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Areas of specialization:

Normative political philosophy; applied ethics

Areas of competence:

History of political thought; history of ancient philosophy

Research interests:

Disobedience and resistance; animal ethics; public justification; group rights; toleration; respect; treatment of minorities; feasibility of normative theories; the influence of ancient moral and political theories on contemporary debates.

Qualification:

Italian National Qualification as a Full Professor in Political Philosophy received on 9/11/2020.

Employment history:

- 1/05/2020-present: Associate Professor in Political Philosophy, University of Genova, Department of Classics, Philosophy and History (DAFIST)
- 01/05/2017-30/04/2020: Assistant Professor in Political Philosophy, University of Genova, Department of Classics, Philosophy and History (DAFIST)
- 01/07/2015-28/02/2017: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Senior Research Fellow, Otto Suhr Institut for Political Science, Freie Universität Berlin & Faculty of Political Science, University of Hamburg
- 03/2012-02/2015: Research Fellow, Department of Political and Social Science, University of Pavia.
- 2010-2011: Project Manager and Research Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study of Pavia, under the Project RESPECT – *Towards a Topography of Tolerance and Equal Respect*, EC funded project, Seventh Framework Program: www.respect.iusspavia.it
- November 2008 - October 2010: Junior Research Fellow, Department of Philosophy, University of Pavia.
- April 2007 - August 2008: Research assistant, University of Trento, EuroEthos Project (EC FP6 funded project): <http://euroethos.lett.unitn.it/>

Education:

November 2003 - October 2006: PhD in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Pavia (defended in March 2007). Supervisors: Mario Vegetti, Salvatore Veca, Franco Trabattoni. Thesis on *Plato and the concept of efficacy* (in Italian).

1998-2003: Degree in Philosophy at the University of Pavia (defended in April 2003), 110/110 summa cum laude. Supervisors: Salvatore Veca, Fiorella de Michelis. Title: *Spinoza between Ethics and Politics: the Idea of Human Development* (in Italian): http://www.fogliospinoziano.it/sviluppo_zuolo.pdf

Participation in research projects:

- *PRIN 2022: Liberal politics and nature. Democratic decisions about animals, plants and climate change.* PI of an Italian Ministry founded collaborative project (with LUISS Rome and San Raffaele, Milan). Duration: 24 months from October 2023. Grant received: 84,905€
- *REDEM: Reconstructing Democracy in Times of Crisis: A Voter-Centred Perspective*, H2020-SC6-GOVERNANCE-2018-2019. Duration: 36 months. <https://www.redem-h2020.eu/>
- *Deceit and Self-Deception. How We Should Address Fake News and Other Cognitive Failures of the Democratic Public*, PRIN 2017. Duration: 36 months. <https://www.deceitproject.com/>
- *Politics and Animals. Addressing the Disagreement about the Treatment of Animals*, von Humboldt Senior Research Fellowship. Duration: 18 months starting from July 2015. Host institutions: Freie Universität Berlin (host professor Bernd Ladwig), Universität Hamburg (host professor Peter Niesen).
- *'Feeding' respect. Food policies and minority claims in multicultural societies*, Italian Ministry of University and Research funded project, FIRB (03/2012-02/2015). Role: Research Fellow. Member of the leader unit (Pavia) of a consortium including other two units (University of Bologna and University of Milano). Duration: 36 months. Grant received 734,000 €. Website: <http://feedingrespect.wordpress.com/>
- *RESPECT – Towards a “Topography” of Tolerance and Equal Respect. A comparative study of policies for the distribution of public spaces in culturally diverse societies*, EC funded FP7 collaborative project, SSH-2009-3.3.1. Role: Project Manager of the whole consortium and Research fellow. Project based at the Institute for Advanced Study of Pavia (Coordinator). The consortium included other 13 institutions from diverse countries (Copenhagen (Denmark), Vercelli (Italy), Rennes (France), Newport (United Kingdom), Pilsen (Czech Republic), Vilnius (Lithuania), Darmstadt (Germany), Nicosia (Cyprus), Ljubljana (Slovenia), Budapest (Hungary), Ekaterinburg (Russia), Tel Aviv (Israel), Peking (China)). Duration: 24 months (01/01/2010-31/12/2011). Grant received: 1,341,533 €. Website: <http://www.respect.iusspavia.it/>
- *Tolleranza come eguale rispetto: le basi normative delle politiche degli spazi*, Italian Ministry of University and Research funded project, PRIN 2008. Duration: 30 months (22/03/2009-22/09/2012). Grant received: 22,095 €.

