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Areas of Specialisation

Epistemology, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind

Areas of Competence

Metaethics, philosophy of mathematics, critical thinking

Academic Positions

2016-present

Postdoctoral Fellow - University of Barcelona, Department of Philosophy

Senior member of LOGOS - Research Group in Analytic Philosophy

Member of the Barcelona Institute of Analytic Philosophy (BIAP)

2014-2015

Postdoctoral Fellow - McGill University, Department of Philosophy

Member of the Centre for Research in Ethics (CRE) / GRIN Research Group

2013-2014

Postdoctoral Fellow - University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Department of Language and Culture Studies

Member of COGITO: Research Centre in Analytic Philosophy

Education

2010-2013

PhD, Human Sciences - Philosophy University of Modena & Reggio Emilia

Thesis Title: *Intractable disagreements*

Supervisor: Annalisa Coliva

2007-2009

M.A., Philosophy - University of Bologna

Thesis Title: *Contextualism and meaning: an analysis of François Recanati's proposal* (in Italian)

Supervisor: Eva Picardi

Mark: 110/110 cum laude

(2007-2008: Erasmus student, University of Paris-1)

2003-2006

B.A., Philosophy - University of Bologna

Thesis Title: *The nature of objects in the Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus* (in Italian)

Supervisor: Eva Picardi

Mark: 110/110 cum laude

Publications

Peer-reviewed articles

- [1] “Immunity, thought insertion, and the first-person concept”
Philosophical Studies, forthcoming
- [2] “Expert deference about the epistemic and its metaepistemological significance”
Canadian Journal of Philosophy doi: 10.1017/can.2019.46: 1-16
- [3] “Inquiry and the doxastic attitudes”
Synthese doi: 10.1007/s11229-018-01955-3: 1-27
- [4] “Defending nonreductionism about understanding”
Thought: A Journal of Philosophy 8: 222-231, 2019
- [5] “How to solve the puzzle of peer disagreement”
American Philosophical Quarterly, 56(1): 83-95, 2019
- [6] “Arithmetic judgements, first-person judgements and immunity to error through misidentification”
Review of Philosophy and Psychology, 10(1): 155-172, 2019
- [7] “Philosophical equilibrism, rationality, and the commitment challenge”
Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society, 118(3): 377-385, 2018
- [8] “Arbitrary reference, numbers, and propositions”
European Journal of Philosophy, 26(3): 1069-1085, 2018
- [9] “Towards a pluralist theory of singular thought”
Synthese, 195(9): 3947-3974, 2018
- [10] “Disagreement, credences, and outright belief”
Ratio 31(2): 179-196, 2018
- [11] “Moral deference and deference to an epistemic peer” (with C. Davia)
The Philosophical Quarterly, 65(261): 605-625, 2015
- [12] “The semantic significance of faultless disagreement”
Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, 96(3): 349-371, 2015
- [13] “How to Condorcet a Goldman”
Episteme, 12(3): 413-425, 2015
- [14] “Why truth-relativists should be non-conformists”
Acta Analytica, 30(3): 239-247, 2015

- [15] “Towards a unified notion of disagreement” (with D. Belleri)
Grazer Philosophische Studien, 88: 139-159, 2013
- [16] “A puzzle about the agnostic response to peer disagreement”
Philosophia: Philosophical Quarterly of Israel, 41(4): 1253-1261, 2013
- [17] “On the necessity of the evidential equality condition for epistemic peerage”
Logos & Episteme, 4(1): 113-123, 2013
- [18] “Belief revision, uniqueness, and the equal weight view”
The Reasoner, 7(1): 4-5, 2013

Other publications (Books, edited special issues, chapters, translations)

- [19] “Hinge Disagreement” (with A. Coliva)
Epistemic Relativism and Social Epistemology, N. Ashton and M. Kusch (eds.), London: Routledge, forthcoming 2020
- [20] “The nature and implications of disagreement” (with Sarah Stroud)
Special issue of the *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 56(1), 2019
- [21] “How to be a pluralist about disagreement”
Epistemic Pluralism, A. Coliva and N.J.L.L. Pedersen (eds.), London: Palgrave: 285-316, 2017
- [22] “Metaethics, normativity and value” (with Hichem Naar)
Special issue of the *Ethics Forum*, 11(2), 2016

