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AOC: Political Philosophy, Ethics, Epistemology
AOS: Feminist Philosophy, Applied Ethics, Social Epistemology

CURRENT POSITION

2026 **Postdoctoral Fellow**
Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (LMU) - Chair of Philosophy and Political Theory
Advisor: Laura Valentini

2024 **Postdoctoral Fellow**
Goethe University Frankfurt – "Normative Orders" Research Center
Advisor: Rainer Forst

EDUCATION

2024 **PhD in Political Philosophy** (Summa cum Laude)
Vita-Salute San Raffaele University (IT)
Thesis: *A Non-ideal Approach to Women's Compliance with Gender Norms*
Advisor: Roberta Sala
Reviewers: Rosa Terlazzo (University of Rochester) and Federica Liveriero (University of Pavia)
Viva Voce Examiners: Serene Khader (CUNY), Laura Valentini (University of Munich) and Greta Favara (Vita-Salute San Raffaele University)
Date of Award: 10/05/2024

2020 **MA in Political Theory** (Distinction)
University of Sheffield (UK)
Advisors: Megan Blomfield and Jules Holroyd
Date of Award: 04/11/2020

2020 **IUSS Diploma in Humanities** (100/100)
University School for Advanced Studies, Pavia (IT)
Date of Award: 22/09/2020

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2019 **BA in Philosophy** (Summa cum Laude)
University of Pavia
Date of Award: 19/04/2019
Alumna of Merit at Collegio Borromeo, Pavia

VISITING POSITION

2024 **Visiting Fellowship** (February-March)
Dickinson Poon School of Law, King's College London
Sponsor: Giulia Cavaliere

2023 **Visiting Fellowship** (January - July)
Department of Philosophy, City University of New York
Sponsor: Serene Khader

2022 **Visiting Fellowship** (April - October)
Department of Sociology, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
Sponsor: Sawitri Saharso

2018 **Visiting Fellowship** (July- August)
Corpus Christi College, Cambridge
Sponsor: Ian Carter

2017 **Erasmus Program** (September - February)
Department of Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven

RESEARCH

Published Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Cesarano, F. (2026) Patriarchal Bargains as Oppressive Double Binds**.** *Hypatia.* https://doi.org/10.1017/hyp.2026.10095

Cesarano, F. (2025). Ideal vs non-ideal: Tracking the anti-oppressive character of normative theories. *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice*. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10677-025-10521-z

Cavaliere, G., **Cesarano, F.** (2025) Assisted Reproductive Technologies and Women's Choices: Autonomy, Harm and Gender Socialization. *Hypatia.* https://doi.org/10.1017/hyp.2024.103

Cesarano, F. (2023) Beyond Choice: A Non-Ideal Feminist Approach to Body Modification. *Res Publica* 29, 647-663. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11158-022-09571-2

Cesarano, F. (2024). Patriarchal Bargains and Responsibility for Structural Injustice. *Biblioteca della Libertà* 58*,* 5-24. Bdl238_cesarano.pdf (centroeinaudi.it)

Edited Volumes & Special Issues of Journals

Cesarano, F. Sala, R. & Salvatore, I. (2023) Cultural Diversity, Integration and Harm Protection in Liberal Societies. *Res Publica* 29, 555–560. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11158-023-09624-0

Cesarano, F. Di Feo, M. & Volta, E. (2025) Exploring Personal Identity. *Phenomenology & Mind 29,* 12-18. http://journals.openedition.org/phenomenology/5100

Book Chapters

Cesarano, F. (2025). Ingegneria dei concetti: Per una normatività aperta e situata in filosofia femminista. In R. Mordacci & A. Volpe (Eds.), Etica tradizionale ed etica critica (pp. 122–135). Castelvecchi.

Book Reviews & Commentaries

Cavaliere G, **Cesarano F.** (2024) Misunderstanding moral status: a reply to Robinson. *Journal of Medical Ethics* 50**,** 24-25. http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/jme-2022-108799

Cesarano, F. (2022) Just Reasonable Multiculturalism: The Problem of Internalized Coercion. *Biblioteca della Libertà* (online). FL-234-5-Cesarano.pdf (centroeinaudi.it)

Encyclopedia Entries

Affaire du Foulard, in Mitja Sardoč (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Diversity*, Dordrecht: Springer (Forthcoming)

#MeToo Movement, in Mitja Sardoč (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Diversity*, Dordrecht: Springer (Forthcoming)

Feminist Political Thought, in Zoe Lefkofridi (ed.), *Elgar Encyclopedia on Gender and Politics*, London: Edwards Elgar Publishing. (Forthcoming, co-authored with E. Icardi)

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Selected Conference Presentations

