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Curriculum Vitae

Roma Tre University
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Born: Cosenza, 05/06/1993

AOS: Ancient Philosophy (Plato, Early Academy, Aristotle, Neoplatonism)

AOC: Metaphysics; Medieval Philosophy

Employment

2024-current **Assistant Professor (Ricercatore in tenure track, RTT), Ancient Philosophy** – Roma Tre University, Department of Philosophy, Communication and Performing Arts
2021-2024 **Post-Doctoral Fellow** – KU Leuven, Institute of Philosophy, De Wulf-Mansion Centre for Ancient, Medieval, and Renaissance Philosophy – ERC Project ‘Not Another History of Platonism. The Role of Aristotle’s Criticisms of Plato in the Development of Ancient Platonism’ (PI: Jan Opsomer)

Education

2016-2021 **Ph.D Philosophy** – University of Toronto, Collaborative Program in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
Thesis: Being as a Kind in Plato’s *Sophist*
Committee: Lloyd P. Gerson (chair); Rachel Barney; George Boys-Stones; James V. Allen
Examiners: Lesley Brown (external); Christian Pfeiffer (internal)
2014-2016 **Diploma for Advanced Studies (M.A.) Humanities** – SSAS Sapienza School for Advanced Studies
Thesis: La critica di Plotino alle categorie stoiche (*summa cum laude*)
Supervisor: Anna Maria Ioppolo
2014-2016 **Laurea Magistrale (M.A.) Philosophy** – Sapienza University of Rome
Thesis: Le ontologie bicategoriali fra il IV e il III secolo a.C. (*summa cum laude*)
Supervisors: Francesco Fronterotta; Francesco Verde (Reader)
2011-2014 **Diploma for Advanced Studies (B.A.) Humanities** – SSAS Sapienza School for Advanced Studies
Thesis: La dottrina dei generi dell’essere nello stoicismo antico (*summa cum laude*)
Supervisors: Emidio Spinelli; Francesco Verde (Reader)
2011-2014 **Laurea (B.A.) Philosophy** – Sapienza University of Rome
Thesis: *Kath’hauta e pros ti*. La genesi platonica e accademica della dottrina delle categorie (*summa cum laude*)
Supervisor: Francesco Fronterotta

Research Stays Abroad

10-12/2022 University of Oxford – *Sponsors:* Paolo Fait and Lesley Brown
05/2019-03/2021 École Normale Supérieure, Paris – *Sponsor:* Dimitri El Murr
05-06/2017 Centre Jean Pépin – CNRS (UMR 8230), Paris – *Sponsor:* Luc Brisson
01-05/2015 University of Toronto – *Sponsor:* Martin Pickavé

Publications

BOOK

1. *Conoscere l’essere. Platone, Aristotele e la costruzione della filosofia prima*. Il Mulino, Bologna, 2024.

EDITED BOOK

1. (co-edited with F. Fronterotta) *Plato’s Sophist in Antiquity*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge (forthcoming)

