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Personal Information

Date and place of birth: 27 March 1981, Como, Italy
Nationality: Italian
Languages: Italian, English, German, Ancient Greek, Latin
Areas of interest: Ancient Philosophy, Metaphysics
Logic, History of Logic, Theory of Argumentation
Contemporary Philosophy,
Music, History of Music

Employment History

From Oct. 2015	DFG Research Fellow , MUSAPh, LMU, Munich. Project of research: <i>Topics</i> and <i>Prior Analytics</i> : Peripatetic Logic between Aristotle and Alexander of Aphrodisias
Mar. 2015 – Oct. 2015	Maternity leave
Oct. 2014 – Feb. 2015	Teaching contract , MUSAPh, LMU, Munich. Essay-Kurs: Platon, <i>Euthyphron</i> und <i>Menon</i>
Jul. 2012 – Mar. 2014 & Oct. 2014 – Jan. 2015	A. v. Humboldt Postdoctoral Research Fellow , MUSAPh, LMU, Munich. Project of research: Aristotle and Alexander of Aphrodisias on dialectical argumentation (Aristotle, <i>Topics</i> ; Alexander, <i>Commentary on the Topics</i>)
Apr. 2014 – Sept. 2014	Vertretungsprofessorin (Temporary Professor) in Ancient Philosophy , Philosophisches Seminar, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (Details of teaching activity in attachment)
Oct. 2013	Visiting Scholar , Classe di lettere e filosofia, Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa (Details of teaching activity in attachment)
Apr. 2012 – Jul. 2012	Stipendiary Lecturer in Philosophy , Christ Church, Oxford (Details of teaching activity in attachment)
Oct. 2011 – Jul. 2012	Stipendiary Lecturer in Philosophy , Exeter College, Oxford (Details of teaching activity in attachment)
Jul. 2009 – Jul. 2011	Post-doctoral researcher (assegnista di ricerca), Scuola Normale Superiore – Pisa, Italy Topic of research: Aristotle, <i>Metaphysics</i> , Book Iota

Further Qualifications

Since Feb. 2014	Abilitazione scientifica nazionale (Italy): idoneità a Professore di II fascia
Since Feb. 2013	Fellow of The Higher Education Academy

Education

Oct. 2004 – Apr. 2008	<i>Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa</i> Doctorate in Philosophy cum laude Title of dissertation: “Problems and Paradigms of Unity. Aristotle’s Accounts of the One and its Meanings”
Oct. 2000 – Jan. 2006	<i>Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa</i> Diploma di licenza in Filosofia cum laude Title of dissertation: “Samples of Philosophical Ontology: Trope Theory and Methods of Ontological Enquiry”.
Oct. 2000 – Jul. 2004	<i>Università di Pisa</i> Laurea in filosofia (MA in Philosophy) cum laude Title of dissertation: “La teoria aristotelica dell’uno e dei molti: aspetti del libro Iota della Metafisica”.
Sept. 2000	Admission to the <i>Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa</i> Admission by national competition, 24 places for the Humanities, 1st place
Sept. 1994 – Sept. 2001	<i>Conservatorio di Novara</i> Diploma di Pianoforte (Diploma in Piano; final grade: 9/10)
Sept. 1995 – Jul. 2000	<i>Liceo Classico “A. Volta” di Como</i> Maturità Classica, final grade: 100/100

Grants and Scholarships

Jun. 2008	<i>Premio Bocca</i> Prize for the best PhD thesis in Philosophy in Pisa and Turin
Oct. 2007 – Jul. 2008	<i>St. John’s College, University of Oxford</i> Visiting Student
Apr. 2006 – Jul. 2006	<i>Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen</i> Visiting Student
Oct. 2004 – Feb. 2005	<i>Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen</i> Visiting Student
Oct. 2004 – Oct. 2007	<i>Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa</i> PhD Scholarship
Oct. 2000 – Oct. 2004	<i>Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa</i> Undergraduate Scholarship

Publications

Books

1. *Aristotle, Met. X. Introduction, translation and commentary*, in preparation for Clarendon Press, Oxford (accepted)
2. *Aristotele, Fisica IV. Introduzione, traduzione e commento*, Carocci, Roma 2012
3. *Problems and Paradigms of Unity. Aristotle's Accounts of the One*, International Aristotle Studies 6, Academia Verlag, Sankt Augustin 2010

In progress:

