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DATE OF BIRTH: April 24, 1986

NATIONALITY: Swiss, Italian

Marital status: married, with two children

Area of Specialization Metaphysics

Areas of Competence Medieval Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Religion, Logic,
Philosophy of Mind

CAREER SUMMARY

2017 –	Lecturer, coordinator of the master in philosophy	Università della Svizzera Italiana
2017 –	Director	Aristotle College, Lugano
2010 –	Lecturer	Istituto di Studi Filosofici, Lugano
2015 - 2017	Lecturer	University of Geneva
2015 – 2017	Post-doc	University of Fribourg
2014 – 2015	Post-doc	University of Neuchâtel
2014	Temporary Lecturer	University of Fribourg
2010 – 2013	FNS Research Fellow	University of Geneva

EDUCATION

2014	Ph.D. in Philosophy	University of Geneva
2013- 2014	Visiting Scholar	Columbia University
2010	M.A. in Philosophy	University of Geneva
2008	B.A. in Philosophy	Istituto di Studi Filosofici, Lugano

PUBLICATIONS

Books

(forthcoming 2018), *Essere nel Tempo: Un'Indagine sulla Temporalità e la Persistenza*, Milan: Mimesis.

Articles

(2017) "The Transcendentist Theory of Persistence", *The Journal of Philosophy*, 114 (2), 57-75.

(2017) "The Limit Decision Problem and Four-Dimensionalism", *Vivarium*, 55 (1-3), 199-216.

(2016) "Relativity and Three Four-Dimensionalisms" (with C. Gilmore and C. Calosi), *Philosophy Compass*, 11:2, 102-120.

(2016) "In Defence of Transcendentism" (with A. Giordani), *Acta Analytica*, 31:2, 225-234.

(2015) "Multilocation: Fusions and Confusions" (with C. Calosi), *Philosophia*, 43, 25-33.

(2014) "Temporal Parts and Spatial Location", in A. Reboul (ed.), *Mind, Values and Metaphysics*, Berlin: Springer, (2014), 199-207.

(2013) "From Times to Worlds and Back Again: A Transcendentist Theory of Persistence" (with A. Giordani), *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*, 2:3 (2013), 210-220.

Submitted or commissioned manuscripts

(submitted) "Aquinas, Geach and Existence"

(soon to be submitted)

"Six Ways of Being in Time"

"The metaphysics of super-determination"

(commissioned) "The Connective View of Temporal Existence" (with K. Mulligan), in J. Cumpa (ed.), *Categorical Ontologies*. London: Routledge.

(commissioned) Review of J. Macha's *Wittgenstein on Internal and External Relations*, for *Dialectica – International Journal for Analytic Philosophy*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate courses

The Metaphysics of Time (Lugano, in English)	2017
Time in Philosophy (Lugano, in English)	2017
Metaphysics (Geneva, in French)	2015
Normativity (Geneva, in French, with Julien Deonna)	2015
Problems in Metaphysics (Geneva, in English, with others)	2013

Undergraduate courses

Philosophy of Mind and Its History (Lugano, in Italian)	2017
Philosophy of Time (Lugano, in Italian)	2017
Metaphysics (Geneva, in French)	2017
Philosophy of Time (Geneva, in French)	2017
Logic (Lugano, in Italian)	2017
Philosophy of Mind and Its History (Lugano, in Italian)	2016
Logic (Lugano, in Italian)	2016
Personal Identity (Fribourg, in French, with M. Nida-Ruemelin)	2016
Reading seminar (Fribourg, in German, with M. Nida-Ruemelin)	2015
Philosophy of Mind (Lugano, in Italian)	2015
Logic (Lugano, in Italian, with A. Giordani)	2015
Seminar on Universals (Fribourg, in French and German)	2014
Logic (Lugano, in Italian, with A. Giordani)	2013
Philosophy of Mind and Its History (Lugano, in Italian, with G. Ventimiglia)	2012
Seminar in Metaphysics (Geneva, in French, with O. Massin)	2012
Reading Seminar (Geneva, in French, with others)	2012
Logic (Lugano, in Italian, with A. Giordani)	2012
Reading Seminar (Geneva, in French, with others)	2011
Logic (Lugano, in Italian, with A. Giordani)	2011

MA dissertation supervision

Marco Saccà (Lugano)
Carolina Sassi (Lugano)

