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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Metaphysics • Philosophy of AI

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Logic • Philosophy of Science

EMPLOYMENT

February 2022 - Present:
Assistant Professor in Logic and Philosophy of Science (RTDa)
Department of Human Studies, University of L'Aquila

January 2021 - January 2022:
Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Department of Human Studies, University of L'Aquila
Title of the Project: "Dispositions: a Concept for Transcodification"

September 2017 - September 2019: **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
Department of Humanities, University of L'Aquila
Title of the Project: "Logic, epistemology and ethical implications of computational systems"

EDUCATION

July 2018:
Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Nottingham
Dissertation: *No Time For Powers*
Pass with no corrections
Committee: Nikk Effingham, Stephen Barker
Supervisors: Jonathan Tallant, Penelope Mackie, Stephen Mumford (2013-2016)

February – June 2017:
Visiting Research Scholar at the University of Milan (Centre for the Philosophy of Time)

Autumn Semester 2015:
Visiting Research Scholar at Columbia University in the City of New York, under the supervision of Prof. Achille Varzi

April 2014:
Visiting research Scholar at NMBU (Norwegian University of Life Sciences - Ås, Norway), invited by the CauSci project.

November 2011:
MA in Philosophy and Communication (Laurea Magistrale),
110/110 with Distinction
Università degli Studi dell'Aquila – L'Aquila, Italy

Thesis Title: *Eventi e Fatti (Events and Facts)*
Supervisors: Prof. Simone Gozzano, Prof. Andrea Iacona

April 2010:   BA in Philosophy (Laurea Triennale),
110/110 with Distinction
Università degli Studi dell'Aquila – L'Aquila, Italy
Thesis Title: *Quanti eventi Mr Kim? (How Many Events Mr Kim?)*
Supervisor: Prof. Simone Gozzano

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming. "Time and Causation", *Routledge Companion of the Philosophy of Time,* (2024)(with Tallant, J.).

2024. "Dated Truths without Dated Powers", *Erkenntnis*; https://doi.org/10.1007/s10670-023-00767-3 (with Giannini, G.).

2023. "Dynamic all the way down", *Ratio*; https://doi.org/10.1111/rati.12392 (with Gozzano S.).

2023. "Ethical Preferences in the Digital World: The Exosoul Questionnatire" (with Alfieri, C., Gozzano, S., Greco L., Segala, M.)

2022. "Dispositionalism's (Grand)Daddy Issues: Time Travelling and Perfect Masks", *Analysis* (with Giannini, G.)

2021. "The Eternal Quarrel on Time" (with Gozzano, S.), in A. Campo and S. Gozzano (Eds.) *Einstein vs Bergson - An Enduring Quarrel on Time*, De Gruyter, The Netherlands.

2020. "Dispositions in the Kitchen: A Metaphysical Model for Molecular Gastronomy." *HUMANA.MENTE Journal of Philosophical Studies*, *13*(38), 21-35.

2020. "Metaphysics at the Table: Introduction [Special Issue]" (with Borghini, A. and Piras, N.), *Argumenta* 5, 2, 179-184

2020. "Trust: from the philosophical to the commercial" (with Tallant, J.), *Philosophy of Management*, 19, 3–19.

2018. "No Time for Powers", PhD Thesis, University of Nottingham.
http://eprints.nottingham.ac.uk/id/eprint/51347

2018. "Sceglierai di leggere questo articolo?"1 - Libertà, AREL (Agenzia di Ricerche e Legislazione), La Rivista 1/2018

2016. "Il Metodo Filosofico nella Giungla Quotidiana"2 – La Ragione, AREL (Agenzia di Ricerche e Legislazione), La Rivista 3/2016

2016. "Scetticismo e Pop Culture: Cartesio in Sala"3 – Il Dubbio, AREL (Agenzia di Ricerche e Legislazione), La Rivista 2/2016

UNDER REVIEW

"Making Sense of Trust andAI" (with Tallant J.)

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1 *Are you going to read this article?*

2 *The philosophical method in the everyday jungle*

3 *Scepticism and Pop Culture: Descartes at the cinema*

"Enhancement or Replacement?" (with Alfieri C and De Sanctis M.)

"On the Elicitation of Soft-Ethics Preferences as Dispositions" (with Assadi Z., Gozzano S., Inverardi P., Troquard N.)

