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Employment

- 2016- Post-Doctoral Researcher within the project “Subjectivity, Agency and Social Cognition - Challenges for Reductionist Accounts of the Mind”, *The Human Mind Project*, School of Advanced Study, University of London.
PIs: Prof. Colin Blakemore, Prof. Christopher Frith, Prof. Patrick Haggard.
Supervisor: Prof. Patrick Haggard.
- 2016 Honorary Research Associate, *Action & Body Group*, Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, University College London.
PI: Prof. Patrick Haggard.
- 2015-2016 Postdoc Research Associate within the Project “Sense of agency and responsibility: integrating legal and neurocognitive accounts”, Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, University College London.
Supervisor: Prof. Patrick Haggard.

Areas of Interest

Philosophy of action, philosophy of mind, (philosophy of) cognitive neuroscience and psychology, moral psychology.

Education

- Ph.D. University of Pavia
Philosophy, 2012-2015
Against Moral Desert. Responsibility under Discussion
Supervisors: Prof. Luca Fonnesu, Prof. Mario De Caro
- Cornell University
Sage School of Philosophy
Ph.D. Visiting Candidate, 2013-2014
Supervisor: Prof. Derk Pereboom
- M.A. University of Milano
Philosophical Sciences, 2010-2011
Freedom, causality, responsibility
Final Grade: 110/110 cum Laude (Summa cum Laude).
- B.A. University of Milano
Philosophy, 2006-2009
Final Grade: 110/110 cum Laude (Summa cum Laude).

Continuing Education and Professional Development

- 07/11/2016. Recruitment & Selection training, SAS.
22/05/2016-04/06/2016. Summer Seminars in Neuroscience and Philosophy (SSNAP), Duke University.
09/11/2015. Free will and Moral Responsibility Workshop, University of Oxford;
22/09/2014-28/09/2014. Powers, Perception & Agency, International Summer School and Conference, University of Oxford, British School at Rome;
17/07/2014-25/07/2014. Summer School, Moral Epistemology, CEU-Central European University, Budapest;
03/06/2014-05/06/2014. San Raffaele Spring School of Philosophy (Naturalism, the First Person Perspective and the Embodied Mind. Lynne Baker's Challenge: Metaphysical and Practical Approaches), Vita-Salute San Raffaele University;
02/11/2012-09/07/2013. TFA (Teacher training course). University of Pavia. Grade: 100/100;
16/07/2012-20/07/2012. Summer School, Law and Logic, European University Institute and Harvard Law School;
25/07/2011-12/08/2011. Summer School, Management, London School of Economics and Political Science.

Awards and Scholarships

2016. Project Grant, \$27.000.
The mental structure of moral judgments: Causality, Intentionality, and Responsibility, Duke University. PIs: Sofia Bonicalzi, Eugenia Kulakova (UCL), Chiara Brozzo (Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics). Senior Collaborator: Patrick Haggard (UCL).
2016. Travel grant and honorarium, Summer Seminars in Neuroscience and Philosophy (SSNAP), Duke University.
2016. SIFM (Italian Society for Moral Philosophy) Prize, € 1500.
Best Ph.D. dissertation of the year.
2012-2015. Ph.D. Scholarship, University of Pavia.
2013-2014. Travel Grant (Visiting Ph.D. Candidate - Cornell University), University of Pavia.
2012. I Premio Associazione Nazionale Pratiche Filosofiche/1st Prize, National Association for Philosophical Practices.

Selected Publications

Refereed Journal Articles

- Bonicalzi, S. (in preparation), "What counts as mental causation? From free will to intentions", *Minds and Machines*.
Bonicalzi, S., Gallotti, M. (accepted), "The participatory dimension of individual responsibility", *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*.
Beyer, F., Sidarus, N., Bonicalzi, S., Haggard, P. (2016), "Beyond self-serving bias: diffusion of responsibility reduces sense of agency and outcome monitoring", *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*, 11 (12), pp. 1-8;
Bonicalzi, S. (2015), "Libet-like experiments and the efficacy of the will", *Rivista Internazionale di Filosofia e Psicologia*, 6 (1), pp. 130-144;
Bonicalzi, S. (2015), "Does reductivist event-causal compatibilism leave anything out? Lynne Baker's Reflective-Endorsement and the bounds of the traditional analyses of moral responsibility", *Phenomenology and Mind. Naturalism, the First-Person Perspective and the Embodied Mind*, 7, pp. 128-135;
Bonicalzi, S. (2013), "Moral responsibility beyond classical compatibilist and incompatibilist accounts", *Prolegomena*, 12 (1), pp. 21-41;
Bonicalzi, S. (2013), "La montagna dipinta" ("The painted mountain"), *Fata Morgana*, 21, pp. 157-163;

Book Chapters

- Bonicalzi, S. (2014), “Defining practical reasoning. Constructivism and Instrumental Reason”, in S. Bonicalzi, L. Caffo, M. Sorgon, eds., *Naturalism and Constructivism in Metaethics*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle.
- Bonicalzi, S. (2014), “Skepticism and Control”, in F. Bacchini, M. Dell’Utri, S. Caputo, eds., *New Advances in Causation, Agency, and Moral Responsibility*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle, pp. 144-164;
- Bonicalzi, S., M. De Caro (2013), “Introduction”, in Id., eds., “Free Will: Thirty points of view”, special issue of *Method. Analytic Perspectives*, Vol. 2, No. 3, pp. 1-4;

Reviews

- Bonicalzi, S. (2012), review of John Martin Fischer, *Deep Control. Essays on Free Will and Value*, *Rivista di Storia della Filosofia*, No. 3, Milano, Franco Angeli, pp. 643-646.

