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EDUCATION

May 4, 2012
PhD in Philosophy - University of Genoa. Dissertation: *Le ragioni del contingente. La saggezza pratica tra Aristotele e Tommaso d'Aquino* (*Practical wisdom in Aristotle and Aquinas*).

Academic year 2007/2008
MA, Philosophy, University of Genoa. Specialization: Moral philosophy. Vote: 110/110 cum laude.

Academic year 2005/2006
BA, Classics, University of Genoa. Specializations: Greek History and Ancient Philosophy. Vote: 110/110 cum laude.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

August 2021 – to date
Associate Professor of Moral Philosophy. Department pf Classics, Philosophy and History, University of Genoa, Genoa, Italy.

August 2018 – July 2021
Assistant Professor of Moral Philosophy. Department pf Classics, Philosophy and History, University of Genoa, Genoa, Italy.

June 2014 – June 2018
Post-Doctoral Research Fellow. Department of Classics, Philosophy and History, University of Genoa, Genoa, Italy. Appointed for a research project financed by the Italian Ministry of Education (PRIN 2012). Research project: Attention and moral imagination in contemporary ethics.

Sept. 2015 – June 2018
Under-contract Professor, Lateran Pontifical University, Rome

January 2012 – December 2015
Research Fellow, CUC - Centro Universitario Cattolico (Rome).
Research Project: Realism and attention in Iris Murdoch and Simone Weil.

INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

March 2023
Invited visiting professor, University of Pardubice (CZ)

February 2023
Invited visiting professor, The Jubilee Center for Character and Virtues, University of Birmingham (UK)

2017/2018
Visiting research scholar. Thumos Group, CISA Center for Affective Sciences. Universitè de Genève (CH). Research project on negative emotions.

2009/2010
Visiting Doctoral Student, University of St. Andrews (UK), Department of philosophy.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Areas of specialization
Virtue theory; Aristotle; Thomas Aquinas; Neo-Aristotelianism; Philosophy of Emotions.

Areas of competence
Metaethics; Ancient Ethics; Greek History; Greek Literature; Philosophy of Education.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2022: Curosity Driven Grant for the project "PRACTICE – PRACTIcal wisdom as ethiCal Expertise", funded by the University of Genova and the European Union – NextGeneration EU (69.173,00 €)
- 2021: John Templeton Foundation - The Civic Friendship Project: Building Civic Friendship Across the Globe - PI of the Italian Unit (shortlisted, full proposal due Jan., 2022)
- 2020: Italian National Habilitation to Full Professorship
- 2019: University of Oklahoma - The Self, Virtue & Public Life Project (shortlisted)
- 2019: Compagnia di San Paolo - CivICa Grant (shortlisted)
- 2014- 2018. Post-Doctoral Fellowship funded by the Italian Ministry of Education, co-funded by the Italian Philosophical Association: 77.468€
- November 2017. Research leave funded by the University of Genoa. Leave spent at the Thumos Group, CISA Center for Affective Sciences, Universitè de Genève (CH): 2.500€
- 2014. Winner of the 18th Pontifical Academies award: 10.000€
- 2014. "Professor Paolo Michele Erede" Award: 1000€

TEACHING

University of Genoa

2021/2022 & 2023/2024: 1st level University Master in "Neuroscience and neurologic physiotherapy" (8 hrs. module)

Sept. 2018 – to date: Introduction to Moral Philosophy (BA), Moral Philosophy (BA), Contemporary Moral Philosophy (MA), Science and Ethics (MA) – University of Genova

2014-2015: Teaching Assistant of *Introduction to Moral Philosophy* and *Philosophical Anthropology* (Prof. Angelo Campodonico).

Lateran Pontifical University, Rome

Sept. 2015 – June 2018: Under-contract Professor of Philosophical Anthropology (3 CFU, code 50666) and Seminar Module on Virtues in Aristotle and Aquinas (3 CFU, code 55041).

Sept. 2014- Sept. 2015: Under-contract Professor of Philosophical Anthropology (3 CFU, code

50666).

