

## Dr. Federica Liveriero

### CURRENT POSITION

Postdoctoral Research Fellow - University of Piemonte Orientale “Amedeo Avogadro”

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### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Analytical political philosophy – normative theories of justification and public reason; legitimacy of political authority and procedural justice; ideal vs non-ideal theory; metaethics; political accommodation of diversity and disagreement; compromise and modus vivendi models; multiculturalism and theories of toleration and equal respect.

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Moral epistemology; public and social ethics; theories of global justice, history of political thought; human rights theories and institutions; normative analysis of public policies; applied ethics.

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### APPOINTMENTS

- 2018-2019 **Adjunct Professor** at the Department Studies on Language and Culture, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.
- 2015-present **Postdoctoral Research Fellow** at the Department of Humanities, University of Piemonte Orientale “Amedeo Avogadro”, Vercelli.  
Supervisor: Prof. Anna Elisabetta Galeotti.  
Title of the research: *“Democracy and conflictual reasons. Analysis of deliberative and negotiation policies in the light of the epistemology of disagreement”*.
- 2013-2015 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow** at the Department of Humanities, University of Piemonte Orientale “Amedeo Avogadro”, Vercelli.  
Participant in the Project URBANITAS - European Science Foundation ERC\_Start-up Grant, University of Piemonte Orientale-Compagnia di San Paolo, [PMN\_call\_2012\_0052]. Principal Investigator: Prof. Anna Elisabetta Galeotti.  
Title of the research: *“The public space as a public good. Negotiation and deliberative procedures for dealing with public conflicts among members of the majority and members of disadvantaged groups”*.

## EDUCATION

- 2010 - 2013     **Ph.D. in Political Theory** (grant awarding)  
 Department of Politics, LUISS Guido Carli Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali, Rome.  
 Thesis Title: *Reflective Agreement. A Nonideal Approach to Political Justification*  
 Supervisors: Prof. Sebastiano Maffettone, Dr. Daniele Santoro.  
 Committee: Prof. Sebastiano Maffettone (chair); Prof. Daniela Piana, Prof. Matteo Bianchin.  
Committee Final evaluations: Dissertation structure: excellent; Bibliographical References: excellent; Viva performance: excellent; Overall evaluation: excellent.
- 2007 - 2009     **Master Degree in Philosophy**  
 University of Piemonte Orientale “Amedeo Avogadro” - Dept. of Humanities  
 Dissertation: *Justice without Truth. Analysis of a Reasonable Faith in the Possibility of an Aristocracy of All.*  
 Supervisor: Prof. Anna Elisabetta Galeotti. External referee: Prof. Ian Carter.  
 110/110 Magna cum laude with special honor (top mark).
- 2003 - 2006     **Bachelor Degree in Philosophy**  
 University of Piemonte Orientale “Amedeo Avogadro” - Dept. of Humanities  
 Dissertation: *Aesthetic and Interpretation.*  
 110/110 Magna cum laude (top mark).

## VISITING POSITIONS

- Sept-Dec 2017     **Visiting Scholar** at Department of Philosophy, University of Massachusetts, Lowell.
- Sept-Dec 2014     **Visiting Scholar** at Department of Philosophy, Boston College.
- Sept-Dec 2012     **Visiting Scholar** at Department of Philosophy, University of California, San Diego.  
 Research supervised by Prof. Dr. David Brink.
- Sept 2011-May 2012 **Visiting Scholar** at Department of Philosophy, Boston College.  
 Research supervised by Prof. Dr. David Rasmussen.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Monographs

- *Political Legitimacy and Disagreement. How to Justify Political Decisions in a Pluralistic World*, under contract with Springer, deadline for submission October 2019.

- *Decisioni pubbliche e disaccordo. Giustificazioni e compromessi tra pari epistemici*, LUISS University Press, 2017.