BA dissertation supervision

Federica Sbiroli (Lugano)
Vanessa Bruseghini (Lugano)
Maxime Rebourg (Geneva, January 2018)
David Anzalone (Lugano, November 2017)
Thomas Cornut (Geneva, September 2017)
Dario Affronti (Lugano, July 2017)
Marco Saccà (Lugano, July 2017)
Giulia Besagni (Lugano, July 2017)
Dominika Krawczynska (Lugano, January 2016)
Carolina Sassi (Lugano, January 2016)
Daniele Cereghetti (Lugano, September 2015)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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| 2016-2019 | Research grant: project 'Quantities', involving two post-docs, led by K. Mulligan funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation
230'000 CHF |
| 2013 – 2014 | Visiting Scholarship , Columbia University
funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation
70'000 CHF |
| 2013 | Humbert Award
graduate essay prize
funded by the University of Geneva
2'500 CHF |
| 2013 | Philibert Collart Award
funded by the Genevan Academic Society
annually awarded to the top ranked Ph.D. project in Philosophy at the University of Geneva
5'000 CHF |
| 2010 – 2013 | PhD Scholarship
funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation
funded through the research project "Essentialism and the Mind"
130'000 CHF |
| 2008 | Reginaldus Award for Distinguished BA Theses
funded by the Reginaldus Foundation, Lugano
2'000 CHF |

TALKS (# = invited)

The Connective View of Temporal Existence, *Relations: Nature and Application*, Manchester (3/2018)

The Connective View of Temporal Existence, *The Analogy of Being*, Ligerz (3/2018)

The Connective View of Temporal Existence, *Time after time*, Bonn (2/2018)

Comments on Sven Rosenkranz's « The Logic of Justification », *Metaphysics sans phrase : 10 years of eidos*, Geneva (11/2017)

Six Ways of Being in Time, *Powers and Change*, Oxford (3/2017)

- Six Ways of Being in Time, *Exre colloquia*, Fribourg (3/2017)
- # Six Ways of Being in Time, *Quodlibeta*, Geneva (3/2017)
- # Metaphysical Superdetermination (with A. Giordani), *Objects, Qualities, Structures*, Bergamo (1/2017)
- Some metaphysical consequences of Relativity Theory, *Gandria workshop*, Lugano (12/2016)
- Metaphysical Superdetermination (with A. Giordani), *Gandria workshop*, Lugano (12/2016)
- Comments on Jiri Benovsky's « How to survive eliminativism », *Eliminativism*, Ovronnaz (7/2016)
- # Existence at a time, Institut Jean Nicod, Paris (5/2016)
- Emergence does not entail priority monism, *Monism*, Institut Jean Nicod, Paris (5/2016)
- The Transcendentist Theory of Persistence, *Being in Time*, University of Bonn, (3/2016)
- # The Limit Decision Problem and Four-dimensionalism, *Limit Decision Problem : Medieval and Contemporary Perspectives*, Humboldt University, Berlin (11/2015)
- Comments on Kris McDaniel's « Modes of Instantiation », *The Metaphysics of Properties and Relations*, Bergamo (7/2015)
- # Being in Time, Catholic University of Milan, Italy (6/2015)
- Endurantism and the Grounds of Existence, *Truth and Grounds*, Mount Truth, Switzerland (5/2015)
- # Special Relativity and Immortality, *Phileas Lectures*, Geneva (11/2014)
- Fine on existence and location, *Objections to Fine*, Varano Borghi (8/2013)
- Comments on G. Currie's «Four media in search of fictional characters», *CUSO Aesthetics workshop*, Ovronnaz (6/2013)
- Endurantism and Standard Theories of Location, *Workshop on location and mereology*, University of Geneva (6/2013)
- Explaining Identity, *Identity workshop*, University of Zürich (6/2013)
- # Transcendentism about Persistence, *Time and Existence*, Catholic University of Milan (5/2013)
- Transcendentism about Persistence, University of Fribourg (4/2013)
- Transcendentism about Persistence, *CUSO Doctoral Workshop with Josh Parsons*, University of Geneva (3/2013)
- # Do traditional theories of persistence rest on a category mistake?, *The Ontology of the Mind and the Semantics of Nominalizations*, IHPST, Université Paris 1 – Panthéon Sorbonne (2/2013)
- Grounding Identity, Lemming Graduate Conference, University of Cologne (D) (11/2012)
- Comments on B. Caplan's «Truth in Fiction over Time», *PERSP Space & Time Workshop*, University of Barcelona (11/2012)
- # Location in Space and Time, *Spatial Representation and Logic*, Université de Lausanne (10/2012)
- # Grounding Identity, *Paris-Hamburg Ontology Workshop*, IHPST, Université Paris 1 – Panthéon Sorbonne (9/2012)
- Property Exemplification and the Temporal Parts of Events, *Joint Session of the Mind and Aristotelian Society*, University of Stirling (7/2012)
- Events as Kind Instantiations, *SOPHA 2012*, École Normale Supérieure, Paris (5/2012)
- # What is a Criterion of Identity?, Catholic University of Milan (5/2012)
- # Events and Objects in Time, *Time and Ontology*, Université de Namur (5/2012)
- Derivative Location, Université de Fribourg (4/2012)
- Essence and Persistence, *Logic and Metaphysics of Essence*, Lugano (1/2012)
- Essence and Endurance, *Candoc Colloquium*, Ovronnaz (9/2011)
- On and Against Enduring Events, *ECAP7*, san Raffaele University, Milano (7/2011)
- On and Against Enduring Processes, *7th BCN/GVA meeting* – University of Barcelona (5/2011)
- What is a Temporal Part?, *eidos meeting*, Université de Genève (4/2011)

