitica*, (2020). <https://bit.ly/3v8Mq0N>

'La portata etica della tragedia tra Bernard Williams e Martha Nussbaum' [Bernard Williams and Martha Nussbaum on the ethical significance of tragedy], in *Rivista Italiana di Filosofia Analitica Junior*, vol. 6, n. 2, (2015). <https://bit.ly/3yw41So>

BOOK REVIEWS

'A mente fredda' ['Cold-minded'], review of P.P. Portinaro, *L'imperativo di uccidere*, in *Biblioteca della Libertà*, vol. 53, n. 221, (2018).

MEDIA OUTREACH

'Democrazia Social. Intervista a Daniele Chieffi', in *Biblioteca della Libertà - Brief*, n. 2, (2019).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

'Between explaining and justifying: The logic and practical import of vindicatory explanations'

'Is punishment necessary? Abolitionism, restitution and the dispensability of punishment'

'Machiavelli as a Military authority: The influence of Machiavelli's "Art of War" in the organization of the Italian Army 1861-1900'.

'Punishing our way toward moral progress: Norm-compliance and social sanctioning'.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

February 15th, 2022 – **Lecturer**, *Digital marketing for the publishing industry* (4-hours workshop, part of the course “Styles of communication: the Publishing Industry” [main instructor: prof. Pierre Dalla Vigna], taught online, in Italian), University of Insubria, Department of Human Sciences, Varese.

February 2021 – April 2021, **Lecturer**, *Social Contract Theories in Modern Philosophy* (20-hours course for undergraduate students, taught online, in English), University of Milan, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences.

March 13th, 2021 – **Invited Lecturer**, *The words of democracy: Public Opinion*, Puecher Community Center, Milan (2-hours lecture for a non-specialist audience, taught online, in Italian).

September 2020 – July 2022, **Examiner** for the course History of Political Philosophy, University of Milan, Department of Philosophy.

Education:

26/6 – 30/6/2023, **Summer School**: Professional Development in Teaching and Learning, Central European University, Budapest.

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

7/10/2023, ‘Is punishment necessary? Abolitionism, restitution, and the inevitability of punishment’, Punishment: 4th International Congress of the Societas Aperta Feminarum in Iuris Theoria (SAFI), Université Paris I Patheon-Sorbonne, Paris (FR).

9/6/2023, ‘Between explaining and justifying: The normative import of genealogical explanations’, 10th national Congress of the Italian Society of Moral Philosophy (SIFM), University of Rome Tre, Rome (IT).

10/5/2023, ‘Political normativity... all things considered?’, *Political Normativity and Ethics International Conference*, University of Granada, Granada (ES).

2/12/2022, ‘Kant and moral alienation’, *ECPR Rousseau Annual Lecture and Conference: Political Ethics: Themes and Variations in the Work of David Owen*, ECPR Harbour House, Cochester (UK).

15/10/2021, ‘Between explaining and justifying: The pragmatic import of vindicatory explanations’, *Reasons, Rationality and Culture Workshop*, University of Tilburg (NL).

22/9/2021, ‘Between explaining and justifying: The pragmatic import of vindicatory explanations’, *Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy Conference*, Noto (IT).

1/10/2020, ‘Testing pragmatic genealogy in political theory’, *Tagung für Praktische Philosophie*, University of Salzburg (AUST) [conference canceled].

20/5/2020, ‘Assessing Moral Change: A Genealogical Way’, *Moral Change Workshop*, Centre for Ethics as Study in Human Value, University of Pardubice (CZ) [conference canceled].

15/11/2019, ‘Intellectuals, politicians and rhetorical political analysis: Machiavelli à la carte in the Italian Parliament 1861-1994’, *Machiavelli and contemporary politics: Ideas in Politics Conference*, Charles University, Prague (CZ).

12/9/2019, ‘Intellectuals, politicians, and rhetorical political analysis: Machiavelli à la carte in the Italian Parliament 1861-1994’, *Italian Political Sciences Association Conference*, University of Salento, Lecce (IT).

4/9/2019, ‘History, normativity and genealogy: Starting from John Rawls’, *National Post-Graduate Conference of Philosophy*, Fondazione Collegio San Carlo, Modena (IT).

27/6/2019, 'Intellectuals, politicians and rhetorical political analysis: Machiavelli à la carte in the Italian Parliament 1861-1994', *Global Studies Conference*, Jagiellonian University, Krakow (PL).

Further talks (non-refereed):

23/3/2023, 'Is punishment necessary? Abolitionism, restitution, and the dispensability of punishment', Department of Theory of Law Guest Seminar, Jagiellonian University, Krakow (PL).

23/2/2023, 'Between explaining and justifying. The normative upshot of vindictory arguments', INCET Seminars, Interdisciplinary Centre for Ethics, Jagiellonian University, Krakow (PL).

10/11/2022, 'Why We Punish?', INCET Seminars, Interdisciplinary Centre for Ethics, Jagiellonian University, Krakow (PL).

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES & ACADEMIC EVENTS

11/9 – 13/9/2023, Workshop: 'Causal Histories: The Role of Genealogical inquiry in Moral, Social and Political Philosophy', MANCEPT Workshops, University of Manchester (co-organizer: Victor Weber).

6/1 – 8/1/2022, Panel: 'Genealogy in Political Philosophy: Methods, Applications, and Problems', *Association for Political Thought Conference*, St. Hilda College, Oxford (co-organizer: Victor Weber).

AWARDS, GRANTS, MEMBERSHIPS

June 2022: Polonez Bis Research Grant, European Commission and the Polish National Science Center under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie COFUND grant: 158.000 € / 2 years.

May 2022: Seal of Excellence of the European Commission, Horizon Europe Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Since November 2022: Member of the *Standing Group on Methods of Normative Political Theory* (ECPR)

Since June 2021: Member of the *Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy* (SIFA).

Since December 2021: Member of the *Britain and Ireland Association for Political Thought* (BIAPT).

September 2017: Ph.D. Scholarship, University of Milan & University of Genoa, *Network for the Advancement of Social and Political Sciences* (NASP).

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Reviewer for *Ergo*, *Social Philosophy Today*, *Argumenta*, *Diametros*

Member of the scientific committee for the conference 'Bioethics meets Political Philosophy', Jagiellonian University, Krakow, 26/1-27/1/2024.

TRANSLATIONS

Paul Shepard, *The Tender Carnivore and the Sacred Game*, University of Georgia Press, 1973 → *La selvaggina sacra. Caccia, cultura, collasso*, Meltemi, Milano, 2023.

LANGUAGES

Italian (native), English (highly proficient), Spanish (proficient), German (reading knowledge).

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

November 2021 – November 2022: Social Media Manager & Digital Marketing Specialist, MIM Edizioni Srl (academic publishing house owning Mimesis Edizioni), Sesto San Giovanni (MI), Italy.

November 2020 – November 2021: Copy-writer & Digital Strategist, Octo_Net Srl (Startup focusing on technological marketing solutions), Milan, Italy.

REFERENCES

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