SUPERVISIONS

Pontifical Lateran University (Rome)

2015/2016: Felix Gabriel Zombobah (BA, Supervisor)
2017/2018: Gabriel Tochukwu Okafor (MA, Co-supervisor)

University of Genova

2016/2017: Elena Ricci (BA, Co-supervisor)

2017/2018: Carola Isaia (MA, Co-supervisor)

2018/2019:
- Linda Priano (BA, Co-supervisor)
- Elena Ricci (MA, Co-supervisor)
- Angelo Botti (MA, Co-supervisor)

2019/2020:
- Francesco Emanuelli (MA, Supervisor)
- Corrado Fizzarotti (MA, Co-supervisor)
- Lucia Conforti (MA, Supervisor)

2020/2021:
- Linda Priano (MA, Supervisor)
- Elena Barchi (BA, Supervisor)
- Chiara Barbera (BA, Supervisor)

PostDocs

2022/2023: Dr. Federico Bina, PostDoc Fellow
Dr. Skaiste Kerusauskaiste, PostDoc Fellow

FINO PhD Program

2018-2021: Dario Cecchini (Supervisor)
2019-2023: Carline Klijnman (Co-supervisor)
2021- to date: Matilde Liberti (Supervisor)
2023 – to date: Manuel Marsico (Tutor)

AFFILIATIONS

- Italian Society of Moral Philosophy (SIFM)
- Italian Society of Analytic Philosophy (SIFA)
- International Society for Neoplatonic Studies (ISNS)
- American Philosophical Association (APA)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Member of the Editorial Board of *Laboratorium Mentis* (2023 – to date)
- Member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Moral Education* (2023 – to date)
- Member of the scientific committee of the "Civic Humanism Center for Character and Professional Ethics", University of Navarra, Spain (2022-to date).

- Member of the FINO PhD program teacher's board (2018 - to date)
- Delegate for the Rector for students' affairs, University of Genova (2021-to date)
- Member of the Research Ethics Committee, University of Genova (2020-to date)
- Member of the Disciplinary Board, University of Genova (2021-to date)
- Secretary of *Aretai – Center on Virtues*
- Member of the Editorial board of *Etica e Politica – Ethics & Politics*
- Member of the Scientific committee of *Acta Philosophica*; *Filosofia Morale – Moral Philosophy*
- Secretary and member of the Steering Committee, Italian Society of Analytic Philosophy (2021 – 2023)
- Treasurer and member of the Steering Committee, Italian Society of Moral Philosophy (2019 – 2024)
- Ad hoc reviewer for: *Emotion Review*, *Etica & Politica – Ethics & Politics*, *Journal of Moral Education*, *Lessico di Etica e Politica*, *Philosophical Inquiries*, *Res Philosophica*, *Studium*, *Teoria*.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS AS AUTHOR

Santi influencer. L'etica ai tempi dei social, Fandango, Roma (forthcoming).

Le sfide dell'etica (with M. De Caro & S.F. Magni), Mondadori Education, Milano 2021, 2° ed. 2025.

Esempi morali. Tra ammirazione ed etica delle virtù, il Mulino, Bologna 2020.

(with A. Campodonico and M. Croce) *Etica delle virtù. Un'introduzione*, Carocci, Roma 2017.

The fabric of being. Bene, realtà e immaginazione in Iris Murdoch e nell'etica contemporanea. ETS, Pisa 2016. ISBN 978-884674479-1

Razionalità pratica e attenzione alla realtà. Prospettive contemporanee, Orthotes, Napoli 2012. ISBN: 978-88-97806-13-4

Le ragioni del contingente. La saggezza pratica tra Aristotele e Tommaso d'Aquino. Orthotes, Napoli 2012. ISBN: 978-88-97806-11-0

(with A. Campodonico) *La pretesa del bene. Teoria dell'azione ed etica in Tommaso d'Aquino*. Orthotes, Napoli 2012. ISBN: 978-88-97806-03-5.

EDITED BOOKS AND SPECIAL ISSUES

(with M. De Caro) *Practical Wisdom: Philosophical and Psychological Perspectives*, Routledge, New York 2021.

(with N. Snow) *Virtues, Democracy, and Online Media: Ethical and Epistemic Issues*, Routledge, New York 2021.

(with A. Campodonico and M. Croce) 'Moral Exemplarism and Character Education'. Special issue of the *Journal of Moral Education* (48(3): 2019.

(with A. Campodonico) 'Virtue Ethics'. Special issue of *Teoria* Vol.2 (2018).

(with M. Croce) 'Connecting Virtues'. Special issue of *Metaphilosophy* Vol. 49 (2018), No. 3.

(with M. Croce) 'Esemplari morali ed esemplarismo'. Special Issue of *Etica & Politica – Ethics & Politics* Vol. XX (2018), No. 1. ISSN 1825-5167.