PAPERS

20. 'Plotinus on Primary Genera as Principles', in S. Klitenic Wear and C. S. O'Brien (eds.), *Platonic Principles*. Franciscan University Press, Steubenville, 2025 [in press].
19. 'Categories, Being and Not-Being: The *Sophist* in the Early Academy', in R. Granieri and F. Fronterotta (eds.), *Plato's Sophist in Antiquity*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press [forthcoming]
18. 'Plotinus on The Firmest Principle', in A. Motta and C. Cappiello (eds.), *Platone e i platonismi (I). Fisica e metafisica in età imperiale e tardoantica*. FedOA - Federico II University Press, Napoli, 2025, 117-42.
17. 'Plato's Isolation of a Kind Being or Why in the *Sophist* To Be Is Not To Be Something', *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, 64 (2025), 1-51.
16. 'Aristotle's *On the Good* and the 'Categorical Reduction Argument'', *Mnemosyne*, 78 (2025), 29-47.
15. 'Monism and Difference: Syrianus, Aristotle and the *Sophist*', *Revue de philosophie ancienne*, 42 (2024), 281-316.
14. 'The Referents of 'Being' in Plato's *Sophist*', in L. Brisson-E. Halper-R. Parry (eds.), *Plato's Sophist*. Karl Alber Verlag, Baden-Baden, 2024, 349-56.
13. 'The *Categories*, Plato, The Academy', in R. Chiaradonna (ed.), *Aristotle, Categories (Works of Philosophy and Their Reception)*. De Gruyter, Berlin-Boston, <https://www.degruyter.com/database/WPR/entry/wpr.28296974/html>.
12. 'Plato on the Power of Dialectic and the Necessity of Forms', *Rhizomata* 12 (2024), 51-78.
11. 'Unmixed Forms and Ordered Sensibles. On *Philebus* 16c9-d1', *Ancient Philosophy*, 44 (2024), 83-97.
10. 'Hermodorus of Syracuse and Sextus Empiricus' 'Pythagoreans' on Categories and Principles', *Classical Quarterly*, 73 (2023), 368-382.
9. 'That in Virtue of Which Something is a Being. Note on Damascius, *De principiis* II, p. 75.10-11 Westerink', *Studia graeco-arabica*, 13 (2023), 49-55.
8. 'Being and the Philosopher's Object in Plato's *Sophist*', *Apeiron*, 56 (2023), 723-737.
7. 'Not-Being, Contradiction and Difference. Simplicius vs Alexander of Aphrodisias on Plato's Conception of Not-Being', *Méthexis*, 35 (2023), 185-200
6. 'Relativity, Categories and Principles in the *diuisio aristotelea* 67M/32DL', *Journal of Hellenic Studies*, 142 (2022), 204-218
5. 'Riferimento, essere e partecipazione. *Prm.* 160b5-163b6 e il *Sofista*', in L. Brisson-A. Macé-O. Renaut (eds.), *Plato's Parmenides*. Academia Verlag within Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft, Baden-Baden, 2022, 411-24
4. 'Is Being a Genus? Syrianus' Criticism of Aristotle', *Phronesis*, 67 (2022), 216-51
3. 'L'ontologie du plaisir dans le *Philèbe* et le vocabulaire platonicien de l'être', *Philosophie antique*, 21 (2021), 179-203
2. 'Xenocrates and the Two-Category Scheme', *Apeiron*, 54 (2021), 261-85
1. 'Systems of Predication. Aristotle's Categories in *Topics*, I, 9', *Documenti e studi sulla tradizione filosofica medievale*, 27 (2016): 1-18

BOOK REVIEWS

7. 'Universals, Causes and Metaphysical Hierarchy in Early Neoplatonism' [review of R. Chiaradonna, *Ontology in Early Neoplatonism. Plotinus, Porphyry, Iamblichus*. De Gruyter, Berlin-Boston, 2023], *The Classical Review*, 75 (2025): 121 - 123
6. V. Politis, *Plato's Essentialism. Reinterpreting the Theory of Forms*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 2021, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, 73 (2023): 284-7
5. J. Moss, *Plato's Epistemology. Being and Seeming*. Oxford University Press, New York 2021, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (2021) (<https://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2021/2021.12.02/>)
4. (with L. P. Gerson) E. Berti, *Aristotelismo*, Il Mulino, Bologna 2017, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 56 (2018): 363-4
3. M. Vegetti-F. Ademollo, *Incontro con Aristotele*, Einaudi, Torino 2016, *Ancient Philosophy*, 37 (2017): 471-75
2. E. Berti-M. Crubellier (éds.), *Lire Aristotele*, Puf, Paris 2016, *Elenchos*, 37 (2016): 260-2
1. M. Griffin, *Aristotle's Categories in the Early Roman Empire*, Oxford University Press, Oxford 2015, *ΣΥΖΗΤΗΣΙΣ*, 3 (2016): 209-16

IN PROGRESS [(UR) = Under Review; (I) = Invited]

Authored Books

Plato on Being

La scienza dell'essere in quanto essere. Guida alla lettura di Metafisica IV. Carocci: Roma [under contract]

