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Current Position

2024- *Associate Professor* in Philosophy and Language Theory
at Università degli Studi di Siena,
Dipartimento di Scienze Sociali, Politiche e Cognitive.

Areas of Specialisation

Philosophy; Semantics; Formal Pragmatics; Logic of Natural Languages

Appointments Held

2021-2024 *Senior Researcher - tenure* - in Philosophy and Language Theory
at Università degli Studi di Siena,
Dipartimento di Scienze Sociali, Politiche e Cognitive.

2019-2021 *Senior Researcher - grant funded* - in Linguistics and Philosophy
at Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona,
Departament de Traducció i Ciències del Llenguatge.

2017-2019 *Senior Researcher - grant funded* - in Semantics and Pragmatics
at Geisteswissenschaftliche Zentren Berlin,
Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (ZAS).

2014-2017 *Junior Researcher* in Semantics and Pragmatics
at Geisteswissenschaftliche Zentren Berlin,
Leibniz-Zentrum Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft (ZAS).

Habilitations

17.06.2026 Habilitation (ASN) as *Full Professor* ('Professore Universitario di Prima Fascia')
in the area of Aesthetics and Philosophy of Languages (11/c4).

11.07.2017 Habilitation (ASN) as *Associate Professor* ('Professore Universitario di Seconda Fascia')
in the area of Aesthetics and Philosophy of Languages (11/c4).

Fellowships

- 19.9.2019 *Beatriu de Pinós Fellowship*
in the fields of Arts and Humanities,
awarded by: Catalonia's *Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca*.
- 8.5.2017 *Juan de la Cierva Fellowship*
in the fields of Philosophy and Philology,
awarded by: Spain's *Agencia Estatal de Investigación*. [Declined.]
- 10.8.2016 *Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship*
in the fields of Philosophy and Theoretical Linguistics,
awarded by: *Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung*.
- 2.11.2013 *DAAD Fellowship*
in the fields of Language and Culture Studies,
awarded by: *Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst*.
- 7.4.2011 *William J. Fulbright Fellowship*
in the fields of Social Sciences and Humanities,
awarded by: U.S. Department of State's *Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs*.

Education

DOCTORATE

- 27.9.2013 *Doctorate in Cognitive Science*
at Università degli Studi di Siena,
Doctoral School of Cognitive Sciences;
under the supervision of GABRIELE USBERTI and ADRIANA BELLETTI.

POSITIONS AS DOCTORAL STUDENT

- 2012-2013 *Predoctoral Researcher*
at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey,
Rutgers Center for Cognitive Science (RUCCS);
under the supervision of ERNIE LEPORE.
- 2011-2012 *Associate Doctoral Student*
at École Normale Supérieure (ENS),
Institut Jean Nicod, Paris;
under the supervision of BENJAMIN SPECTOR.
- 2010-2011 *Special Student*
at Harvard University,
Department of Linguistics;
under the supervision of GENNARO CHIERCHIA.

Representative Publications

The Contradiction Puzzle for Logicality,

with ANTONIO NEGRO in Federica Longo and Daniele Panizza (editors), *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* (SUB), volume 29: pp. 1211-1217, 2025.

[Publisher](#) || [ResearchGate](#) || [PhilPapers](#)

Senso e controsenso. Uno studio filosofico su grammatica e logica delle lingue naturali, vol. 1622 of *Biblioteca di Testi e Studi (Filosofia)*. Roma: Carocci, 2024.

[Publisher](#) || [ResearchGate](#) || [PhilPapers](#)

Relevance without Existence,

with MARIA BUYKO and VINCENZO MOSCATI in «Glossa», 9(1): pp. 1–13, 2024.

[Publisher](#) || [ResearchGate](#) || [PhilPapers](#)

Per un capitolo di storia della filosofia del linguaggio,

with FRANÇOIS RÉCANATI in Oswald Ducrot, *Le scale argomentative. Linguaggio, logica, persuasione*, vol. 1513 of *Biblioteca di Testi e Studi*. Roma: Carocci, 2023, pp. 97-105.

[Publisher](#) || [ResearchGate](#) || [PhilPapers](#).

Rhetorically-Based Scalar-Additivity,

with LOUISE MCNALLY in John Starr, Juhyae Kim, and Burak Öney (editors), *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory* (SALT), volume 32: pp. 463–480, 2022.

