

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Current Position

Full Professor in Phil/04-B (Philosophy and Theory of Languages) at the University of Eastern Piedmont, Department of Sustainable Development and Ecological Transition (DISSTE).

Rector's Delegate for University Teaching and the CRUI Teaching Commission.

Main Qualifications and Certifications

1999 - PhD in Cognitive Sciences at CREA-École Polytechnique (Paris). Thesis: *La psychologie naïve: Essai sur la nature, la fonction et les origines d'un mécanisme cognitif spécialisé*. Supervisor: Pierre Jacob

1997 - Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures (DES) in Theory of Knowledge in Contemporary Philosophy at the University of Geneva. Mémoire: *La psychologie naïve : Théorie ou simulation?* Supervisor: Kevin Mulligan

1995 - Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies (DEA) in Cognitive Sciences at CREA-Ecole Polytechnique (Paris). Mémoire: *Le problème de la frontière entre percept et concept*. Supervisor: Pierre Jacob

1993 - Degree in Philosophy at the University of Turin. Thesis: Referential competence in a system for natural language comprehension. Supervisor: Diego Marconi

Teaching Activities

Current Courses at UPO

- Personal identity (Master's degree in Disasters and Health Crisis Management)
- Philosophy of communication (Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Communication)
- Philosophy of cognitive processes (Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Communication)
- Argumentation Tournament (Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Communication)
- Reasoning and arguing (Master's degree in Philosophy, Politics, Cultural Studies)

Teaching at Other Universities or Higher Education Institutes

- 2024: University of Rijeka (Visiting professor)
- 2019: IUSS Pavia (Visiting Professor)
- 2005-2017: Vita-Salute San Raffaele University (contract teaching in Cognitive Psychology)

Funded Teaching Projects

- 2022-2024: Erasmus+ Project *Beyond the Emergency. Telecare for Non-Communicable Diseases*
- 2021-2023: Master "Business Needs Humanities" (Piedmont Region funding)

PhD

- Member of the Faculty Board PhD FINO (Northwestern Philosophy, University of Turin, UPO, Genoa and Pavia). Has served for multiple cycles as a member of the PhD Board.
- Member of the Faculty Board National PhD in Life Course (Psychology curriculum)

Research Activities

Research activity takes place at the intersection between philosophy of mind and cognitive sciences, with a particular focus on the concepts of person and personal identity. Additional areas of interest include the philosophy of emotions and motivation for action, as well as the nature of communication, with an emphasis on how disinformation and conspiracy theories influence the relationship between people and environment. The most recent works reflect a growing interest in how legal frameworks address the rights of nature, with particular interest in how legal decisions can impact human motivation for environmental respect.

Participation in Recent Research Projects

- 2023-2027: Marie Curie Staff Exchange Project *Speak for Nature: Interdisciplinary Approaches on Ecological Justice* (PI: Rodrigo Miguez Nunez). Secondments:
 - Completed (May–June 2025): Federal University of Santa Catarina (Environmental Justice Observatory), Brazil -- focus on environmental justice frameworks.
 - Planned (January-February 2026): FUHEM, Madrid -- focus on social justice models and environmental issues.
 - Planned (December 2026): FIMA, Santiago (Chile) -- focus on legal and advocacy principles applied to environmental cases.
- 2023-2025: *Age-IT* Project, PNRR Partnership "Consequences and challenges of aging", Mission 4. Contributing to Spoke 7 "Cultural and Political Dimensions of Ageing Societies - Aging and vulnerabilities." (P.I. Elisabetta Galeotti)
- 2022-2025: PRIN Project Conceptual Negotiation for a Better Future: An Ethical and Conceptual Investigation (P.I. Samuele Iaquinto)

Participation in completed PRIN projects: 2017-2020, 2010-2013, 2008-2011, 2006-2009, 2004-2007, 2003-2006, 2001-2004.

Public Engagement

- 2020-2023: Project Leader *CoVid-19 and information* (CRT funded)
- 2021-2022: Project *Daedalus flies. Health and culture promotion* (Compagnia di San Paolo Foundation)
- Regular participation in public events, courses and seminars for teachers, university orientation.

Institutional Activities

Rector's Delegate for University Teaching and the CRUI Teaching Commission

Previous Appointments

- Rector's Delegate for the University Library System (2018-2024)
- Member of the UPO Academic Senate (2017-2023)
- President of the Philosophy and Communication Degree Program (2017-2020)

Activities in Scientific Societies

- 2021-2013: President SIFA (Italian Society of Analytical Philosophy).
- Main affiliations

SIFA (Italian Society of Analytical Philosophy)
 SFL (Society of Philosophy of Language)
 LLC (Logic, Language and Cognition Center), University of Turin
 UPO Centers: CEIMS, AI@UPO, UPOTELEMED

Main Editorial Activities

- Co-direction of the Journal *Mefisto. Journal of medicine, philosophy, history* (Class A for s.c. 11/C2, 11/C4)
- Member of the scientific committee of the editorial series *Le Scienze. Storia-teoria-metodo-etica* (The Sciences: History-Theory-Method-Ethics), Rosenberg & Sellier, Turin

Conference Organization (selection 2015-2025)

- 2023: SIFA International Conference *Who is Afraid of Philosophy?* (UPO Alessandria)
- 2023: SIFA International Summer School (University of Genoa)
- 2018: IV Graduate Conference FINO (UPO)
- 2017: Conference *Emotions and politics* (UPO)
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Main Recent Conference Presentations (relevant to the project):

