

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Positions

01/11/2010–present, Post–Doctoral Research Fellow, Mercator Research Group “The Structure of Memory”, Ruhr University of Bochum.

Education

2007–2011, Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Bristol (Awarded unconditionally on 11/03/2011).

THESIS: *Logical Constraints on Metacognition*.

SUPERVISOR: Hannes Leitgeb.

EXAMINERS: Leon Horsten and Hans Rott.

2009 (May–August), Visiting Student (supervised by Alan Hájek), ANU, Canberra, Australia.

2000–2006, B.A., M.A. (*Laurea Magistrale*: 110/110) in Philosophy, Università Statale di Milano, Italy.

DISSERTATION: *Vagueness and Empirical Continuity*.

SUPERVISORS: Corrado Mangione[†], Silvio Bozzi, Corrado Sinigaglia.

Area of Specialisation

Formal Epistemology, Philosophical Logic and Cognitive Science.

Area of Competence

Philosophy of Language, Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Mathematics, History of Philosophy.

Publications

1. ‘How Serious Is the Paradox of Serious Possibility?’ (with Hannes Leitgeb), *Mind*, forthcoming.
2. ‘The Suppositional Ramsey Test and Decision–Instability’, *Topoi*, Vol. 30 (1).

3. 'Introduction', *Topoi*, Vol. 30 (1).
4. February 2009, 'Rationality and the Wason Selection Task: A Logical Account', *Psyche*, Vol. 15 (1).

Work in Progress

1. 'The Role of Regret in Decision Making under Uncertainty'.
2. 'Skyrms on Higher-Order Degrees of Beliefs'.
3. 'Can Non-ratifiable Decisions Be Rational?'.
4. 'Knowability, Believability and Labeling Mental States'.
5. 'Ulysses and the Cable Guy: Reflection Revisited' (with Fabio Paglieri).

Teaching

October–December 2011, Lecturer for 'Theories of Rationality', Ruhr Universität Bochum. (10 weeks course for MA and advanced BA students which I will design entirely.)

October 2008–December 2009, Hourly Paid Lecturer at the University of West England.

Introduction to Theoretical Philosophy (Critical Thinking, Descartes, Hume).

October 2007–October 2009, Teaching Assistant/Tutor at the University of Bristol.

Logic (Propositional and Predicate Calculus, Trees, Natural Deduction, Conditionals, Vagueness), Introduction to Metaphysics, Introduction to Philosophy B (Moral Theories, Locke, Hobbes, Rousseau) (1st Year Modules).

Logic 2 (Propositional and Predicate Modal Logic, Epistemic and Temporal Logics), Philosophy of Language, Normativity, Realism (2nd Year Modules).

Editorial Work and Professional Membership

Guest Editor of *Topoi*: Special Issue on Ramsey Test, Conditionals and Choices, Vol. 30 (1).

Member of the Editorial Board of *Topoi* (since 2011).

Member of the European Science Foundation Pool of Reviewers (since 2009).

Member of the Association for Symbolic Logic (since 2009).

Member of the Italian Society for Logic and Philosophy of Science (since 2007).

Member of the ESF Programme on Metacognition (2007-2010, Project Leader: Hannes Leitgeb).

Conferences and Workshops Organisation

2011

September: Organiser (with Albert Newen) of the workshop *Semantics and Epistemology of Belief Ascriptions*, as part of the 4th ‘Semantics and Philosophy in Europe’ Conference, Ruhr Universität Bochum, Germany.

September: Local coordinator of the fourth international conference *Semantics and Philosophy in Europe*, Ruhr Universität Bochum, Germany.

March–July: Organiser (with Markus Werning) of the weekly Research Colloquium in Philosophy and Cognitive Science at Ruhr Universität Bochum, Germany.

2009

September: Organiser of the Workshop *Metacognition, Belief Change and Conditionals*, Institute of Advanced Studies, Bristol (Invited speakers: Richard Bradley, Igor Douven, Paul Egré, André Fuhrmann, Hannes Leitgeb, Sten Lindström, Hans Rott).

2008

August: Organiser (with Zoe Drayson) of the ESF Workshop on Representations, (Hosted by the 31st International Wittgenstein Symposium), Kirchberg, Austria.

