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## Areas of Research

**AOS:** Philosophy of Mind (consciousness; intentionality; mental representation; emotion; mood; perception; temporal experience)

**AOC:** Philosophy of Language; Metaphysics

## Current Position

**University of Turin** Jan 2024-present  
Department of Philosophy and Education Sciences  
*Postdoctoral Fellow*

## Other Affiliations

**MUMBLE** Jan 2024-present  
*Member*

**EXRE** Dec 2021-present  
*Researcher*

**Centre for Philosophy of Time** Oct 2018-present  
*Senior Member*

**Culinary Mind** June 2018-present  
*Member*

## Previous Positions

**University of Fribourg** Dec 2021-Aug 2023  
Department of Philosophy  
*Postdoctoral Fellow*

**University of Liege** Oct 2018-Nov 2021  
Department of Philosophy  
*Postdoctoral Fellow*

**University of Milan** Oct 2017-Jan 2018  
Department of Philosophy  
*Adjunct Professor*

**Centre for Philosophy of Time** Apr 2016-Sept 2018  
*Adjunct Coordinator*

**University of Macau** Dec 2015-Mar 2016  
Philosophy and Religious Studies Programme  
*Postdoctoral Fellow*

**University of Milan** Sept 2014-Nov 2015

Department of Philosophy  
*Research Assistant and Tutor for PhD Students*

## Education

<b>University of Milan</b> <i>PhD in Philosophy</i> Dissertation title: “The Transparencies and the Opacities of Experience: Intentionalism, Phenomenal Character, and Moods”	<b>Jan 2011-Jun 2014</b>
<b>Institut Jean Nicod</b> <i>Visiting PhD Student and Member of the Consciousness and the Self Team</i> Supervisor: Prof. Uriah Kriegel	<b>Jan 2013-Jul 2013</b>
<b>University of Arizona</b> <i>Visiting PhD student</i> Supervisor: Prof. Uriah Kriegel	<b>Aug 2011-Jul 2012</b>
<b>University of Milan</b> <i>MA in Philosophy</i>	<b>Sept 2006-Dec 2009</b>
<b>University of Milan</b> <i>BA in Philosophy</i>	<b>Sept 2002-Jun 2006</b>

## Qualifications

<b>Italian National Scientific Habilitation — Associate Professor</b> Areas: Logic, History and Philosophy of Science (11/C2); Aesthetics and Philosophy of Language (11/C4).	<b>Dec 2023</b>
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## Summer Schools

<b>Central European University</b> “Cognitive Phenomenology” Director: Prof. David Pitt	<b>Jul 2019</b>
<b>Central European University</b> “Matter, Mind and Consciousness” Director: Prof. David Pitt	<b>Jul 2016</b>

## Fellowships and Grants

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions EU Seal of Excellence. Project title: “Intentionality Inside-Out: The Role of Inner Awareness in Intentionality” (INTENTIO)	<b>Apr 2024</b>
Postdoctoral Fellowship, F.R.S-FNRS PDR T.0095.18, “The Phenomenology of Mental States,” Liege/Fribourg	<b>Oct 2018-Dec 2022</b>
Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Macau	<b>Dec 2015-Mar 2016</b>
Italian Ministry for Education PhD Research Grant	<b>Jan 2011-Jan 2014</b>

## Publications

### Edited Books

- *Consciousness and Inner Awareness* (with Arnaud Dewalque and Anna Giustina). Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press (forthcoming).

## Papers and Chapters

### *In English*

- **D. Bordini** (forthcoming). "Introspection and the Transparency of Experience." In A. Giustina (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Introspection*. London: Routledge.
- **D. Bordini**, A. Dewalque, A. Giustina (forthcoming). "Inner Awareness: Past and Present" (with Arnaud Dewalque and Anna Giustina). In D. Bordini, A. Dewalque and A. Giustina (eds.), *Consciousness and Inner Awareness*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
- **D. Bordini** (2024). "Something about the Question of Aboutness: Comments on Crane." *Australasian Philosophical Review*, 8(1): 31-41 (lead article: T. Crane, "On the Explanation of Intentionality"). DOI: 10.1080/24740500.2024.2485187.
- **D. Bordini** (2023). "Seeing through Transparency." In U. Kriegel (ed.), *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Mind Volume 3*, pp. 263-296. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- **D. Bordini** and G. Torrenco (2023). "Fear of the Past." *Ergo*, 9: 13. DOI: 10.3998/ergo.2269.
- **D. Bordini** (2022). "The Taste(s) of a Recipe." In A. Borghini and P. Engisch (eds.), *The Philosophy of Recipes. Making, Experiencing, and Valuing*, pp. 43-56. London: Bloomsbury.
- **D. Bordini** and G. Torrenco (2022). "Frightening Times." *European Journal of Philosophy*, 30(1): 293-306. DOI: 10.1111/ejop.12633.
- **D. Bordini** (2017). "Not in the Mood for Intentionalism." *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*, 41, special issue on Phenomenology of Affective Life: 60-81. DOI: 10.1111/misp.12066.
- **D. Bordini** (2017). "Is There Introspective Evidence for Phenomenal Intentionality?" *Philosophical Studies*, 174(5): 1105-1126. DOI: 10.1007/s11098-016-0745-9.