Emozioni e virtù. Percorsi e prospettive di un tema classico, a cura di S. Langella e M.S. Vaccarezza, Orthotes, Napoli 2014.

(with R. Fanciullacci) *Iris Murdoch: la realtà della vita morale*, Special issue of *Etica & Politica – Ethics & Politics*, vol. XXVI (2014), n. 1.

(with A. Campodonico) *Gli altri in noi. Filosofia dell'interculturalità*. Rubbettino, Soveria Mannelli 2009.

TRANSLATIONS

Tommaso d'Aquino*, Le virtù*, edited and translated into Italian by M.S. Vaccarezza, Bompiani, Milano 2014.

C.B. Miller, *Questione di carattere. Quanto siamo realmente buoni?*, translated into Italian by M.S. Vaccarezza, Mimesis, Milano 2020.

PAPERS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

'Exemplars and Influencers as Counterspeakers' (with L. Priano), *Journal of Value Inquiry* (2025). DOI: 10.1007/s10790-025-10055-8

'Too Much of a Good Thing: Moralism and Its Two Sources' (with F. Zuolo), *Argumenta* (2025), pp. 1-17. DOI 10.14275/2465-2334/20250.vac

'Virtue monism and medical practice. Practical wisdom as cross-situational ethical expertise' (with M. De Caro et al.). *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* XX (2025), pp. 1-13. DOI: 10.1093/jmp/jhae051.

Promoting Human Development through Virtue: A Philosophical and Psychological Exploration of the Practical Wisdom Blueprint Function (with J.L. Villacis). *Human Development* 2024, 48-59. DOI: 10.1159/000541728

'Moral transformation as shifting (im)possibilities' (with S. Caprioglio Panizza). *Journal of Ethics* 2024. DOI: 10.1007/s10892-024-09480-x

'Why Practical Wisdom Cannot be Eliminated' (with M. De Caro and C. Navarini). *Topoi* 2024. DOI: 10.1007/s11245-024-10030-1

'Civil deliberation unpacked. An empirical investigation' (with M. Croce and F. Domaneschi). *Journal of Media Ethics* 2023. DOI: 10.1080/23736992.2023.2264835

Phronesis (practical wisdom) as a key to moral decision-making: Comparing two models (with Croce, M., & Kristjánsson, K.). *Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues Insight Series* 2023.

"'Le donne tramano qualcosa". Iris Murdoch e l'etica delle virtù'. *La società degli individui* n. 76, XXVI, 2023/1, pp. 24-37.

'Ergon and Practical Reason. Anscombe's Legacy and Natural Normativity", *Acta Philosophica* 32, Vol. 2 (2023), pp. 400-406.

'The exemplary and the right. Contemporary virtue ethics, action guidance, and action assessment', *Rivista di storia della filosofia* 1 (2023), pp. 148-164.

'Ergon e ragion pratica. La normatività tra naturalismo e costitutivismo', *Esercizi filosofici* 16, Vol. 2 (2021), pp. 139-156.

'Legge, natura e virtù: l'etica del tomismo analitico nella sintesi di A. MacIntyre', *Nuovo Giornale di Filosofia della Religione – Nuova serie* 1(2021), pp. 182-200.

(with M. Croce) 'Civility in the Post-truth Age: An Aristotelian Account', *Humana.Mente*, 14(39), 2021, pp. 127-150.

'Paths to Flourishing: Ancient Models of the Exemplary Life'. *Ethics and Education* 15 (2):144-157 (2020).

(with M. De Caro) 'Morality and Interpretation: The Principle of Phronetic Charity'. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 23 (2):295-307 (2020).

'An Excess of Excellence: Aristotelian Supererogation and the Degrees of Virtue'. *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* 27:1 (2019), pp. 1-11. DOI: 10.1080/09672559.2018.1548635.

(with A. Niccoli) 'The Dark Side of the Exceptional: On Moral Exemplars, Character Education, and Negative Emotions'. *Journal of Moral Education* 48:3 (2019), pp. 332-345. DOI: 10.1080/03057240.2018.153408.

'Admiration, moral knowledge and transformative experiences'. *HumanaMente* 12:35 (2019), Special Issue on *Emotions: From Cases to Theories* (M. Galletti & A. Niccoli eds.), pp. 150-166.

'Virtue ethics: an anti-moralistic defence'. *Philosophical Inquiries* 7:1 (2019), pp. 29-44.