Il disaccordo. Riflessione critica tra epistemologia e filosofia del linguaggio
Monograph. Roma, Aracne, 2014
- [23] “Is rational disagreement in philosophy possible?”
Iride, 27(3): 595-612, 2014
- [24] “Disaccordo senza errore e relativismo”, *Iride* 27(3), 517-536 partial translation of “The evidence for relativism” by Max Kölbel, 2014
- [25] “Wittgenstein e l’epistemologia del disaccordo”, *Iride* 27(3), 555-576, translation of “Wittgenstein and the epistemology of disagreement” by Martin Kusch, 2014
- [26] “La neutralità fattuale liberale e il disaccordo fattuale”, *Iride* 27(3) 577-594, translation of “Liberal neutrality and factual disagreement” by Klemens Kappel *et al.*, 2014

- [27] “Il disaccordo”
Aphex (Analytical And Philosophical Explanations) 8: 1-38, 2013
- [28] “What is aesthetic disagreement?” (with D. Belleri)
E/C, 7(17): 150-155, 2013
- [29] “A critique of contextualist approaches to peer disagreement”,
Discipline filosofiche 22(2): 27- 48, 2012
- [30] “To agree or to agree to disagree: that is the question”
Rivista italiana di filosofia del linguaggio, 6(3): 66-79, 2012
- [31] “Relativismo e multiculturalismo” (with A. Coliva)
Gli Invisibili, C. Baraldi (ed.), Acireale-Roma: Bonanno: 19-40, 2012
- [32] “Intuizioni comode: Sosa tra Moore and Wittgenstein (with A. Coliva)
Analisi, R. Davies (ed.), Milano-Udine: Mimesis: 291-304, 2012
- [33] “La pragmatica mantiene ciò che il relativismo promette”
Esercizi filosofici, 6(1): 94-106, 2012

Presentations

Invited

- 22/01/2020 Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Rice, Houston (USA)
Title: “Far (but not too far) from belief”
- 08/11/2019 Valencia Colloquium in Philosophy, Valencia (Spain)
Title: “Philosophy with hypothesis”
- 11/06/2019 DIAPHORA Workshop on Self-Knowledge, Paris (France)
Title: “Thought insertion and immunity to error through misidentification”
- 25/01/2019 I BIAP workshop “Disagreements”, Barcelona (Spain)
Title: “Philosophical disagreement and the commitment challenge”
- 08/12/2018 Disagreement in Inquiry Workshop, Tartu (Estonia)
Title: “Philosophical disagreement and the commitment challenge”
- 02/11/2018 University of California at San Diego Moral and Political Philosophy Seminar, San Diego (USA)
Title: “How to respond rationally to moral disagreement”
- 31/10/2018 Social and Applied Epistemology Series, University of California at

Irvine, Irvine (USA)

Title: "Uniqueness vs. permissivism and the functions of rationality ascriptions"

- 29/10/2018 Social and Applied Epistemology Series, University of California at Irvine, Irvine (USA)
Title: "Suspicious expert deference about epistemic matters: what it is and how to explain it"
- 26/10/2018 Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of California at Irvine, Irvine (USA)
Title: "Philosophical disagreement and the commitment challenge"
- 02/10/2018 Epistemology Seminar, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Madrid (Spain)
Title: "Philosophical disagreement and the commitment challenge"
- 14/06/2018 Institute for Logic, Cognition, Language, and Information Philosophy of Language Workshop, San Sebastian (Spain)
Title: "Singular propositions: inflationary and deflationary approaches"
- 29/05/2018 Metaethics Seminar, ENS Paris (France)
Title: "How to respond rationally to moral disagreement"
- 15/03/2018 HiTT-LOGOS Workshop on Language and Mind, Vitoria (Spain)
Title: "On singular propositions"
- 02/06/2017 III Workshop on Fallibility, Rational Belief, and Knowledge, Barcelona (Spain). Title: "Solving the puzzle of peer disagreement"
- 15/05/2017 CRE-GRIN workshop "Attitudes, Rationality, and Concepts", Montreal (Canada)
Title: "Inquiring, suspending, hypothesising"
- 11/04/2017 Midi de l'Ethique at CRE, Montreal (Canada)
Title: "Conative disagreement"
- 25/05/2016 Faces of Disagreement Conference, Montreal (Canada)
Title: "Disagreement, significance, and revision"
- 10/02/2016 Institut Jean Nicod Mind and Language Seminar, Paris (France)
Title: "Propositions and arbitrary reference"
- 04/12/2015 Philosophy Workshop Series, Department of Philosophy McGill University, Montreal (Canada)

Title: "Towards a pluralist theory of singular thought"

