

## **CURRENT AFFILIATIONS**

FCT Research Fellow  
CFCUL - Centre for Philosophy of Science of the University of Lisbon  
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## **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Philosophy of Biology, Analytic Ontology and Metaphysics.

## **AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Philosophy of Science, Aesthetics, Philosophy of Language.

## **EDUCATION**

- 2011 Qualified “Maître de conférences” (sections 17 and 42).
- 2011 Visiting Post-doctoral Fellow, IHPST (Institut d’Histoire et de Philosophie des Sciences et des Techniques), CNRS/Paris 1/ENS, Paris.
- 2008 Discussion of PhD. Dissertation, SESA, European School of Advanced Studies, Napoli. Title: *La sfida delle Chimere. Realismo, pluralismo, e convenzionalismo in filosofia della biologia [The Challenge of Chimeras. Realism, Pluralism, and Conventionalism in Philosophy of Biology]*. Supervisors: Prof. Achille Varzi, Prof. Roberto Esposito.
- 2005-8 PhD student at SESA, European School of Advanced Studies, Napoli.
- 2004 Three-month stage at University of Geneva, Department of Philosophy, under the supervision of Professor Kevin Mulligan.
- 2003 B.A. in Philosophy, University of Turin, supervisor Prof. M. Ferraris (University of Turin) and A.C. Varzi (Columbia University, NY), mark: 110/110 magna cum

laude. Title: *Tra ontologia e biologia: la nicchia ecologica* [Between Ontology and Biology: the Ecological Niche].

## **PRIZES AND GRANTS**

- 2012 September-December (Fall 2012), Fellow at the Italian Academy for Advanced Studies in America, Columbia University, NY.
- 2006-7 September-February, Visiting Scholar Columbia University, NY, Department of Philosophy.
- 2004 One-year grant for post-graduate research ('Fondazione Bottrigari', University of Bologna).
- 2004 'Marco Polo' grant for specialization studies abroad (University of Bologna).
- 2003 Prize 'Optime' to the best graduates of University of Torino ('Unione Industriale' of Torino).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **> BOOKS AND EDITED VOLUMES**

- 2013, *Filosofia della biologia* (with A. Borghini), Roma, Carocci.
- 2012a, *Making Sense of Gender, Sex, Race and the Family* (with V. Tripodi), Humana.Mente, 22/July 2012.
- 2012b, *A partire da Documentalità* (with P. Kobau and I. Mosca), monographical issue of *Rivista di Estetica*, n.s., 50.
- 2009a, *La sfida delle chimere. Realismo, pluralismo e convenzionalismo in filosofia della biologia*, Milano, Mimesis.
- 2009b, *Convenzioni* (with A.C. Varzi), monographical issue of *Rivista di Estetica*, n.s. 44.

### **> ARTICLES AND REVIEWS**

- 2013a, "Sesso", in M.G. Turri (ed.) *Manifesto per un Nuovo Femminismo*, Milano, Mimesis.
- 2013b, "Ontologia delle specie biologiche: una proposta convenzionalista", in C. Tatasciore, P. Graziani, G. Grimaldi, *Prospettive Filosofiche. Ontologia*, Acireale, Bonanno. [Invited contribution]
- 2013c, The Temporal Boundaries of Biological Species, in P. Graziani, G. Grimaldi (Eds.), *Open Problems in Philosophy of Sciences*, London, College Publications: 35-45.
- 2012a, "Dalla Documentalità al nuovo realismo" (with P. Kobau and I. Mosca), in "*a partire da Documentalità*", monographical issue of *Rivista di Estetica*, E. Casetta, P. Kobau, and I. Mosca (eds.), n.s., 50: 3-7. [A]