➤ *EuroEthos. Exploring the Scope for a Shared European Pluralistic Ethos*, EC funded FP6 Specific Targeted Research European Project (STREP). Role: Research assistant at Trento. Project based at the University of Trento (Coordinator) within a consortium of other 6 universities (Bremen (Germany), Pilsen (Czech Republic), Newport (United Kingdom), Ankara (Turkey), Bratislava (Slovakia), Valencia (Spain)). Duration: 24 months (2007-2008). Grant received: 639,399 €. Website: <http://euroethos.lett.unitn.it/>

Visiting positions:

- June-August 2025: Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship, Visiting Scholar at the University of Hamburg
- July 2024: Visiting scholar at the University of Amsterdam
- August 2023: Visiting scholar at the Trinity College, Dublin
- July – August 2012: Visiting scholar at the Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona.
- June – August 2009: Visiting scholar at the University of Cambridge, Faculty of Classics.
- September 2005 – February 2006: Visiting student at the Université de Paris 10, Nanterre.

Publications

Books:

- *Il quotidiano è politico*, Torino, Einaudi 2026
- *Disobbedire. Se, come, quando*, Roma-Bari, Laterza 2024
- *Animals, Political Liberalism, and Public Reason*, Palgrave, 2020
Reviewed in: M. Schultz-Bergin, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 2021 online first; G. Pellegrino, *Rivista di filosofia* 3, 2021, pp. 499-505; J. Milburn, *Between the Species*
- *Etica e animali. Come è giusto trattarli e perché*, Bologna, il Mulino, 2018.
Reviewed in: *L'indice dei libri del mese* 9, 2018, by S. Pollo.
- Xenophon, *Hiero the tyrant* (in Italian), introduction, translation and commentary by Federico Zuolo, Carocci, Roma, 2012.
Reviewed in: *Il pensiero politico*, XLV n. 2, 2012, pp. 256-257, by E. Irrera.
- *Platone e l'efficacia. Realizzabilità della teoria normativa*, Academia Verlag, Sankt Augustin, 2009.
Reviewed in: *Rivista di filosofia*, vol. 110, n. 2, August 2010, pp. 311-313, by C. Del Bò; *Recensioni filosofiche*, n. 42, September 2009, by C. Mandolini; *Plato. The Internet Journal of the International Plato Society*, by F. Aronadio

Edited volumes:

- *Manuale di filosofia politica. Dai sofisti a Hannah Arendt*, edited by O. Guaraldo, A. Salvatore, F. Zuolo, Macerata, Quodlibet, 2022
- *How Groups Matter: Challenges of Toleration in Pluralistic Societies*, co-edited with Gideon Calder and Magali Bessone, New York & London, Routledge, 2014.
- *Frontiers of Toleration and Respect: non-moral approaches and Groups' Relations*, special issue of the “European Journal of Political Theory”, 12(3), 2013.

Articles:

- “Civilly Disobeying What? On Directness and Relevance in Civil Disobedience”, *European Journal of Philosophy*, online first 2026, <https://doi.org/10.1111/ejop.70073>
- “Progressive Inclusion and the Basis of Equality. A Puzzle in Contemporary Egalitarianism”, *Philosophia*, online first 2026, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11406-025-00951-5>
- “Il ritorno della disobbedienza civile. Un concetto controverso per tutte le stagioni?”, *Teoria politica. Nuova serie* 15, 2025, pp. 63-78.
- “Too much of a good thing: moralism and its two sources”, *Argumenta*, 2025, pp. 1-17. Doi: [10.14275/2465-2334/20250.vac](https://doi.org/10.14275/2465-2334/20250.vac)
- “Utopia and Ideal Theory: Reasons for a Divorce”, *Theoria*, 182(72), 2025, pp. 1-26.
- “How to Do Things with Normative Political Theories: The Performative Nature of Political Philosophy”, *Philosophical Papers*, 52(2-3), 2024, pp. 183-219, <https://doi.org/10.1080/05568641.2024.2389804>
- ““A cosa” disobbedire? La disobbedienza civile tra provocazione comunicativa e azioni dirette”, *Diacronia* 1, 2024, pp. 163-188
- “Making Sense of Feasibility Constraints. An Agent-Centered Account”, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, online first <https://doi.org/10.1080/13698230.2024.2342213>
- “Ideal Discussants, Real Food: Questioning the Applicability of Public Reason Approach in Healthy Eating Policies”, *Food Ethics* 7(16), 2022, pp.
- (con L. Raffini), “L’ago della discordia. Scienza, politica e contestazione nel dibattito pubblico”, *SocietàMutamentoPolitica. Rivista italiana di sociologia*, 13(25), 2022, pp. 37-49, doi: 10.36253/smp-13921
- “Pensare l’efficacia. Jullien, Bourdieu e Latour a confronto”, *Politica & Società*, 3, 2020, pp. 341-362.
- “Cooperation with Animals. What is and what is not”, *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* 33, 2020, pp. 315-335.
- “Beyond Moral Efficiency. Effective Altruism and Theorizing about Effectiveness”, *Utilitas* 32, 2020, pp. 19-32: doi: 10.1017/S0953820819000281.
- “Almost like waging war. Tom Regan and the conditions for using violence for the sake of animals”, *Relations. Beyond Anthropocentrism* 7(1-2), 2019, pp. 77-91.
- “Misadventures of Sentience: Animals and the Basis of Equality”, *Animals* 2019 9(12), 1044, pp. 13, doi: 10.3390/ani9121044: <https://www.mdpi.com/2076-2615/9/12/1044>
- “I principi di *Liberalismo politico* e la questione del disaccordo sul trattamento animale”, *Notizie di Politeia* 134, 2019, pp. 70-5.