- 19/06/2015 SOPHA 2015, Roundtable on Action and Communication, Montreal (Canada)
Title: "Action and assertion"
- 20/04/2015 CRE and Centre for Ethics-University of Toronto Joint Workshop, Montreal (Canada)
Title: "What can disagreement teach us about morality?"
- 08/04/2015 COGITO Seminar on Pluralism, Bologna (Italy)
Title: "Numbers-directed singular thoughts and the case for pluralism"
- 23/05/2014 Workshop on François Recanati's Work, Modena (Italy)
Title: "Singular thought without acquaintance: the case of natural numbers"
- 12/12/2012 LOGOS Seminar, Barcelona (Spain)
Title: "What is the challenge of faultless disagreement?"
- 14/11/2012 LOGOS Graduate Reading Group, Barcelona (Spain)
Title: "What is the challenge of faultless disagreement?"
- 14/11/2011 Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, Milwaukee (Wisconsin)
Title: "Living in the armchair: peerage, evidence and the characteristic method"
- 20/05/2011 COGITO Workshop "Relativism and Disagreement", Bologna (Italy)
Title: "The epistemic view of faultless disagreement"
- 26/11/2010 National Conference Migrazioni. Temi e questioni tra Italia e Francia, Modena (Italy)
Title (with Annalisa Coliva): "Relativismo e multiculturalismo"
- 11/12/2010 Graduate and postgraduate seminar Doc'in Nicod, Paris (France)
Title: "Faultless disagreement in wolf's clothing"

Refereed

- 21/11/2019 IX Conference of the Spanish Society for Analytic Philosophy, Valencia (Spain)
Title: "Higher-order evidence: the agency-first view"
- 14/11/2018 IX Conference of the Spanish Society for Logic, Methodology and

- Philosophy of Science, Madrid (Spain)
Title: "Introspection, immunity and the first-person concept"
- 01/06/2018 Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress 2018, Montreal (Canada)
Title: "Inquiry and doxastic attitudes".
- 17/08/2017 European Society for Philosophy and Psychology 2017 Conference, Hertfordshire (UK)
Title: "Arithmetic judgements and immunity to error through misidentification"
- 05/09/2016 XII SIFA Conference, Pistoia (Italy)
Title: "Inquiring, suspending, hypothesising"
- 28/01/2016 XVII TIF, Valencia (Spain)
Title: "Propositions and arbitrary reference"
- 11/09/2015 Third PLM Network Conference, Oslo (Norway)
Title: "Numbers-directed singular thoughts and the case for pluralism"
- 18/06/2015 SOPHA 2015, Montreal (Canada)
Title: "Towards a pluralist theory of singular thought"
- 04/09/2014 XI SIFA Conference, L'Aquila (Italy)
Title: "Arbitrary descriptive names and the Benacerraf problem"
- 02/07/2014 Epistemology in Europe Network Meeting, Madrid (Spain)
Title: "Credal and full disagreement"
- 30/05/2014 FilMat 2014 Conference, Milan (Italy)
Title: "Arbitrary descriptive names and the Benacerraf problem"
- 05/04/2013 XV Annual Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, Boulder (Colorado)
Title (with C. Davia): "The objection from moral deference"
Discussant: B. Johnson
- 16/02/2013 UCLA/USC Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy, Los Angeles (California)
Title (with C. Davia): "The objection from moral deference"
Discussant: M. Lutz
- 06/10/2012 XVIII National Conference of the Italian Society for Philosophy of Language, Bologna (Italy)

- Title (with D. Belleri): “Aesthetic disagreement and correctness”
- 30/06/2012 Epistemology in Europe Network Meeting, Modena (Italy)
Title: “Faultlessness as epistemic”
- 31/05/2012 I IFL Graduate Conference in Analytic Philosophy, Lisbon (Portugal)
Title: “The semantic interpretation of faultless disagreement”
- 04/05/2012 SOPHA 2012, Paris (France)
Title (with D. Belleri): “The accuracy view of disagreement”
- 21/10/2011 The 2011 Saint Louis University Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, St. Louis (Missouri)
Title: “Philosophical evidence and the characteristic method”
Discussant: M. Li
- 03/09/2011 Seventh European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Milan (Italy)
Title: “Knowing tractarian objects”
- 26/06/2011 Open Minds Sixth Graduate Conference, Manchester (England)
Title: “The epistemic view of faultless disagreement”
- 17/03/2011 Epistemology in Europe Network Meeting, Lund (Sweden)
Title: “Disagreement: the case of epistemic peers”
- 14/01/2011 Eighth Graduate Conference in Epistemology, University of Miami, Miami (Florida)
Title: “Epistemic peers are sticking to their guns”
Discussant: A. Warren
- 23/09/2010 IX National Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy, Padova (Italy)
Title: “Epistemic peerhood and faultless disagreement”
- 16/09/2010 XVII National Conference of the Italian Society for Philosophy of Language, Trieste (Italy)
Title: “La pragmatica mantiene ciò che il relativismo promette”
- Internal**
- 05/12/2018 LOGOS Seminar, Barcelona (Spain)
Title: “The scope and explanation of immunity to error through misidentification”
- 25/10/2017 LOGOS Seminar, Barcelona (Spain)
Title: (with M. García-Carpintero) “The singularity of singular

