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***BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE &  
LIST OF PUBLICATIONS***

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**I. Professional experience**

*a) Academic profile*

- Full professor in Moral Philosophy, Università Roma Tre
- Teaching Visiting Professor, Tufts University (2000 to present)
- Teaching Visiting Professor, Università Svizzera Italiana, Lugano (2014 and 2018)
- Visiting Teaching Professor, LUISS, PhD in Political Science (2012 to present)
- Visiting Teaching Professor, the School of Advanced Studies, University of Turin (2012 to present).
- Teaching Visiting Professor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Warsaw, Poland, 2015.
- Teaching Visiting Professor (Erasmus Program) University of Warwick, 2014.
- Teaching Visiting Professor (Erasmus Program) University of Madrid Autónoma, 2008.
- Marco Mondadori Award*, Fondazione Marco Mondadori and LUISS University, 1997.
- Fulbright Fellow, Harvard University (1997-1998).
- Visiting Scholar, MIT (1994 and 1995).
- Member of dissertation committees at Columbia University, Paris IV-Sorbonne, Universidad de Valencia, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Geneva, Nijmegen, Lugano, Genoa, LUISS, Roma “Tor Vergata”, Firenze, Macerata, Padova, Pavia, Sassari, Siena, Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Milano San Raffaele, “La Sapienza” di Roma, Università di Siena, Università di Aquila, Statale di Pisa.
- Invited lectures given in 17 countries, in academic institutions such as Harvard, Oxford, Princeton, Dartmouth College, University of Notre Dame, Boston College, University of

Massachusetts, Indiana, University of New Hampshire, College of the Holy Cross, Brandeis, University of Toronto, École Normale Supérieure de Paris, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, CNRS Paris (Jean Nicod), Paris IV-Sorbonne, University of London, University of Warwick, Hamburg, Bonn, Heidelberg, Bamberg, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Bern, Genève, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Lisboa, Università Lateranense, Università Gregoriana, and in more than 50 Italian universities.

- He has given the 2011 commencement speech at Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa.

*b) Memberships*

- Vicepresident of the Consulta Nazionale di Filosofia (which groups all Italian academics in Philosophy) (2012 to present)

- President of the Italian Society of Analytic Philosophy, SIFA (2012-2014); member of that society 1992 to present); Vicepresident (2010-2014)

- Member of the steering committee of the Società Italiana di Filosofia Morale (2012 to present)

- Member of the steering committee of the Società Filosofica Italiana di Filosofia

- Member of the Committee on Academic Career Opportunities and Placement of the American Philosophical Association (APA) (2010-2013); member since 2009.

- Member of the Steering Committee of the Roman chapter of the Società Filosofica Italiana (2013 to present); member since 2000.

- Member of the Steering Committee of the Italian Association for Cognitive Science (AISC) (2013-2016); member of that association since 2012.

- Member of the steering committee of the Italian Society of Neuroethics and Philosophy of Neurosciences (2013 to present).

- Secretary of the Società Italiana di Filosofia Politica (2002-2004).

- Consultant of the Italy Fulbright Commission (2010 to present).

- Member of the committee for the evaluation of the Portuguese research programs in philosophy (Ministry of Science, Technology and Academic Education)(2011).

- Peer reviewer for the “Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council”, Canada

- Peer reviewer for the “Research Foundation Flanders” (FWO, Belgium).

- Peer reviewer for the Czech Science Foundation.

c) *Editorial positions*

- Literary executor of Hilary Putnam.
- Associate editor of the *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (Cambridge University Press).
- Associate editor of *Ancient Philosophy Today* (Edinburgh University Press)
- Member of the editorial boards/scientific committees of: *Philosophical Inquiries*, *Linguistic and Philosophical Investigations*, *Review of Contemporary Philosophy*, *Análisis: revista de investigación filosófica*, *Italian Law Journal*, *Analysis and Metaphysics*, *Transversal: International Journal for the Historiography of Science*, *Acta Philosophica*, *Rivista di estetica*, *Paradigmi*, *Filosofia e questioni pubbliche*, *Colloquium Philosophicum*, *Anthropologica*, *Dialogoi*, *Rivista Internazionale di Filosofia e Psicologia*, *Democrazia e sicurezza*.
- Editor of a book series in philosophy for the publisher Mimesis, Milano.
- Member of the advisory committee for philosophy of the publisher Il Mulino.
- Referee for the publishers Harvard University Press, Columbia University Press, Routledge, Palgrave, Bloomsbury, Acumen, Laterza, Carocci, Fazi, Meltermi (Italy), and for the journals *Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Erkenntnis*, *Dialectica*, *Erkenntnis*, *Philosophical Explorations*, *Journal of Cognitive Science*, *Philosophia*, *Topoi*, *Journal of Mind and Society*, *Paradigmi*, *Filosofia e questioni pubbliche*, *Rivista di estetica*, *Giornale di metafisica*, *Rivista di filosofia*, *Politeia*, *Estetica: studi e ricerche* and *Sistemi intelligenti*.