[Publisher](#) || [ResearchGate](#) || [PhilPapers](#).

On Logicality and Natural Logic,

with LUCA SAN MAURO in «Natural Language Semantics», 29(3): pp. 501–506, 2021.

[Publisher](#) || [ResearchGate](#) || [PhilPapers](#)

Analyticity and Modulation. Broadening the Rescale Perspective on Logicality,

with ULI SAUERLAND in «International Review of Pragmatics», 13(1): pp. 1–13, 2021.

[Publisher](#) || [ResearchGate](#) || [PhilPapers](#).

Divertissement quasigramsciano su logica e linguaggio,

in «Rivista Italiana di Filosofia del Linguaggio», 15(1): pp. 148-153, 2021.

[Publisher](#) || [ResearchGate](#) || [PhilPapers](#).

Contextual Blindness in Implicature Computation,

in «Natural Language Semantics», 25(2): pp. 109–24, 2017.

[Publisher](#) || [ResearchGate](#) || [PhilPapers](#).

On Conceivability and Existence in Linguistic Interpretation.

In Patrick Brézillon, Roy Turner, and Carlo Penco (editors), *Modeling and Using Context*, vol. 10257 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*. Cham: Springer, 2017, pp. 203-212.

[Publisher](#) || [ResearchGate](#) || [PhilPapers](#).

Semantica e pragmatica linguistica. Tracce di normalità nelle implicature scalari,

vol. 919 of *Biblioteca di Testi e Studi (Filosofia)*. Roma: Carocci, 2014.

[Publisher](#) || [ResearchGate](#) || [PhilPapers](#)

Selection of Conferences, Workshops and Invited Seminars

- 25.8.2026 *The 12nd European Congress of Analytic Philosophy (ECAP 12)*,
at Universidad Complutense de Madrid,
presenting «Carnap's Information Paradox and Logicality».
- 11.5.2026 *The 5th International Conference on Pragmatics and Philosophy (PRAGMASOPHIA 5)*,
at Università degli Studi di Messina,
presenting «Veridicality versus Contingency».
- 14.2.2026 *The 51st Meeting of Generative Grammar (IGG 51)*,
at Università degli Studi Udine,
with DAVIDE SPINELLI and VINCENZO MOSCATI presenting «Processing Uninformativeness».
- 9.10.2025 *III Convegno Nazionale Storia del Pensiero Linguistico e Semiotico — CISPELS*,
at Università degli Studi della Calabria,
presenting «La sottodeterminazione linguistica del significato in una prospettiva analitica».
- 14.10.2025 *New York Philosophy of Language Workshop*,
at New York University,
with TUE TRINH presenting «Tractarian Nonsense and Modern Linguistic Theory».
- 28.8.2025 *The 16th Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy — SIFA*,
at Università degli Studi di Torino,
with ANTONIO NEGRO presenting «Which Information for Logicality?».
- 17.5.2025 *The 9th International Conference on Philosophy of Language (PHILANG 2025)*,
at Uniwersytet Łódzki,
presenting «Wittgenstein on whether Trivialities Are Sentences».
- 19.9.2024 *The 29th Sinn und Bedeutung Conference (SUB 29)*,
at Università degli Studi di Messina,
with ANTONIO NEGRO «Grammaticality as Contingency».
- 9.6.2022 *The 32nd Semantics and Linguistic Theory Conference (SALT 32)*,
at Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México,
with LOUISE McNALLY presenting «Rhetorically-based Scalar-additivity».
- 9.10.2021 *Colloque International Enonciation et Argumentation*,
at Universidade de Passo Fundo,
with NICOLETTA ARMENTANO presenting «Notes on *même* and its Additivity».
- 26.6.2021 *Common Knowledge, Common Ground, and Context in Communication (MK 40)*,
at University College London,
with ULI SAUERLAND presenting «Loosening Repair in Logicality».

- 17.8.2020 *The 10th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy (ECAP 10)*,
at Universiteit Utrecht,
with ULI SAUERLAND presenting «Language Logicality and Pragmatics».
- 17.9.2017 *The 4th Philosophy of Language and Mind Conference (PLM 4)* at
Ruhr Universität Bochum,
with ULI SAUERLAND presenting «Degrees of Analyticity».
- 20.1.2017 *The 23rd Conference of the Italian Society for the Philosophy of Language — SFL*,
at Università degli Studi di Bologna,
presenting «Il precedente leibniziano di una logica linguistica».
- 24.11.2016 *The 13th Conference of the Italian Association for Cognitive Sciences — AISC*,
at Università degli Studi di Torino,
presenting «Extending Contextual Blindness».

