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## **Personal Information:**

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## **Areas of Specialization and Competence**

AOS: Logic and Philosophy of Logic, Formal Epistemology, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language

AOC: Feminist Philosophy, Trans Philosophy, Philosophy of Mathematics, Philosophy of Time

## **Affiliation**

2021 - Present

Arché Research Centre  
University of St Andrews

2019 – Present

LanCog Research Group  
Centre of Philosophy of the University of Lisbon

## **Education**

2021 – Present

PhD Candidate, Philosophy  
University of St Andrews and University of Stirling  
Supervisors: Franz Berto and Greg Restall

2019 – 2021

Master of Philosophy  
University of Lisbon  
Supervisor: Ricardo Santos  
External Examiner: Mark Jago  
19/20 points

2016 – 2019

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy  
University of Lisbon  
Supervisor: Ricardo Santos  
18/20 points

## Grants, Awards and Recognitions

2024. Honours Prize Seminar of 500£ from the University of St Andrews.

2022. Bursary covering food and lodging expenses for the 6<sup>th</sup> Italian Conference on Analytic Metaphysics and Ontology.

2021 – 2024. Scholarship for Doctoral Students from the Foundation for Science and Technology (F.C.T.) of roughly 105 000€.

2019 – 2021. Research Scholarship for Master's Students from the Centre of Philosophy of the University of Lisbon (CFUL).

2019. *Excellentiae Charta* awarded by the University of Lisbon for having the highest finishing average in Philosophy at the undergraduate level.

## Publications

### Major Publications

- “Being a woman and wanting to be a woman: an application of subject matters, questions and FDE” (forthcoming). *Australasian Journal of Logic*. Available [here](#).
- “What the States of Truthmaker Semantics Could (Not) Be” (2024). *Topoi*. Available [here](#).
- “Epistemic Logic With Partial Grasp” (2024). *Synthese*. Available [here](#).
- “Question-relative knowledge for minimally rational agents” (2024). *Inquiry: an interdisciplinary journal of Philosophy*. Available [here](#).

### Manuscripts under consideration

- First-Order Aboutness Theory. Under consideration with a revise and resubmit decision at *Erkenntnis*. Available [here](#).
- Topic Theoretic Invariantism. Under consideration at *Noûs*. Available [here](#).
- Gender as Gender Identity: an externalist account. Under consideration at *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. Available [here](#).
- Topical Truthmaker Semantics. Under consideration at *Phil Studies*. Available [here](#).
- “Truth Must Presently Be Grounded”, with Ricardo Santos. Under consideration at the *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.

### Work in progress (not under consideration)

- Sets as fusions of materially-equivalent rigid embodiments

Paper that attempts a reduction of set theory in the context of the hylomorphic theory of Fine with rigid embodiments. A draft version may be found [here](#). It is currently under revision after being presented at the Inaugural AMAMI Workshop.

### Entries in Volumes or Encyclopaedias

- “Normatividade da Lógica”, joint work with Bruno Jacinto, (2022). In *Compêndio em Linha de Problemas de Filosofia Analítica*, Ricardo Santos and David Yates (eds.) Lisbon: Centro de Filosofia da Universidade de Lisboa, URI (Repositório da ULisboa)<sup>1</sup>. Available [here](#) (in Portuguese).

## Teaching Experience

### Lecturer

**2023/2024**

Themes from Trans Philosophy  
Honours Prize Seminar  
University of St Andrews, Second Semester  
Five-week introduction to Trans Philosophy at Honours level.

PY4669 – Modal Logic and Metaphysics  
Guest Lecture  
University of St Andrews, Second Semester  
Lecture on modal realist and actualist views on the metaphysics of possible worlds.

### Teaching Assistant

**2023/2024**

PY1010 – Mind and World  
University of St Andrews, First Semester  
Module that covers topics in Metaphysics and Philosophy of Mind.

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<sup>1</sup> Encyclopaedia entry with some philosophical discussion on the Normativity of Logic, co-authored with Bruno Jacinto.

PY2010 – Intermediate Logic

University of St Andrews, First Semester

Module that covers “Logical Methods” by Greg Restall and Shawn Standefer.

PY1012 – Reasoning

University of St Andrews, Second Semester

Module that covers informal logic and Lemmon-style natural deduction.

PY2012 – Meaning and Knowing

University of St Andrews, Second Semester

Introductory module on Epistemology and Philosophy of Language.

## **2022/2023**

PY1012 – Reasoning

University of St Andrews, Second Semester

Module that covers informal logic and Lemmon-style natural deduction.

## **Refereeing**

Referee for the *Australasian Journal of Logic, Disputatio*, the *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, and *Philosophies*.

## **Talks at Conferences, Workshops and Seminar Series**

### Invited

- Milan Workshop on Generality and Impredicativity, February 26, 2025. Talk: *Grounding and Impredicativity*.
- Ciclo de Seminários em Investigação e Ensino de Filosofia 2024/2025, February 17, 2025. Talk: (original title) Género como identidade de género: uma perspetiva externalista (English title) *Gender as Gender Identity: an externalist perspective*.
- LIRa Seminar, May 16, 2024. Talk: *Epistemic Logic with Partial Grasp*.
- Mereology Workshop. Analytic and Phenomenological Perspectives on Parts and Wholes, University of Lisbon, November 2-3, 2023. Talk: *Sets as Fusions of Materially-Equivalent Rigid Embodiments*.
- Properties and Times Workshop, University of Lisbon, June 28-29, 2022. Talk: *Critical reflections on sentences that tomorrow will have been true one day earlier*.