### Edited volumes and special issues

- *Un liberalismo per il XXI secolo: le sfide della contemporaneità*, edited by Federica Liveriero and Beatrice Magni, *Quaderni di Biblioteca della Libertà*, 2019, n.1.
- *Democracy and Diversity*, edited by Enrico Biale; Anna Elisabetta Galeotti and Federica Liveriero (republication of the CRISPP special issue as an edited volume, see below), Routledge, 2018.
- Special issue of *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* on “Democracy and Diversity”, edited by Enrico Biale; Anna Elisabetta Galeotti and Federica Liveriero, 20 (5), May 2017.
- Forum Section of *Notizie di Politeia* on “Per una città democratica, nuovi modelli di partecipazione”, edited by Enrico Biale and Federica Liveriero, XXXI, 117, May 2015.

### Articles in peer-reviewed journals

- “The Social Bases of Self-respect. Political Equality and Epistemic Injustice”, *Phenomenology and Mind*, forthcoming.
- “La contemporaneità di Rawls: il sottile equilibrio tra normatività e contesto politico”, *Notizie di Politeia*, XXXV, 134, 2019, pp. 29-33, ISSN 1128-2401.
- “Does Epistemology Matter? Political Legitimacy in the Face of Disagreement”, *LPF Annals*, n.2, 2018, pp. 1-42, ISBN 978-88-94960-00-6.
- “Habermas e Rawls: due modelli di legittimità a confronto”, *Biblioteca della libertà*, LII, 220, pp. 129-163, 2017, DOI: 10.23827/BDL\_2017\_3\_3.
- “Proceduralism and the Epistemic Dilemma of the Supreme Courts”, *Social Epistemology*, 31 (3), pp. 310-323, 2017, DOI: 10.1080/02691728.2017.1317872 (with D. Santoro).
- “A Multidimensional Account of Democratic Legitimacy: How to Make Robust Decisions in a Non-Idealized Deliberative Context”, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, 20 (5), pp. 580-600, 2017, DOI: 10.1080/13698230.2017.1328090 (with E. Biale).
- “Introduction: democracy, diversity”, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, 20 (5), pp. 529-536, 2017, DOI: 10.1080/13698230.2017.1328087 (with E. Biale; A.E. Galeotti).
- “L’estensione del diritto di matrimonio alle coppie omolesuali: un argomento normativo”, *Biblioteca della Libertà*, L, 214, pp. 53- 68, 2015, ISSN 2035-5866.

- “Epistemic Dimension of Reasonableness”, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, 41 (6), pp. 517-535, 2015, DOI: 10.1177/0191453715576950.
  - “La città democratica – il locus primario per la negoziazione dello spazio pubblico”, *Notizie di Politeia*, XXXI, 117, pp. 70-79, 2015, ISSN 1128-2401.
  - “Per una città democratica, nuovi modelli di partecipazione”, *Notizie di Politeia*, XXXI, 117, pp. 65-69, 2015, ISSN 1128-2401 (with E. Biale).
  - “Open Negotiation: The Case of Same-sex Marriage”, *LPF Annals*, n. 1, 2015, pp. 1-27, ISBN 978-88-943179-7-8. **Young Researchers Prize Winner.**
  - “Diverse Distribution of Public Space – A Public Good for Whom?”, *Notizie di Politeia*, XXVI, 99, pp. 7-22, 2010, ISSN 1128-2401.
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## GRANTS AND AWARDS

### Individual Grants

- 2013 May-August      Funding Institution: Rosselli Foundation.  
Research activity for socio-historical and political analyses.
- 2012 April-June      Funding Institution: Center for Research & Documentation “Luigi Einaudi”.  
Supervision and organization of meetings among different academic institutions with the aim of establishing a philosophy doctorate consortium among the universities of the North-Western region of Italy. These meetings have led to the constitution of the FINO Ph.D. Program in 2013.

### Collaborative Research Grants

- 2013-2015      **Project URBANITAS** (‘Urban diversity: How to reconcile inclusion and stability in pluralistic cities’) - European Science Foundation *ERC\_Start-up Grant*, University of Piemonte Orientale-Compagnia di San Paolo, [PMN\_call\_2012\_0052]. Principal Investigator: Elisabetta Galeotti. **Participant as Junior Research Fellow.** Grant: € 95.700.
- 2010-2012      **Project of Relevant National Interest (PRIN)** “*Toleration and Urban Space: what promotes integration and avoid segregation?*”.  
Research Area: Social Sciences and Humanities. Scientific Coordinator: Prof. Salvatore Veca, Head of the Unit: Prof. Elisabetta Galeotti. **Participant as research affiliate.**

### Awards

- 2016      **S.I.F.A** (Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy) **Young Scholar Prize** for the best paper (“What are the democratic bases of equality? Epistemic parity and political disagreement”) presented in the area of practical philosophy by a young scholar at the XII SIFA Conference, 5-7 September 2016, Pistoia.