Property Exemplification and the Nature of Events, *eidos meeting*, Université de Genève (5/2010)

Comments on Simon Prosser's "Temporal Passage and Awareness", *XVI eidos workshop*, Université de Genève (11/2009)

Substances, i.e. Structured Particulars, *SOPHA 2009*, Université de Genève (9/2009)

Substances & Modes of Persistence, *eidos meeting*, Université de Genève (5/2009)

PUBLIC OUTREACH

7. Public lecture on the passage of time, Lugano (Switzerland), March 2018
6. Interview in the Swiss Italian Newspaper "Corriere del Ticino", March 2016
5. Public lecture on personal identity, Lugano (Switzerland), April 2015
4. Public lecture on personal identity, Mendrisio (Switzerland), April 2015
3. Public lecture on the passage of time, Lugano (Switzerland), April 2013
2. Interview, Swiss National Radio, on the metaphysics of time, May 2012
1. Public lecture on eternalism, Mendrisio (Switzerland), April 2012

SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

Conference Organization

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| 2018 | Lugano Undergraduate Philosophy Conference
A 2-day workshop held in Lugano, Switzerland |
| 2017 | Quantities and Spacetime (with C. Calosi)
A 1-day workshop held in Lugano, Switzerland |
| 2017 | The Metaphysics of Quantities I (with K. Mulligan)
A 2-day conference held in Lugano, Switzerland |
| 2015 | Truth and Grounds (with K. Mulligan)
A 5-day conference held on Mount Truth, Ascona, Switzerland |
| 2015 | The Metaphysics and Phenomenology of Thought (with M. Nida-Rumelin, J. Naito, F. Correia, M. Scarpati)
A workshop held in Fribourg, Switzerland |
| 2013 | The Philosophy of Kit Fine (with P. Blum)
A 6-day conference held in Villa Borghi, Varano, Italy |
| 2013 | Workshop on location and mereology (with M. Hämmerli)
A 1-day workshop held in Geneva, Switzerland |
| 2013 | Workshop with Josh Parsons (with M. Hämmerli)
A 1-day workshop held in Geneva, Switzerland |
| 2012 | Logic and Metaphysics of Essence (with A. Giordani)
A 2-day workshop held in Lugano, Switzerland |
| 2012 | Topics in the Metaphysics of Properties (with A. Giordani)
A 1-day workshop held in Lugano, Switzerland |
| 2012 | Nominalism: A Reassessment (with G. Guigon, G. Rodriguez Pereyra and M. Hämmerli)
A 3-day conference held in Geneva, Switzerland |

Refereeing

Mind

Synthese

Analysis

Dialectica – member of the editorial committee (2010-2014)

Journal of the American Philosophical Association

Dialogue – Canadian Philosophical Review
Topoi
Polish Journal of Philosophy
Humana.Mente
Foundations of Science

LANGUAGES Italian (native)
 English, French (fluent)
 German (good)
 Latin and Ancient Greek (reading knowledge)

REFERENCES

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