### Contributed and Refereed

- Inaugural AMAMI Workshop, University of Eastern Piedmont, December 18-19, 2024. Talk: *Sets as Fusions of Materially Equivalent Rigid Embodiments*.
- WFAP Conference on Nonsense and Category Mistakes, University of Vienna, July 4-6, 2024. Talk: *Nonsense and Subject-Matter*.
- Ninth Annual Conference of the International Association for the Philosophy of Time (IAPT), Università della Svizzera Italiana, June 24-28, 2024. Talk: *Truth Must Presently Be Grounded*.
- 17th Annual Cambridge Graduate Conference in Logic and the Philosophy of Mathematics, University of Cambridge, January 27-28, 2024. Talk: *Epistemic Logic with Partial Grasp*.
- 5th International Congress of the Portuguese Philosophical Society, University of Évora, September 14-16, 2023. Talk: *First-Order Aboutness Theory*.
- SIFA23: Who is Afraid of Philosophy? New Challenges for Contemporary Society - 15th Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA), University of Western Piedmont, September 7-9, 2023. Talk: *Topical Truthmaker Semantics*.
- BPPA Spring Seminar Series 2023, June 27, 2023. Talk: *First-Order Sentences, Components and their Subject Matters*.
- Logica 2023, The Premonstratensian Monastery of Teplá, June 18-22, 2023. Talk: *Topical Truthmaker Semantics<sup>2</sup>*.
- X Conference of the Spanish Society for Analytic Philosophy (SEFA 2022), University of Santiago de Compostela, December 14-16, 2022. Talk: *Full and Partial Questions*.
- Tilburg Issues on the (Im)Possible Conference, University of Tilburg, October 17-18, 2022. Talk: *Inexact truthmaker semantics or FDE worlds*.
- 2022 Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, The University of Waikato, June 28 – July 7, 2022. Talk: *Questions and Gender Questioning*.
- 6th Italian Conference on Analytic Metaphysics and Ontology, University of L'Aquila, June 20-23, 2022. Talk: *Sets as fusions of materially equivalent rigid embodiments*.
- Summer School on Truthmaker Semantics, Università della Svizzera Italiana, June 13-17, 2022. Talk: *Knowledge relative to a question*.
- BPPA Spring Seminar Series 2022, June 10, 2022. Talk: *The mental state of considering a question*.

### Internal

- Arché Research Centre Feminist Philosophy and Social Theory, October 31, 2023. Talk: *Grounding Gender in Gender Identity*.
- Arché Research Centre Metaphysics and Logic Seminar, October 4, 2023. Talk: *Avoid Inconsistency? Two Accounts of Incompatibility*.
- Arché Research Centre Super Special Seminar Sandy Goldberg Day, March 23, 2023. Talk: *(In a Sense) Yes and (In a Different Sense) No*.

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<sup>2</sup> This talk was not delivered due to flights being cancelled.

- Arché Research Centre Epistemology: Current Themes Seminar, December 15, 2022. Talk: *Full and Partial Grasp on a Subject Matter*.
- Arché Research Centre Metaphysics and Logic Seminar, October 10, 2022. Talk: *FDE worlds or inexact truthmaker semantics?*
- Arché Research Centre Feminist Philosophy and Social Theory, June 1, 2022. Talk: *Questions and Gender Questioning*.
- Arché Research Centre Metaphysics and Logic Seminar, December 6, 2021. Talk: *Sets as fusions of materially-equivalent rigid embodiments*.
- Centre of Philosophy of the University of Lisbon, LanCog Seminar Series, April 23, 2021. Talk: *The Problem of Logical Omniscience: aboutness and impossible worlds approaches*.
- Centre of Philosophy of the University of Lisbon, LanCog Seminar Series, February 21, 2020. Talk: *Group Belief: A Lesson from Compromise*.

## Service to the Profession and Community

- The 2024 LanCog Summer Metaphysics Workshop, Theme: Time, Commentator. 2024.
- Arché Research Centre ‘Proofs, Rules, and Meanings’ Workshop co-organiser. 2024.
- St Andrews and Stirling Minorities and Philosophy Chapter Email/Teams administrator. 2023 – 2024.
- St Andrews and Stirling Minorities and Philosophy Chapter ‘Map to MAP’<sup>3</sup> Project Coordinator. 2023 – 2024.
- Co-convenor for the Arché Research Centre Metaphysics and Logic Seminar. 2021 – 2024.
- St Andrews and Stirling Minorities and Philosophy Chapter LGBTQIA+ meet-up organiser. 2023.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Arché Graduate Conference co-organiser. 2023.
- St Andrews and Stirling Minorities and Philosophy Chapter Discussion Group co-coordinator. 2021 – 2022.
- ‘Argument Clinic’ University of Lisbon student-run analytic philosophy seminar group coordinator. 2019 - 2021.
- University of Lisbon’s Minorities and Philosophy Chapter co-founder and co-coordinator. 2019 – 2021.

## Languages

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<sup>3</sup> ‘Map to MAP’ is a brochure explaining what the St Andrews and Stirling Minorities and Philosophy Chapter is and what it does, in broad terms that are supposed to be ‘future-proof’.

Portuguese (native speaker), English (fluent), Japanese and Italian (learning in my free time).

## **Other Skills**

Proficiency with Microsoft Office and LaTeX. Basic programming knowledge of C# and the .NET Framework. Basic knowledge of Unity. Operative knowledge of WordPress.

## **References**

Francesco Berto, Aaron Cotnoir.