### *In Italian*

- **D. Bordini** (2022). "Mente." In E. Paganini (ed.), *Il Primo Libro di Filosofia del Linguaggio e della Mente*, pp. 146-155. Torino: Einaudi.
- **D. Bordini** (2022). "Funzionalismo." In E. Paganini (ed.), *Il Primo Libro di Filosofia del Linguaggio e della Mente*, pp. 177-187. Torino: Einaudi.
- **D. Bordini** (2022). "Computazionalismo." In E. Paganini (ed.), *Il Primo Libro di Filosofia del Linguaggio e della Mente*, pp. 220-232. Torino: Einaudi.
- **D. Bordini**, E. Paganini, A. Zucchi (2019). "Introduzione." *Rivista Italiana di Filosofia del Linguaggio*, issue "Forme dell'identità:" 1-2. DOI:10.4396/SFL201900.
- **D. Bordini** (2011). "Analitico, Sintetico e A Priori: Il Dibattito tra Fenomenologia Husserliana e Empirismo Logico." *Rivista di Storia della Filosofia*, 56(2): 205-230. DOI: 10.3280/SF2011-002001.

## Edited special issues

- Special issue "Perceiving High-Level Properties" (with Alberto Barbieri and Alessio Tacca). *Argumenta. Journal of Analytic Philosophy* (forthcoming).

- Special issue “Forme dell’identità,” 2019 (with Elisa Paganini and Alessandro Zucchi). *Rivista Italiana di Filosofia del Linguaggio* (2019).
- Italian edition of J. Searle, *Seeing Things As They Are. A Theory of Perception* (with Paolo Spinicci). Milano: Raffaello Cortina Editore (2016).

## Translations

### From French

- Anita Konzelman-Ziv, Christine Tappolet, Fabrice Teroni (eds.), *Les ombres de l’ame*, italian translation: *Le ombre dell’anima*. Milano: Raffaello Cortina Editore (2013).

### From English

- T. Nagel, *What Is It Like to Be a Bat?*, italian translation: *Cosa si prova a essere un pipistrello?* Milano: Raffaello Cortina Editore (2025).
- D. Bickerton, *More Than Nature Needs. Language, Mind, and Evolution*, italian translation: *Quello di cui la natura non ha bisogno. Mente, linguaggio ed evoluzione*. Milano: Adelphi (2022).
- J. Searle, *Seeing Things As They Are. A Theory of Perception*, italian translation: *Vedere le cose come sono. Una teoria della percezione*. Milano: Raffaello Cortina Editore (2016).
- R. Firth, “Coherence, Certainty, and Epistemic Priority,” italian translation: “Coerenza, certezza e priorità epistemica,” in C. Calabi, A. Coliva, A. Sereni, G. Volpe (eds.), *Teorie della conoscenza. Il dibattito contemporaneo*, pp. 171-184. Milano: Raffaello Cortina Editore (2015).
- J. Greco, “Justification Is Not Internal,” italian translation: “La giustificazione non è interna,” in C. Calabi, A. Coliva, A. Sereni, G. Volpe (eds.), *Teorie della conoscenza. Il dibattito contemporaneo*, pp. 235-253. Milano: Raffaello Cortina Editore (2015).
- C.I. Lewis, “The Basis of Empirical Knowledge,” italian translation: “Le basi della conoscenza empirica,” in C. Calabi, A. Coliva, A. Sereni, G. Volpe (eds.), *Teorie della conoscenza. Il dibattito contemporaneo*, pp. 151-170. Milano: Raffaello Cortina Editore (2015).
- J. Pryor, “What’s Wrong with Moore’s Argument?,” italian translation: “Che cosa c’è di sbagliato nell’argomento di Moore?,” in C. Calabi, A. Coliva, A. Sereni, G. Volpe (eds.), *Teorie della conoscenza. Il dibattito contemporaneo*, pp. 371-401. Milano: Raffaello Cortina Editore (2015).