Edited Book

Platonist Metaphysics in Reaction To Aristotle. The Role of Aristotle's Assessment of Platonic Philosophy in the Shaping of Ancient Platonism, 1. De Gruyter: Berlin [under contract; co-edited with A. Kobec and J. Opsomer]

Papers

- ‘Syrianus’ (with Christian Wildberg) [revised entry for the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*] (UR) (I)
‘Forme nel *Filebo*: dalla dialettica all’ordinamento della vita’ (UR) (I)
‘La caverna e l’ascesa psichica in Plotino’ (UR) (I)
‘Porphyry and His Commentators on Being as a Genus’ (I)
‘Aristotle’s Description of Plato’s First Principle’ (I)
‘Plotinus’ Criticism of the Stoic Categories’ (I)
‘Words and Things: The ‘Onymies’’ (with Riccardo Chiaradonna) (I)
‘Bare Properties: A Neoplatonic Concept’

Talks [(I) = Invited; (R) = Refereed]

FORTHCOMING

44. Nov. 17, 2025 ‘Formes dans le *Philèbe* : de la dialectique à l’ordonnement de la vie’, Seminar ‘Le *Philèbe* de Platon’, CNRS Centre Jean Pépin, Paris (I)
45. Mar. 19-21, 2026 TBA, Conference ‘Hellenistic Debates on Causality’, Université de Genève (I)

DELIVERED

43. Sept. 1-4, 2025 ‘Being and Eternity in Platonic Metaphysics’, GANPH Conference ‘Being and Appearance in Antiquity’, Université de Fribourg (I)
42. Mar. 11, 2025 ‘Être et éternité dans la métaphysique platonicienne’, Conference ‘Le temps dans les dialogues de Platon’, Centre Léon Robin, Paris (I)
41. Dec. 9, 2024 ‘La question de l’être dans le *Sophiste*’, Seminar ‘Le *Sophiste* de Platon’, CNRS Centre Jean Pépin, Paris (I)
40. Sept. 26, 2024 ‘The *Categories*, Plato, The Academy’, Workshop on Aristotle’s *Categories* and its Reception, Università Roma Tre [online] (I)
39. Sept. 9, 2024 ‘La caverna e l’ascesa psichica in Plotino’, Conference ‘Culti e rituali in grotta: forme e materiali dal Mediterraneo tardoantico’, Sapienza Università di Roma (I)
38. July 1, 2024 ‘Plato’s Beard and the Problem of Not-Being in the *Sophist*’, Guest Lecture, LMU Munich (I)
37. June 21, 2024 Response to D. Caluori, ‘Essential Predication and Participation in *Enn.* VI.2.8’, 16th Annual Conference of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, Trinity College Dublin (R)
36. June 10, 2024 ‘Plotinus’ Criticism of the Stoic Categories’, Workshop on Stoic Ontology. Its Birth and Development, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (I)
35. Nov. 11, 2023 ‘Sextus Empiricus’ ‘Pythagoreans’ and the ‘Categorical Reduction Argument’, XIII Atelier *Pseudopythagorica*, Centre Jean Pépin, Paris (I)
34. June 22, 2023 ‘Porphyry and His Commentators on Being as a Genus’, Universität Tübingen (I)
33. May 19, 2023 ‘Plato on Not-Being as a Part of Difference’, Keeling Workshop on Plato’s Metaphysics, UCL (I)
32. Mar. 17, 2023 ‘Porphyry and His Commentators on Being as a Genus’, Workshop ‘Platonist Metaphysics in Reaction to Aristotle’, KU Leuven (I)
31. Nov. 10, 2022 ‘Plato on the Power of Dialectic’, Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Oxford (I)
30. Sept. 22, 2022 ‘Categories, Being and Not-Being: The *Sophist* in the Early Academy’, Conference ‘A Reassessment of the Old Academy: New Perspectives’, Universität Trier (I)
29. Sept. 16, 2022 ‘Aristotle *de bono* fr. 2 and the Categorical Reduction Argument’, Annual CAW (Centrum voor Antieke Wijsbegeerte) Reading Group, Drongen (I)
28. July 21, 2022 ‘The References of Being in Plato’s *Sophist*’, XIII *Symposium Platonicum* ‘Plato’s *Sophist*’, Athens, Georgia (USA) (R)
27. July 8, 2022 ‘Plato’s Isolation of a Kind Being or Why in the *Sophist* To Be Is Not To Be Something’ – GANPH Conference ‘Categories and Kinds: Ancient Philosophers on the Structure of Reality’, LMU Munich (R)
26. June 27, 2022 ‘Hermodorus of Syracuse and Sextus Empiricus’ ‘Pythagoreans’ on Categories and Principles’ – 3rd Project Academy Workshop, Durham University (I)