- a. *Topic and Analytic: Peripatetic Logic between Aristotle and Boethius*
- b. *Alexander of Aphrodisias: On Aristotle's Topics, Book II. Introduction, translations and notes*, in preparation for the series *Ancient Commentators on Aristotle*
- c. *Alexander of Aphrodisias: On Aristotle's Topics, Book III. Introduction, translations and notes*, in preparation for the series *Ancient Commentators on Aristotle*

Articles

4. *Dialectic and Topical Arguments – within and without the Topics* (forthcoming in J. Fink and D. Charles (eds.), *Limits of Dialectic?*, Oxford University Press)
5. *Aristotle, Phys. I 3* (forthcoming in D. Quarantotto (ed.), *Aristotle, Physics I*, Cambridge University Press)
6. *Defining and Arguing for a Definition. Making Sense of An. Post. B 3-7* (forthcoming in M. Mariani (ed.), *Zur modernen Deutung der aristotelischen Logik*, Georg Olms)
7. *Alexander on Aristotle, APr I 31, Division and Syllogistic*, «Documenti e studi sulla tradizione filosofica medievale» XXVI, 2015, pp. 33-54
8. *Phthonos: pathos, ēthos, Perception of Desert and the Place of Envy in Rhet. II*, in B. Centrone (ed.), *La Retorica di Aristotele e la dottrina delle passioni*, Pisa University Press 2015, pp. 221-248
9. *Alexander of Aphrodisias: Methodological Issues and Argumentative Strategies between Ethical Problems and Commentary on the Topics* (forthcoming in M. Bonelli (ed.), *Le questioni etiche di Alessandro d'Afrodisia*, Bibliopolis 2014, pp. 19-42)
10. *Collections of Topoi and the Structure of Aristotle's Topics. Notes on an Ancient Debate (Aristotle, Theophrastus, Alexander and Themistius)*, «Antiquorum Philosophia» VII, 2013, pp. 65-91
11. *Universals, Particulars and Aristotle's Criticism of Plato's Forms*, in R. Chiaradonna-G. Galluzzo (eds.), *Universals in Ancient Philosophy*, Edizioni della Scuola Normale 2013, pp. 139-184
12. *Manifestazioni somatiche e fisiologia delle 'affezioni dell'anima' in ps. Arist., Problemata*, in B. Centrone (ed.), *Studi sui Problemata Physica aristotelici*, «Elenchos» LVIII, 2011, pp. 239-274
13. *Greek, Arab and Latin Commentators on per se accidents of being qua being and the place of Aristotle, Met. Iota.*, «Documenti e studi sulla tradizione filosofica medievale» XXII, 2011, pp. 153-208
14. *Met. XII 7, 1072a27-b1: An Argument of Identity*, «The British Journal for the History of Philosophy» XIX (5), 2011, pp. 837-848
15. *Matter, Necessity and the Middle Term in An. Post. B11*, «Documenti e studi sulla tradizione filosofica medievale» XX, 2009, pp. 1-21

16. *Τὸ ἐν λέγεται πολλαχῶς. Questioni aristoteliche sui significati dell'uno*, «Antiquorum Philosophia» II, 2008, pp. 189-215
17. *Plato and Aristotle on Universals and Definition by Division*, «Documenti e studi sulla tradizione filosofica medievale», XVIII, 2007, pp. 21-35
18. *Note sulla nozione di δύναμις τοῦ ποεῖν καὶ τοῦ πάσχειν in Soph. 247d-e: alcuni spunti aristotelici «Elenchos» XXVII*, 2007 fasc. ii, pp. 415-434
19. *Metaphysica Iota 6: alcuni aspetti dell'opposizione uno/molti*, in B. Centrone (Ed.), *Il Libro Iota (X) della Metafisica di Aristotele*, International Aristotle Studies 4, Academia Verlag, Sankt Augustin 2005, pp.139-156
20. *Individuation and Metaphysics Z 15*, «Documenti e studi sulla tradizione filosofica medievale» XIV, 2003, pp. 1-26

