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EMPLOYMENT

2019-ongoing Postdoctoral Research Fellow
University of Milan, Department of Philosophy

2021-2022 Adjunct Professor
University of Milan, School of Medicine

RESEARCH INTERESTS

AoS: Philosophy of Food, Analytic Metaphysics, Environmental Philosophy,
Social Ontology

AoC: Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Science, Aesthetics

EDUCATION

2013-2017 Ph.D. Logic and Philosophy of Science
University of Sassari
Doctoral School of Architecture and Environmental Science.
Dissertation Title: *Boundaries. A Study in the Metaphysics of Space*

2011-2013 M.A. Philosophy
University of Pavia, Department of Humanities
110/110 Summa cum Laude

2008-2011 B.A. Philosophy
University of Pavia, Department of Humanities

VISITING POST

- Fall 2015 Visiting Scholar
Columbia University in the City of New York (USA),
Department of Philosophy (Sponsor: A.C. Varzi)
- 2012/2013 Erasmus Student
Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg (Germany),
Department of Philosophy (Advisor: W. Büttemayer)

BOOK

- Under Contract *The Metaphysics of Boundaries. A Critical Overview.* Cham: Springer

PAPERS

- 2021 Defective Food Concepts
(with A. Borghini, B. Serini), *Synthese*
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-021-03330-1>
- 2021 Eating Local. A Philosophical Toolbox
(with A. Borghini, B. Serini), *The Philosophical Quarterly*
<https://doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqab039>
- Under Contract Food and Climate Change in a Philosophical Perspective
(with A. Borghini, B. Serini) in Pellegrino, G., Di Paola, M., (Eds.),
Handbook of the Philosophy of Climate Change, Springer, New York
- Online First Learning from Covid-19: Public Justification and the Ontology of
Everyday life
(with A. Borghini, M. Bonotti, B. Serini), *Social Theory and Practice*
<https://doi.org/10.5840/soctheorpract2021211118>
- 2021 On Interpreting Something as Food
(with A. Borghini), *Food Ethics*, 6:1
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s41055-020-00082-5>
- 2020 The Philosophy of Food. Recipes between Arts and Algorithms
(with A. Borghini), *HUMANA.MENTE. Journal of Philosophical Studies*,
38: V-XIII

- 2020 A Gradient Framework for Wild Foods
(with A. Borghini, B. Serini), *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science Part C*, 81
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.shpsc.2020.101293>
- 2020 Food and Foods. Toward a Definition
(with A. Borghini), *Rivista Italiana di Filosofia del Linguaggio*, 14: 384-392
<https://doi.org/10.4396/SFL2019ES06>
- 2020 Ontological Frameworks for Food Utopias
(with A. Borghini, B. Serini), *Rivista di Estetica*, 75: 120-142
<https://doi.org/10.4000/estetica.7375>
- 2020 Metaphysics at the Table
(with A. Borghini, D. Donati), *Argumenta*, 5 (2): 179-184
<https://doi.org/10.14275/2465-2334/202010.int>
- 2020 Fiat Boundaries. How to Fictionally Carve Nature at its Joints
Philosophical Inquiries, VIII (2): 85-106
<https://doi.org/10.4454/philing.v8i2.257>
- 2019 Spatial Fictionalism. A New Solution of the Grounding Problem
In Davies, R., (Ed.) *Natural and Artifactual Objects in Contemporary Metaphysics. Exercises in Analytic Ontology*, Bloomsbury, London: 58-79
- 2019 Can a City Be Relocated? Exploring the Metaphysics of Context-Dependency
(with F. Bacchini), *Argumenta*, early views
<https://doi.org/10.14275/2465-2334/20200.bac>
- 2014 Per farla finita con la crisi. Antropotecnica della salvezza in Peter Sloterdijk
Giornale Critico di Storia delle Idee, 11: 165- 184

EDITED SPECIAL ISSUES

- 2020 “The Philosophy of Food. Recipes Between Arts and Algorithms”
(with A. Borghini), *HUMANA.MENTE. Journal of Philosophical Studies*, 38
- 2020 “Metaphysics at the Table”
(with A. Borghini, D. Donati), *Argumenta*, 5 (2)

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 “COVID-19 in Everyday Spaces: Social and Political Considerations”
(with M. Bonotti, A. Borghini, B. Serini, S. Zech), *ABC Religion and Ethics*

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (REFEREED*)