IN PROGRESS

"Dispositional Perdurance" (with Tallant J.)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2023:	Travel Grant, HHAI23
2022:	Atheneum Research Projects Funds, University of L'Aquila
2021-2022:	12 month postdoc fellowship, awarded for the project "Dispositions: A Concept for Transcodification", University of L'Aquila
2018-2019:	12 month postdoc fellowship, awarded for the project "Logic, epistemology and ethical implications of computational systems", University of L'Aquila
2017-2018:	12 month postdoc fellowship, awarded for the project "Logic, epistemology and ethical implications of computational systems", University of L'Aquila
June 2016:	Travel Bursary - Third International Meeting of the Association for the Philosophy of Time, Winston-Salem – North Carolina, USA
2013-2017:	Faculty of Arts Studentship (University of Nottingham) - fully funded
2013:	Fulbright Scholarship - IIE[4] Placed (Declined)

REFEERED/INVITED PRESENTATIONS

6 March 2024:	"Making Sense of Trust and AI", Emerge Seminars, Radiolabs, University of L'Aquila, Italy;
26-30 June 2023:	"Ethical Preferences in the Digital World: the Exosoul Questionnaire", HHAI23, Munich, Germany;
25-26 May 2023:	"Dynamic all the way down", The Dynamic World workshop, University of Milan, Italy;
17 November 2022:	"Ethics in the Military Robotics", L'Uomo e il Suo Alter Ego conference, University of L'Aquila, Italy;
22 September 2021:	(with Simone Gozzano) "Timeless Powers", SIFA conference, online;
30 March 2021:	(with Simone Gozzano) "Time and Dispositions", Research Seminar, University of Roma Tre, Italy;

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[4] IIE = Institute of International Education

21 December 2019:	"Food and Tradition: Anthropic and Artifact Concepts", Philosophical Perspectives on Food and Landscape Workshop, University of Milan, Italy;
27 May 2019:	"Can Powers Travel in Time?", Seminar, Corpus Christi College, Oxford, UK;
23-24 May 2019:	"Can Powers Travel in Time?", New Foundations of Dispositionalism Conference, The University of Exeter, UK;
14 February 2019:	"No Time for Powers, Yet", Seminar, University of Turin, Italy;
19 December 2018:	(with Alessio Santelli) "Automation and Moral Dilemmas", Seminar, University of L'Aquila, Italy;
16 April 2018:	Comments on Nicola Piras and Fabio Bacchini's "Can We Move Paris to Texas? On the Metaphysics of Persistence and Context-Dependency", On The (Im)possible Futures of Cities and Agricultural Sites Workshop, University of Milan, Italy;
20 March 2018:	"The Ethical Knob and Its Limits", Seminar, University of L'Aquila, Italy;
14 September 2017:	"No Time for Powers", Possibility and Potentiality Workshop, University of L'Aquila – L'Aquila, Italy;
22 March 2017:	"Powerless Powers in a Fixed Future", PG Seminar, University of Nottingham - Nottingham, UK;
1 March 2017:	"Eternalismo e Disposizionalismo", Seminar, University of L'Aquila, Italy;
20 February 2017:	"Powerless Powers in a Fixed Future", Seminar, University of Milan – Milan, Italy;
9-11 June 2016:	"Eternalism and Powers Ontology", Third International Meeting of the Association for the Philosophy of Time, Winston-Salem – North Carolina, US;
24 May 2016:	"Eternalismo e Ontologia dei Poteri", Seminar of Laboratorio di Filosofia Analitica, University of Sassari – Sassari, Italy;
23 March 2016:	"Disposizioni e Platonismo", Metaphysics Workshop, University of L'Aquila – L'Aquila, Italy;
11 March 2016:	Comments to John Heil: "The Lowest and the Grubbiest Inquiry", Metaphysics Workshop, University of Nottingham - Nottingham, UK;
24 February 2016:	"On Tugby's Platonic Dispositionalism", PGR Seminar, University of Nottingham - Nottingham, UK;
1 April 2015:	(with Jonathan Tallant) "Pandispositional Perdurance", Philosophy of Time Workshop, Philosophy Department, University of Milan – Milan, Italy;
19 November 2014:	"Is a Powerful Perdurance Possible?", PGR Seminar, University of Nottingham – Nottingham, UK;
15-17 September 2014:	"A Sketch of a Process Theory of Causation", Final CauSci Conference, NMBU (Norwegian University of Life Sciences) - Ås, Norway.

NON-ACADEMIC TALKS

27 June 2022:	"Philosophy and AI", Lecture for PinKamp, L'Aquila

27 September 2019:	"Time Travels in the Movies", European Researchers' Night, L'Aquila
20 June 2019:	(with Alessio Santelli) "The Moral Machine Experiment", Innova Manet Conference, University of L'Aquila, Italy;
28 September 2018:	(with Simone Gozzano and Alessio Santelli) "Automation and Moral Issues", European Researchers' Night, L'Aquila
6 June 2018:	(with Alessio Santelli) "AI and Moral Issues", Mercoledì della Cultura (Cultural Wednesdays), L'Aquila
15 May 2018:	(with Simone Gozzano) "Stop! Quali macchine a Guida Autonoma?", Pint of Science, L'Aquila.