propositions”

- 05/04/2017 LOGOS Seminar, Barcelona (Spain)
Title: “Inquiring, suspending, hypothesising”
- 30/03/2016 LOGOS Seminar, Barcelona (Spain)
Title: “Disagreement, significance, and revision”
- 24/11/2015 Midi de l’Ethique at CRE, Montreal (Canada)
Title: “An introduction to disagreement”
- 30/04/2015 GRIN Normativity and Metaethics Workshop, Montreal (Canada)
Title: “Comments on Samuel Dishaw’s paper ‘A conjecture in assessing reductionism about moral values’”
- 30/01/2015 GRIN Seminar, Montreal (Canada)
Title: “Outline of a new approach to epistemic peer disagreement”
- 09/12/2014 Midi de l’Ethique at CRE, Montreal (Canada)
Title (with C. Davia): “The puzzle of moral deference”
- 07/02/2014 COGITO Epistemology Seminar, Bologna (Italy)
Title: “Doxastic disagreement and the flexibility of accuracy”
- 17/04/2013 COGITO Seminar, Bologna (Italy)
Title (with C. Davia): “The objection from moral deference”
- 03/12/2012 Doctorate-Day, University of Modena & Reggio Emilia, Modena (Italy)
Title: “Intractable disagreements”
- 12/10/2012 COGITO Epistemology Seminar, Bologna (Italy)
Title: “The problem of epistemic peer disagreement”
- 26/01/2011 COGITO DAY V, Bologna (Italy)
Title: “Faultless disagreement in wolf’s clothing”
- 14/12/2010 COGITO Epistemology Seminar, Bologna (Italy)
Title: “Comments on Ernest Sosa’s paper ‘The epistemology of disagreement’”
- 24/05/2010 COGITO DAY IV, Bologna (Italy)
Title: “Disagreement: the case of epistemic peers”
- Teaching Experience** 2019 Topics in epistemology, *APhil* and *CCiL* M.A. course (Winter term)
University of Barcelona (100% course)

- 2017 Topics in semantics and pragmatics, *APhil* and *CCiL* M.A. course (Fall term)
University of Barcelona (100% course)
- 2017 Topics in epistemology, *APhil* and *CCiL* M.A. course (Winter term)
University of Barcelona (50% course)
- 2016 Metaethics, *APhil* M.A. course (Fall term)
University of Barcelona (50 % course)
- 2016 Disagreement, *Philosophical Controversies about Objectivity* summer school
University of Padua (invited instructor)
- 2015 Graduate student professional development workshop (Winter and Fall Terms)
Montreal-based GRIN Research Group (12 lecture hours)
- 2014 Philosophy of language, B.A. course (Fall term)
University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (24 lecture hours)
- 2014 Epistemology, B.A. course (Fall term)
University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (6 lecture hours)
- 2014 Philosophy of language, BA Course (Winter term)
University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (24 lecture hours)
- 2014 Epistemology, BA Course (Winter term)
University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (6 lecture hours)
- 2014 Critical thinking and introduction to the philosophy of language (Winter term)
University of Modena and Reggio Emilia Instructor (16 lecture hours)
- 2012 Philosophy of language - BA Course (Fall term)
University of Modena and Reggio Emilia Instructor (12 lecture hours)
- 2012 Epistemology - BA Course (Fall term)
University of Modena and Reggio Emilia Instructor (12 lecture hours)

Supervision

- 2019 E. Badia, “Assessing the knowledge norm of assertion”
Final research paper to be submitted to obtain the M.A. degree in

Language and Cognitive Science at the University of Barcelona
Mark: 7.5/10

A. Gomez, “Understanding, knowledge, and the value problem”
Final research paper to be submitted to obtain the M.A. degree in
Analytic Philosophy at the University of Barcelona
Mark: 7.5/10