- Legal Persons and the Right to Eudaimonia: Extending the Capability Approach to Natural Objects. XXX Conference of the Italian Society of Philosophy of Language, University of Bologna, 2-4/9/2025.
- Reducing Susceptibility to Online Misinformation Among Older Adults: a Literature Review (with S. Caristia and E. Viola), Second General Meeting Age-It, Naples, 29-31/10/2025
- Blurred Disinformation in Digital News Media: Theory and Typology, International Conference on Communication and Applied Technologies (ICOMPTA), Valdivia, Chile, 2-4/9/2025 (with K. Pinto Garzon).
- Reasons against passions. A false dichotomy at the origin of 21st century polarizations, VI-VE Ministry of Culture, Rome, 3/7/2025.
- Empathy for the River-Person? Insights from the Philosophy of Mind. Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil, 5/6/2025.
- Jurisprudence as Stimulus for Environmental Sustainability: The Case of Legal Personality for Natural Entities, XXIX Conference of the Italian Society of Philosophy of Language, Sapienza University of Rome, 26-28/10/2024.
- Disinformation in Older Age: Fake News and Conspiracy Theories, Summer school *Equality and Citizenship*. University of Rijeka, 1-5/6/2024.
- Vulnerability to Disinformation in Older Age, Conference on Corpora for Language and Aging Research (CLARe6), University of Tübingen, 10-12/4/ 2024 (with M. Rosola).
- Vulnerable conspiracists. The deep reasons of conspiracism, Roma Tre University, February 29, 2024.
- Vulnerability to Disinformation in Older Age, San Raffaele Summer School of Philosophy, "The Coming of Age. Personal Identity, Well-Being, and Justice in an Ageing Society", Vita-Salute San Raffaele University 4-6 October 2023 (with M. Rosola)
- Speaking for nature? Séminaire IRJS, Paris1-Sorbonne University, September 14, 2023
- Some Psychological Origins of Conspiracy Theories, Workshop Mental Disorders, Public Justification, Capabilities, and Values, University of Rijeka, June 12-16, 2023.

Publications

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Monographs

- Marraffa M., Meini C. (2024), *The Developmental Psychology of Personal Identity. A Philosophical Perspective*, Bloomsbury.
- Iacone S., Loria E., Meini C. (2023), *Vulnerable conspiracists. The deep reasons of conspiracism*, Rosenberg & Sellier.
- Marraffa M., Meini C. (2022), *The construction of interiority. From physical identity to autobiographical memory*, Carocci.
- Marraffa M., Meini C. (2016), *Personal identity*, Carocci.
- Meini C. (2012), *Out of one's mind. The social bases of the self*, Mondadori University.
- Guiot G., Meini C., Sindelar M.T. (2012), *Autism and Music*, Erickson.
- Meini C. (2007), *Psychologists by nature. Introduction to the cognitive mechanisms of folk psychology*, Carocci.
- Marraffa M., Meini C. (2005), *The social mind. The cognitive bases of communication*, Laterza.
- Meini C. (2001), *Folk psychology. An evolutionary theory*, McGraw-Hill.

Journal Articles (selection)

- Benenti, M., & Meini, C. Narratives about Nature: Affective, Empathic, and Aesthetic Reactions. *Acta Philosophica Fennica*, in print.
- Meini C., Rosola M. (2025), Vulnerability to disinformation in older age, *Phenomenology and Mind*, 28.
- Marraffa M., Meini C. (2024), Self-consciousness as a construction all the way down, *Behavioral Sciences*, 14, 200.
- Loria E., Meini C. (2023), Uncertainty, attachment, and narcissism: The perfect recipe for conspiracy mentality, *RIFP*, 2:1.
- Galeotti A.E., Meini C. (2022), Scientific Misinformation and Fake News: A Blurred Boundary, *Social Epistemology*, 36:6.
- Marraffa M., Meini C. (2019), Forms of vitality revisited: The construction of an affective bodily self, *Theory & Psychology*, 19(1).
- Benenti M., Meini C. (2018), The Recognition of Emotions in Music and Landscapes: Extending Contour Theory, *Philosophia*, 46(3).
- Meini C. (2015), Music, emotions and cognitive sciences. With some therapeutic ambition, *Sistemi Intelligenti*, XXVII,2, 373-398 (target article).
- Ferri S., Meini C., et al. (2014), The Effect of Simple Melodic Lines on Aesthetic Experience, *Advances in Neuroscience*, 2014, Article ID 482126
- Meini C., Paternoster A. (2012), Mirror Neurons as a Conceptual Mechanism?, *Mind & Society*, 11.
- Meini C., Voltolini A. (2010), How pretence can really be metarepresentational, *Mind & Society*, 9.

Editorial Work

- Guerini R., Marraffa M., Meini C., Paternoster A. (eds.) (2019), *Self and Memory: A multidisciplinary debate*, Research Topic, Frontiers in Psychology.
- Meini C., Ruggiero G. (eds.) (2017), *The relational pentagram. Vital forms in family and couple psychotherapy*, FrancoAngeli.
- Meini C. (2017), editor of the topic "The Languages of art", *RIFL*, vol 11, n. 2.
- Meini C. (2015), editor of the topic "Music and Emotions", *Sistemi Intelligenti*, XXVII, 2.
- Adenzato M., Meini C. (eds.) (2006), *Evolutionary psychology*, Bollati Boringhieri.

Turin, September 24, 2025

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