- “Neutralità, giustificazione pubblica ed etica animale. Una replica a Prisco e Bistagnino”, *Notizie di Politeia* 134, 2019, pp. 212-214.
- (with G. Bistagnino), “Disagreement, Peerhood and Compromise”, *Social Theory and Practice*, 44(4), 2018, pp. 593-618
- “Is Modus Vivendi the Best Realistic Alternative to Public Justification Liberalism?”, *La biblioteca della libertà*, 53(222), 2018, pp. 1-22.
- “Etica pubblica e contesa vaccinale. Una mappa critica delle ragioni (e dei torti)”, *Notizie di Politeia*, 130, 2018, pp. 37-48.
- “Uno scontro bestiale. Il trattamento degli animali e le procedure di gestione dei conflitti”, *Biblioteca della libertà*, 52, 2017, pp. 89-100.
- “Equality, its Basis, and Moral Status. Challenging the Principle of Equal Consideration of Interests”, *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* 25(2), 2017, pp. 170-188. DOI: 10.1080/09672559.2017.1286679. Winner of the Robert Papazian Essay Prize on Equality.
- “Constituting the Political Age in Plato’s *Statesman*. New Categories for an Old Question”, *History of Political Thought*, 38(2), 2017, pp. 195-212.
- “What’s the point of self-consciousness? A critique of Singer’s argument against killing (human or non-human) self-conscious animals”, *Utilitas*, 28(4), 2016, pp. 465-487. DOI 10.1007/s10790-015-9537-2
- “Dignity and Animals. Does it make sense to apply the concept of dignity to all sentient beings?”, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 19, 2016, pp. 1117-1130, DOI: 10.1007/s10677-016-9695-8.
- “La realizzabilità e l’efficacia nella teoria politica antica”, *Ragion pratica* 46(2), 2016, pp. 307-327.
- “Individuals, Species and Equality. A Critique of McMahan’s Intrinsic Potential Account”, *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, 50, 2016, pp. 573-592, DOI: 10.1007/s10790-015-9537-2.
- “Il problema dello status morale”, *Aphex. Portale italiano di filosofia analitica. Giornale di filosofia network*, 13, 2016, pp. 1-27.
- “Condivisione senza appartenenza. L’identità collettiva oltre i gruppi culturali”, *Ragion Pratica*, 45, 2, 2015, pp. 335-350.
- (with Emanuela Ceva and Chiara Testino), “The Legitimacy of Supranational Regulation of Local Systems of Food Production. A Discussion whose Time has Come”, *The Journal of Social Philosophy*, 46(4), 2015, pp. 418-433. DOI: 10.1111/josp.12130 .
- “Nature and Morals. Solving the Riddle of Spinoza’s Metaethics”, *Revue philosophique de la France et de l’étranger*, 141, 1, 2016, pp. 23-40.
- “Equality among Animals and Ritual Slaughter”, *Historical Social Research*, special issue guest-edited by Peter Niesen and Svenja Ahlhaus, 2015, 40, 4, pp. 110-127.
- “Neutralità degli effetti e della giustificazione tra teoria e pratica”, *Notizie di Politeia*, 118, 2015, pp. 87-90.
- “The Priority of Suffering over Life. How to Accommodate Animal Welfare and Religious Slaughter”, *The Ethics Forum/Les Atelier de l’Ethique*, 9(3), 2014, pp. 162-183.
- “Benessere animale e macellazione rituale. Tutela degli animali o rispetto per la concezione del bene animalista?”, *Notizie di Politeia*, 30(114), 2014, pp. 109-125.