- 2021 “Defective Food Concepts”
(with A. Borghini, B. Serini)
14th Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA)
22-24 September 2021, Noto (SR), Italy
- “Towards a Social Ontology of Food”
Half-Baked Online Colloquia Series Spring 2021
- 2020 “A Gradient Framework for Wild Food”
Complutense University of Madrid, 09 March 2020
- Discussant of Anne Barnhill and Matteo Bonotti “Food, Gentrification and Located Life Plans”
University of Milan, 21 February 2020
- “Ontologia e metafisica dei confini”
Margini e Confini. Settimana di didattica invernale, Dottorato interateneo, Università di Trieste – Università di Udine, Storia delle società, delle istituzioni e del pensiero. Dal Medioevo all’Età Contemporanea, 31 January 2020
- “Sustainable Food in Italy: Understanding Cultural and Social Norms”,
chair of the workshop, Monash University, Prato Center, 28 January 2020
- “A New Model for Local Food”*
(with Borghini, A., Donati, D., Engisch, P., Pileri, M., Serini, B.), 3° Incontro nazionale rete politiche locali del cibo, Università degli Studi di Napoli l’Orientale, 23-24 January 2020 (in Italian)
- 2019 “Can I Taste a Landscape?”
Philosophical Perspectives on Food and Landscape, University of Milan, 19 December 2019
- “Ontological Frameworks for Food Utopias”*
(with A. Borghini, B. Serini), SHOT Annual Meeting, Society for the History

of Technology, 25 October 2019

“To Be or not to Be a Food: Analysis of a Predicate”*

(with A. Borghini), XXV Convegno Nazionale della Società di Filosofia del Linguaggio, University of Cagliari, January 2019

2018

“From Food to Dishes, and Back”*

(with A. Borghini) Framing Recipes: Identity, Relationships, and Norms, University of Milan, 05 December 2018

“Metaphysics of Food: Phases, Deaths, and Miracles”*

(with A. Borghini), 13th Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA), 05 September 2018

“Can We Move Paris to Texas? On the Metaphysics of Persistence and Context-Dependency”

(with F. Bacchini), On the (Im)possible Future of Cities and Agriculture Sites, University of Milan, 16 April 2018

2017

“Noli me Tangere”

Departmental Colloquia, University of L’Aquila, 29 November 2017

2016

“One Thing or Less. Why Every Region of Space Can Host at Most One Thing”*

12th Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA), 07 September 2016

“The Metaphysically Indivisible View of Simples”*

Fifth Italian Conference in Analytic Ontology, University of Padua, 29 June 2016

“L’indivisibilità degli atomi mereologici”

Seminario del Laboratorio di Filosofia Analitica, Università di Sassari, 16 June 2016

“In Defense of Locke’s Law”

Post Graduate Research Seminar, University of Nottingham, 27 April 2016

2015

“Do Natural Boundaries Exist?”

Ph.D. Research Seminar, University of Sassari, 29 June 2015

ORGANIZED CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

29 July 2021 Online	<i>Virtual Symposium Philosophers on Eating II: Food Waste</i> , with A. Borghini (University of Milan, Italy), M. Dean (Michigan State University, USA), and B. Serini (University of Milan, Italy)
Spring 2021 Online	<i>Half Baked (Online) Colloquia Series</i> (four seminars) with A. Borghini (University of Milan, Italy), M. Dean (Michigan State University, USA), B. Serini (University of Milan)
Fall 2020 Online	<i>Half Baked (Online) Colloquia Series</i> (four seminars) with A. Borghini (University of Milan, Italy) and M. Dean (Michigan State University, USA)
19-26 June 2020 Online	<i>Virtual Symposium Philosophers on Eating</i> , with A. Borghini (University of Milan, Italy) and M. Dean (Hamilton College, USA)
21 December 2019 University of Milan	<i>Philosophical Perspectives on Food and Landscape</i> with A. Borghini (University of Milan, Italy)
05-07 December 2019 University of L'Aquila	<i>I Linguaggi dell'Identità: tra cucina e territorio</i> with A. Borghini (University of Milan, Italy) and D. Donati (University of L'Aquila, Italy)
05-06 July 2016 University of Sassari	<i>The Metaphysics of Space, Time, and Spacetime. International Graduate Conference</i> with G. Andreoletti (University of Milan, Italy) and D. Donati (University of Nottingham, UK)

REFeree

Synthese, Topoi, Foundations of Science, Argumenta (x2), Rivista di Estetica (x2), Philosophy and Society, Philosophical Inquiries