Reviews and Commentaries

21. *Mayhew (R.) (ed.) _ The Aristotelian Problemata Physica. Philosophical and Scientific Investigations _ (Philosophia Antiqua 139.) Pp. xvi + 467, ill. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2015. Cased, €168, US\$218. ISBN:978-90-04-28085-4, forthcoming in «The Classical Review»*
22. *Bodéüs (R.), Stevens (A.) (trans.) Aristote: Métaphysique, Livre Delta. Pp. 235. Paris: Librairie Philosophique J. Vrin, 2014. Paper, €18. ISBN: 978-2-7116-2496-6, The Classical Review, Available on CJO 2015 doi:10.1017/S0009840X15001638*
23. *V. Harte, "Plato on Parts and whole", and the philosophy of David Lewis (Commentary)*, in M. Carrara, R. Ciuni, G. Lando (eds.), *Composition, Counterfactuals and Causation*, «Humana Mente» 19, 2011, pp. 189-196
24. *J. Kirby, Aristotle's Metaphysics: Form, Matter and Identity, Continuum International Publishing Group (2009)*, «The British Journal for the History of Philosophy», 2010, pp. 941-943
25. *E. Halper, One and Many in Aristotle's Metaphysics Alpha-Delta, Parmenides publishing (2008)*, «Elenchos» XXX, 2009, fasc. I, pp. 177-187

Teaching and related activities

Oct. 2014 – Feb. 2015	Essay-Kurs at LMU on Plato, <i>Euthyphro</i> and <i>Meno</i>
Apr.-July 2014	Seminars and Lectures at Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (see Attachment)
Apr.-July 2014	Seminar on Aristotle, Physics III – IV at MUSAPh, LMU Munich (together with Dr. Andreas Anagnostopoulos)
Oct. 2013	Lectures at the Scuola Normale Superiore of Pisa (see Attachment)
Oct. 2011 – Jun. 2012	Tutorials at Exeter College and Christ Church, Oxford (see Attachment)
Oct. 2010 – Jan. 2011	Introduction to Plato, <i>Republic</i> , SNS Pisa Aristotle's theory of contrariety
Dec. 2009 – Jun. 2010	Tutorials (Aristotle, <i>Rhetoric</i> ; <i>Parts of Animals</i>) and lectures (Aristotle, <i>Top. I</i> ; <i>EN I-VI</i>), SNS – Pisa
Jan. – Mar. 2009	Tutorials (Introduction to Plato's ethics), WISC, Oxford
Oct. – Dec. 2008	Tutorials (Plato, <i>Republic</i>), Wycliffe Hall - Oxford
Dec. 2007	Helper with admission interviews, St. John's College - Oxford
Mar. 2004 - Oct. 2007	Tutoring and teaching activity, SNS – Pisa (see attachment)
21 - 27 Jul. 2007	Camigliatello Silano (CS) Italy, Corso di orientamento universitario 2007 (<i>Scuola Normale Superiore</i>) Tutor in Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy for undergraduate students
2 - 8 Sept. 2005	Rovereto (TN) Italy, Corso di orientamento universitario 2005 (<i>Scuola Normale Superiore – Università di Trento</i>) Tutor in Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy for undergraduate students

Talks

- 13-14 Mar. 2015.....
Séminaire d'Histoire de la Philosophie Ancienne
Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne /
GRAMATA UMR 7219 / SPHERE
Talk: *Topics, Analytics and Physics: Theory and Practice of Philosophical Argumentation in Aristotle and Alexander of Aphrodisias*
- 10-13 July 2014.....
LMU-Berkeley Workshop in Ancient Philosophy
MUSAPh, LMU Munich
Talk: *Perceiving, Thinking and Describing Unity. Overlapping Issues in Aristotle's Psychology and Science of Being*
- 23-24 May 2014.....
Conference: Aristotle's Logic and Metaphysics
University of Chicago
Talk: *Contraries, Privation and Contradictories. Some Remarks on the Ontology and Logic of enantia*
- 13 Dec. 2013
Conference: L' oggetto etico nella filosofia peripatetica
Università degli studi di Bergamo
Talk: *Alexander of Aphrodisias: Methodological Issues and Argumentative Strategies between Ethical Problems and Commentary on the Topics*
- 21-22 Nov. 2013
Programa De Pós-Graduação Em Filosofia
Universidade de Campinas, Brazil
Talks: 1) *Defining and Arguing for a Definition. Making Sense of An. Post. B 3-7*
2) *Dialectic and Topical Arguments – within and without the Topics*
- 9 Sept. 2013.....
Conference: Limits of Dialectic?
Oriental College, Oxford
Talk: *Topoi: Theory and Practice*
- 8 May 2013
GrAL – La Retorica di Aristotele e la dottrina delle passioni
Università degli Studi di Pisa
Talk: *Phthonos: pathos, ēthos, Perception of Desert and the Place of Envy in Rhet. II*
- 17 Apr. 2013
Giornata di studio sulle *Categorie*
Università di Roma Tre, Dipartimento di Filosofia
Talk: *Sostanza e Contrari*
- 29 Mar. 2013.....
Séminaire du Centre Léon Robin, Paris, "Logique et métaphysique chez Aristote"
Talk: *Met. Iota 1-2 and 3-10. Comments on Annick Jaulin, "A quoi sert le livre Iota (I, 1-2)?"*