## Talks (\* = peer reviewed)

### As speaker

“Why Philosophy? Well... Why Not?”

- Why Philosophy? Conference in Honor of Gianfranco Soldati. Champex Lac, Switzerland. January 2025.

“Something about the Question of Aboutness”

- An Evergreen Problem: Intentionality from the Middle Ages to Today. University of Turin. Turin, Italy. October 2024.

“Self-representationalism, Intimacy, and Mental Representation”

- Philosophy across Boundaries. XXV World Congress of Philosophy. University of Rome “La Sapienza.” Rome, Italy. August 2024.
- The Science of Consciousness 2023. Taormina, Italy. May 2023.
- Monthly Phenomenology. Online Seminar Series. Network for Phenomenological Research. March 2023.
- Awareness, Consciousness, Experience. 1st Workshop of the Doctoral School on Mind, Brain, and Reasoning. University of Milan. Milan, Italy. June 2022.
- 14th SIFA Conference. Noto, Italy. September 2021.\*

“Inner Awareness, Intimacy, and Mental Representation”

- The Mark of the Mental Webinar Series. San Raffaele University, Milan. Held online. June 2021.

“Introspection and Intentionalism about Moods”

- Introspection and Self-Awareness. Annual Seminar of the Centre for Phenomenological Research. Liege, Belgium. April 2019.

“Not in the Mood for Intentionalism”

- Workshop on Phenomenal Consciousness and Self-Awareness. Fribourg, Switzerland. April 2019.
- Thumos Seminar. Geneva, Switzerland. April, 2019.
- IUSS Philosophy Seminars. Pavia, Italy. November, 2017.

“L'intenzionalista e il suo bad mood”

- Sensibilia 12. University of Rome, Tor Vergata. Rome, Italy. December, 2018.

“The Tastes of a Recipe”

- Framing Recipes: Identity, Relationships, Norms. University of Milan. Milan, Italy. December, 2018.

“Experiencing Taste” (with S. Hirvonen)

- The Dining Experience. New Questions for Theoretical Philosophy. University of Fribourg. Fribourg, Switzerland. June, 2018.

“The Times of Fear” (with G. Torrenzo)

- Mental Time (Travel): Memory and Temporal Experience. University of Milan. Milan, Italy. May 2018.
- York-Milan Workshop on Mind & Metaphysics. University of York. York, UK. January 2018.
- 1st Tokyo-Milan Workshop on Time. Komaba Campus, Tokyo University. Tokyo, Japan. November 2017.

“Fearing the Future. Fear as Essentially Future-Oriented Emotion” (with G. Torrenzo)

- Emotions, Imagination, and Time. Gargnano del Garda, Italy. September 2017.

“Is There Introspective Evidence for Phenomenal Intentionality?”

- ECAP9. Munich, Germany. August 2017.\*
- 12th SIFA Conference. UNISER. Pistoia, Italy. September 2016.\*

“Phenomenal Grounding?”

- Matter, Mind and Consciousness. CEU Summer University. Central European University. Budapest, Hungary. July 2016.

“Naturalization, Intentionalism, and Moods”

- *Lectio Commandiniana*. University of Urbino. Urbino, Italy. May 2016.

“Arguing from Introspection? A Matter of (In)Convenience”

- 2nd Conference on Natural Cognition. Rationality and Its Rivals. University of Macau. Macau, China. December 2015.

“Phenomenology, Intentionality, and Introspection”

- OntoForMat Metaphysical Seminar. University of Milan. Milan, Italy. May 2015.

“Intentionalism about Moods: Going to Eden Is Still Not Enough”

- ECAP8. Bucharest, Romania. August 2014.\*
- Philosophy, Analysis, and Public Engagement. 11th SIFA Conference. LAquila, Italy. September 2014.\*
- 22nd Annual Meeting of the ESPP. Noto, Italy. September 2014.\*

“Intentionalism and the Problem of Moods”

- Seminar of Philosophy of Language and Mind. University of Milan. Milan, Italy. February 2014.
- Nonperceptual Sensuous States. 3rd Milan-York Workshop. University of York, York, UK. July 2014.