- 2012b, “Quel che resta dei generi naturali” (with A. Borghini), in “Analytic Ontology”, monographical issue of *Rivista di Estetica*, A. Bottani and R. Davies (eds.), n.s., 49: 247-273. [Referred paper - A]
- 2012c, “Scienza (o della misura del mondo)” (with G. Torrenco), in T. Andina (ed.), *La filosofia contemporanea*, Roma, Carocci: 223-255. [Invited contribution]
- 2012d, “Between Science and Philosophy: New Perspectives on Gender, Sex, Race, and the Family” (with V. Tripodi), in E. Casetta & V. Tripodi, *Making Sense of Gender, Sex, Race and the Family* (with V. Tripodi), Humana.Mente, 22/July 2012: III-VII. [A]
- 2011, “Tratti, sessi e generi. Un dialogo” (with A. Borghini), *Bioetica*, 1/2011: 35-53. [A]
- 2010a, “Categories, Taxa, and Chimeras”, in M. D’Agostino, G. Giorello, F. Laudisa, T. Pievani and C. Sinigaglia (eds.), *New Essays in Logic and Philosophy of Science*, London, College Publications: 264-278. [Referred paper]
- 2010b, “Note in margine a *Documentalità*. Perché è necessario lasciare tracce di Maurizio Ferraris”, *Biblioteca della libertà*, XLV settembre-dicembre, n. 199 online.
- 2010c, “Dall’ornitorinco alle chimere: una sfida al realismo tassonomico”, *Intersezioni*, 2: 277-296. [Referred paper - A]
- 2009, “Introduzione” to *Convenzioni*, monographical issue of *Rivista di Estetica*, E. Casetta and A.C. Varzi (eds.), n.s., 44/2: 3-10 [A].
- 2008a, “Biologia”, in M. Ferraris (ed.), *Storia dell’Ontologia*, Milano, Bompiani: 465-74. [Invited contribution]
- 2008b, “Monismo e pluralismo” (with L. Angelone), in M. Ferraris (ed.), *Storia dell’Ontologia*, Milano, Bompiani: 325-41. [Invited contribution]
- 2008c, “Nomi in crisi di identità” (with A.C. Varzi), *Rivista di Estetica*, n.s., 38/2: 143-56. [Referred paper - A]
- 2007, “Le tigri di Putnam”, *Rivista di Filosofia*, 98/1, 1: 47-76. [Referred paper - A]
- 2005, Review of Benjamin Morison’s *On Location: Aristotle’s Concept of Place* [Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002], (with A.C. Varzi), *Dialectica*, 59/1: 75-81 [A].
- 2004a, “RedPill®” (with A.C. Varzi), in M. Cappuccio (ed.), *Dentro la matrice. Metafisica, virtualità e tecnologia in Matrix*, Milano, Alboversorio: 29-37. [Invited contribution]
- 2004b, “La teoria mereotopologica della nicchia”, *Rivista di Estetica*, n.s., 26/2: 129-48. [Referred paper - A]

#### > FORTHCOMING BOOKS AND EDITED VOLUMES

- (2013) *From Intentionality to Documentality*, *Rivista di Estetica*, Special Issue (with G. Torrenco and P. Bojanic).
- (2013) *De la biodiversité. Études critiques* (Eds. with J. Delord), Paris, Les Éditions Materiologiques.
- (2013) Casetta, E., Giardino, V, *Mettere a fuoco il mondo. Conversazioni sulla filosofia di Achille Varzi, Isonomia*, Online philosophical journal of the University of Urbino “Carlo Bo”.

## > FORTHCOMING ARTICLES

- (2013) “That Frightening Frankenmetaphor! ” (with L. Tambolo), in N. Michaud (ed.), *Frankenstein and Philosophy*, The Open Court Philosophy and Pop Culture Series.
- (2013) « La question de la biodiversité face aux problème des espèces », in E. Casetta and J. Delord (Eds.), *De la biodiversité. Études critiques* (ed. with J. Delord), Les Éditions Materiologiques.
- (2013) “Are Species Social Objects?”, in P. Bojanic, E. Casetta, G. Torrenço, *From Intentionality to Documentality*, *Rivista di Estetica*, Special Issue.