TEACHING (TEACHING ASSISTANT=TA)

2021-2022	Philosophy of Language University of Milan, School of Medicine
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2020-2021	Biopolitics (TA) University of Milan, Master Program: Philosophy, Politics and Public Affairs
	Semiotics (TA) University of Milan, Department of Philosophy
2019-2020	Philosophy of Language (TA) University of Milan, Department of Philosophy
	Semiotics (TA) University of Milan, Department of Philosophy
2018-2019	Philosophy and History Scuola Pitagora (High School)
2018	Professional Ethics Philosophy of Languages Philosophy for Children <i>Multimediamente</i>
2015	Landscape and the Social Context (TA) University of Sassari, Department of Architecture, Design, and Urban Planning

THESES SUPERVISED

2019-2021	1. Bacchella, Marco, "Ricette tradizionali: autenticità fasulla e narrative autentiche", University of Milan (second advisor) 2. Ré, Luca, "Food Expert", University of Milan (second advisor) 3. Sordi, Leone, "I Raccomender-system tra Logos e Algoritmi", University of Milan (second advisor) 4. Valentina Spada, "Etica delle diete: un'analisi a partire dalle applicazioni mobili", University of Milan (second advisor) 5. Pietro Cremaschini, "Cibi, ricette e sapori: ponti universali fra popoli e culture", University of Milan (second advisor) 6. Vukotic, Petra "La nutrizione come via per l'illuminazione", University of Milan (second advisor)
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7. Mussi, Sebastiano, "Cambiamenti climatici: responsabilità verso le future generazioni e il problema della non-identità", University of Milan (second advisor)
8. Ferrari, Martina, "Mangiare e respirare: un incontro diverso", University of Milan (second advisor)
9. Pacciani, Alessia, "Disegnare il gusto. Strategie e impatti sociali della manipolazione del comportamento alimentare", University of Milan (second advisor)
10. Toninelli, Simone, "Concetti in pentola: dall'estetica all'arte del cibo", University of Milan (second advisor)
11. Valentino, Lorenzo "Cibo, società e cultura l'appropriazione culturale nel mondo culinario", University of Milan (second advisor)
12. Orlandi, Erika "Comunicare un cibo: il caso della pasta Barilla", University of Milan (second advisor)
13. Rossignoli, Martina "Il disaccordo sui giudizi d'identità del cibo e la sua manipolazione retorica", University of Milan (second advisor)
14. Morozzi, Zoe "La cucina nel tempo. Il ruolo delle nuove tecnologie e delle forme di condivisione di un'esperienza gastronomica" University of Milan (second advisor)
15. Fusi, Daniela "Quando parlare fa cuocere il riso. Evoluzione del riso in Italia" University of Milan (second advisor)
16. Tissino, Margherita "Territorio, tradizione e comunicazione 2.0 nel vino: Il Vermentino di Lunigiana" University of Milan (second advisor)
17. Negro, Gabe "L'etica della rappresentazione LGBT+ nelle serie TV" University of Milan (second advisor)
18. Bonfadini, Elisa "Dal campo a Instagram: come i social media colpiscono le culture e i paesaggi del cibo" University of Milan (second advisor)
19. Franzini, Maria Vittoria "Oltre l'antropocentrismo: il superamento del dualismo natura cultura" (second advisor)
20. Giammetta, Francesco "Disgusto: alcune considerazioni filosofiche" (second advisor)
21. Guaglione, Maddalena "Vivere nella complessità: sfide teoriche ed etiche dell'incertezza nell'epoca del cambiamento climatico"

22. Belloni, Michela “Il turismo enogastronomico a Milano: Cibo e cultura a NoLo”

SCHOLARSHIPS

2014/2017	Ph.D. Grant (about 40000 euro), University of Sassari
2015	Full Ph.D. Research Abroad Grants (about 2000 euro), University of Sassari
2015-2016	Full Ph.D. Travel Grants (about 3000 euro), University of Sassari
2012/2013	Full Erasmus Grant (about 1500 euro), University of Pavia
2009/2010	Merit Scholarships, Regione Autonoma della Sardegna
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Culinary Mind. Centre for the Philosophy of Food [coordinator]
SIFA: Società Italiana di Filosofia Analitica (Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy)
ESAP: European Society for Analytic Philosophy
LEA: Laboratorio di Epistemologia Applicata (Laboratory of Applied Epistemology, UNISS)

LANGUAGES

Italian (native), English (fluent), German (basic), Latin (reading only)