

Curriculum vitae et studiorum

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Education and Academic Qualifications:

- **High School Diploma** obtained at Liceo Scientifico Statale “E. Majorana” of Caltagirone (July 2014; Grade: 100/100)
- **Bachelor’s Degree in Philosophy** obtained at the University of Catania (July 12, 2017; Grade: 110/110 *cum laude*) with a thesis entitled *A Natural Investigation. The Exhibition of Human Nature According to Laws in Hobbes and Thucydides* (Supervisor: Prof. C. Giarratana)
- **Master’s Degree in Philosophical Sciences** obtained at the University of Catania (July 16, 2019; Grade: 110/110 *cum laude*) with a thesis entitled *De Lectura. A Philosophy of the Novel* (Supervisor: Prof. A.G. Biuso; Co-supervisor: Prof. A. Sichera)
- **Teaching Qualification** for competition class A019 (Philosophy and History), obtained by passing the national ordinary public competitions D.D. 499/2020 and D.D. 23/2022
- **Ph.D. (35th cycle) in Interpretation Sciences** obtained at the University of Catania (December 3, 2019 – March 2, 2023; total of 39 grants available) with a thesis entitled *De scriptura. Pain and salvation in Proust* (Tutor: Prof. A.G. Biuso; Coordinator: Prof. A. Sichera). Final examination passed with an "Excellent" evaluation awarded by the committee composed of Professors M.T. Catena, R. Castelli, and I. Ranzato (June 21, 2023)
- **National Scientific Qualification (ASN)** for the functions of Associate Professor (II fascia) in the Scientific-Disciplinary Sector 11/C1 (Theoretical Philosophy), by unanimous decision of the Committee (November 6, 2024)

Language Skills:

- **English:** Upper-Intermediate/Advanced knowledge (Certification: Cambridge First Certificate – B2)
- **German:** Intermediate knowledge (Certification: Goethe Zertifikat A2. Attendance of a 4-week intensive A1 course at the Goethe Institut in Berlin; August 2019)
- **French:** Intermediate knowledge (B1)

IT Skills:

- University exam (3 ECTS/CFU) on intermediate knowledge of spreadsheets and logic, taken with Prof. S. Faro (2017)
- ECDL IT-Security – Specialized Level (2019)

Professional Affiliations and Research Institutes:

- Member of the Italian Philosophical Society (*Società Filosofica Italiana*)

- Member of the Italian Society for Theoretical Philosophy (*Società Italiana di Filosofia Teoretica*)

Employment History and Research Experience (Italy and Abroad):

- **75-hour internship** at the “L. Marineo” Municipal Library of Vizzini (October 2016 – January 2017)
- **150-hour internship** at the “L. Marineo” Municipal Library of Vizzini (October 2018 – January 2019)
- On January 14, 2019, appointed as **Expert Consultant to the Mayor of Vizzini**, Dr. V. Cortese, for the planning of cultural activities at the “L. Marineo” Municipal Library of Vizzini
- **Visiting Ph.D. Student** (6 months) at the Freie Universität Berlin under the supervision of Prof. A. Eusterschulte (first semester of the academic year 2021/2022), focusing on the doctoral research project in relation to German philosophy and the work of Walter Benjamin
- **Temporary Teacher of Philosophy and History** (competition class A019) at the “B. Pascal” Higher Education Institute in Romentino (NO), from 02/10/2023 to 23/12/2023
- **Temporary Special Needs Teacher** (competition class ADSS) at the Liceo Linguistico e delle Scienze Umane (Linguistic and Human Sciences High School) in Gozzano (NO), from 08/01/2024 to 10/06/2024
- **Temporary Teacher of Philosophy and History** (competition class A019) at the “G. Verga” Comprehensive Institute in Vizzini (CT), from 24/09/2024 to 30/06/2025
- **Temporary Teacher of Philosophy and History** (competition class A019) at the “M. Lazzaro” Art High School and the “G. Galilei” Scientific High School in Catania, from 15/09/2025 to 30/06/2026

University Teaching Activities:

- *Philosophy of Artificial Minds*, course included in the Master’s Degree in Philosophical Sciences (6 CFU/ECTS; 36 lecture hours), academic year 2025/2026

Editorial Board Memberships:

- Founder, co-director, and editor-in-chief of the online journal *Il Pequod* (<https://ilpequod.it/>)
- Member of the editorial board of *Siculorum Gymnasium. A Journal for the Humanities* (<http://www.siculorum.unict.it/>)
- Member of the editorial board of *Il Pensiero Storico. International Journal of the History of Ideas* (<https://ilpensierostorico.com/>)
- Peer reviewer for *Vita pensata* and *Rivista di Estetica*

Conference and Seminar Presentations (as Speaker):

