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Research

AOS Social Ontology • Phenomenology • Moral Philosophy
AOI Philosophy of Action • Metaphysics • Philosophy of Art

Positions

Nov 2026–
July 2027 Postdoctoral Fellow
Dept. of Communication, Center for Subjectivity Research.
UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN

Academic Titles

July 2026 Subject Expert in Theoretical Philosophy [*Cultrice della materia* in PHIL-01/A]
Dept. of Philosophy and Educational Sciences
UNIVERSITY OF TURIN

May 2026 Ph.D. in Philosophy *summa cum laude*
Doctoral Program in “Sustainable Development and Climate Change”
IUSS PAVIA—UNIVERSITY OF TURIN

Dissertation in social ontology and phenomenology: *Groups and Generations. Towards a Theory of Living Together in Time.*

Supervisor: Tiziana Andina (University of Turin).

Co-Supervisor: Dan Zahavi (University of Copenhagen).

Committee: Elijah Millgram (University of Utah), Ferdinando Menga (Campania University).

2022 M. A. Degree in Philosophy
110/110 *cum laude* and recommendation for publication
UNIVERSITY OF TURIN

Dissertation in social ontology and phenomenology: “L’ontologia dei soggetti plurali. Ripensare il modello di Margaret Gilbert tra fenomenologia e pensiero dell’alterità” [*The Ontology of Plural Subjects: Rethinking Margaret Gilbert’s Model Between Phenomenology and the Philosophy of Otherness*].

Supervisor: Tiziana Andina (University of Turin).

Committee: Margaret Gilbert (UC Irvine).

2019 B.A. Degree in Philosophy
110/110 *summa cum laude*
UNIVERSITY OF TURIN

Dissertation in ethics: “In cammino verso l’uomo. La proposta umanistica di Levinas” [*On the Path towards Man. Levinas’ Humanistic Proposal*].

Supervisor: Luca Bertolino (University of Turin). Committee: Andrea Poma (University of Turin).

Visiting Positions

- Sept-Oct 2025 CENTER FOR SUBJECTIVITY RESEARCH, UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN
Visiting Graduate Student, Dept. of Communication. Advisor: Dan Zahavi.
- Fall 2023 COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK
Visiting Graduate Student, Dept. of Philosophy. Advisor: Axel Honneth.
- Spring 2022 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE
Visiting Research Scholar, Dept. of Philosophy. Advisor: Margaret Gilbert.
- Fall 2018 UNIVERSITÉ PARIS 1 PANTHÉON-SORBONNE
Erasmus+ Student, Dept. of Philosophy (UFR 10).

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- forthcoming* “Answering (for) Who We Are: Self-transformation, Identity, and Power”, *Etica & Politica/Ethics & Politics*, 28(3) [A-CLASS journal according to Italian MUR System].
- forthcoming* “A Generative Account of Transgenerational Agency and Injustice”, *Metodo. International Studies in Phenomenology and Philosophy*, 13 (2) [A-CLASS journal according to Italian MUR System].
- 2025 “Shared Aging and Transgenerationality”, *Phenomenology and Mind* 28: 60-70.
[DOI: 10.17454/pam-2817](https://doi.org/10.17454/pam-2817) [A-CLASS journal according to Italian MUR System].
- 2024 “Binding the Present and the Future: Transgenerational Social Actions as Joint Commitments”, *Rivista di Estetica* 86 (2): 196-214.
[DOI: 10.4000/13879](https://doi.org/10.4000/13879) [A-CLASS journal according to Italian MUR System].

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2025 “Per un’ontologia della transgenerazionalità”, with Tiziana Andina.
In T. Andina and G. Sacco (eds.), *La sfida del domani. Filosofia e generazioni future* (pp. 50-69), Roma: Castelvecchi.