Talks

2011

1. 30 September, ‘Self-directed Metabeliefs’, 4th Semantic and Philosophy in Europe Conference, Ruhr Universität Bochum, Germany.
2. 7-8 July, ‘The Suppositional Ramsey Test in Decision-Making’, British Society for the Philosophy of Science Annual Conference, Brighton, England.
3. 19-26 July, ‘The Suppositional Ramsey Test in Decision-Making’, 14th Congress of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science, Nancy, France.
4. 21 June, ‘Ratifiability, Instability and Regret’, Research Colloquium, Department of Philosophy, Düsseldorf, Germany.
5. 26 April, ‘Regret and Autobiographical Meta-memory’, Lab Meeting, Mercator Research Group, Ruhr Universität Bochum, Germany.
6. 21 April, ‘Regret as a Basis for Rational Decision’, Research Colloquium, Ruhr Universität Bochum, Germany.

2010

1. 16 December, ‘Belief, Confidence and Regret’, International Conference of the Italian Society for Logic and Philosophy of Science (SILFS), Bergamo, Italy.
2. 3 September, ‘How Serious is the Paradox of Serious Possibility?’, 7th Annual Formal Epistemology Workshop, Konstanz, Germany.
3. 22 July, ‘Anti-Expertise and Rationality’, Ruhr Universität Bochum, Germany (Invited).

2009

1. 2 October, ‘Logical Constraints on Metacognition’ (Poster), ESF final conference for the Consciousness in a Cultural and Natural Context Project, Edinburgh, Scotland.
2. 11th September, ‘How Serious is the Paradox of Serious Possibility?’, Workshop on *Metacognition, Belief Change and Conditionals*, Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Bristol, England.
3. 5 July, ‘Epistemic Possibility, Introspection and Indexicality’, *Metaphysics of Science* Conference, University of Melbourne, Australia.
4. 22 June, ‘Some Logical Remarks on Introspection’, RSSS Philosophy Society Seminar, ANU, Canberra, Australia.
5. 16 June, ‘Epistemic Possibility, Indexicality and Introspection’, Computer Science Laboratory seminar, ANU, College of Engineering and Computer Science, Canberra, Australia.

2008

1. 26 November, ‘Is the Paradox of Serious Possibility Really Serious?’, WIP Seminar, Department of Philosophy, Bristol, England.
2. 10 November, ‘The Paradox of Serious Possibility’, Post–Graduate Seminar, Department of Philosophy, Bristol, England.
3. 7 October, ‘Metacognition’, LogiCCC (ESF Programme) Launch Conference, Prague, Czech Republic (Invited).
4. 27 June, ‘Rationality and the Wason Selection Task: A Logical Account’ (Commentary by Joëlle Proust), CNCC Essay Award for Junior Scholars, Edinburgh, Scotland (Invited).
5. 8 July, ‘Rationality and the Wason Selection Task’, *Induction: Historical and Contemporary Approaches*, Centre for Logic and Philosophy of Science, Ghent University, Belgium.
6. 12 March, ‘Rationality and the Wason Selection Task’, WIP Seminar, Department of Philosophy, Bristol, England.

2007

1. 22 October, ‘Conditionals and Rationality’, Post–Graduate Seminar, Department of Philosophy, Bristol, England.
2. October 2007, ‘Indicative Conditionals and Rationality’, SILFS Conference, Milan, Italy.

Grants, Scholarships, Prizes

1. March 2009, BIRTHA Bursary (Value: £250).
2. February 2009, University of Bristol Alumni Foundation Bursary (Value: £400).
3. January 2009, Roberts Fund Bursary (Value: £400).
4. July 2008, Finalist Paper at the ESF–CNCC Essay Award for Junior Scholars Paper: ‘Rationality and the Wason Selection Task: A Logical Account’.
5. October 2007, The Royal Institute of Philosophy Bursary (Value: £2500).

6. January 2007–December 2010, AHRC Ph.D. Award (Value: Tuition Fees only).
7. September 2002, “*Fondazione Visconti di San Vito*” Scholarship for Promising Students (Value: £1000).
8. 2000–2005, University of Milan Open Studentship (Value: £5000).

Languages

Italian: Native Speaker

English: Fluent

German: Basic (Speaking), Intermediate (Reading)

Spanish: Basic (Speaking), Intermediate (Reading)

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