'Dilemmi e unità delle virtù: la phronesis come integratore morale ed esistenziale'. *Teoria* XXXVIII/2018/2 (Terza serie XIII/2), pp. 101-111.

'Virtù esemplari: L'etica tommasiana tra neoplatonismo e aristotelismo'. *Etica e Politica – Ethics & Politics* Vol. XX, No. 1 (2018). ISSN 1825-5167.

(with M. De Caro and A. Niccoli) 'Phronesis as ethical expertise: Naturalism of second nature and the unity of virtue'. *Journal of Value Inquiry*. 52 (3):287-305 (2018).

'An Eye on Particulars with the End in Sight: An Account of Aristotelian Phronēsis'. *Metaphilosophy* Vol. 49 (2018), No. 3.

'A Guide to Moral Knowledge. The Epistemic Role of Moral Emotions'. *Studi di Estetica* 1/2017, 27-44. DOI: 10.7413/18258646003.

Profilo di Philippa Foot, in «APhEx – Portale Italiano di Filosofia Analitica» 15/2017.

The Unity of the Virtues Reconsidered. Competing Accounts in Philosophy and Positive Psychology, in «Review of Philosophy and Psychology», 8 (2017), 637-651. doi: 10.1007/s13164-017-0334-7.

Beyond a Dichotomy. Aquinas's Theory of Natural Law as a Form of Autonomous Theonomy, in «Dialegesthai» 19 (2017).

Santi, eroi e l'unità delle virtù. Una proposta esemplarista di educazione morale (with M. Croce), in «Iride» 3/2016, pp. 635-648, doi: 10.1414/85117.

Educating through Exemplars. Alternative Paths to Virtue (with M. Croce), in «Theory and Research in Education» March 2017. DOI: 10.1177/1477878517695903.

Saving the Contingent. A dialogue between Iris Murdoch and Aquinas, in «New Blackfriars» DOI:10.1111/nbfr.12175.

Aristotelismo contemporaneo e particolarismo morale: un bilancio critico, in «Rivista di Filosofia Neo-Scolastica» CVIII,1 (2016), pp. 225-236.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Etica delle virtù e progresso morale: un dialogo impossibile? (con Federico Bina and Matilde Liberti), in *Il progresso morale: sfide, opportunità e prospettive future*, a cura di Fabrizia Abbate e Giuseppe Pintus, Inschibboleth, 2025, pp. 67-90.

'Caminos hacia el florecimiento: antiguos modelos de vida ejemplar', in S. Martínez Mares, J.L. Fuentes (Eds.), *Tras las huellas de Sócrates: Reflexiones sobre la ejemplaridad y la educación del carácter*, Dykinson, Madrid 2024, pp. 183-196.

'Challenges and Opportunities for Character Education in Italy' (with C. Navarini and A. Niccoli), in V. Fernandez, T. Harrison, K. Kristjansson, R. Bernhard (Eds.), Character Education in Europe: Challenges and Opportunities, McGraw Hill 2024, pp. 95-110.

'Fedeltà a se stessi. L'integrità come virtù', in S. Langella e M.S. Vaccarezza (eds.), *[In]f idelitas fra passato e presente*, Genova University Press, Genova 2024, pp. 303-321.

'The power of fame: Celebrities and influencers as moral exemplars' (with M. Croce and M. Liberti), in C. Robb, A. Archer, & M. Dennis (Eds.), *Philosophy of Fame and Celebrity*, Bloomsbury, London 2024.

'Virtù e azione retta. L'esemplarismo e i suoi rivali', in Monica Ferrari - Matteo Morandi- Giulia Delogu (eds.), *La virtù tra paideia, politeia ed episteme*, Morcelliana, Brescia 2022, pp. 584-596.

'Virtue', in S. Caprioglio Panizza & M. Hopwood (eds.), *Murdochian Mind*, Routledge, London 2022, pp. 183-196.

(with A. Niccoli) 'Let the donkeys be donkeys: in defense of inspiring envy', in S. Protasi (ed.), *The Moral Psychology of Envy*, Rowman & Littlefield 2022, pp. 111-127.

(with M. De Caro & A. Niccoli) 'Emotional skillfulness and virtue acquisition', in *The Oxford Handbook of Emotional Development,* edited by Daniel Dukes, Andrea C. Samson, and Eric A. Walle, Oxford University Press 2022, pp. 503-512.

