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Education and training

2012

PhD in Philosophy

Dissertation topic practical wisdom in Aristotle and Thomas Aquinas
University of Genoa - Genoa

2008

MA in Philosophy

Aristotle's nameless 'social' virtues
University of Genoa Italy - GENOVA - IT

2006

BA in Classics

The concept of pistis in Parmenides' poem
University of Genoa Italy - IT

Academic experience

2014 - 2018

Post-doctoral fellow

University of Genoa
Main research project Attention and imagination in contemporary moral philosophy

2017

Stagiaire Academique

University of Geneva - Geneva - CH
Research project on negative exemplarity-related emotions. Supervisors
Julien Deonna Fabrice Teroni

2009 - 2010

Visiting Doctoral Fellow

University of St. Andrews - St. Andrews - GB
Research project on Aristotelian ethics. Supervisor Sarah Broadie

2009 - 2012

PhD Candidate

University of Genoa

Dissertation title *Le ragioni del contingente. La saggezza pratica tra Aristotele e Tommaso d'Aquino*

Work experience

2018 - ONGOING

Lecturer (Italian law nr. 230/2005)

University of Genoa

M-FIL/03 Moral Philosophy

Language skills

English

Proficient

French

Basic

Spanish

Teaching activity

From 2012 onwards, I have been supporting the teaching activities of the Moral Philosophy Chair at the University of Genoa.

During the 2017-2018 academic year, I have been appointed as under-contract professor of “Philosophical Anthropology” within the training course for prospective secondary school teachers.

Research interests

At the beginning of my research career, my interests have been focused on ancient ethical thought, and on their developments in the Medieval period. In particular, I have followed the Aristotelian tradition along the path that leads to Thomas Aquinas’ peculiar virtue theory.

In more recent years, I have drawn on such background to enter the contemporary virtue-ethical debate, which makes use of Aristotelian concepts by combining them with a broadly-conceived analytic method. Within this debate, I have focused on some research lines, in collaboration with some of the main international research centers on virtue ethics, such as the Institute for the Study of Human Flourishing (ISHF) at the University of Oklahoma and the Jubilee Center for Character and Virtues at the University of Birmingham. Also, I have recently opened a new research line at the crossroads between virtue ethics and emotion theory, in collaboration with the CISA – Swiss Center for Affective Sciences, at the University of Geneva. Here are my main research interests:

- the empirical evidence in support of the idea of character traits and virtues
- practical wisdom, or phronesis, as the unifying center of a virtuous character
- the unity of the virtues thesis as a developmental ideal
- virtuous exemplars and their importance for defining moral concepts and for character education
- competing theories of emotions and the moral importance of educating negative emotions.

Grants

2009 - 2012

Translatio studiorum/Progresso/Modernita. Genesi e ruolo di alcuni concetti-guida nella storia del pensiero.

Italian Ministry of Education - IT

Participant

2012 - 2015

Riflessione etica e religiosa fra modernita e contemporaneita attraverso la categoria dell'altro.

Italian Ministry of Education - IT

Participant

Editorial activity

I am a member of the editorial board of *Etica e Politica - Ethics&Politics* (2014-): <http://www2.units.it/etica/>

I have served as an ad hoc reviewer for: *Emotion Review*, *Etica & Politica – Ethics & Politics*, *Journal of Moral Education*, *Lessico di Etica e Politica*, *Philosophical Inquiries*, *Res Philosophica*, *Studium*, *Teoria*.