2015 **Young Researchers Prize Winner**, «*Biblioteca della libertà*» Journal – Working Papers series organized by the *Laboratory of Comparative Politics and Public Philosophy*, for the article “Open Negotiation: The Case of Same-sex Marriage”.

### Other Qualification

2018 **Italian National Qualification** (ASN) as an Associate Professor of Political Philosophy received on 06/09/2018.

2018-2020 **Member of the Steering Committee** of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA)

### WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Reasonableness as a Virtue of Citizenship and the Opacity Respect Requirement”, under review.
- “Political Agency in Non-Ideal Circumstances: Democratic Equality and Epistemic Injustice”, draft.
- “How to Deal with Disagreement: Agent-relative Reasons in Favor of Toleration, draft (with Anna Elisabetta Galeotti).
- “Compromise Among Unbalanced Forces: the Role of Parties in Mitigating the Effects of Asymmetrical Relations of Power”, draft (with Enrico Biale)

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

#### Editorial Position

- 2016-on Co-editor for *Biblioteca della Libertà*, a peer-reviewed journal that publishes academic articles concerning political theory, political science and legal theory. Website: <http://www.centroinaudi.it/biblioteca-della-liberta/il-progetto-bdl.html>
- 2018-on Member of the editorial board of *Argumenta*, the journal of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA).

#### Referee Work

- Reviewer for: *American Political Science Review*, *Argumenta*, *Biblioteca della Libertà*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Notizie di Politeia*, *Philosophy and Public Issues*, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, *Rivista di estetica*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Theory & Psychology*.
- Member of the Referee Committee (MA and PhD Thesis) for the Karachi University – Official Appointment.

#### Conferences and seminars organized

- Conference - *Dimension of Transitional Justice*. Keynote Speakers: Emanuela Ceva (University of Pavia) and Coleen Murphy (University of Illinois).  
21 March 2019, *Permanent Seminar of Practical Normativity*, Ghislieri College, Pavia.
- *Philosophical Perspectives*. The 13th conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA). Keynote Speakers: Carlotta Pavese (Duke University, North Carolina); Tim Crane (Central European University, Budapest).  
4-7 September 2018, University of Piemonte Orientale, Novara, Italy.
- Conference – *Toleration, Security and Realism. Conference on the Political Theory of Glen Newey*.  
8 June 2018, Centro Einaudi, Torino.
- Conference – *Theories of Modus Vivendi*. Keynote speakers: John Horton (Keele University); Alessandro Ferrara (University of Rome “Tor Vergata”).  
10 November 2017, Centro Einaudi, Torino.
- Workshop - *How to deal with Disagreement: Liberal Legitimacy and Compromise*. Keynote Speakers: Enzo Rossi (University of Amsterdam); Christian Rostbøll (University of Copenhagen).  
16 May 2017, in collaboration with University of Milan, Department of Political, Economic and Social Sciences and the Journal *Biblioteca della Libertà*.
- International Conference – *Emotions in Politics: From Self-Knowledge to Recognition of Others*. Keynote Speakers: Christine Tappolet (University of Montreal), Fabrice Teroni (University of Geneva).  
11 May 2017, University of Piemonte Orientale, Humanities Department, Vercelli.
- Workshop - *Democratic Inclusion: a philosophical debate over political boundaries*. Keynote Speaker: Rainer Bauböck (European University Institute).  
20 April 2017, Centro Einaudi, Torino.
- Conference - *Nuove frontiere della città: spazi, diversità, conflitti*. Keynote Speakers: Antonella Besussi (University of Milan); Anna Loretoni (Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies); Elena Pulcini (University of Florence).  
2 October 2015, University of Piemonte Orientale, Humanities Department, Vercelli.  
Final Conference for the research project URBANITAS.
- International Workshop - *An Inclusive Polis: Values, Procedures and Policies*, Keynote Speaker: Daniel Weinstock (McGill University).  
9-10 April 2014. Workshop organized as an activity of the URBANITAS Project. University of Piemonte Orientale, Humanities Department, Vercelli and Fondazione Rosselli, Torino.
- 2013-2015 Member of the Committee for the organization of a yearlong *Seminar in Political Thought*, Centro Einaudi, Torino.
- 2012-2013 Seminar Series on *Public Reasons and Public Space*, University of Piemonte Orientale, Humanities Department, Vercelli.