Aristotelismo e virtù: storia e teoria di una ripresa, in M. Ostinelli (ed.), I classici e la filosofia contemporanea. Letture e interpretazioni, Carocci, Roma 2022, pp. 125-140.

'Le radici delle virtù: un inquadramento', in D. Piscitelli e G. Trevisi (eds.), *Le virtù in azione. Prospettive per il lavoro sociale ed educativo*, Studium, Roma 2022.

(with M. De Caro & M. Marraffa) 'The priority of phronesis: How to defend virtue theory from three potentially fatal challenges', in M. De Caro & M.S. Vaccarezza (eds.), *Practical Wisdom: Philosophical and Psychological Perspectives*, Routledge, New York 2021.

'L'organo della bellezza morale. Tra ammirazione e vie emozionali negative'. In F. Miano e S. Achella (eds.), *Etica e bellezza.* Orthotes, Napoli-Salerno 2019, pp. 273-282.

'Prudenza, integrità e vita compiuta'. In *Intelligenza d'amore: una nuova epistemologia morale oltre la dialettica tra norma e caso,* Cantagalli, Siena 2018, pp. 189-206.

Macchine morali: responsabilità e saggezza pratica degli agenti artificiali, in F. Miano (ed.), *Etica e responsabilità*, Orthotes, Napoli 2018, pp. 293-302.

Educazione alla felicità. La paideia *aristotelica ieri e oggi*, in E. Vimercati – P. Manganaro (eds.), *La storia della filosofia come paideia*, ETS, Pisa 2017, pp. 67-80.

Stereotipi, emozioni e ingiustizia. L'immaginazione morale come fattore di coesione sociale, in L. Mauro (ed.), *Social Cohesion and Human Rights. Reflections on Contemporary Society,* FrancoAngeli, Milano 2017, pp. 117-127.

Il "tomismo analitico" di Philippa Foot, in P. Bettineschi and R. Fanciullacci (eds.), *Tommaso d'Aquino e i filosofi analitici*, Orthotes, Napoli-Salerno 2015, pp. 185-192. ISBN: 978-88-97806-72-1.

L'amore da emozione a virtù in Iris Murdoch e Simone Weil, in S. Langella and M.S. Vaccarezza (eds.), *Emozioni e virtù. Percorsi e prospettive di un tema classico*. Orthotes, Napoli 2014, pp. 133-144. ISBN: 978-88-97806-44-8

Allargare la ragione pubblica. Riflessioni su religione e bene comune, in F. Botturi and A. Campodonico (eds.), *Bene comune. Fondamenti e pratiche,* Vita e Pensiero, Milano 2014*,* ISBN: 978883431999-87.

Oltre l'azione. Iris Murdoch e la sovranità del Bene, in *Schegge di filosofia moderna II*. deComporre Edizioni, Gaeta 2013, pp. 171-192. ISBN/ISSN: 9788898671052

SELECTED TALKS AND LECTURES

Lingnan-Genova-Kobe Value Theory Conference, Lingnan University, Hong Kong, April 14-16, 2025 (invited). Talk: *Values in the Age of Social Media: Uses and Abuses of Morality in the "Influsphere"*

Conference "ON VIRTUE(S)". December 4, 2024, University of Macerata (invited). Talk: Virtue monism. Practical wisdom as cross-situational ethical expertise

Inaugural lecture of the School of Social Sciences – Universidad de Los Andes, Santiago (Chile), October 25, 2024 (invited keynote speaker). Talk: The wise mind
An interdisciplinary account of practical wisdom.

Aretai Center Annual Conference - Bari, Sept. 25-27, 2024 (contributed paper, with L. Priano). Title: Moral Exemplars and Moral Influencers as Counterspeakers

World Congress Of Philosophy – Rome, July 5, 2024 (invited). Talk: Virtues And Moral Progress: Between Ethics And Epistemology

Public Exemplarity, Character, and Legal Culture – School of Law of the University of Edinburgh, June 17-18, 2024 (invited). Talk: Moral Exemplars and Moral Influencers as Counterspeakers

Convegno annuale della Società Italiana di Filosofia Morale – Roma, 31/05/2024 (invited keynote speaker). Talk: Etica delle virtù e progresso morale

Seminario di Storia della filosofia analitica – Roma, Università La Sapienza, 22.03.24 (invited). Talk*:* 'Fatti e valori. Forme della critica neo-naturalista a Moore nella Oxford del secondo dopoguerra'.