25. Nov. 19, 2021 'Categorie, essere e psicogenesi: il *Sofista* e l'Academia antica' – Conference 'La recezione del *Sofista* di Platone nell'antichità', Villa Vigoni, Como (I)
24. Oct. 29, 2021 'Is Being a Genus? Syrianus' Criticism of Aristotle' – Conference 'Aristotle's *Metaphysics* between Alexander and Asclepius', KU Leuven (I)
23. July 19, 2021 'Koinônia tês ousias or Why for Plato To Be Is Not To Be Something' – Conference 'Koinônia in Plato's Philosophy', Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Lima (R)
22. June 19, 2021 'Is Being a Genus? Syrianus' Criticism of Aristotle' – 2nd Rackham Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (R)
21. June 17, 2021 'Hermodorus of Syracuse and Sextus Empiricus' 'Pythagoreans' on Categories and Principles' – Conference 'Platonic Categories', KU Leuven (I)
20. May 5, 2021 'Le categorie e l'essere come genere. Da *Categorie* 4 al *Sofista*' – Università Roma Tre (I)
19. March 31, 2021 'The Question of Being: *Metaphysics* Z1 and Plato's *Sophist*' – Università del Piemonte Orientale (I)
18. Nov. 16, 2020 'Being, Causality and Existence in Plato's *Sophist*' – University of Toronto (I)
17. Febr. 28, 2020 'La métaphysique du plaisir dans le *Philèbe*' – Seminar 'Le désir', Université Paris 1 (I)
16. Oct. 31, 2019 'Kinds as Principles' – Conference 'Kinds in the History of Philosophy', Université de Genève (R)
15. Sept. 16, 2019 'Plotinus' Criticism of the Stoic Categories' – Conference 'Platonism and Aristotelianism in the History of Philosophy', Università di Pavia (R)
14. July 17, 2019 'Riferimento, essere e partecipazione. *Prm.* 160b5-163b6 e il *Sofista*' – XII Symposium Platonicum 'Plato's *Parmenides*', Paris (R)
13. July 6, 2019 'Forma essendi and God's esse. Aquinas and Boethius' *De hebdomadibus*' – IV Symposium Thomisticum 'Aquinas Philosopher Theologian', Collegio Irlandese, Roma (R)
12. May 28-30, 2019 'Xenocrates and the Two-Category Scheme in the Early Academy' – Workshop 'Aristotle's Ontology in the Framework of Plato's Academy', Università di Torino (I)
11. March 8-9, 2019 Comments on Pauline Sabrier's 'Plotinus' *Enneads* VI 2: The Search for the Ultimate Constituents of Reality' – 42th Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Trinity University, San Antonio TX (I)
10. Febr. 8, 2018 'Quae philosophia fuit facta est philologia. The rise of the Commentary Tradition in the Antiquity' – Workshop 'Practices of Commentary', Jackman Humanities Institute, University of Toronto (I)
9. Nov. 15, 2018 'La metafisica del piacere nel *Filebo*' – Università Statale di Milano (I)
8. Nov. 13, 2018 'Lettura di *Filebo* 54c1-d3' – Conference 'Platons *Philebos* und das gute Leben: Fragen und Perspektiven', Villa Vigoni, Como (I)
7. June 14, 2018 'Plotinus' Criticism of the Stoic Categories' – 16th Annual Conference International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, Los Angeles (R)
6. May 29, 2018 'Cosmic Unity and Senses of Being in the *Parmenides*' – VI International Workshop of the Société d'études Platoniciennes 'La cosmologie dans le *Parménide* de Platon', École Normale Supérieure, Paris (R)
5. Febr. 21, 2018 'The *Divisio Aristotelea* 67 M/32 DL and the Debate on the Two Categories in the Early Academy' – Workshop 'Metaphysics and Epistemology in Plato's Academy', Durham University (I)
4. Aug. 27, 2017 'Right Reason, Practical Wisdom and Ethical Virtue. On Aristotle' Distinction between *kata ton orthon logon* and *meta tou orthou logou* in *NE* VI' – Conference 'Virtue, Skill and Practical Reason', University of Cape Town (R)
3. June 9, 2017 'Aristotle's *EN* X 8' – Seminar 'Sur l'éthique d'Aristote', Université Paris 1 (I)
2. June 8, 2017 'Senocrate di Calcedonia e lo schema bicategoriale veteroacademico' – V International Workshop of the *Society of Platonic Studies*, École Normale Supérieure, Paris (R)
1. Nov. 15, 2015 'L'anima del mondo in Academia antica e le critiche di Aristotele' – Conference 'Soul, Life and Movement Before and During the Creation of the Universe', Villa Vigoni, Como (I)