- (with Emanuela Ceva), “A Matter Of Respect. On the relation between majority and minorities in a liberal democracy”, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 30(3), 2013, pp. 239-253, doi: 10.1111/japp.12021.
- “Toleration and informal groups. How does the formal dimension affect groups’ capacity to tolerate?”, *European Journal of Political Theory*, 12(3), 2013, pp. 288-305, DOI: 10.1177/1474885112465249.
- “Frontiers of Toleration and Respect: Non-moral Approaches and Groups’ Relations”, *European Journal of Political Theory* 12(3), 2013, pp. 219-222.
- (with M. Bocchiola), “On Justice and Other Values: G. A. Cohen’s Political Philosophy and the Problem of Trade-offs”, *Philosophical Papers*, 42(1), 2013, pp. 1-24, DOI: 10.1080/05568641.2013.774721
- “Salute pubblica e responsabilità parentale. L’esenzione dall’obbligo di vaccinazione”, *Ragion pratica*, 1, 2013, pp. 129-136, DOI: 10.1415/73219.
- “Sull’ambiguità della democrazia nel Politico di Platone”, *Archai. Revista de Estudos sobre as Origens do Pensamento Ocidental*, 7, 2011, pp. 25-36.
- “Il progresso morale in Kant. Impossibilità ontologica e necessità pratica”, *Rivista di filosofia*, 3, 2009, pp. 373-396.
- “Some Formal Criteria to Distinguish between Utopia and Ideal Theory”, *Utopia and Utopianism*, 3, 2009, pp. 81-93.
- (with Klara Weger and David Sanc), “La salute pubblica tra paternalismo e autonomia. Il caso delle vaccinazioni obbligatorie in Italia e Repubblica Ceca”, *Notizie di Politeia*, n. 95, 2009, pp. 72-85.
- (with M. Bocchiola), “Principi senza fatti. Riflessioni sulla critica di G.A. Cohen a J. Rawls”, *Teoria politica*, 1, 2008, pp. 107-121.
- “La techne del politico tra conoscenza e saper fare”, *Filosofia politica*, 21(2), 2007, pp. 179-197.
- “Spinoza, Machiavelli e il repubblicanesimo”, *Il Politico*, 70(208), 2005, pp. 143-164.

Contributions to edited volumes:

- “Animali e democrazia”, in *Il benessere degli animali non umani. Valore autonomo o strumentale? Questioni bioetiche e ruolo del diritto*, a cura di I. Fanlo Cortés e G. Savorani, Genova, Genova University Press, 2024, pp. 21-38.
- “Legittimità democratica e ragion pubblica: le nuove frontiere”, in *La filosofia politica e il corso del mondo. Atti del Convegno nazionale della Società Italiana di Filosofia Politica (Roma, 01-03.12.2022)*, a cura di M. Nicoletti, Milano, Mimesis, 2024, pp. 49-52
- “Platone”, “Spinoza”, “Bentham”, in *Manuale di filosofia politica. Dai sofisti a Hannah Arendt*, O. Guaraldo, A. Salvatore, F. Zuolo (eds), Macerata, Quodlibet, 2022
- “Toleration and State Neutrality: The Case of Symbolic FGM”, in M. Sardoc (ed.), *The Palgrave Handbook of Toleration*, Palgrave, forthcoming 2021
- “The Moral Value of Animal Sentience and Agency”, in S. Pollo, A. Vitale (eds.), *Fellow Brethren, Slaves and Companions (Human/Animal Relations in Transformation)*, Palgrave, 2021, pp. 47-66.