“Phenomenal Intentionality and Introspection”

- Phenomenality and Internalism. 2nd Annual Ernst Mach Workshop. Prague, Czech Republic. June 2013.\*
- 21st Annual Meeting of the ESPP. Granada, Spain. July 2013.\*
- 7th Meeting of the SEFA. Madrid, Spain. September 2013.\*
- Language, Logic, and Mind. 3rd SIFA Graduate Conference. Cagliari, Italy. September 2013.\*

“The Silence of Transparency”

- Paris Consciousness and Self-consciousness Seminar. Institut Jean Nicod, Paris, France. April, 2013.
- Nonperceptual Sensuous States. 2nd Milan-York Workshop. University of Milan, Milan, Italy. June 2013.

**As commentator**

“Comments on ‘What Is Knowledge of Things?’”

- Symposium on Matt Duncan’s *Present to the Mind: Acquaintance and Its Significance*. University of Fribourg, Fribourg, Switzerland. August 2024.

General commentator

- Workshop on Acquaintance and the Value of Subjectivity. University of Liege. Liege, Belgium. November 2022.
  - Workshop on The Foundations of Time. University of Milan, Milan, Italy. January 2020.
- “Comments on Peter Simon’s ‘Perceptual Retention’”
- Memory, Perception, and Imagination. Milan-York-Nottingham Workshop. Gargnano del Garda, Italy. September 2012.

## Teaching

### Modules and seminars

- “The Special Status of Experiencing Subjects.” Advanced seminar for MA students. 28 hours. Department of Philosophy, University of Fribourg, Switzerland. Spring 2023. (Taught with Prof. Martine Nida-Rümelin)
- “‘What Is Mind? No Matter! What Is Matter? Never Mind!’ An Introduction to Philosophy of Mind.” 20 hours. Module for advanced BA and MA students. Fall 2018. (Full responsibility)
- “‘What Is Mind? No Matter! What Is Matter? Never Mind!’ An Introduction to Philosophy of Mind.” 20 hours. Module for advanced BA and MA students. Department of Philosophy, University of Milan, Milan, Italy. Fall 2017. (Full responsibility)
- “Putnam on Reference and Skepticism.” 12 hours. Seminar for BA students. Department of Philosophy, University of Milan, Milan, Italy. Fall 2012. (Full responsibility)

### Invited Academic lectures

- “The Transparencies of Experience.” 2-hour lecture, Proseminar (Prof. Denis Seron), University of Liege, Liege, Belgium. Fall 2020.
- “The Phenomenal Intentionality Theory vs. Reductive Representationalism.” 2-hour lecture, course: *Textes Philosophiques Contemporains* (Prof. Arnaud Dewalque), University of Liege, Liege, Belgium. Fall 2020.
- “The Phenomenal Intentionality Theory vs. Reductive Representationalism.” 2-hour lecture, course: *Textes Philosophiques Contemporains* (Prof. Arnaud Dewalque), University of Liege, Liege, Belgium. Fall 2019.

### Lectures aimed at a general public

- “Mente e Filosofia” Invited lecture. Società Dante Alighieri. Liège, Belgium. Held online. February 2022.
- “Mind, Body, Future” Invited lecture for the Envisioning Workshop. Domus Academy. Milan, Italy. October 2017.

## Activities and events organized

### Conferences and Workshops

- HOPP Final Workshop. University of Turin, Italy. September 2025 (with Agostino Pinna Pintor and Alberto Voltolini).
- An Evergreen Problem: Intentionality from the Middle Ages to Today. University of Turin, Italy. October 2024 (with Agostino Pinna Pintor and Alberto Voltolini).