Awards and Fellowships

2025	Italian Scientific Qualification as Associate Professor (11/C5 - History of Philosophy)
2023	Fondation Hardt – Research Scholarship (22.04-17.05.2024)
2023	LECTIO (KU Leuven) – Junior Initiatives Grant [declined]
2022	International Plato Society, Conrado Eggers Lan Prize for Best Dissertation – Recognition of Excellence
2019	Lake Geneva Graduate Conference <i>Dialectica</i> Prize
2019	MITACS Globalink Research Award
2019-2020	University of Toronto – School of Graduate Studies Research Travel Grant
2016-2020	University of Toronto – Ontario Trillium Scholarship
2016	Trinity College Oxford – Oxford-Cecil Lubbock Scholarship [declined]
2011-2016	Fellowship by examination (fully funded B.A. and M.A.) – Sapienza School for Advanced Studies

Teaching

Roma Tre University

COURSE INSTRUCTOR

2025/2026	Ancient Philosophy ‘Le origini della scienza dell’essere: la <i>Repubblica</i> di Platone e la <i>Metafisica</i> di Aristotele’ (LT)
2025/2026	Ancient Philosophy ‘La metafisica di Platone’ (MA)
2024/2025	Ancient Philosophy ‘Il <i>Sofista</i> di Platone: l’essere, la dialettica e il falso’ (MA)
2024/2025	‘Realismo in filosofia’ (with S. Bonicalzi, R. Chiaradonna, M. De Caro e M. Morganti) (PhD Seminar)

KU Leuven

MA THESES READER

2022/2023	The Ethics of Suicide in Plotinus (M. Shaper)	2021/2022	The Neoplatonic Commentary Tradition and The Anonymous Commentary on Plato’s <i>Parmenides</i> (M. Shaper)
2022/2023	<i>Erōs</i> and Beauty: A Means to Truth (C. Garza)	2021/2022	Plotinus on the Will of the One (J. Doek)

University of Toronto

TUTORIAL LEADER

2020/2021	Late Medieval Philosophy
2018/2019	Late Medieval Philosophy
2018/2019	Early Medieval Philosophy
2017/2018	Ancient Philosophy