- 20-24 Mar. 2013..... European Society for Ancient Philosophy, 19th meeting _ Aristotle, *Met.* B2-4
Delphi, Greece
Talk: *Aporiai* 2, 3, 4
- 12 Mar. 2013..... Ciclo di incontri "Platone e Aristotele a confronto"
Università degli studi di Milano, Dipartimento di Filosofia
Talk: *Platone e Aristotele sull' opposizione di corruttibile e incorruttibile (Met. X 10 e Phaed. 100b-107b)*
- 8-10 Mar. 2013..... Moody Conference 2013, Unity and Identity before 1700
UCLA, USA
Talk: *Aristotle on One and Being*
- 6-7 Dec. 2012 Programa De Pós-Graduação Em Filosofia
Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil
Talk: *Signifying the Same and Signifying One. On the Limits and Nature of Linguistic and Ontological Competence in Dialectical Enquiry*
- 3-5 Dec. 2012 Programa De Pós-Graduação Em Filosofia
Universidade de Campinas, Brazil
Talks: 1) *Signifying the Same and Signifying One. On the Limits and Nature of Linguistic and Ontological Competence in Dialectical Enquiry*
2) *Aristotle on what it is to be one: Met. Iota 1, 1052b1-14*
- 20-21 Oct. 2012..... Colloquium on Aristotle's Logic & Metaphysics
Indiana University Bloomington, USA
Talk: *Signifying the Same and Signifying One. On the Limits and Nature of Linguistic and Ontological Competence in Dialectical Enquiry*
- 2-3 June 2012..... Conference on Aristotle's Hylemorphism
University of Oxford, Faculty of Philosophy
Talk: *Definitions by Addition and Problems of Unity*
- 30 Mar. 2012..... European Society for Ancient Philosophy, 18th meeting
Athens
Talk: *De caelo II 12, 292b2-13*
- 16 Feb. 2012..... Workshop in Ancient Philosophy
University of Oxford
Talk: *Dealing with the unity of the principles of being: Aristotle and the "reduction" of the contraries*

- 27-30 June 2011
Conference: Definition and Causality in
Aristotle's *Metaphysics* and *Posterior Analytics*
Universidade de Campinas (Brazil)
Talk: *Aristotle on Genus and Differences: Met. X9
between the Topics and the Posterior Analytics*
- 29 Apr. 2011
Synousiai
Università degli Studi di Milano, Dipartimento di
Filosofia
Talk: *Problemi e questioni aperte nella trattazione
aristotelica dei contrari*
- 24-27 Feb. 2011.....
Kolloquium – Plato's *Phaedrus*
Eberhard Karls Universität, Tübingen
Talk: *Phaedr. 262c5-266c9*
- 6-8 Sept. 2010
International Workshop – Universals in Ancient
Philosophy
Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa
Talk: *Universals, Particulars and Aristotle's Criticism
of Plato's Forms*
- 14-16 May 2010
Conference: Questions in Aristotle's *Metaphysics*
University of Oxford, Oriel College
(Summing up and conclusions)
- 6-7 May 2010.....
Scetticismo e Relativismo: una giornata di studio
Università degli Studi di Siena
(Discussant on *Aristotele e il relativismo: Met. IV 4-6*
by Ugo Zilioli)
- 19-26 Feb. 2010.....
Seminari della Classe di Lettere
Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa
Talks: 1) *Introduzione agli scritti aristotelico-
peripatetici su temi acustici/musicali. Ontologia del
suono e determinazione di un ambito scientifico*
2) *La harmonike come scienza aristotelica e lo statuto
scientifico delle questioni in Probl. XIX*
- 26 Feb. – 1 Mar. 2009.....
Kolloquium – Plato's *Phaedo*
Eberhard Karls Universität, Tübingen
Talk: *Aristoteles Kritik an die platonische Behandlung
der Ursachen*
- 15-20 Dec. 2008
Seminari della Classe di Lettere –
Storia della Filosofia Medievale
Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa
3 lectures: *Greek, Arabic and Latin Commentators on
Met. IV2 and the place of Met. X*
- 20 Nov. 2008.....
Workshop in Ancient Philosophy
University of Oxford
Talk: *Aristotle on One in Number and One in eidos*