- Mark Sachs Lecture, Annual meeting of the editorial board of the Journal *European Journal of Philosophy*, Invited Speaker: Avishai Margalit on *Why Are You Betraying Your Class?* 14-15 May 2010, University of Piemonte Orientale, Humanities Department, Vercelli

### TEACHING EXPERIENCES

2018-2019 **Adjunct Professor**, Department of Studies on Language and Culture, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

Course: Introduction to Philosophy of Language (54 hours, 9 CFU).

2012-present **Teaching Assistant** (weekly discussion sections of 15-20 students each, including papers grading and oral examinations) - University of Piemonte Orientale “Amedeo Avogadro”.

Courses:

**Political Philosophy** (BA Level): the course focuses on the tradition of contractarianism and social theory (Hobbes; Kant; Locke; Rousseau) and then looks at the contemporary theories of distributive justice (G.A. Cohen; Dworkin; Nozick; Rawls; Walzer).

**Public Ethics** (MA Level): 2012/2013 topic: Political Obligation and Special Duties; 2013/2014 topic: Epistemic Democracy; 2015/2016 topic: Justification and Public Reason; 2016/2017 topic: The role of emotions for political deliberation; 2017/2018 topic: The populist challenge; 2018/2019 topic: Democratic demos and the borders challenge.

2008 **Academic Tutor** (Annual Award Winner). Academic and tutoring tasks and responsibilities involved: production of lectures; tests and exams evaluation; complete assistance and support to students on several and complex issues. Ethics and Moral Philosophy classes.

### AFFILIATIONS

**ASPP – Association for Social and Political Philosophy** – Member of the society

**FIERI – International and European Forum on Immigration Research** – Research Affiliates

**SIFP – Italian Society of Political Philosophy** – Member of the society

**SIFA – Italian Society of Analytic Philosophy** – Member of the society

**SWIP – Italian Society for Women in Philosophy** – Member of the society

### CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS PRESENTATIONS

**Refereed**

- 2019 • “Political Agency in Non-Ideal Circumstances: Democratic Equality and Epistemic Injustice”, *Epistemic Injustice, Reasons and Agency*, SWIP-UK, Annual Conference, University of Kent, May 1-2.
- 2018 • “How to Deal with Disagreement: Agent-relative Reasons in Favor of Toleration”, *Association for Social and Political Philosophy 2018 Annual Conference*, LUISS University and Sapienza University, Rome, June 21-23 (with Anna Elisabetta Galeotti).
- “Political Agency in Non-Ideal Circumstances: the Epistemic Dimension of Political Equality and the Epistemic forms of Injustice”, *Unpacking Political Agency. Equality, Vulnerability, Discrimination*. San Raffaele Spring School of Philosophy 2018 (SRSSP 2018), University Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Milan, June 5-7.
- 2017 • “Compromise among unbalanced forces: the role of parties in mitigating the effects of asymmetrical relations of power”, Conference - Compromise and Representation, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, December 12-14 (with E. Biale).
- “Political Management of Deep Disagreement: The Value of Tolerance”, Second Meeting of the Permanent Seminar on Practical Normativity, Collegio Ghislieri, Pavia, March 31, (with A.E. Galeotti).
- 2016 • “Proceduralism and the Epistemic Dilemma of the Supreme Courts”, XXX Conference of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP), University of Milan, Milan, September 15-17 (with D. Santoro).
- “What are the democratic bases of equality? Epistemic parity and political disagreement”, XII SIFA Conference, Pistoia, September 5-7.
- Winner of the SIFA Young Scholar Prize.**
- “What Are the Democratic Basis of Equality? Proceduralism and Epistemic Peerhood”, 4th International Conference of the Group for Social Engagement Studies, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University in Belgrade, Belgrade, May 4-6.
- 2015 • “What Are the Democratic Basis of Equality? Proceduralism and Epistemic Peerhood”, VI Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Minho, Braga, June 8-9.
- “A dualist account of democratic legitimation: the authority shared by epistemic peers in a pluralistic society”, Association for Social and Political Philosophy 2015 Annual Conference, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, June 25-26 (with E. Biale).
- 2014 • “Proceduralism and the Epistemic Dilemma of Supreme Courts”, Conference - Deliberation after consensus: Democracy, epistemic quality and public discourse, Fondation Maison des Sciences de l’homme, Paris, November 20-21 (with D. Santoro).
- “The Epistemic Authority of Deliberation: The Tension between Instrumental and Procedural Account”, Workshop - An Inclusive Polis: Values, Procedures and Policies, organized as an activity of the URBANITAS Project, University of Piemonte Orientale, Vercelli and Torino, April 9-10 (with E. Biale).