International workshop on Linda Zagzebski – Valencia, March 5-7, 2024. Talk: 'Paths to Flourishing: Rival Models of Virtuous Exemplarity (invited).

Principia Ethica 120 anni dopo: naturalismo, non naturalismo, utilitarismo ideale – Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele, 17.11.23 (invited). Talk: 'Fatti e valori. Forme della critica neo-naturalista a Moore nella Oxford del secondo dopoguerra'.

Festival della Filosofia – Messina, 8.11.2023 (invited). Talk: 'Virtù democratiche nell'era della post-verità'

Character Education in Europe: Challenges and Opportunities – Universidad Francisco de Vitoria, Madrid, 28-30.06.2023 (invited, with C. Navarini). Talk: 'Challenges and opportunities for character education in Italy'.

La educacion en virtudes a traves del relato – Universidad Cardinal Herrera, Valencia, 26-27.06.2023 (keynote). Talk: 'Esemplarità e azione retta. L'etica delle virtù tra guida e valutazione dell'azione'.

Virtù ed educazione: tra teoria e pratica? – Università di Bologna, 15 giugno 2023 (invited, with M. Croce)

Overturning Eliminativism. Practical Wisdom as Ethical Expertise – Jubilee Center for Character and Virtues, University of Birmingham (UK), Feb. 7, 2023 (invited, with M. Croce)

Media Challenges to Digital Flourishing. A symposium on technology ethics and media practice – Donald P. Bellisario College of Communication, Penn State University (USA), Oct. 5-6, 2022. Talk: 'Civility in the Post-Truth Age: An Aristotelian Account' (keynote).

Conference in Honor of Professor Linda Zagzebski – University of Oklahoma (USA), July 21-22, 2022. Talk title: 'Discussion of Robert Audi's talk' (invited).

Civic Virtue and Vice workshop – Bristol University, July 13, 2022. Talk title: 'Civility: An Aristotelian Account' (invited).

Dialectic as an 'Aristotelian' Teaching Method conference - Bologna University, June 30 - July 1, 2022. Talk title: 'From moral development to moral progress: an Aristotelian account' (keynote)

Supporting the Establishment of Character Education Research Centres in Europe – University of Birmingham, June 13-14, 2022. Talk title: 'Lessons from Genoa's Aretai Center' (invited).

Network for Research in Morality conference*,* online, hosted by the University of Miami (USA), May 17, 2022. Talk title: 'Overturning eliminativism. Practical wisdom as ethical expertise' (invited)

Thumos Seminar Series – University of Geneva, May 12, 2022. Talk title: 'In defense of inspiring envy' (invited)

Annual conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA), Noto, Sept. 22-24, 2021. Talk title: 'Too much of a good thing. Four moralistic vices and their two sources' (accepted)

Doctoral seminar series of the Universities of Roma 3 and Tor Vergata, Jan. 18, 2022. Talk title: 'Reasons, emotions, and the virtuous mind' (invited, with M. De Caro)

The Moral Psychology of Envy, online workshop hosted by the University of Puget Sound (USA), May 17, 2021. Talk title: 'In defense of inspiring envy' (invited, with A. Niccoli)

Virtues and the Flourishing Life. Jubilee Center Annual Conference. Oriel College, Oxford, 3-5.02.2020. Talk Title: *Paths to flourishing: Ancient models of the exemplary life* (with A. Campodonico).

Civic Virtues workshop. University of Nottingham (UK), 6-7.11.2019. Talk: *Cultivating Civic-Epistemic Virtues to Counteract the Spread of Fake News* (with Michel Croce).

Ethique et Philosophie. Colloque organisé par l'institut ESPHIN de l'Université de Namur (BE), 16.10.19. Talk: *Aristotle, Aquinas and Virtue Ethics* (invited).

Society for Philosophy and Psychology 2019 Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA (USA), 10-13.07.2019. Accepted talk title: *A threat to traits: ethical expertise and the situationist challenge* (with M. De Caro).

Settimana dottorale in Filosofia - UniTrieste e UniUdine. Trieste, 28.06.2019. Lecture: *Eccessi di morale. Moralismo e discorso pubblico* (invited).

10th Braga Meeting on Ethics and Political Philosophy. University of Minho (Braga),13-15.06.2019. Accepted talk title: *Exceeding the boundaries of morality. Varieties of moralism and their correlative virtues* (with F. Zuolo).