Edited volumes

- Bonicalzi, S., M. De Caro (2013), eds., “Free Will: Thirty points of view”, special issue of *Method. Analytic Perspectives*, Vol. 2, No. 3;
- Bonicalzi, S., L. Caffo, M. Sorgon (2014), eds., *Naturalism and Constructivism in Metaethics*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle.

Conference Reports

- Bonicalzi, S. (2016), “Creativity and the Mind”, *The Human Mind Project*.
- Bonicalzi, S., Hertz, U. (2016), “Agency, Morals and the Mind”, *The Human Mind Project*.
- Bonicalzi, S., Parkinson, J. (2016), “Emotion, Memory and the Mind”, *The Human Mind Project*, Sackler Centre for Consciousness Science.

Conference Papers

- 15/11/2016. *Free will and mental causation*, Neurophilosophy LunchTime Seminar, University of Milan;
- 25/08/2016. *Identification and rationality. Looking for a middle path between internalism and externalism about responsibility*, Gothenburg Biennial Responsibility Conference 2016;
- 27/06/2016. *What counts as mental causation? Between philosophy of mind and neuroscience*, Causality in the Sciences of the Mind and Brain, Aarhus University;
- 19/05/2016. *Beyond self-serving bias: diffusion of responsibility reduces sense of agency and outcome monitoring*, Convegno Scientifico Internazionale di Neuroetica e III Congresso della Società italiana di Neuroetica - SINE, University of Padova;
- 12/05/2016. *Proportionality in Justice. Neuroscientific perspectives on a contentious cultural product*, Neuroscience at societal scales: an expert workshop, Institut d’études avancées de Paris;
- 09/04/2016. *Responsabilità morale. Aspetti del compatibilismo contemporaneo*, Seminario Permanente sulla Normatività Pratica, Pavia.
- 01/03/2016. *Neuroscience and Neuroethics. From description to prescription?*, Icone 2, 2ª Conferência Internacional de Neuroética, Instituto de Bioética - Universidade Católica Portuguesa (Keynote speaker).
- 14/05/2015. *Free will skepticism and neuroscientific results*, Convegno Scientifico Internazionale di Neuroetica e II Congresso della Società italiana di Neuroetica - SINE, University of Padova;
- 17/03/2015. *Flickers of moral responsibility - battle of ideas and empirical constraints*, Reductionism and antireductionism about agency, Roma Tre University;
- 03/09/2014-05/09/2014. *Is event-causal compatibilism self-sufficient? Moral responsibility and the agential perspective*, SIFA conference, University of L’Aquila;
- 28/08/2014-02/09/2014. *Moral responsibility, agency and the skeptical challenge*, ECAP8, University of Bucarest (accepted but not attended);
- 02/09/2014-03/09/2014, Presentation of the Ph.D. research project, XXIII Convegno nazionale dei dottorati di ricerca in filosofia, Fondazione Collegio San Carlo di Modena;

- 12/06/2014. *I limiti del controllo. Internalismo ed externalismo nel dibattito sulla responsabilità morale* [*The limits of control. Internalism and externalism in the debate on moral responsibility*], Workshop on free will and moral responsibility, University of Pavia;
- 03/06/2014. *Compatibilism, agency and the first-person perspective*, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University;
- 27/05/2014-28/05/2014. *Moral responsibility, control and the skeptical challenge*, OFA 10, University of Lisbon;
- 24/04/2014-25/04/2014. *Free will, human agency and naturalism*, Naturalistic Approaches to Action, Mind and Value, Department of Philosophy, York University, Toronto, Canada;
- 03/04/2013. *Cinema ed esperienza morale* [Cinema and moral experience], University of Trento;
- 09/15/2012. *Strawsonian and Frankfurtian approaches. Questions about new perspectives on moral responsibility*, SIFA Conference, Alghero.

Teaching Experience/Dissertation Supervision

2016. Teacher for the course “Determinants of decision making”, Scuola di Studi Superiori “Ferdinando Rossi”, University of Turin.
- 2014-2015/2015-2016. Tutor (teaching assistant) and supervisory support of dissertation projects - Philosophy of Science and Epistemology, University of Pavia.

Organisation of Academic Events

- 26-27/09/2016. “Agency, Morals and the Mind”, *The Human Mind Project*;
- 23/03/2016. “Brain systems and legal systems: setting translational research agendas for law, neuroscience and cognitive sciences”, UCL & Open University, The British Academy;
- 12/06/2014. *Workshop on free will and moral responsibility*, University of Pavia;
- 2013-2014. Ph.D. Seminars, University of Pavia;
- 2011-2012. Ph.D. Seminars, University of Pavia;
- 06/14/2012. *Workshop on Ethics*, University of Milano.

Academic Professional Memberships

- Member of SIFA (Società Italiana di Filosofia Analitica – Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy);
- Member of Labont (Laboratory for Ontology);
- Member of SfiDo (Società filosofica dottorale – PhD students association, University of Pavia);
- Member of SINE (Società Italiana di Neuroetica e Filosofia delle Neuroscienze – Italian Society for Neuroethics).

Relevant Non-Academic Memberships and Professional Experience

- Member of Ordine dei Giornalisti/Professional Order of Journalists (7 years of work experience).

IT Skills

Microsoft Office, Matlab, SPSS, LaTeX, LabVIEW, BrainVision Recorder (EEG).

Languages

- Italian: mother tongue.
- English: fluent.
- French: basic.