Presentations

*=refereed †=invited

- Nov 2026 “Being We Across Generations”
Research Seminar, Center for Subjectivity Research, Copenhagen, Denmark.†
- July 2026 “States as Transgenerational Agents”
Social Ontology 2026. *Accepted, but participation declined due to personal reasons.**
- “Sustainability Across Generations: The Role of Generative Communities”

- July 2026 Turin Meets ECNU 2nd Edition “Sustainability, Webfare, and the Digital Age: A European Chinese Dialogue”, University of Turin, Turin, Italy.
- May 2026 “Azioni transgenerazionali”
IUSVE, Venice, Italy. †
- November 2025 “Groups and Generations”
VIU SDC Conference, Venice, Italy.
- August 2025 “How Groups Persist Through Generations”
Social Ontology 2025, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland*.
- November 2024 Engaging the Contemporary 2024 “Intersections”, University of Turin, Turin, Italy*.
- June 2024 Social Ontology Faces the Future Workshop, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey*.
- April 2025 “Collective Memory and Group Identity Across Generations”
Intersubjectivity and Collective Memory Workshop, Center for Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark*.
- March 2025 “Second Nature: Generativity, Memory, and Future Generations”
CNRS-Paris1-Bonn-Turin Workshop. Overcoming Naturalism? University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany.
- March 2024 “Binding Generations with Joint Commitment” (Poster)
APA Pacific Division 2024, Portland, Oregon*.
- October 2023 “Shared Aging and Transgenerationality”
San Raffaele School of Philosophy 2023 “The Coming of Age”, UniSR (*online*)*.
- October 2023 “Back to the Future? Collective Mental Time Travel for Transgenerational Social Actions”
Thinking Together Workshop, Murdoch University (*online*)*.
- August 2023 “Binding the Present and the Future: Transgenerational Social Actions As Joint Commitments”
ECAP11, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria*.
- August 2023 Social Ontology 2023, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden*.
- April 2023 Labont Seminar, University of Turin, Turin, Italy.

Summer Schools & Projects

all through application process

- August 2025 ISOS Summer School 2025 “Social Ontology Goes Interdisciplinary!”
Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland.
- January-June 2025 Internship at Ernst&Young
Supervisor: Matteo Di Rosa (EY). Within the *CATALISI Project: Catalysation of Institutional Transformations of Higher Education Institutions through the Adoption of Acceleration Services*.
Horizon-WIDERA-2022-RA-01.
- July 2024 Summer School of Phenomenology and Phenomenological Philosophy 2024
“Strangers, Foreigners, Aliens”
Ca’ Foscari University, Venice, Italy
- February 2023 Seasonal School “ECLIRE - The Ethics of Climate Change: Reshaping Responsibilities for Present and Future Generations”
Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy.

2021-2022 Team Challenge “Culture and Tourism in the Digital Era”
C.Lab Torino, Turin, Italy

Scholarships & Awards

March 2024 Graduate Travel Stipend Prize, APA Pacific Division 2024
American Philosophical Association.

April 2023 Merit Award, ECLIRE 2023
Fondazione Il Talento all’Opera Onlus.

2022-2025 3-year Full Ph.D. Scholarship
IUSS Pavia, University of Turin, EY Foundation.

2022 Graduate Research Fellowship for Thesis Abroad
Dept. of Philosophy and Educational Sciences, University of Turin.

2018-2019 6-month Erasmus+ Scholarship

Teaching Experience

†= as invited guest

AS LECTURER

May 2026 Guest lecture “Transgenerazionalità: cos’è e perché ci interessa?”†
IUSVE, 3 hours. Undergraduate Level Course: “Filosofia dell’educazione”. Main instructor: Marco Emilio.

Fall 2024 Western Philosophy of Art (Graduate Level)
University of Turin, co-lecturer, 36 hours. Main instructor: Tiziana Andina.

AS EXAMINER

2026 Filosofia teoretica I A, Undergraduate Level, University of Turin.

2026 Metaphysics, Graduate Level, University of Turin.

2024 Western Philosophy of Art, Graduate Level, University of Turin.

Scientific Memberships

since 2024 Scienza Nuova Institute

since 2023 International Social Ontology Society

2023 American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division)

since 2022 Labont—Center for Ontology

Academic Service

AS REVIEWER

since 2026 *Filosofia* [A-CLASS journal according to Italian MUR System].

since 2025 *Rivista di Estetica* [A-CLASS journal according to Italian MUR System].