Teaching and Mentoring

CURRENT TEACHING

- 4 hrs *Philosophy and Argumentation*, (ERC SH4-5),
Doctoral Program in *Social Sciences and Humanities*.
- 4 hrs *Language and Human Affairs*, (ERC SH4-5),
Doctoral Program in *Social Sciences and Humanities*.
- 36 hrs *Philosophy of Natural Languages*, (PHIL-04/B),
Master of Arts Program in *Language and Mind. Linguistics and Cognitive Studies* (LM-39).
- 36 hrs *Logic of Natural Languages*, (PHIL-04/B),
Master of Arts Program in *Language and Mind. Linguistics and Cognitive Studies* (LM-39).
- 36 hrs *Filosofia del Linguaggio*, (PHIL-04/B),
Master of Arts Program in *Storia e Filosofia* (LM-78).

SELECTED MA, AND PHD SUPERVISIONS

YASMINE LAGHJICHI (later a PhD at Université Sorbonne Paris Nord), with a thesis on thought experiments. || ALDAIR GOMEZ DIAZ (later a PhD at Universitetet i Oslo), with a thesis on Strawson entailment. MICOL PASTI (later a PhD at Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), with a thesis on future contingents. || MARIA BUYKO (later a PhD at Universitetet i Oslo), with a thesis on oddness in implicatures. || GIADA COLESCI (later a PhD at Università degli Studi di Torino), with a thesis on logicality. || ALICE COPPOLA (later a PhD at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), with a thesis on music semantics.

DAVIDE SPINELLI, with an ongoing doctoral project on logicality at Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca. || ILENIA AMITRANO, with an ongoing doctoral project on self-reference at Università degli Studi di Siena.

COORDINATION ACTIVITIES

- 2022- *Coordinator of Double Degree in Philosophy*, jointly established by Università degli Studi di Siena, *Language and Mind. Linguistics and Cognitive Studies* (LM-39), and Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. *Master en Philosophie, parcours logique et philosophie des sciences* (LOPHISC).

Service to the Profession

EDITORIAL BOARD

- 2024- Editorial board for *Semantics and Pragmatics*.
2016-2023 Editorial board for *Topoi. An International Review of Philosophy*

REVIEWER FOR JOURNALS

Mind and Language,
Mind. A Quarterly Review of Philosophy,
Linguistics and Philosophy,
Topoi. An International Review of Philosophy,
Natural Language Semantics,
Glossa. A Journal of General Linguistics,
Lingua. An International Review of General Linguistics,
Frontiers in Communication,
Acta Linguistica Hafniensia. International Journal of Linguistics,
Argumenta. Journal of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy,
Semantics and Pragmatics,
Theoria. A Swedish Journal of Philosophy and Psychology,
Theory, Culture and Society,
Studia Semiotyczne,
Philosophical Investigations.

EDITIONS

Oswald Ducrot, *Le scale argomentative. Linguaggio, logica, persuasione*, vol. 1513 of Biblioteca di Testi e Studi (Linguistica). Roma: Carocci 2023.
[Publisher](#) || [ResearchGate](#) || [PhilPapers](#)

Linguistic and Psycholinguistic Approaches on Implicatures and Presuppositions, WITH FILIPPO DOMANESCHI in Palgrave Studies in Pragmatics, Language and Cognition. London: Palgrave 2017.
[Publisher](#) || [ResearchGate](#) || [PhilPapers](#)

Pragmatics, Semantics and the Case of Scalar Implicatures, Palgrave Studies in Pragmatics, Language and Cognition. London: Palgrave 2014.
[Publisher](#) || [ResearchGate](#) || [PhilPapers](#)

REPORTS

Yehoshua Bar-Hillel,

in «Analytical and Philosophical Explanation», 24, 2021, pp. 26.

[Publisher](#) || [ResearchGate](#) || [PhilPapers](#)

Le implicature scalari,

WITH JACOPO ROMOLI in «Analytical and Philosophical Explanation», 11, 2015, pp. 39.

[Publisher](#) || [ResearchGate](#) || [PhilPapers](#)