- “Xenophon’s *Hiero*: Hiding Socrates to Reform Tyranny”, in C. Moore, A. Stavru (eds.), *Socrates and the Socratic Dialogue* (Leiden: Brill), pp. 564-576, 2018.
- “È possibile una tirannide stabile? La tirannide come modello politologico nella Grecia classica”, in F. De Luise (ed.), *Legittimazione del potere, autorità della legge: un dibattito antico*, Trento, Editore Università degli Studi di Trento, 2016, pp. 215-242.
- (with Emanuela Ceva and Chiara Testino), “The Challenges of Dietary Pluralism”, in M. Rawlison (ed.), *Routledge Handbook of Food Ethics* (New York: Routledge), 2016, pp. 93-102.
- (with E. Ceva), “A Right to a Mosque? Access to Public Space, Religious Freedom and Participatory Goods”, in S. Moroni, D. Weberman (eds.), *Space and Pluralism*, Budapest, Central European University Press, 2016, pp. 113-131.
- “La verità al potere. Paradossi platonici”, in A. Besussi (ed.), *Verità e politica. I classici*, Roma, Carocci, 2015, pp. 18-32.
- “Beyond Groups? Types of Sharing and Normative Treatment”, in *How Groups Matter: Challenges of Toleration in Pluralistic Societies*, G. Calder, M. Bessone, F. Zuolo (eds.), New York & London, Routledge, 2014, pp. 199-218.
- “Republic’s Political Idealism: between Utopia and Ideal Theory”, in L. Brisson, N. Notomi (eds.), *Plato’s Republic. Selected Papers from the IX Symposium Platonicum*, International Plato Studies Series, Sankt Augustin, Academia Verlag, 2013, pp. 141-145.
- “Fatti e principi nelle Leggi platoniche. I paradossi della realizzazione di un ideale”, in M. Bontempi, G. Panno, *L’anima della legge. Studi intorno ai ‘Nomoi’ di Platone*, p. 71-91, Monza, Polimetrica, 2012.
- (with Emanuela Ceva), “Il rapporto tra maggioranza e minoranze in democrazia: una questione di rispetto”, in E. Ceva, A. E. Galeotti (eds), *Lo spazio del rispetto*, Milano, Bruno Mondadori, 2012, pp. 79-102.
- “Plato’s political Idealism and Utopia in the Republic, the Laws, and the *Timaeus-Critias*”, in F. Lisi (ed.), *Utopia, ancient and modern. Contributions to the history of a political dream*, Collegium Politicum 5, Sankt Augustin, Academia Verlag, 2012, pp. 39-60.
- “Immaginazione e teoria politica: tra raffigurazione utopica e astrazione controfattuale”, in Alessandro Ferrara (ed.), *La politica tra verità e immaginazione*, Mimesis, Milano, 2012, pp. 185-196.
- “Realism and Idealism”, in A. Besussi (ed.), *A Companion to Political Philosophy*, Aldershot, Ashgate, 2012.
- “Platone e le catastrofi. Il grado zero della civiltà in *Politico, Timeo, Leggi*”, in S. Gastaldi e F. Calabi (eds), *Immagini delle origini. La nascita della civiltà e della cultura nel pensiero greco e romano*, Sankt Augustin, Academia Verlag, 2012, pp. 87-104.
- “Conscientious Objection in Italy: The Favored Way of Handling Irreducible Conflicting Values?”, in G. Calder, E. Ceva (eds.), *Diversity in Europe. Dilemmas of differential treatment in theory and practice*, London, Routledge, 2010, pp. 111-125.
- (with M. Bocchiola), “Vere tu es Cohen absconditus”, in A. Besussi - E. Biale (eds), *Fatti e principi. Una disputa sulla giustizia*, Roma, Aracne, 2010, pp. 67-90.
- “L’obiezione di coscienza alle vaccinazioni obbligatorie: un profilo legislativo e concettuale”, in C. Casonato, C. Piciocchi, P. Veronesi (eds), *Forum BioDiritto 2008. Percorsi a confronto*, Padova, Cedam, 2009, pp. 533-552.

Encyclopedias:

- “Food and the moral status of animals”, *Encyclopaedia of food and agricultural ethics* 2nd edition, Dordrecht, Springer, 2018.
- “Le etiche antiche tra bene, virtù e felicità”, in U. Eco (a cura di) *Enciclopedia del mondo antico*, Encyclomedia publisher, 2012, pp. 254-271.

Working papers:

- *Animal Welfare and Pluralism. A Political (and Liberal) Solution to the Issue of the Treatment of Animals*, Centro Einaudi, Laboratorio di politica comparata e filosofia pubblica, Working Paper-LPF n. 4/2014.
http://www.centroeinaudi.it/images/abook_file/2014%2005%20N4%20Zuolo.pdf
- *The Priority of Suffering over Life. How to Accommodate Animal Welfare and Religious Slaughter*, RESPECT Project Working Paper Series, No. 1/2014.
<http://www.respect.iusspavia.it/?workingpapers>
- *Being Realistic Without Realism. Feasibility and Efficacy in Normative Political Theories*, Centro Einaudi, Laboratorio di politica comparata e filosofia pubblica, Working Paper-LPF n. 3, 2012. <http://www.centroeinaudi.it/lpf/working-papers/wp-all/8588-being-realistic-without-realism-feasibility-and-efficacy-in-normative-political-theories.html>
- (with Emanuela Ceva), *A Matter Of Respect. On the relation between majority and minorities in a democracy*, RESPECT Project Working Paper Series, 08/2011, ISSN No: 2037-5816. <http://respect.iusspavia.it/index.php?workingpapers&21>
- *Toleration and informal groups. How does the formal dimension affect groups' capacity to tolerate?*, RESPECT Project Working Paper Series, 2011/02, ISSN No: 2037-5816.
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Reviews:

- Robert Garner, *A Theory of Justice for Animals. Animal Rights in a Nonideal World*, Oxford University Press, Oxford 2013, *Constellations* 22(3), pp. 473-5.
- Jonny Thakkar, *Plato as A Critical Theorist*, Harvard University Press, 2018, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*: <https://ndpr.nd.edu/news/plato-as-a-critical-theorist/>

Conference presentations:

(invited):

“Principled Disobedience and Democracy: Distinguishing (Un)Civil Disobedience from Direct Action”, *After the overlapping consensus*, Hamburg University, 12/6/2025