- Seminar: *Limits and Silences. 100 Years since the Tractatus logico-philosophicus. An Introduction*, organized by the Unict Philosophy Students Association at the Centro Studi, Via Plebiscito 9, Catania (May 13, 2021)
- Seminar: *Oscar Wilde. An Hermeneutic Reading of the Fairy Tale “The Happy Prince”*, organized by the Unict Philosophy Students Association at the Centro Studi, Via Plebiscito 9, Catania (January 13, 2022)
- Seminar: *Writing and Redemption. On Proust’s Recherche*, organized by the Unict Philosophy Students Association at Disum, Catania (May 12, 2022)
- Speech at the presentation of the book *Disvelamento. Nella luce di un virus* by A.G. Biuso, organized by the Unict Philosophy Students Association at Disum, Catania (June 7, 2022)

- Selected paper presentation: *Two Myths of the Recherche* at the *Rencontres de l'Archet* conference, “Centro di studi storico-letterari Natalino Sapegno – onlus” Foundation, Morgex (AO), tutor Alessandro Piperno (September 12–17, 2022)
- Speech at the presentation of the *Corriere della Sera* book series *Greco. Lingua, storia e cultura di una grande civiltà*, at the “Giancarlo De Carlo” Auditorium of Disum, Catania, for the seminar cycle *I lunedì del classico* (October 10, 2022)
- Presentation as editor of the volume *ψυχή. L'anima* belonging to the *Corriere della Sera* series *Greco. Lingua, storia e cultura di una grande civiltà*, organized by the Unict Philosophy Students Association at Disum, Catania (October 27, 2022)
- Paper presentation: *The Children of Silence. Proust and the Salvation of Life's Time* at the international conference *L'écriture du silence dans À la recherche du temps perdu*, University of Padua (December 1–3, 2022)
- Seminar: *To Remember is to Redeem. Walter Benjamin and the Meaning of History*, at the "Giovanni Verga" Cultural Center in Vizzini (January 29, 2023)
- Paper presentation: *Experiences of Memory and Return in Pavese and Proust*, at the Study Day *Traces of Proust in 20th-Century Italian Culture*, Disum, Catania (March 3, 2023)
- Paper presentation: *Temporality and Return in Pavese and Proust. Convergences, Similarities, Rediscoveries* at the Young Researchers Day: *Common Perspectives between France and Italy / Journée jeunes chercheurs: regards croisés entre la France et l'Italie* (Ph.D. in Comparative Studies: Languages, Literatures, and Arts), winning project of the UIF/UFI 2022 Scientific Label, Université Franco Italienne – Università Italo Francese, Macroarea of Letters and Philosophy, University of Rome “Tor Vergata” (March 31, 2023)
- Organization of the seminar cycle *War and Europe. Contemporary War Scenarios*, by the Unict Philosophy Students Association at Disum, Catania (March 20, April 3, and May 11, 2023)
- Speech at the presentation of the volume *Poesie dell'Italia contemporanea (1971-2021)*, edited by T. Di Dio, at La Feltrinelli, Catania (May 25, 2023)
- Paper presentation: *Literary Philosophy. A Proustian Conceptualization Between Hermeneutics, Criticism, and Metaphysics* at the Italian Society for Theoretical Philosophy conference *Thinking (with) Literature. Models of "Philosophy of Literature" in Theoretical Perspective*, University “G. d'Annunzio” of Chieti-Pescara (October 12–14, 2023)
- Paper presentation: *Traditions and Generations. On the Importance of the Historical Encounter for Knowledge* at the national conference of the Italian Philosophical Society *Knowing You Don't Know. New Challenges of Knowledge Between Traditions and Translations*, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan (April 4–6, 2024)
- Paper presentation: *Kafka's Short Stories*, “Lectures” cycle, curated by the Unict Philosophy Students Association at Disum, Catania (December 5, 2024)
- Paper presentation: *Imagination, pain and redemption in the Proustian conception of love*, at the Second Conference on Love Studies, International Institute of Love Studies, State of Michigan, USA (March 14–16, 2025)
- Paper presentation: *Freer, Broader. Reflections for Word and Culture*, at the round table *A Politically Correct Ignorance*, organized by the Unict Philosophy Students Association at Disum, Catania (March 27, 2025)
- Paper presentation: *Philosophical Life and Spiritual Exercise between Hadot and Wittgenstein*, at the XLII National Congress of the Italian Philosophical Society, Taormina (March 27–29, 2025)
- Paper presentation: *For a Defense of the “Pure Starry Sky”. On the Human-Cosmos Relationship*, at the Annual Observatory on Light Pollution in Sicily: *Sky, Earth and Humanity: What to Do for a New Environmental and Social Balance*, organized by the Centro Ibleo Studi Astronomici «Pleiades» (under the patronage of the Municipality of Ragusa), at the «Mimi Arezzo» Auditorium, Cultural Commercial Center, Ragusa (April 26, 2025)

