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Research Profile

Doctoral researcher in Ancient Philosophy at the Munich School of Ancient Philosophy (MUSAΦ), LMU Munich. Dissertation project: *Diodorus Cronus' Physics and Metaphysics*, supervised by Christof Rapp. Research interests include Hellenistic philosophy, ancient logic, ancient physics, Presocratic thought (esp. Eleatics), and the dialogue between ancient and contemporary logic.

Education

2023–present	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (MUSAΦ) PhD student in Ancient Philosophy. Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Christof Rapp. Dissertation: <i>Diodorus Cronus' Physics and Metaphysics</i> .
May–June 2025	University of Cambridge Research visit under the supervision of Dr. Laura M. Castelli.
2020–2022	University of Bologna M.A. in Philosophical Sciences, <i>summa cum laude</i> . Thesis: <i>A Partless Movement. Translation and Commentary on the Testimonies about Diodorus Cronus' Physics</i> . Supervisors: prof. Walter Cavini and prof. Carlotta Capuccino.
2020–2021	University of Bologna Completed the Italian 24-ECTS teacher-training curriculum required for access to secondary-school teacher qualification pathways, with coursework in pedagogy, psychology, and didactics.
2017–2020	University of Bologna B.A. in Philosophy, <i>cum laude</i> . Thesis: <i>Implicazione e connessività. Un calcolo di sequenti per PrC e una indagine su Aristotele connessivo</i> . Supervisors: prof. Guido Gherardi and Eugenio Orlandelli, PhD.
2012–2017	Classical High School “Giacomo Leopardi”, Recanati Final grade: 100/100.

Fellowships and Grants

2023–2026	Munich School of Ancient Philosophy (MUSAΦ), LMU Munich Doctoral fellowship supporting the PhD project <i>Diodorus Cronus' Physics and Metaphysics</i> .
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Academic Appointments

June 2025–present	University of Bologna Subject Expert (<i>culture della materia</i> ; teaching and examination support) in Ancient Philosophy (M-FIL/07).
2020–2022	Ancient Philosophy Today, University of Bologna Junior Committee Member of <i>Ancient Philosophy Today</i> , the University of Bologna's research group in ancient philosophy, directed by prof. Carlotta Capuccino.

Publications

2027	Mazzanti, Leonardo “A Neglected Testimony on Zeno's Argument against Plurality: Plato's <i>Parmenides</i> Reconsidered.” <i>Ancient Philosophy</i> , forthcoming.
2026	Mazzanti, Leonardo “Yet Another Note on Zeno's Arrow.” <i>Apeiron</i> , forthcoming.

- 2026 **Mazzanti, Leonardo, Riccardo Zanichelli**
 “‘You Reap What You Sow’: The Logic and History of the Reaper Argument.” *History & Philosophy of Logic*, forthcoming.
- 2025 **Mazzanti, Leonardo**
 “Stoic Analysis and the Synthetic Principle.” *Philosophie Antique* 25: 177–208. DOI: [10.4000/15coc](https://doi.org/10.4000/15coc).
- 2023 **Mazzanti, Leonardo**
P.Mich. inv. 2906 (Italian translation and commentary; Greek text prepared by Maria Serena Funghi), in M. S. Funghi, *Corpus dei Papiri Filosofici Greci e Latini. Testi e lessico nei papiri di cultura greca e latina. Parte II: Frammenti Adespoti e sentenze, vol. 1***: Frammenti Adespoti*. Florence: Leo Olschki, 94–111.