## TRANSLATIONS (FROM ENGLISH TO ITALIAN)

- 2007, A.C. Varzi, *Boundaries*; “Confini. Dove finisce una cosa e inizia un'altra”, in A. Bottani and R. Davies (eds.), *Ontologie regionali*, Milano, Mimesis, 2007: 209-222.
- 2009, L. Franklin-Hall, *Plato's Joints*; “Il macellaio di Platone”, in *Convenzioni*, monographical issue of *Rivista di Estetica*, E. Casetta and A.C. Varzi (eds.), n.s., 44.
- 2009, K. Miller, *Deciphering Person-identity Conventionalism*; “Decifrare il convenzionalismo dell'identità personale”, in *Convenzioni*, cit.
- 2009, I. Westerhoff, *Construction All the Way Down? A Problem for Goodmanian Constructivism*; “Costruzioni senza fine. Un problema per il costruttivismo goodmaniano”, in *Convenzioni*, cit.

## TALKS

- 2013 ‘Biodiversity. Some Philosophical Insights’, Faculty of Science, University of Lisbon, BioFIG (Center for Biodiversity, Functional & Integrative Genomics) seminar, 18<sup>th</sup> of April.
- 2013 ‘Does the Species Problem affect Biodiversity Assessment?’, Gymnasium Meetings, University of Lisbon, 18<sup>th</sup> of March.
- 2013 ‘Metafisica mostruosa’, intervento alla tavola rotonda “Logica, Metafisica, Ontologia: Sulla Filosofia di Achille C. Varzi”, University of Urbino, 4<sup>th</sup> of March.
- 2012 ‘Species Matters. Toward a Multicriteria Species Concept in the Biodiversity Discourse’, The Italian Academy for Advanced Studies in America, Columbia University, NYC, 14th of November.
- 2012 ‘Arguing for a Pluralistic Species Concept in the Assessment of Biodiversity’, SOPHA 2012, Paris, 5th of May.
- 2012 ‘Sex’, discussant, with Carola Barbero, of Vera Tripodi's *Filosofia della sessualità* and Nicla Vassallo's (ed.), *Donna m'apparve*, Circolo dei lettori, via Bogino 9, Turin, 10th of April. [Invited talk]

- 2012 'La question de la biodiversité face au problème des espèces', Atelier interdisciplinaire. La biodiversité. Enjeux éthiques, philosophiques et scientifiques, IHPST, Paris, 23rd of February.
- 2011 'Outlining a Unified Framework for the Assessment of Biodiversity', EPSA 11 – The European Philosophy of Science Association Athens 7th of October.
- 2011 'A Framework for the Assessment of Biodiversity', ECAP 7 – Seventh European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Milan, 2nd of September.
- 2011 Commentator of Matthen Mohan, 'Species as Historical Kinds', Biological Hierarchies. 2011 meeting of the Consortium for the History and Philosophy of Biology, 3 of June, IHPST, Paris. [Invited talk]
- 2011 'Are Species Social Objects?', Social Ontology. From Intentionality to Documentality, 31st of May, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, Belgrade. [Invited talk]
- 2011 In occasion of the second edition of *Estetica Razionale* (Raffaello Cortina, 2011) di Maurizio Ferraris, 'Estetica come aisthesis', with: Federico Vercellone, Pietro Kobau, Tiziana Andina, Carola Barbero, Elena Casetta, Davide Grasso, Alessandra Jacomuzzi, Daniela Tagliafico, Giuliano Torrenco. [Invited talk]
- 2011 'Outlining a Conventionalist Approach to Species Taxa', IHPST, Paris, 15th of March. [Invited talk]
- 2010 'Tratti, sessi e generi' (with A. Borghini), IV Italian Congress of Analytic Ontology, University of Bergamo, 18<sup>th</sup> of June. [Invited talk]
- 2010 'I confini temporali delle specie biologiche', High Formation School: Problemi aperti nella filosofia delle scienze, Cesena, 15<sup>th</sup> of April.
- 2009 'Ontologia delle specie biologiche', Italian Society for Philosophy (SFI), Francavilla al Mare (CH), 15<sup>th</sup> of October. [Invited talk]
- 2009 'Bioetica e enhancement', a cura della Consulta laica di bioetica "A. Vitelli" (with M. Mori, A. Borghini, M. Balistreri, R. Lala, L. Nave), 10<sup>th</sup> of October. [Invited talk]
- 2008 'What's Wrong with Taxonomic Conventionalism?', Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA), University of Bergamo, 26<sup>th</sup> of September.
- 2008 7<sup>th</sup> Eidos Meeting, round table with Fabrice Correia, Philipp Keller, Christian Wüthrich, Marcel Weber, Laura Felline, 'Time in Physics, Biology, Metaphysics', University of Geneva, 19<sup>th</sup> of August.
- 2007 'Categories, Taxa, and Chimeras', International Conference of the Italian Society for Logic and Philosophy of Science (SILFS), University of Milan, 9<sup>th</sup> of October.
- 2007 'Categories, Taxa, and Chimeras', 5<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Spanish Society for Analytic Philosophy (SEFA), University of Barcelona, 8<sup>th</sup> of September.
- 2005 'Les Tigres de Putnam', Cycle de Conférences de Philosophie, University of Geneva, 16<sup>th</sup> of December.