## II. Research interests

Moral philosophy; philosophical naturalism and the relation of science and philosophy (from both the theoretical and the historical points of view); the free will issue; neuroethics; law and cognitive science; philosophy of mind; history of early modern philosophy.

1434 citations according Google Scholar (retrieved on January 17, 2020), with a h-index of 16.

### III. Selected publications

(i) Authored or coauthored volumes:

*Dal punto di vista dell'interprete* (Carocci, 1998)

*Libero arbitrio* (Laterza 2019<sup>9</sup>);

*Mente e morale* (Luiss UP 2016) (with M. Marraffa)

*Azione* (Il Mulino 2018)

*Realtà* (Bollati Boringhieri, forthcoming 2020)

*Etica ed economia* (Il Mulino) (with R. De Bonis e F. Guala, forthcoming 2020)

*Naturalismo: storia di una visione del mondo* (Il Mulino, forthcoming 2021)

*Film e morale* (Mondadori, forthcoming 2021) (with E. Terrone)

*Liberal Naturalism* (Harvard UP, forthcoming) (with D. Macarthur 2021)

(ii) Main edited or coedited volumes:

*Interpretations and Causes. New Perspectives on Donald Davidson's Philosophy* (Springer 1999);

*Naturalism in Question* (Harvard UP 2004/2008) (with D. Macarthur);

*Cartographies of the Mind. Philosophy and Psychology in Intersection* (Springer 2007) (with M. Marraffa & F. Ferretti)

*Naturalism and Normativity* (Columbia UP 2010);

*Philosophy in an Age of Science*, collection of essays by H. Putnam (Harvard UP 2012) (with D. Macarthur);

*Naturalism, Realism, and Normativity*, collection of essays by H. Putnam (Harvard UP 2016);

*Handbook to Liberal Naturalism* (Routledge, forthcoming 2021) (with D. Macarthur)

*In Dialogue*, collection of essays by H. Putnam (Harvard UP, forthcoming 2021) (with D. Macarthur)

Editor of three issues of the journal *The Monist* (2015, 2018, and forthcoming 2020)

(iii) Main recent articles:

“Lynne Baker's Near Naturalism,” in L.R.G. Oliveira & K.J. Corcoran (eds.), *Commonsense Metaphysics. Essays in Honor of Lynne Rudder Baker*, Routledge, London forthcoming.

“Lynne Baker's Near Naturalism,” in L.R.G. Oliveira & K.J. Corcoran (eds.), *Commonsense Metaphysics. Essays in Honor of Lynne Rudder Baker*, Routledge, London forthcoming.

“Hilary Putnam of free will”, in J. Conant – S. Chakraborty (eds.), *Engaging Putnam*, de Gruyter, Berlin, forthcoming

"Common-sense and Naturalism", in P. Giladi (ed.), *Responses to Naturalism: Critical Perspectives from Idealism and Pragmatism*, Routledge, London forthcoming.

"Machiavelli's Lucretian view of free will," in D. Zucca (ed.), *Lucretius: Poet and Philosopher*, De Gruyter, Berlin forthcoming.

“Putnam's Liberal Naturalism,” in M. Frauchige (ed.), *Themes from Putnam*, Ontos Verlag, forthcoming.

"*Actus non facit reum nisi mens sit rea*: The concept of guilt in the age of cognitive science," in A. D'Aloia (ed.), *Neuroscience and Law*, Springer, Dordrecht forthcoming.

"Morality and Interpretation: The Principle of Phronetic Charity" (with M.S. Vaccarezza), *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, forthcoming.

“Hilary Putnam on Perspectivism and Naturalism”, in A.-M. Cretu – M. Massimi (eds.), *Knowledge from a Human Point of View*, Springer, Dordrecht, 2019, pp. 57-70.

“The Indispensability of the Manifest Image”, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, 45, 2019, pp. 1-11.

"Phronesis as Ethical Expertise: Naturalism of Second Nature and the Unity of Virtue" (with M.S. Vaccarezza), *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, 52, 2019, pp. 287-305.

“The Historical Roots of the Fracture between Subjective and Objective Realism”, *Quaestio*, 2018, pp. 343-351.

“Review of *The Cambridge Companion to Philosophical Methodology*”, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2018;

“Social Justice, individualism, and cooperation. Integrating political philosophy and cognitive sciences”, *Teoria* 2018;

"On Galileo's Platonism, again," in J. Agassi, D. Drozdova D. Pisano, (eds.), *Hypotheses and Perspectives within History and Philosophy of Science. Hommage to Alexandre Koyré 1964-2014*, Springer, Dordrecht, 2018, pp. 84-104.

