

Current Position

Full Professor in Philosophy of Language (Academic Discipline: Aesthetics and Philosophy of Language) at the University of Eastern Piedmont, Department of Sustainable Development and Ecological Transition.

Rector's Delegate for Teaching and CRUI (Conference of Italian University Rectors) Teaching Commission.

Research Interests

Research focuses on the intersection of philosophy of mind and cognitive sciences, with particular attention to concepts of personhood and personal identity. Additional areas include philosophy of emotions and human motivation, as well as communicative phenomena, with special emphasis on how mis/disinformation and conspiracy theories impact human engagement with the environment. Recent work has also sparked an emerging interest in how legal frameworks address the rights of nature, particularly at the intersection of personhood concepts and environmental law.

Participation in Recent Research Projects Related to Sustainability

„Speak for Nature Project (2023-2027): Marie Skłodowska-Curie Staff Exchange "Speak for Nature: Interdisciplinary Approaches on Ecological Justice" (<https://www.speak4nature.eu>).

Secondments:

-Completed (may-june 2025): Universidad Federal de Santa Catarina (Environmental Justice Observatory), <https://ufsc.br>. Focus: Gaining practical experience and insights into environmental justice frameworks.

-Planned (february 2026): FUHEM, Foundation for social justice promotion, Madrid. <https://www.fuhem.es>
Focus: Researching social justice models in relation to environmental issues.

- Planned (december 2026): FIMA, non-profit NGO, Santiago, Chile <https://www.fima.cl>. Focus: Applying legal and advocacy principles to environmental cases.

Innovarisi Project (2026-2026): "Innovative Management Models and Patrimonialization of Rice Ecosystems in Italy" within the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR) - AGRITECH Program.

Age-IT Project (2023-2026): Extended partnership for "Consequences and challenges of aging" within PNRR, Mission 4. Contributing to Spoke 7 "Cultural and Political Dimensions of Ageing Societies - Aging and vulnerabilities."

PRIN National Project (2022-2025): "Conceptual Negotiation for a Better Future: An Ethical and Conceptual Investigation."

Selected Presentations (2023-2027) on Sustainability-Related Issues

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 September 2025.

Reducing Susceptibility to Online Misinformation Among Older Adults: a Literature Review (with S. Caristia e E. Viola), Secondo General Meeting Age-It, Napoli, October 29-31, 2025.

Blurred Disinformation in Digital News Media: Theory and Typology, International Conference on Communication and Applied Technologies (ICOMPTA), Valdivia, Chile, September 2-4, 2025 (with K. Pinto Garzon).

Empathy for the River-Person? Insights from the Philosophy of Mind. Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil, June 5, 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, October 26-28, 2024.

Speaking for Nature?, IRJS Seminar, Université Paris1-Sorbonne, September 14, 2023.

Selected Recent Publications (2023-2025) on Sustainability and Personal Identity

Books

M. Marraffa, C. Meini (2024), *The Developmental Psychology of Personal Identity. A Philosophical Perspective*, Bloomsbury, London.

Iacone, S., Loria, E., & Meini, C. (2023). *Complottisti vulnerabili. Le ragioni profonde del cospirazionismo* (Vulnerable Conspiracists: The Deep Reasons of Conspiracism). Rosenberg & Sellier, Turin.

Papers

Benenti, M., & Meini, C. Narratives about Nature: Affective, Empathic, and Aesthetic Reactions. *Acta Philosophica Fennica*, forthcoming.

Meini, C., & Rosola, M. (2025). Vulnerability to Disinformation in Older Age. *Phenomenology and Mind*, 28.

Galeotti, A.E., & Meini, C. (2022). Scientific Misinformation and Fake News: A Blurred Boundary. *Social Epistemology*, 36(6), 703-718.

Recent Editorial Activities

Editor in Chief of *Mefisto. Rivista di medicina, filosofia, storia* (Medicine, Philosophy, History Journal).

Scientific Committee Member of the Editorial Series *Le Scienze. Storia-teoria-metodo-etica* (The Sciences: History-Theory-Method-Ethics), Rosenberg & Sellier, Turin.

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