GRADER

2020/2021	Ancient Philosophy
2018/2019	Realism and Antirealism

Professional Service

ORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC EVENTS

2025-	Lecture series ‘Conferenze Work-In-Progress’ – Roma Tre (with Riccardo Chiaradonna)
2025 (05.11)	Workshop ‘Filosofia greca e pensiero cristiano’ – Roma Tre (with Riccardo Chiaradonna)
2022-2025	Lecture series ‘Leuven Colloquia on Ancient Platonism’ – KU Leuven (with Jan Opsomer, Giulia De Cesaris [2022/2023], Arthur Oosthout [2023/2025] and Sokratis-Athanasios Kiosoglou [2024/2025])
2023 (16-18.03)	Workshop ‘Platonist Metaphysics in Reaction to Aristotle’ – KU Leuven (with Alberto Kobec and Jan Opsomer)
2022 (16-17.03)	Workshop ‘Being, Essence and Individuality: Post-Proclean Developments’ – KU Leuven (with Franziska van Buren)
2021 (19-20.11)	Conference ‘La recezione del <i>Sofista</i> di Platone nell’antichità/Die Rezeption von Platons <i>Sophistes</i> in der Antike’ – Villa Vigoni, Como (with Klaus Corcilius and Francesco Fronterotta)
2020 (10.01)	Workshop ‘Plotinus on the Kinds of Being – Workshop on <i>Ennead</i> VI.2’ – École Normale Supérieure, Paris (with Alexandra Michalewski and Pauline Sabrier)
2014 (30-31.10)	Conference ‘Paradigmi di umanità nel mondo classico’, SSAS Sapienza School for Advanced Studies, Rome (with Francesco Cassini)

PEER REVIEW AND EDITORIAL SERVICE

- 2018- Anonymous referee for: *Les Études Classiques*; *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*; *Elenchos*; *Argumenta*; *The Journal for the Philosophy of Language, Mind and the Arts*; *Annali di Studi Umanistici Università di Siena*; *Journal of the History of Philosophy*; *Rhizomata*; *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*; *Apeiron*; *Méthexis*; *The Review of Metaphysics*; *Antiquorum Philosophia*; *Philosophie antique*; *Ancient Philosophy* (x2); *Ancient Philosophy Today*; *Discipline Filosofiche*; Routledge.
- 2014 Editorial Assistant for *Elenchos: Rivista di studi sul pensiero antico* & *Collana di testi e studi sul pensiero antico*

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Roma Tre University – Department of Philosophy, Communication and Performing Arts

- 2025- Co-director (with Riccardo Chiaradonna) of the GR3AT Gruppo Roma 3 storia della filosofia Antica
- 2025- Fundraising Group
- 2025- Joint Teaching Staff-Student Committee
- 2025 Philosophy MA Curriculum Review Committee

University of Toronto – Department of Philosophy and Department of Classics

- 2018-2021 Research Assistant – University of Toronto (Rachel Barney; John Magee)

Research Projects

- 2021-2025 Member of the ERC Advanced Grant Project ‘Not Another History of Platonism. The Role of Aristotle’s Criticisms of Plato in the Development of Ancient Platonism’ (PI: Jan Opsomer) – KU Leuven
- 2018 Member of the German and Italian research group on ‘Platons *Philebos* und das gute Leben: Fragen und Perspektiven’; PI: Francesco Fronterotta and Angela Ulacco – Villa Vigoni, Como
- 2014-2016 Member of the French, German and Italian research group on ‘Soul, Life and Movement Before and During the Creation of the Universe: Cosmology, Physics and Biology in the Ancient Thought’; PI: Franco Ferrari, Christoph Helmig, and Pierre-Marie Morel – Villa Vigoni, Como

Professional Affiliations

- *Società italiana di storia della filosofia antica*
- *International Plato Society*
- *International Society of Neoplatonic Studies*
- *Società italiana di filosofia analitica*
- *LECTIO (KU Leuven)*
- *The Centre for the Study of Greek and Roman Antiquity, Corpus Christi College Oxford*
- *Italian Scientists and Scholars of North America Foundation*
- *Associazione Alumni SSAS*

Languages

Italian	native	German	reading proficiency
English	fluent	Spanish	reading proficiency
French	fluent	Ancient Greek and Latin	reading proficiency

References

- Lloyd P. Gerson, University of Toronto, Department of Philosophy (lloyd.gerson@utoronto.ca)
- Riccardo Chiaradonna, Roma Tre University, Department of Philosophy (riccardo.chiaradonna@uniroma3.it)
- Jan Opsomer, KU Leuven, Institute of Philosophy (jan.opsomer@kuleuven.be)
- Lesley Brown, University of Oxford, Somerville College (lesley.brown@philosophy.ox.ac.uk)
- Rachel Barney, University of Toronto, Department of Philosophy (rachel.barney@utoronto.ca)
- George Boys-Stones, University of Toronto, Department of Classics (george.boys.stones@utoronto.ca)
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