TEACHING

Module Convening:

Autumn Semester 2023:	University of L'Aquila
	Information and Ethics
	6 credits module for MA students in Applied Data Science
Autumn Semester 2023:	University of L'Aquila
	Logica e Conoscenza (Logic and Knowledge) (M-FIL 02 - DQ 0027)
	6 credits module for first-year undergraduates
Spring Semester 2023:	University of L'Aquila
	Ethics of AI
	12 hours module for **PhD students in Informatics**
Spring Semester 2023:	University of L'Aquila
	Corso di Scrittura (Writing Course)
	Introductory module for first-year undergraduates
Autumn Semester 2022:	University of L'Aquila
	Logica e Conoscenza (Logic and Knowledge) (M-FIL 02 - DQ 0027)
	6 credits module for first-year undergraduates
Spring Semester 2022:	University of L'Aquila
	Corso di Scrittura (Writing Course)
	Introductory module for first-year undergraduates
Spring Semester 2022:	University of L'Aquila
	Altre attività formative: "Etica dei sistemi autonomi" (Ethics of autonomous Systems)
	12 hours, 1 credit
Autumn Semester 2019:	University of L'Aquila

Logica e Conoscenza (Logic and Knowledge) (M-FIL 02 - DQ 0027)

6 credits module for first-year undergraduates

Autumn Semester 2018: University of L'Aquila

Logica e Conoscenza (Logic and Knowledge) (M-FIL 02 - DQ 0027)

6 credits module for first-year undergraduates

Autumn Semester 2016: University of Nottingham

Reasoning and Argument: An Introduction to Philosophical Method (V71RPM)

10 credits module for first-year undergraduates (235 students)

Seminar Leading and Marking:

Spring Semester 2016: University of Nottingham

Appearance and Reality (V71LAR)

10 credits module for first-year undergraduates (3 groups of 20 students)

SET[5] scores: 1.62 [The average TA score in 15/16 was 2.15]

Spring Semester 2015: University of Nottingham

History of Western Philosophy (V71HWP)

10 credits module for first-year undergraduates (4 groups of 20 students)

SET scores: 1.80

Autumn Semester 2014: University of Nottingham

Self, Mind and Body (V71SMB)

10 credits module for first-year undergraduates (3 groups of 20 students)

Guest Lectures:

Autumn Semester 2021: University of L'Aquila

"The Nature of Time" - 2 hour lecture in the module "Metaphysics" (M-FIL 02)

COURSES AND TRAINING

I attended the following courses as part of the Postgraduate Teaching Assistant's Training Program (ATP) at the University of Nottingham (courses accredited by Higher Education Academy at Associate Level):

2016: ATP Induction

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[5] SET = Student Evaluation of Teaching. [Where 1 is the highest, and 5 the lowest.]

2015:	How Do Students Learn?
	Taking a stand: how to command an audience and deliver effective presentations
2014:	Marking and Assessment
	Supporting Students' Critical Thinking
	Small Group Teaching
	English Pronunciation

JOURNAL REFEREEING

Argumenta, Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Dialogue; European Journal for Philosophy of Science; Philosophical Inquiries; Synthese; Theoria.

SERVICE

20-22 November 2023:	Organizer of "AI GAP" International Conference, University of L'Aquila, Italy.
21-22 November 2022:	Organizer of "Gender Equality and Artificial Intelligence" workshop, University of L'Aquila, Italy.
20-23 June 2022:	Co-organizer of the Sixth Italian Conference in Analytic Metaphysics and Ontology, University of L'Aquila, Italy.
2020:	Co-editor (with Andrea Borghini and Nicola Piras) of the Special Issue "Metaphysics at the Table" (Issue 10), Argumenta.
5-7 December 2019:	Organizer (with Nicola Piras - University of Milan, and Andrea Borghini - University of Milan) of the International Conference "I Linguaggi dell'Identità"[6], University of L'Aquila. A three day conference on the philosophy of food.
9-10 May 2018:	Organizer of the event "Two days with Jonathan Tallant", University of L'Aquila. A two-day workshop dedicated to the research of Prof. Jonathan Tallant, where he gave 3 talks on truth, trust and intuition.
5-6 July 2016:	Organizer (with Nicola Piras – University of Sassari, and Giacomo Andreoletti - University of Milan) of the International Graduate Conference on "The Metaphysics of Space, Time and Spacetime", University of Sassari, Alghero, Italy.
*2015***:**	Co-convener of the *Feminism and Philosophy* Reading Group, University of Nottingham.

LANGUAGES

Italian: Native Speaker
English: Fluent, Full Proficiency
French: Intermediate
German: Elementary

REFERENCES

Jonathan Tallant: University of Nottingham

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[6] *The Languages of Identity*

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