2018 E. Plati, “Clinical cases, metaphors, and ‘what is said’”
Final research paper submitted to obtain the M.A. degree in Analytic
Philosophy at the University of Barcelona
Mark: 9/10

2017-2018 G. Fernandez Codina, “The symmetry of morality” PhD dissertation,
CCiL graduate program, University of Barcelona

2017 G. Fernandez Codina, “Special duties and the symmetry of morality”
Final research paper submitted to obtain the M.A. degree in Analytic
Philosophy at the University of Barcelona
Mark: 9/10

2014 F. Casalin “Il rapporto tra il dire e il comunicare”
Dissertation submitted to obtain the B.A. master degree in Language
and Literature at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (co-
supervised with A. Coliva)
Mark: 110/110

Visiting Stays

10/2018 Invited researcher, Department of Philosophy, University of
California at Irvine, Irvine (USA)

06/2016 Invited researcher, Institut Jean Nicod, Paris (France)

10/12-01/13 Visiting student, LOGOS, University of Barcelona, Barcelona (Spain)

09-12/2011 Visiting student, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, Milwaukee
(Wisconsin)

09-11/2010 Visiting student, Institut Jean Nicod, Paris (France)

Grants & Fellowships

2020-2025 Ramon y Cajal Research Fellowship, Spanish Gov.: 230.000,00 €

2019-2022 Retos de Investigación grant (young researchers programme, only one
in philosophy awarded in that call), Spanish Gov.: 140.360,00€
Title of the project: “Towards an Enquiry-Based Pluralist

Epistemology”.

- 2017-2019 Beatriu de Pinós Postdoctoral Fellowship, Catalan Gov.: 86.000€
- 2017-2019 Juan de la Cierva Incorporación Postdoctoral Fellowship, Spanish Gov.: 50.000,00€ (declined)
- 06/2017 Visiting Research Fellowship at the Institut Jean Nicod, Leverhulme funded project “What’s so Special about First-Person Thought”: 3000€ ca.
- 2016-2018 Juan de la Cierva Formación Postdoctoral Fellowship, Spanish Gov: 43.000,00€
- 2016-2017 Postdoctoral Fellowship from McGill University and CRE-GRIN: 36.000\$CAD (declined)
- 2014-2015 Postdoctoral Fellowship from McGill University and CRE-GRIN: 54.000\$CAD
- 2013-2014 Postdoctoral Fellowship from the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia: 43.000€
- Organisation of Events** 15/11/2018 The Bodily Self symposium, hosted by the IX Conference of the Spanish Society for Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science, Madrid, Spain (with V. Verdejo),
- 26-7/10/2017 Intuitions, the A Priori, and Philosophical Knowledge conference (6 invited speakers), Barcelona, Spain (with S. Rosenkranz)
- 15/05/2017 Attitudes, Rationality, and Concepts workshop (4 invited speakers), Montreal, Canada
- 26-8/05/2016 Faces of Disagreement conference (11 invited speakers, plus an international call for papers), Montreal, Canada (with A-A. Cormier, S. Stroud and C. Tappolet)
- 30-1/4-5/2015 Normativity and Metaethics workshop (8 invited speakers) Montreal, Canada (with H. Naar and C. Tappolet)
- 28-30/06/2012 Epistemology in Europe Network Meeting (75 delegates), Bologna and Modena, Italy (with C. Bagnoli, A. Coliva, P. Leonardi, G. Volpe)

Service to the profession Referee of paper manuscripts for Acta Analytica, American Philosophical Quarterly, Analysis, Crítica, Croatian Journal of Philosophy, dialectica, Disputatio, Erkenntnis, Ethics Forum, Inquiry, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Journal of philosophical research, Journal of Pragmatics, Philosophers' Imprint, Philosophical Papers, Philosophical Studies, Philosophical Quarterly, Review of Philosophy and Psychology, Southern Journal of Philosophy, Synthese, Thought

Professional membership American Philosophical Association, Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy, Italian Society of Philosophy of Language, Société de Philosophie Analytique

Other

2016-present Board member of the Philosophy of Language and Mind Network

2015-present Qualification aux fonctions de maître de conférences, Section 17-Philosophie

2013 Member Commissione and Collegio Docenti TFA A037 "Filosofia e storia"

2013 Instructor for the Course of critical thinking, Ministero della Difesa, CIFIPE, Analisti d'intelligence

2011 Tutor, laurea magistrale (M.A.) "Scienze Filosofiche", University of Bologna

Languages Italian (native); English (fluent); French (fluent); Spanish (good)

References

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