AS CONFERENCE ORGANIZER

July 2026 “Sustainability, Webfare, and the Digital Age: A European-Chinese Dialogue”
2nd Edition of the Turin Meets ECNU Workshop, University of Turin, Turin, Italy.

May 2026 “Tracce. Intorno a Ferraris”
One-day conference in honor of Maurizio Ferraris, Circolo dei lettori, Turin, Italy.

May 2026 “Fascismo e Filosofia”
Lectio magistralis by Roberto Esposito, University of Turin, Turin, Italy.

May 2026 “Mundanity and Disruption: On Alphonso Lingis”
Labont International Seminar with invited guest Niki Young (University of Malta), University of Turin, Turin, Italy.

April 2026 “The Sensible (Re)Turn”
CNRS-Paris1-Bonn-Turin Workshop. University of Turin, Turin, Italy.

February 2026 “The Urgency of Transgenerationality”
PRIN 2022 – NEXT GEN ITA Final Conference, University of Turin, Turin, Italy.

May 2025 “Aesthetics and the Artificial”
Workshop, University of Turin, Turin, Italy.

Since 2023 International Chair of Philosophy “Jacques Derrida”/ Law and Culture
Annual conference, University of Turin, Turin, Italy.

AS CONFERENCE CHAIR

July 2026 “Sustainability, Webfare, and the Digital Age: A European-Chinese Dialogue”
2nd Edition of the Turin Meets ECNU Workshop, University of Turin, Turin, Italy.

February 2026 “The Urgency of Transgenerationality”
PRIN 2022 – NEXT GEN ITA Final Conference, University of Turin, Turin, Italy.

April 2025 “Nietzsche Today”
Two-day international conference, University of Turin, Turin, Italy.

Since 2023 International Chair of Philosophy “Jacques Derrida”/ Law and Culture
Annual conference, University of Turin, Turin, Italy.

October 2022 Philosophy of the City 2022
Annual Conference, Polytechnic University of Turin, Turin, Italy.

AS TUTOR

2020-2021 Tutor for Digital Mediation
Faculty of Philosophy, University of Turin (200h contract).

AS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

At IUSS Pavia:

2023-2025 Faculty Committee of the Doctoral Course Ph.D. SDC

At the University of Turin:

2017-2021 Philosophy Professors-Students Commission [commissione paritetica]

2017-2021 Philosophy Faculty Council

2017-2019 Departmental Council for Philosophy and Educational Sciences

2017-2019 Regional Assembly for the Right to Study (ARDSU)

2017-2019 University Students Assembly

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

2025 *CATALISI Policy Recommendations*, with Suhida Dermani (EY), Jacopo Cardilli (EY), Matteo Di Rosa (EY).

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

May 2025 “Che fare? Webfare!”

Organization committee of the event promoted by Universo, Scienza Nuova, and Labont, University of Turin, Turin, Italy.

Jan 2022 “Come si forma al lavoro prima e durante” Panelist with Francesco Profumo.

Accademia di Alta Formazione Polis Policy, Turin, Italy.

March 2021 “Il lavoro tra welfare state e welfare community”. Panelist with Stefano Zamagni.

Accademia di Alta Formazione Polis Policy, Turin, Italy.

Spring 2020 “Binocoli”

Organization of a series of interdisciplinary talks with invited speakers. Online.

Oct 2017 “Quale umanesimo oggi?” With Giovanni Maddalena (University of Molise)

Organization and chair of a public lecture, University of Turin (Turin, Italy).

Volunteering & Outreach

Fall 2023 Rethink: A Philosophy Community Outreach Program

Columbia University, New York (NY), US.

Since 2022 Fundraising & Event Organizer

AVSI Foundation, AVSI Point Turin, Turin, Italy.

2017-2023 Tutor for Students at Risk of Social Exclusion

Associazione Il Cammino, Turin, Italy.

Languages

Italian Native

English Proficient (C2)

French Advanced (B2)

Latin Reading & Translation

Ancient Greek Reading & Translation