Invited Talks, Lectures, and Seminar Presentations

- June 4, 2026 **University of Milan**
 Invited seminar (with Arianna Castelli): “«Dobbiamo un gallo ad Asclepio»: *apistia* e guarigione dell’anima in *Fedone* 118a.” Hosted by Prof. Filippo Forcignanò within the activities of the *Centro di Ricerca Coordinata di Studi filologici, filosofici e letterari sul pensiero greco e la sua trasmissione* (Director: Prof. Stefano Martinelli Tempesta).
- May 27, 2026 **University of Bologna**
 Invited seminar (with Arianna Castelli): “«Dobbiamo un gallo ad Asclepio»: *apistia* e guarigione dell’anima in *Fedone* 118a.” Hosted by Prof. Carlotta Capuccino.
- February 7, 2026 **MUSAΦ, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München**
 Invited workshop paper: “Quoting Aristotle? Diodorus Cronus and the Theory of Motion in *Physics* Z 10,” presented at the international workshop *The Philosophy of the Megarics and Ancient Dialectic*.
- September 25, 2025 **University of Bologna**
 Invited seminar paper (with Riccardo Zanichelli): “L’Argomento del Mietitore: storia e interpretazione,” presented in the research seminar series *DAReLOGICA* (prof. Guido Gherardi).
- May 8, 2025 **University of Bologna**
 Invited lecture: “Crono è sapiente. Possibilità, necessità e determinismo in Diodoro Crono,” delivered in the M.A. course in Ancient Philosophy (prof. Carlotta Capuccino).
- May 7, 2025 **University of Bologna, Dialégesthai**
 Discussant for Lorenzo Corti, “Gettier (il Menone) e il Teeteto,” in the seminar series *Dialégesthai*, curated by Carlotta Capuccino and Walter Cavini.

Conference and Workshop Papers

- June 30, 2026 **Corpus Christi College, University of Oxford**
 Peer-reviewed conference paper (with Simone Salzano): “Parts, Relations, and the Whole: On Marcus Aurelius’ Mereology,” presented at *Philosophising with the Greats 2026*.
- June 25, 2026 **Universidad Complutense de Madrid**
 Peer-reviewed conference paper: “Zeno’s Argument Against Plurality and the Case for Existence Monism,” presented at the *Ninth Biennial Conference of the International Association for Presocratic Studies (IAPS 9)*.
- April 15–17, 2026 **German Graduate Workshop in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Heidelberg**
 Selected workshop paper: “Anaxagoras on νοῦς and the Problem of ἄπειρον in 59B12 DK,” presented in an inter-university graduate workshop series bringing together doctoral researchers in ancient and medieval philosophy from Munich, Berlin, Tübingen, Heidelberg, and Oxford.
- February 20, 2026 **Institute of Classical Studies, School of Advanced Study, University of London**
 Selected postgraduate seminar presentation: “Diodorus Cronus on πεττεία and the Celestial χορεία: From Homer to Hellenistic Astronomy,” presented in the panel *Reading Homer in the Hellenistic Schools: Planetary Movements and the Afterlife of the Soul*.
- October 27, 2025 **University of Bologna**
 Selected conference paper: “Providence and the Theology of Time: Chrysippus’ Vision of Cosmic History,” presented at the conference *Images of Historical Times*, Panel 14: *Time and History in Ancient Philosophy 2 / Hellenistic Period*.

September 15, 2025	Eleatica XIV, Ascea Peer-reviewed conference paper: “Diodoro e Stilpone: enigmi megarici e strategie dossografiche in Diogene Laerzio,” presented at <i>Eleatica XIV – Filosofi antichi tra biografie e correnti</i> .
July 10, 2025	University of Wrocław Selected conference paper: “What Worried Epicurus? Epicurus, Dummett, and the Principle of Bivalence,” presented at the <i>17th Congress of the Fédération internationale des associations d’études classiques (FIEC 2025)</i> , in the panel <i>Perspectives on Truth in Hellenistic Philosophy: Epistemology, Logic, and Semantics</i> .
June 28, 2025	Ruhr University Bochum Peer-reviewed workshop paper: “Diodorus Cronus and the First Atomistic Conception of Space in Ancient Philosophy,” presented at the workshop <i>Spatial Notions in Antiquity</i> , hosted at Ruhr University Bochum under the direction of prof. Barbara M. Sattler.
May 2–4, 2025	German Graduate Workshop in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Munich Selected workshop paper: “Yet Another Note on Zeno’s Arrow,” presented in an inter-university graduate workshop series bringing together doctoral researchers in ancient and medieval philosophy from Munich, Berlin, Tübingen, and Heidelberg.
June 27–29, 2024	University of Coimbra Peer-reviewed conference paper: “Halfway between an ὑπογραφή and an ἐπωδή: Epictetus and Logic as an <i>Exercice spirituel</i> ,” presented at the <i>5th International Congress in Greek Philosophy</i> .
March 2020	USI Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano Accepted peer-reviewed conference paper (with Guido Boccali): “Piety Requires Us to Honor Truth above Deflationism,” accepted for the <i>3rd Lugano Undergraduate Philosophy Conference</i> ; conference cancelled due to COVID-19.