“Inclusion and the basis of equality: a theory of moral status”, *Lingnan-Genoa-Kobe Value Theory Conference*, University of Lingnan, Hong-Kong, 15-17/4/2025

“Too much of a good thing. Moralism and its two sources”, *Varieties of Moralism in Politics*, Goethe Universitaet Frankfurt, Normative Orders, 6-7/10/2022

“If you are egalitarian, how come are you so inclusive? On equality in animal ethics and beyond”, Workshop on ‘What we owe to animals?’, University of Basel, 3/5/2022; European Animal Rights Law Conference, St Edmund’s College, Cambridge, 17-18/9/2022

Breakfast with an Author – book discussion on *Animals, Political Liberalism and Public Reason*, 30th Annual Conference of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, 25-27/02/2021.

“Tom Regan e l’attivismo radicale: si può giustificare la violenza per la causa animale?”, *Il rispetto esteso agli animali. Ricordo di Tom Regan a un anno dalla scomparsa*, Istituto Italiano di Bioetica, 20/02/2018.

“Is Modus Vivendi the only realistic alternative to public reason?”, *Theories of Modus Vivendi*, Centro Einaudi, Torino 10/11/2017.

“Etica pubblica e contesa vaccinale. Una mappa critica delle ragioni (e dei torti)”, *Chi ha paura dei vaccini? Filosofia, etica e comunicazione*, Regione Emilia-Romagna, Bologna, 8/9/2017.

“Origini della governabilità. L’efficacia della funzione di governo nel pensiero classico”, *Governabilità, personalizzazione e carisma*, X Seminario di Ragion Pratica, Università di Torino, 19-20/06/2015.

“Constituting the Political Age in Plato’s Statesman. New Categories for An Old Question”, *Workshop on Plato’s Statesman*, Princeton University, 18-19/05/2015.

“Animal Welfare and Pluralism”, *Analyses Normatives Contemporaines*, Université Paris V Descartes, 4/2/2014.

“Estensione e limiti del progetto legislativo platonico fra realizzabilità e stabilità”, *Pensare la legge. Una giornata di studio sui Nomoi di Platone*, 17/06/2011, Dipartimento di Filosofia, Università di Padova.

“Replacing Utopia in Plato’s Thought: Classical Definitions and a New Perspective”, *VI Jornadas sobre el pensamiento utópico: utopía antigua / Ancient utopia*, 19/20 noviembre 2009, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid.

“Platone e le catastrofi. Il grado zero della civiltà in Politico, Timeo, Leggi”, *Immagini delle origini. La nascita della civiltà e della cultura nel pensiero greco e romano*, 27-28/05/2009, Pavia.

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“Egalitarian Range Properties for Inegalitarians. A Pragmatic Account”, MANCEPT Workshops “Basic Equality”, 8-11/09/2020

“The power of ideals. How the practical capacity distinguishes utopia from ideal theory”, Potere, autorità e libertà, SIFP Annual Conference, 21-23/11/2019, Milan

“Beyond Moral Efficiency. Effective Altruism and Theorizing about Effectiveness”, Italian Society for Analytical Philosophy conference, University of Eastern Piedmont, Novara, 4-7/09/2018

“Liberal Legitimacy and the Challenge of Animal Politics”, Association for Social and Political Philosophy, LUISS e Sapienza, Roma 21-23/06/2018

“Integrity that changes the world. Radicalism in animal rights movements”, 3rd Braga Colloquium in the History of Moral and Political Philosophy, University of Braga, 1-2/02/2018.

“Disagreement, Nonhuman Animals, and Politics”, *Animal Politics: Justice, Power and the State*, Internationale School voor Wijsbegeerte, Leusden (Netherlands) 12-3/11/2016.

“Equality, its basis and moral status. Challenging the principle of equal consideration of interests”, *Ethical Theories and the Animal Issue: between Science and Philosophy*, University of Milan, 16-7/06/2016.

“Disagreement, Nonhuman Animals, and Politics”, *Nonhuman & Politics*, Forschungsinstitut für Philosophie Hannover, 22-23/01/2016.

“What’s the Point of Self-Consciousness? A Critique of Singer’s Argument against the Killing of (Human or Non-Human) Self-Conscious Animals”, *Animal Liberation. Forty Years On*, University of Rennes, 28-29/05/2015

“Disagreeing about the treatment of animals. An analysis and a modest proposal” (with G. Bistagnino), MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, panel on *Animals and Political Theory*, University of Manchester, 8-10/09/2014.

“The Legitimacy of the Supranational Regulation of Local Systems of Food Production. A Discussion whose Time has Come” (with E. Ceva and C. Testino), European Consortium for Political Research, General Conference, panel on *The Political Theory of Food and Drink Policies*, Glasgow 2-6/09/2014.