Debunking the Pyramidal Mind: A Plea for Sinergy between Reason and Emotion,"  
*Journal of Comparative Neurology*, 524 (8), June 2016, pp. 1695-1698

"Utilitarianism and Retributivism in Cesare Beccaria," *The Italian Law Journal*, 2016, pp, 1-12.

"Debunking the Pyramidal Mind: A Plea for Sinergy between Reason and Emotion",  
*Journal of Comparative Neurology*, 2015;

"Review of L.R. Baker, *Naturalism and the first-person perspective*," *Philosophical Review*, 124, 1, 2015, pp. 156-158.

"Realism, Common Sense, and Science", *The Monist*, 2015, pp. 197-214.

"Realism, Common Sense, and Science", *The Monist*, 2015;

### **Recent lectures and talks**

"Naturalism and Pluralism", Keynote address at the annual conference of the Metaphysical Society of America, March 20, 2020.

"Machiavelli's Naturalism", Conference of the American Philosophical Association (Eastern division), Philadelphia, January 9, 2020

"Responsibility, Punishment, and Scapegoating", Interdisciplinary workshop on moral Responsibility, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, December 17, 2019.

"Machiavelli's Naturalism", conference "Self-Knowledge and Judgment in Early Modern Philosophy", University of Warwick, September 27, 2019.

"Machiavelli on Free Will", Renaissance Society of America, Toronto, March 18, 2019.

"Putnam's Philosophies", conference on "Hilary Putnam's Liberal Naturalism", Boston University, February 2019.

"On Lynne Baker's New Naturalism", Memorial conference at the APA Eastern Convention, January 2019.

"A Threat to Traits: Ethical Expertise and the Situationist Challenge", Conference on "Virtues: Local or Universal?", Oriel College, Oxford, January 2019

"Beyond the Hierarchical View of the Mind", conference on "Passions and the Self: An Interdisciplinary Approach", Oxford University 2018;

"Liberal naturalism, supernaturalism, and antinaturalism", Conference: "Naturalism and

Supernaturalism: Beyond the divide”, Heythrop College, University of London 2017.  
“Liberal naturalism and liberalized realism”, conference on “Liberal Naturalism”. Invited speaker, Deakin University, Melbourne 2017;  
“Mechanized Agency”, conference on Applied Ethics and New Technologies, University of Hamburg 2017;  
“Scientific Challenges to the Notion of Responsibility”, conference “Neurosciences and Law”, University of Padua 2017;  
“Free Will after van Inwagen”, conference “Quo vadis, metaphysics?”, University of Warsaw 2017.  
"The View from Outside: On a Distinctively Cinematic Achievement" (with E. Terrone), *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, 42, 2016, pp. 154-170.  
Putnam’s Legacy and Influence into the Future”, conference “A Celebration of the Life and Work of Hilary Putnam”, Harvard University, 2016  
“Galileo’s Platonism”, Harvard University, Dept. of Classics, Harvard University, 2016  
“Machiavelli’s Free Will”, conference “The Italian Roots of Modernity: Machiavelli and Galileo”, Harvard University, 2016  
“Free Will and neuroscience”, invited lecture at Notre Dame University, 2016.  
“The experiments of the Libet tradition, free will, and consciousness”, invited lecture, Dept. of Neuroscience, Ghent 2016

### **Awards and other honors**

Grant by the Templeton Foundation for a project related to the call “The Science and Philosophy of Self-Control” (2015-2017) (with M. Brass, University of Ghent).

Asteroid 5329 has been named “Asteroid DeCaro” after him (2006).

### **Grants, fellowships**

2015-2017: 2009-2011; 2013-2015: 2 national PRIN grants as Main Investigator of a research-unit.

2019-2022: Grant from Roma Tre for a project of particular scientific interest (“Dinamiche sociali della paura”)

2016-2018: Templeton Foundation grant (with M. Brass, Grant)

2000-2009: 3 national PRIN grants as a member of a research-unit.

2011-2013: Grant for a High-level Internationalization Project at Università Roma Tre (2011-2013).

### **Courses taught recently**

Ethics and Artificial Intelligence (Tufts, Fall term 2019)

Philosophy and Film (Tufts, Fall term 2019)

Foundations of Law and Ethics (Tufts, Summer Term 2019)

Neuroethics (Roma Tre, Spring term 2019)

Ethics and cognitive science (Roma Tre, Spring term 2019)

### **Other activities**

Collabora al Sole 24 ore; ha scritto anche per il *Times* di Londra, *La Stampa*, *La Repubblica*, *Il Manifesto* e *Avvenire*.

E' stato co-host di tre serie della trasmissione *Zettel* (dedicata alla filosofia) trasmessa da Rai Scuola.