- 2005 'The Tao of Metaphysics' (with Philipp Keller), International colloquium 'On Identity: Ontological Perspectives', Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, 26<sup>th</sup> of May.
- 2005 Presentation of 'Jürgen Habermas, *Il futuro della natura umana. I rischi di una genetica liberale*, Einaudi, 2002' (with Claudia Bartolucci), SUM, Napoli, 23<sup>rd</sup> of March.

## **SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION AND TEACHING**

2013, (23-29 of September – 30h.), graduate course "Filosofia della biologia. Temi di metafisica della biologia tra scienza e società". [Scuola di Dottorato in Studi Umanistici](#), Dottorato in filosofia, Università di Torino.

2012, organization (with P. Huneman) of "Atelier interdisciplinaire. La biodiversité. Enjeux éthiques, philosophiques et scientifiques, IHPST, Paris, 23<sup>rd</sup> of February.

2010, co-organization of Monumentum.doc: 11th Annual Labont Workshop, January 11-12.

2009 (First semester), Teaching assistant, "Introduction to Aesthetic", Prof. P. Kobau, University of Turin.

2009 (September-October), Teaching assistant in "Philosophy of Biology", Prof. A. Borghini, University of Turin.

Since 2009, member of the editorial board of 'Rivista di Estetica'.

Reviewer for: Topoi; Kairos; Aphex; Rivista di Estetica.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Member of SOPHA – Société de Philosophie Analytique (May 2011 – Present)

Member of SILFS – Italian Society of Logic and Philosophy of Science (May 2011 – Present)

Member of Labont – Laboratory for Ontology (Sept 2005 – Present)

Member of SIFA – Italian Society of Analytic Philosophy (Sept 2011 – Present)

Member of TRUE Association for Cultural Events (March 2009 – Present)

## **NETWORKS**

2010-2011 Participation to National Search Project: Realism and Objectivity (Scientific coordination by Pasquale Frascolla).

2006-2008 Participation to National Search Project: Documentality. Ontologies and technologies for the citizenship and the democracy (Scientific coordination by Maurizio Ferraris).

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Since 2010, contributor of Alfabeta 2.

Since 2009 (with A. Borghini), Concept and implementation of the scenario “Life” on [www.rescogitans.it](http://www.rescogitans.it).

2009, Program Committee Member and Scientific Supervisor to the section “Medical Imaging”, VIEW Conference (10<sup>th</sup> International Computer Graphics Conference) Turin, Italy.

June 7, 2008, organization of the conference “Nanoart: Between Art, Science, and Perception”, Infini.to, Parco dell’Astronomia e dello Spazio, Turin (with the support of Regione Piemonte e Compagnia di San Paolo).

March-June 2008, Artistic Director of VIEWFest, Digital Movie Festival, Turin.

6-9 November 2007, Assistant to organization of VIEW Conference (8<sup>th</sup> International Computer Graphics Conference, Turin) and member of the VIEW Award 2007 International Jury.

## **LANGUAGES**

Mother tongue: Italian

Fluent in spoken and written English

Fluent in spoken and written French

Ancient Greek and Latin.