- Paper presentation: *Cesare Pavese's Oedipus. A Reading*, at the study day *Oedipus at Colonus. An Introduction*, "G. Verga" Cultural Center, Vizzini (May 16, 2025)
- Speech at the book presentation of *È il nascere che non ci voleva. Storia e teoria dell'antinatalismo*, organized by the Unict Philosophy Students Association at Disum, Catania (May 29, 2025)
- Paper presentation: *The Museum of Memory. Pamuk's Innocence of Objects Tested by Proust*, at the international conference *La mémoire involontaire d'(après) Proust*, University of Padua (June 4–5, 2025)
- Speech: *The Seas of Piero Guccione. A Metaphysical Look*, held at the exhibition *Piero Guccione. La ricerca infinita*, curated by Nunzio Massimo Nifosì, MAC, Scicli (August 22, 2025)
- Paper presentation: *Europe Against the West. Countercurrent Philosophies*, delivered with Alberto Giovanni Biuso at the Museum of the Archaeological Park of Naxos, for Naxoslegge (September 27, 2025)
- Paper presentation: *Proust and Intelligence: Intellectualization of Pain and Transfiguration of Lived Experience*, at the Tyndaris Agorà Philosophica (February 23, 2026)
- Paper presentation: *Marcel Proust's Recherche. A Reflection on Human Existence*, held at Il Cerchio: Centro Studi Arti e Scienze, Syracuse (April 10, 2026)
- Seminar cycle "*Philosophy and Literature*" on *Franz Kafka* (two sessions) with papers entitled *Meaning and Existence. A Reading of Kafka's "The Trial"* and *Inter-writing. On Franz Kafka's Correspondence*, held at Disum, Catania (May 6 and 20, 2026)

Participation in Research Groups and Projects:

- Participation in the activities of the "Laboratory of Ethics and Philosophical Information" at Disum, Catania, directed by Professors G. Pezzino, M.V. Romeo, and M. Vittorio (November 2015 – February 2016)
- Participation in the activities of the "Institutional Didactic Laboratory – Analytical Philosophy and Continental Philosophy" at Disum, Catania, directed by Prof. G. Camardi (April – May 2018)
- Member of the research team for the EuRoad project (*EUROpa trADita: genealogie, visioni, conflitti e saperi - Europe Betrayed: Genealogies, Visions, Conflicts, and Knowledge*), PIACERI 2020-2022, P.I. Giuseppe Bentivegna / Corrado Giarratana, at Disum, Catania (2020 – 2024)
- Member of CeSPeC (*Centro Studi sul Pensiero Contemporaneo - Center for Studies on Contemporary Thought*), Cuneo (June 11, 2023 – 2024)
- Member of the "Love Research Network", directed by Prof. M. Gratzke, University of Dundee (June 12, 2023 – present)
- Member of the inter-university research group "Progetto Cioran" (Cioran Project), directed by Professors G.R. Rotiroti and C. Vălcan, coordinated by A. Di Gennaro and M.L. Pozzi, University of Naples "L'Orientale" (February 16, 2024 – present)

Examination Committee Memberships:

- Member of the examination committees for *Sociology of Culture*, *Theoretical Philosophy*, and *Philosophy of Artificial Minds*, Chair of Theoretical Philosophy held by Prof. A.G. Biuso, Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and Master's Degree in Philosophical Sciences (2020/2021)
- Member of the examination committees for *Theoretical Philosophy*, *Epistemology*, and *Philosophy of Artificial Minds*, Chair of Theoretical Philosophy held by Prof. A.G. Biuso, Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and Master's Degree in Philosophical Sciences (2021/2022)

- Member of the examination committees for *Theoretical Philosophy*, *Epistemology*, and *Philosophy of Artificial Minds*, Chair of Theoretical Philosophy held by Prof. A.G. Biuso, Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and Master's Degree in Philosophical Sciences (2022/2023)
- Member of the examination committees for *Theoretical Philosophy (Advanced Course)*, *Epistemology*, and *Philosophy of Artificial Minds*, Chair of Theoretical Philosophy held by Prof. A.G. Biuso, Master's Degree in Philosophical Sciences (2023/2024)
- Member of the examination committees for *Metaphysics*, *Theoretical Philosophy (Advanced Course)*, and *Philosophy of Artificial Minds*, Chair of Theoretical Philosophy held by Prof. A.G. Biuso, Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and Master's Degree in Philosophical Sciences (2024/2025)
- Member of the examination committees for *Metaphysics*, *Theoretical Philosophy (Advanced Course)*, and *Philosophy of History*, Chair of Theoretical Philosophy held by Prof. A.G. Biuso, Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and Master's Degree in Philosophical Sciences (2025/2026)

Evaluation Committees:

- Regional Committee for the evaluation of the Philosophy Championships (academic year 2025/2026)

Awards and Recognition for Scientific Activity:

- **Seneca Award 2023**, Special Prize “Epistulae morales” category, 2nd place, for the philosophical essay responding to Seneca's quote "Be a servant to philosophy, if you desire true freedom", entitled *Conoscere l'idea, servire la libertà* (To Know the Idea, to Serve Freedom), organized by the Academy of Philosophical Arts and Sciences of Bari
- **National Philosophy Award “Le figure del pensiero” 2024**, “Philosophical Article” category, 1st place, with the text *Il processo di Kafka. Un'analisi filosofica sul senso esistenziale* (*Kafka's The Trial. A Philosophical Analysis on Existential Meaning*), organized by the Association of Philosophical Practices Professionals of Certaldo

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Catania, June 1, 2026

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