- Workshop on Introspection with Maja Spener. Bigorio, Switzerland. June 2022 (with Arnaud Dewalque, Anna Giustina, Gianfranco Soldati, Samet Sulejmanoski).
- Inner Awareness: Past and Present. 3rd Conference of the Network for Phenomenological Research. University of Liege, Belgium. November-December 2021 (with Arnaud Dewalque, Anna Giustina, Denis Seron).
- The Mental and the Physical. Workshop with Mark Textor. University of Liege, Belgium. November 2019 (with Arnaud Dewalque).
- Liege-Fribourg Workshop on Self-Awareness and Transparency. University of Fribourg, Switzerland. June 2019 (with Davood Bahjat Fumani, Arnaud Dewalque, Gianfranco Soldati).
- Mental Time (Travel): Memory and Temporal Experience. University of Milan, Italy. May, 2018 (with Kourken Michaelian, Giuliano Torrenco, Nick Young, Samuele Iaquinto, Valerio Buonomo, Daniele Cassaghi).
- XXIV National Conference of the Italian Society for the Philosophy of Language “Identity and Its Forms.” University of Milan, Italy. January, 2018 (with Clotilde Calabi, Aldo Frigerio, Samuele Iaquinto, Elisa Paganini, Francesca Panzeri, Savina Raynaud, Giuseppe Spolaore, Giuliano Torrenco, Sandro Zucchi).
- Workshop on Emotions, Imagination, and Time. Palazzo Feltrinelli, Gargnano del Garda, Italy. September 2017 (with Carla Bagnoli, Clotilde Calabi, Dorothea Debus, Cain Todd, Giuliano Torrenco, Nick Young).
- 4th IAPT Meeting. Palazzo Feltrinelli, Gargnano del Garda, Italy. June 2017 (with A. Bardon, V. Buonomo, C. Calosi, F. Correia, S. Iaquinto, D. Ingram, U. Meyer, K. Miller, B. Neeser, G. Torrenco, C. Wüthrich, N. Young).
- Workshop on Temporal Experience. University of Milan, Italy. November 2016 (with Samuele Iaquinto, Dave Ingram, Giuliano Torrenco, Daria Vitasovic).
- 12th SIFA Conference. UNISER, Pistoia, Italy. September 2016 (with Carla Bagnoli, Clotilde Calabi, Ian Carter, Massimo Dell’Utri, Elvira Di Bona, Simone Gozzano, Andrea Iacona, Samuele Iaquinto, Dave Ingram, Elisabetta Lalumera, Giuliano Torrenco).
- Symposium on Time. 12th SIFA Conference. UNISER, Pistoia, Italy. September 2016 (with Samuele Iaquinto, Elisa Paganini, Giuliano Torrenco).
- Workshop “The Roots of Fiction: Possibilities and Imagination.” University of Macau, Macau, China. December 2015 (with Adriano Angelucci, Nevia Dolcini, Mog Stapleton).
- 2nd International Conference on Natural Cognition “Rationality and Its Rivals.” University of Macau, Macau, China. December 2015 (with Adriano Angelucci, Nevia Dolcini, Mog Stapleton).

### **Seminars and Series of Talks**

- “Liege-Fribourg Brainstorming Sessions.” Work in Progress Research Seminar. University of Liege/University of Fribourg (Online). Fall 2021.
- “Experiences.” Seminar Series in Philosophy of Mind. University of Liege (Online). Spring 2021.
- Brainstorming sessions. Work in Progress Research Seminar. University of Liege (Online). Fall 2020.

- Seminars of Philosophy of Perception, Mind, and Language—2018 Session. University of Milan. Spring 2018 (with Andrea Borghini).
- “Phenomenal Attitudes.” Invited PhD course given by Prof. Uriah Kriegel. University of Milan. April 18-21, 2017 (with Giuliano Torrenco).
- Seminars of Philosophy of Language & Mind—2017 Session. University of Milan. Spring and Fall 2017 (with Clotilde Calabi, Elisa Paganini, Giuliano Torrenco, Nick Young, Sandro Zucchi).
- Work In Progress Research Seminar. University of Macau. Feb 2016-Mar 2016.

### Reading Groups

- “David Pitt’s *The Quality of Thought*.” University of Turin. Fall 2024.
- “Angela Mendelovici’s *The Phenomenal Basis of Intentionality*.” University of Liege. Spring 2019.
- “Sense of the Self and De Se Thoughts.” University of Milan. Spring 2017 (with Valerio Buonomo).
- “Cognitive Phenomenology and Closely Related Issues.” University of Macau. Dec 2015-Feb 2016.
- “Is There A Cognitive Phenomenology?”. University of Milan. Fall 2014.
- “Is the Content of Perception Thin or Thick?”. University of Milan. Spring 2014.
- “Thomas Nagel’s *Mind and Cosmos*”. University of Milan. Spring 2013.

### Participation in Research Projects

- “CHRONOS: Rethinking and Communicating Time” (project leaders: Prof. Silvia De Bianchi; Prof. Giuliano Torrenco), funded by Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation, Grant/Award Number: PID2019-108762GB-I00 (2020-2022).
- “Intentionality, Consciousness, and Naturalization” (project leader: Prof. Gianfranco Soldati), sub-project of “New Directions in the Study of the Mind” (project leader: Prof. Tim Crane), funded by Templeton Foundation (2015-2017).

### Service

Referee for *Acta Analytica*, *Analysis*, *Aphex*, *Dialectica*, *Emotion Review*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Mind*, *Phenomenology and Mind*, *Philosophers’ Imprint*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, *Synthese*, *Topoi*.

### Memberships

SIFA—Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy

### Linguistic Competences

Italian: Native speaker

English: Fluent, full proficiency

French: Beginner

## References

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