2025 Patriarchal Bargains as Double Binds. British Society of Ethical Theory Annual Conference. University of Southampton (16-17 July)
Patriarchal Bargains as Double Binds. The Workshop on Gender and Philosophy 25th Anniversary Conference. MIT (12 -14 June)
Patriarchal Bargains as Double Binds. Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference. (27-29 June)
2024 Christie Hartley Symposium. University of Rijeka (3-4 June)
2023 A Defence of Patriarchal Bargains. Workshop on "Adaptive Preferences". University of Zurich (14 - 15 October)
A Defence of Patriarchal Bargains. Conference on "Structural Domination". Technische Universitat Dresden (18-19 September)
Gender Socialization and the public provision of fertility treatment. MANCEPT Workshop series. University of Manchester (11-13 September)
A Defence of Patriarchal Bargains. Società Italiana di Filosofia Analitica (SIFA) Annual Conference. University of Eastern Piedmont. (7-9 September)
A Defence of Patriarchal Bargains. Hypatia 40th Anniversary Conference. University of Oregon. (6-9 September)
Gender Socialization and the public provision of fertility treatment. Rocky Mountains Ethics Congress. University of Colorado Boulder. (10-13 August)
2022 A Non-Ideal Feminist Approach to Body Modifications and Gender Norms. Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy. University of Pavia (12-13 September)
A Non-Ideal Feminist Approach to Body Modifications and Gender Norms. Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference. University of Edinburgh (1-3 July)
A Non-Ideal Feminist Approach to Body Modifications and Gender Norms. GECOPOL Graduate Conference. University of Geneva. (17-18 February)
2021 A Non-Ideal Feminist Approach to Body Modifications and Gender Norms. MANCEPT Workshop series. University of Manchester. (9 September)

Selected Invited Talks

2026 Blame: An Agency Scaffolding Account. University of Pennsylvania (15 September)
2025 Understanding Intersecting Injustices. University of Eastern Piedmont. (16 – 17 January)
2022 Discussion with Lea Ypi. Workshop on "Progress: Instructions for Use". Vita- Salute San Raffaele University. (12 December)
2022 Discussion with Seyla Benhabib. Rotelli Lectures. Vita- Salute San Raffaele University. (8 June)

Summer Schools

2023 Critical Theory Summer School. Humbolt University. (3 -7 July)
2022 Conceptualizing Community Summer School. University of Aberdeen. (1- 2 June)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Grants

2026 Juan de la Cierva Research Grant (€ 120.000 euro)
Title: *Critical Agency in Ameliorative Projects*
2023 MSCA Seal of Excellence
Title: *ARCON: Ameliorating Responsibility to Counteract Oppressive Norms*

Fellowships

2025 Postdoctoral Fellowship at "Normative Orders" Research Centre
Granting body: Claus Wisser Stiftung (€ 24.000)

2024 Postdoctoral Fellowship at "Normative Orders" Research Centre
Granting body: Höppsche Stiftung (€ 24.000)

2020 PhD Fellowship in "Philosophical Issues in an International Perspective"
Project: *A Non-ideal Approach to Women's Compliance with Gender Norms*
Granting body: Vita-Salute San Raffaele University (€ 64.000)

Awards

2024 Biblioteca della Libertà Essay Prize: Best paper on "Various Forms of Injustice" (€ 500 euro)
Title: *Patriarchal Bargains and Responsibility for Structural Injustice*.
2023 SIFA Young Scholar Prize: Best paper in Practical Philosophy (€ 250 euro)
Title: *A Defence of Patriarchal Bargains*

TEACHING

Lecturer

2024 - 2026 *Feminist Political Philosophy:* (30 hours, Winter Semester)
BA in Philosophy, LMU - Course Leader
Responsibility in a Structurally Unjust World (30 hours, Winter Semester)
MA in Philosophy, LMU - Course Leader
2024 - 2026 *Feminist Political Philosophy: Issues and Arguments* (28 hours each Summer Semester)
MA in Political Theory, Goethe University Frankfurt - Course Leader
2022 - 2023 *Gender Studies* (6 hours)
MA in Philosophy of the Contemporary World, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University - Module Leader

Teaching Assistant

2021 - 2024 *Public Ethics* (4 hours each Winter Semester)
MA in Philosophy of the Contemporary World, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University
2021 - 2022 *Contemporary Ethics* (2 hours)

MA in Philosophy of the Contemporary World, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University

Tutor

2022 - 2023 *Political Legitimacy Course* (20 hours)
MA in Politics, Philosophy and Public Affairs (PPPA), University of Milan.

Guest Lecturer

2024 *Autonomy and Responsibility* (2 hours)
BA in Law, King's College, London

2024 *Ethics and Politics of the Body* (4 hours)
MA in Medical Law, King's College, London

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Research Assistant

2024 REPHRAIN Project with Massimo Renzo at King's College London.

Reviewer

Feminist Philosophy Quarterly, Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal, Hypatia, Phenomenology & Mind, Ethical Theory & Moral Practice, International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics.

Events Organised

2026 *Agency Under Oppression: Feminist Perspectives*. International Conference, Goethe University.

2023 - 2024 *Emerging Voices in Practical Philosophy*. Workshop Series, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University/University of Pavia.

2024 *Exploring Personal Identity: Philosophical Perspectives*. International Conference, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University.

2023 *The Coming of Age: Personal Identity, Well-Being, and Justice in an Ageing Society*. International Conference, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University.

2022 *Constructing Justice*. Doctoral Seminars, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University.

2021 MANCEPT Panel: "Cultural Diversity, Integration, and Harm Protection in Liberal Societies".

2021 - 2024 *Gender Lunch Seminars*. Vita-Salute San Raffaele University.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the Italian Society for Women in Philosophy (SWIP), the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA), the Society for Applied Philosophy (SAP), the British Society for Ethical Theory (BSET).

REFEREES

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