“Dignity and Animals. Does it make sense to apply the concept of dignity to all (sentient) beings?”, *Dignity, Respect and Self-Respect*, University of Bologna, 26-27/05/2014.

“Animal Welfare and Pluralism. A political (and liberal) solution to the issue of the treatment of animals”, *Ideals and Reality in Social Ethics*, University of South Wales, 9-11/04/2014.

“Pluralism, Religious Slaughter and Animal Welfare”, *30th International Social Philosophy Conference*, 11-13/07/ 2013, Hamden, Quinnipiac University.

“Dimensions of political possibility: realizability, feasibility and efficacy in normative political theories”, MANCEPT workshop in political theory, panel on *Political possibility*, Manchester, 5-7/09/ 2012.

“A Matter of Respect. On the relations between the majority and minorities in a democracy”, *Society for applied philosophy conference*, University of Oxford, 31/06/2012 – 2/07/2012.

“Being realistic without realism: feasibility and efficacy in normative political theories”, *Ideals and Reality in Social Ethics*, University of Wales, Newport, 11-13/04/2012.

“A Matter of Respect. On the relations between the majority and minorities in a democracy”, Association Française de Science Politique, *Politiques de l’immigration: entre justice et démocratie*, 31/08/ – 2/09/2011, Sciences Po, Strasbourg.

“Toleration and (Informal) Groups: How does the Formal Dimension Affect Groups’ Capacity to Tolerate?”, *Association of Legal and Social Philosophy*, University of Warwick, 4-6/07/2011.

“Immaginazione e teoria politica: tra raffigurazione utopica e astrazione controfattuale”, *La politica tra verità e immaginazione*, Convegno Società Italiana di Filosofia Politica, Roma 21-23/10/2010.

“Toleration and (Informal) Groups: How does the Formal Dimension Affect Groups’ Capacity to Tolerate?”, *Toleration and respect: concepts, justifications and applications*, MMU workshops in political theory 1-3/09/2010.

“Republic’s Political Idealism: between Utopia and Ideal Theory”, *IX Symposium Platonicum*, Tokyo, Keio University 2-7 August 2010.

“Bridging the Gap between Ideal and Nonideal Theory: the Concept of Efficacy in Normative Political Theory”, Manchester Workshop in Political Theory, session on *When Should Political Theory Be Practical? On Ideal and Nonideal Theory*, 2-4/09/2009.

“Nature and Morals. Solving the Riddle of Spinoza’s Metaethics”, *10th International Conference of the Spinoza-Society*, Philipps University of Marburg, 26-28/09/2008.

“Towards a Formal Definition of Utopia: Some Formal Criteria to Distinguish Ideal Theory from Utopia”, *8th International Conference of the Utopian Studies Society*, University of Plymouth, UK, 12-14/07/2007.

“From 'What is justice?' to 'For whom is justice?' Critical Remarks On G. A. Cohen’s Facts And Principles”, with M. Bocchiola, *Brave New World Conference*, University of Manchester, 27-28/06/2007.

“Towards a Formal Definition of Utopia”, *4th Graduate Conference in Social and Political Thought*, 21-22/09/2006. University of Sussex, Brighton.

“Self-efficacy of Normative Political Philosophy,” *3rd Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy*, 15-16/09/ 2005.

“Sen’s Capability Approach: Spinoza beyond Aristotle”, *Third Conference on the Capability Approach*, Pavia 7-9/09/ 2003.

Organized conferences:

- *Cooperation with Animals?*, University of Hamburg, 11/01/2017, co-organized with Peter Niesen.
- *Groups: Challenges for Contemporary Political Philosophy*, Université de Rennes, 19-21/11/2014, co-organized with Magali Bessone and Gideon Calder.
- *Animals and Political Theory*, MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester, 8-10 September 2014 (co-convened with Steve Cooke).
- Chair of the panel on *Dietary Pluralism and Differential Treatment*, in the section *The Political Theory of Food and Drink Policies* at the 8th ECPR General conference, University of Glasgow 3-6 September 2014.
- 6th-11th editions of the *Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy*, Pavia, 2008-2014.
- *Debating Toleration: Attitudes, Practices and Institutions*, final conference of the Project RESPECT, under the patronage of the Society for Applied Philosophy, University of Pavia, 3-5/11/2011 (speakers included: C. Bird, A.E. Galeotti, P. Jones).
- Co-convener of the panel *Toleration and respect: concepts, justifications and applications*, Manchester Metropolitan University workshops in Political Theory, Manchester, 1-3 September 2010.
- *Workshop on Equal Respect*, 14-15 June 2007, University of Pavia.

Teaching experience:

- 2021–: Lecturer in Justice and political agency, MA in Philosophy, University of Genoa.