- “Open Negotiation: The Case of Same-sex Marriage”, Association for Legal and Social Philosophy 2014 Annual Conference, Leeds University, Leeds, July 1-2.

- 2012
- “An Anti-Platonic Account of Moral Justification” - X Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy, University of Pavia, Pavia, September 2-3.
  - “A Moderate View in Epistemology: Political Justification in Non-idealized Circumstances”, Brave New World - Graduate Conference, University of Manchester, Manchester, June 27-28.

### **As invited speaker**

- 2019
- Workshop on *Equality, Sufficiency and Discrimination*, LUISS University, Rome, 14-15 February.
- 2018
- Workshop organized for celebrating 25 years from the publication of Rawls’ *Political Liberalism*, Centro Studi Politeia, Milano, October 11.
  - “Agency politica e razionalità: vulnerabilità e forme strutturali di ingiustizia”, *Mercoledì Filosofici del Maino*, University of Pavia, May 16.
  - “Rationality and Reasonableness in Practice: the Epistemic Basis of Political Equality”, International conference on *Rationality and Reasonableness*, University of Cologne, Cologne, April 9-10.
- 2017
- Workshop on “Peace beyond Justice. Compromise and Modus Vivendi”, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Milan, March 20-21.
  - “Mantenere l'integrità morale in un contesto di disaccordo profondo: il caso dell'obiezione di coscienza”, *Mercoledì Filosofici del Maino*, University of Pavia, Pavia, February 8.
- 2015
- “La differenza e l’uguaglianza”, workshop organized for the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, University of Torino, May 16.
  - “Individual Freedom and Representative Democracy. John Stuart Mill”, Seminar on Political Thought, Centro Einaudi, Torino, January 29.
- 2014
- Lectio on Jonathan Quong *Liberalism without Perfection*, Graduate Class in Political Philosophy, Boston College, 2014 Fall Term.
  - “The Epistemic Dimension of Reasonableness”, Graduate Seminar, LUISS University, Rome, May 13.
  - “Equality VS Difference. Iris Marion Young and the Possibility of Attaining Equality While Looking for Differences”, Seminar in Political Thought, Centro Einaudi, Torino, March 27.
- 2013
- “Reflective Agreement: Public Justification in Nonideal Theory”, *Mercoledì Filosofici del Maino*, University of Pavia, April 10.

2012 • “Reflective Agreement in Nonideal Theory”, Seminar on Social Philosophy, University of Piemonte Orientale, March 27.

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### LINGUISTIC SKILLS

**Italian**, native speaker;  
**English**, fluent (written and spoken);  
**French**, elementary (written and spoken);  
**Hebrew**, elementary (written and spoken).

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### IT SKILLS

- Advanced competency in Microsoft Office – word, excel, access, power point and outlook.
  - Four years’ experience with VLE technology.
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### REFERENCES

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**Prof. Anna Elisabetta Galeotti**, Full Professor in Political Philosophy, University of Piemonte Orientale “Amedeo Avogadro”.  
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