

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Research interests

Epistemology; normativity of belief; pragmatism about belief; Nietzsche; nihilism

### Education

- MA in Philosophy, University of Cologne / University of Salento  
Double-degree programme, 2023–2026  
Final mark: 110/110 cum laude with distinction  
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  
2020–2023  
Final mark: 108/110  
Thesis: *Il superuomo come dottrina del nichilismo classico: analisi dell'interpretazione heideggeriana nel testo "Il nichilismo europeo"*

### Current research

My MA thesis argues that neither anti-pragmatism nor current pragmatist theories provide an adequate account of rational belief, and explores more selective, value-shaped pragmatist alternatives, including empowerment-based approaches.

### Research activities

- Brown Bag Seminar, CONCEPT, University of Cologne  
2025–2026 — Member
- XVIII Summer School in Applied Epistemology, CONCEPT, University of Cologne  
2025 — Participant

## **Scholarships**

- Double-degree programme, University of Cologne / University of Salento  
2024–2026
- Erasmus+ mobility grant  
2024–2025

## **Languages**

- Italian (native)
- English (proficient)
- German (good)
- French (good)
- Spanish (intermediate)