- 2020–: Lecturer in Introduction to Political Philosophy, BA in Philosophy, University of Genoa.
- 2019: Lecturer in Philosophy of social science, BA in Political Science, University of Genoa.
- 2017–: Lecturer in Analysis of Political Language, MA in Communication and Journalism, University of Genoa.
- 2015-2019: Lecturer in Human Rights and Tourism Ethics, BA in Tourism, Lucca Campus, University of Pisa.
- 2016-2017: Lecturer in Political Theory, course on “Pluralism Old and New”, University of Hamburg.
- 2015-2016: Lecturer in Human Rights and Tourism Ethics, BA in Tourism, Lucca Campus, University of Pisa.
- 2015-2016: Short course on Rawls and Contractualism, Course for high school teachers, Trento.
- 2014-2015: Lecturer in Tourism Ethics, BA in Tourism, Lucca Campus, University of Pisa.
- 2014-2015: Teaching Assistant, Course of Ethics and International Relations, University of Pavia, Department of Political and Social Sciences, MA in World Politics and International Relations.
- 2013/2014: Seminar on the statist theories of global justice in the course of Ethics and International Relations (MA), Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Pavia.
- 2012/2013: Joint seminar on toleration and respect in the courses of Political Philosophy (BA) and Public Ethics (BA), University of Pavia, Department of Political and Social Sciences.
- 2005-2012: Teaching Assistant, class of Ancient culture and thought (BA), Institute for Advanced Study of Pavia, on the following topics:
 - 2012-2013: Origin and structure of political community in Plato and Aristotle;
 - 2011-2012: Liberty, determinism, and responsibility. Problems of the self and moral action in ancient thought;
 - 2010-2011: Theories of justice in the ancient world;
 - 2009-2010: The debate about Athenian democracy in V and IV centuries BC;
 - 2007-08: Polis, democracy and the social body;
 - 2005-06: Ethnocentrism, racism and relativism in ancient Greek culture.
- 2008: Lecturer, Ethics for public administrators, Scuola Superiore della Pubblica Amministrazione, under the patronage of the Italian Prime Minister, Bologna.
- 2003-2007: Tutor in Political philosophy (BA), Faculty of Sociology, University of Milan–Bicocca (courses on Aristotle, Rousseau, Hobbes, Mill).
- 2005-2014: Several lectures and seminars in the following courses:
 - Public Ethics, BA in Political Science (on the following topics: conscientious objection, minority rights, toleration and respect, political liberalism);
 - Political Philosophy, MA in World Politics and International Relations, and MA in Migration, Gender and Social Theory toleration (on the following topics: theories of just war, human rights, ethics of migration, respect and Muslims in Europe);
 - History of Philosophy, BA and MA in Philosophy (on the following topics: Plato, Xenophon, the Presocratics, the history of utopia, Spinoza, Hannah Arendt).

Awards and grants:

2025: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Short stay, June-August 2025.

2018: Italian Ministry of Education and Research, Research fund for early researchers, 3000€

2017: Marie Skłodowska Curie Fellowship, International Outgoing fellowship at the University of Warwick. Project: “POLIAN. Politics and Animals”. 24 months, grant amount: 195,454.80 €. Invitation to sign the grant agreement declined because of incompatibility with another position.

2017: Robert Papazian Essay Prize on the theme of Equality. Awarded by the *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, for the paper “Equality, its Basis, and Moral Status. Challenging the Principle of Equal Consideration of Interests”. Award of 1500€ and open access publication of the paper.

2015: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation – Senior Research Fellowship, University of Hamburg, University of Berlin.

2007: Prize for the PhD thesis at the Italian philosophical competition “Viaggio a Siracusa”, 8° edition.

2003-2006: PhD Studentship

Professional activities:

Editorial positions:

Member of the Editorial board of the journal *Symposion. Theoretical and applied inquiries in philosophy and social sciences*

Member of the Editorial Board of the journal *Relations. Beyond Anthropocentrism*

Reviews for journals: Australasian Journal of Philosophy; The Journal of Moral Education; Pacific Philosophical Quarterly; Philosophical Papers; Moral Philosophy and Politics; Res Publica; Political Studies; Journal of Politics; Ethics and Social Welfare; Ethical Theory and Moral Practice; European Journal of Political Theory; European Journal of the History of Economic Thought; Human Affairs; Teoria Politica; Filosofia e questioni pubbliche; Rivista italiana di scienza politica; Politica & Società. And publishers: Bristol University Press; Palgrave.

Memberships:

Society for Applied Philosophy; Italian Society for Political Philosophy; Italian Society of Analytic Philosophy.

Linguistic skills:

- Italian: native
- English: fluent (written and spoken)
- French: fluent spoken, good written
- German: intermediate (written and spoken)