- 7 - 9 Jul. 2008.....
International Workshop on
Aristotle's *PosteriorAnalytics*
Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa
Talk: *Matter, Necessity and the Middle Term in An.
Post. B11*
- 24 – 27 Feb. 2008.....
Kolloquium – Plato's *Philebus*
Eberhard Karls Universität, Tübingen
Talk: *Einheit, Multiplizität und ein Geschenk der
Götter (Einleitung zu Phil. 13e2-20b5)*
- 3 - 8 Jul. 2006.....
International Workshop on Universals
Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa
Talk: *Plato and Aristotle on Universals and Definition
by Division (Met. Z12 and 14)*
- 7 - 10 Jul. 2005.....
Kolloquium - Plato's *Sophist*
Eberhard Karls Universität, Tübingen
Talk: *Die Auswahl von ΜΕΓΙΣΤΑ ΓΕΝΗ: einige
Bemerkungen*

Attachment: Details of teaching activity

A. Topics of seminars and lectures at Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Sommersemester 2014 (in German)

Teaching load: 9 hours per week

- Lecture (Vorlesung): Introduction in Aristotle's Philosophy (Einführung in die Philosophie des Aristoteles), attended by both undergraduates and graduates
- Proseminar: Aristotle, Physics (introductory seminars for undergraduates in their first four semesters)
- Hauptseminar: Aristotle, Metaphysics XII
- Hauptseminar: Contraries as Principles in Plato and Aristotle

B. Topics of lectures at the Scuola Normale Superiore (Pisa), Oct. 2013 (in Italian)

Teaching load: 16 hours, attended by both graduates and undergraduates

- Aristotle: from ancient biographical tradition to recent interpretations
- Aristotle's Metaphysics (structure and composition; nature of the enquiry; the science of being qua being: demonstrative knowledge and dialectic)
- The enquiry into substance: Categories and Metaphysics
- Predication and universals in Aristotle's logical writings and in the Metaphysics
- Parts and wholes: mereological issues in Aristotle's metaphysics and natural philosophy

C. Teaching activity at Exeter College and Christ Church (Oxford), 2011 – 2012 (in English)

Teaching load: 12 + 4 weighted hours per week, undergraduates

- Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* (in Greek and in translation)
- Aristotle, *Physics* (in Greek)
- Plato, *Republic* (in Greek and in translation)
- Plato, *Meno* and *Euthyphro* (in Greek)
- Plato, *Sophist* and *Theaetetus* (in Greek)
- *Latin Philosophy* (in Latin)
- *Sextus Empiricus* (in Greek)
- *Elementary Logic, General Philosophy* and *Moral Philosophy* for Prelims and Mods

D. Further teaching activity (previous to 2011)

Tutorials

- Aristotle's *De Anima, Rhetorica, De Partibus Animalium* (at SNS)
- Introduction to Plato and Aristotle

Seminars

- Aristotle's *De Anima*, B1-2
- Aristotle's *Metaphysics* XII 1-5
- Leibniz on necessity and free will
- L. Wittgenstein and W. Sellars on relations
- Ontological Vagueness and Vagueness of identity
- G. Frege, *Die Grundlagen der Arithmetik*, §§. 29-39: one, unity, the (number) one
- G. Frege, *Die Grundlagen der Arithmetik*, §§. 62-69: Statements of numerical identity and definition of the notion "the number pertaining to the concept F"

Lectures (intended for both undergraduates and graduates)

- Introduction to Plato's *Republic* and elements of theory of dialogue
- Introduction to Aristotle's theory of oppositions and contrariety (*Met.* X3-4)
- Introduction to Aristotle, *EN* I-VI

- Aristotle, *Top.* I
- Aristotle on unity and identity (*Top.* A7, H1-2; *Met.* V6, 9; *Met.*X1, 3)
- Power to act and to be acted upon (*dynamis tou poiein kai tou paschein*) in Plato
- Aspects of causality in Plato's dialogues
- The unity of the *polis* in Aristotle, *Politics* B1-2
- On naming and dialectic in Plato's *Cratylös*