EPSSE Conference, Pisa, June, 10-11, 2019. Talk title: *Emotional Skillfulness and Virtue Acquisition* (with A. Niccoli).

Seminario di etica. Padova, 4.06.2019. Talk: *Teoria morale esemplarista. Una lettura critica* (invited).

Seminario permanente di teoria politica. Pavia, 9.05.2019. Talk: *Eccessi di morale* (invited, with F. Zuolo).

Good Judgment, Critical Thinking and Other Epistemic Virtues in Academic Education. Amsterdam, April 3-5, 2019 (invited speaker). Talk title: *Educators as exemplars of intellectual generosity*.

Virtues: Local or Universal? 7th annual conference of the Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues. Oriel College, Oxford, January 3-5, 2019. Talk title: *A threat to traits: ethical expertise and the situationist challenge* (with M. De Caro).

Irish Philosophical Society Annual Conference. Dublin, November 8-10, 2018. Talk title: *Exceeding the boundaries of morality. Varieties of moralism and their correlative virtues* (with F. Zuolo).

3rd Aretai Center on Virtues Conference, Virtue Ethics and Psychology. Towards a New Science of Virtues?. Rome, October 18-20, 2018 (invited speaker with Mario De Caro). Talk title: *Reasons, Emotions, and the Virtuous Mind.*

EPSSE Conference. Tallinn, June 13-15, 2018. Talk title: *The dark side of the exceptional. On moral exemplars, character education, and negative emotions* (with A. Niccoli).

Virtue & Moral Education. University of Gdańsk, Poland, 17-18 May 2018. Talk title: *The dark side of the exceptional. On moral exemplars, character education, and negative emotions* (with A. Niccoli).

International conference on Natural Normativity and the Normativity of Human Action. University of Bamberg, Germany, 8-10 March 2018 (invited speaker with A. Niccoli). Talk title: *In defence of non-reductionist naturalism. From phronesis to ethical expertise.*

Central American Philosophical Association Meeting, Palmer House, Chicago, 21-24.02.2018 (invited speaker). Talk title: *Ordinarily admirable. Aristotle on the nameless honour-related virtue*.

Thumos seminar series, University of Geneva, 23.11.2017 (invited speaker). Talk title: *An excess of excellence: on virtue ethics and supererogation*.

Ninth European Congress of Analytic Philosophy (ECAP9), Munich, 21-26/08/2017. Talk title: *Four Kinds of Moralism (and a Virtue-Ethical Response)*.

21st-Century Theories of Literature: Ethics, Tropes, Attunement, University of Warwick, 6-8/4/2017. Talk title: *"A Huge Hall of Reflection": Iris Murdoch on Literature as a Guide to Morals.*

Character, Wisdom and Virtue. Oriel College, Oxford, 5–7.01.2017. Talk title: *An eye on particulars with the end in sight. An account of Aristotelian phronesis.*

XII Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA), Pistoia, 5-7.09.2016. Talk title: *"To see another as human": emotional correctives and imaginative engagement as a way to defeat stereotype-based emotional reactions.*

Moralism: The Boundaries of Moral Thinking, University of Essex, 20-21.06.2016. Talk title: *A Threefold Account of Moralism (and a Virtue-Based Response)*.

Filosofia y Mística, Universidad de Salamanca, 21-23.10.2015. Talk title: *Self-transcendence and Practical Mysticism*.

Ethics of nature – Nature of Ethics, University of Manchester, 16.05.2015. Talk title: *Nature in Ethics: Philippa Foot and Iris Murdoch*.

Love's Passion: Philosophical Perspectives on Love, University of Hertfordshire, UK, 15-16.09.2014. Talk title: *Emotion or virtue? The role of love in Iris Murdoch and Simone Weil*

The virtues in Aristotle and Aquinas. Invited speaker at the Lateran Pontifical University doctoral seminar series, 18.04.2014.

Practical wisdom in Aquinas. Invited speaker at the annual meeting of the SITA (International Society for Thomas Aquinas's studies), Rome, 12.03.2014

First International Conference on Iris Murdoch – Roma Tre University, Rome, 20-22.02.2014. Talk title: *Saving the Contingent. A Dialogue Between Iris Murdoch and Thomas Aquinas*. Iris Murdoch and Virtue Ethics: Philosophy and the Novel.

The Eighth Annual Conference of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies. Miraflores de la Sierra, Madrid, 17-20.06.2010. Paper: *Aristotle on civic friendship*.