Teaching Experience

2020–2026	Greek Reading Seminar, University of Bologna Tutor for student reading groups on: • Aristotle, <i>De Interpretatione</i> 9 • Sextus Empiricus, <i>Against the Physicists</i> II • Plato, <i>Parmenides</i> • Aristotle, <i>Physics</i> IV • Parmenides’ <i>On Nature</i>
2020–2023	Ancient Philosophy Exam Preparation, University of Bologna Tutor for student sessions devoted to course materials in Ancient Philosophy and to guidance on the structure, style, and argumentation of final papers.

Advanced Academic Training

2026	ERGA Summer School in Ancient Greek Scholarship (Etymologika), Universität Hamburg Topics: Greek lexicography; manuscript studies; textual exegesis; ancient Greek scholarship.
2025–2026	UCL Summer School in Homer, University College London Two online editions. 2025: Homeric papyri, textual transmission, and interpretation. 2026: Advanced Greek; intensive reading, translation, and discussion of Homer’s <i>Iliad</i> VI.
2022–2024	AILA Summer School in Logic Three editions. 2022: Algebra of Logic; Model Theory and Nonstandard Analysis. 2023: Categorical Logic; Set Theory. 2024: Finite Model Theory and Computational Complexity; Proof Theory.
2021–2023	ΕΞΕΔΡΑ Summer School in Ancient Philosophy, University of Turin Three editions (organized by prof. Federico Maria Petrucci). 2021: Plato’s <i>Timaeus</i> . 2022: Plato’s <i>Phaedrus</i> . 2023: Plato’s <i>Meno</i> .
2020	XIV International Summer School in Dante Studies, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore Online MOOC programme.

Conference Organization

September 9–11, 2020

CCA 2020, University of Bologna

Member of the Organizing Committee of the *17th International Conference on Computability and Complexity in Analysis*.

Research Initiatives and Outreach

2021–present

Dalla Ridda, Bologna

Member of the student-led research group *Dalla Ridda*. Co-organized the seminar series *Latenze*.

2021–2022

Cassero LGBT+ Center, Bologna

Volunteer editor of the LGBT+ journal *LaFalla*.

2021–2022

Nodi Piani, Bologna

Founding member and coordinator of the student-led research group *Nodi Piani*. Organized *VOL 1.: Tecnologia, addomesticamento e transcorporeità*.

Languages

Ancient: Greek, Latin, Classical Arabic (العربية الفصحى).

Modern: Italian (native), English (C1), German (beginner).

Digital Research Tools

Advanced use of the Thesaurus Linguae Graecae (TLG) for textual, lexical, and philological research.

Papyri.info and Trismegistos for papyrological research and metadata retrieval.

Pinakes for manuscript cataloguing, manuscript tradition research, and Greek manuscript identification.

Document preparation: L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office.

Broader Interests

Historical Method, Analytic Metaphysics, Marxian Economics, History of Italian Philosophy (especially Italian Idealism), Dante's *Commedia*, Feminist and Queer Studies.

Munich, August 2, 2026

