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AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Philosophy of Science · Decision Theory · Philosophy of Economics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics (incl. Climate Ethics) · Social and Political Philosophy · Philosophy of the Social Sciences

EDUCATION

- 2023 – 2026 **PhD in Philosophy**, The Human Mind and its Explanations (HuME), University of Milan, joint programme with IUSS Pavia and Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa
Dissertation: *Environmental Decision-Making: Salience, Performativity, and Uncertainty*
Submitted September 2026 · Defence: 17 December 2026
Supervisors: Prof. Francesco Guala, Dr. Luca Zanetti
- 2022 – 2024 **MA in Philosophy**, University Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Milan · 110/110 *cum laude*
Thesis: *Navigating Moral Uncertainty: From Maximizing Expected Choiceworthiness to Suppositional Desires*
Supervisors: Prof. Sarah Songhorian, Dr. Luca Zanetti
- 2017 – 2019 **MA in Modern Philology**, Catholic University of Milan · 110/110 *cum laude*
Thesis: *The Rhetoric of Poverty*
- 2017 Exchange student, University of Technology Sydney, Australia
- 2014 – 2017 **BA in Literature**, Catholic University of Milan · 110/110 *cum laude*
110/110 cum laude is the highest grade awarded in the Italian university system.

AFFILIATIONS

- 2026 – present Affiliated Researcher, ERC project *Managing Performative Science* (MAPS), **Leibniz University Hannover** · PI: Prof. Philippe van Basshuysen

RESEARCH VISITS

- Apr – May 2026 Visiting Researcher, **Leibniz University Hannover**, Centre for Ethics and Law in the Life Sciences (CELLS), MAPS project · Host: Prof. Philippe van Basshuysen
- May – Oct 2025 Visiting Researcher, **London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)**, Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method · Host: Prof. Richard Bradley

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed article

Guerra, A. (forthcoming). “The One-Step Principle: Performative Model Selection under Perceived Admissibility Parity.” **Philosophy of Science**.

Other publications

Guerra, A. (2026). “Choosing under Moral Uncertainty: From Maximizing Expected Choiceworthiness to a Contextual, Goal-Based Decision Process.” In D. Bondioli, S. Bonicalzi & M. De Caro (Eds.), *Etica normativa*. Rome: Inschibboleth. Proceedings of SIFM 2025. (In Italian.)

Guerra, A. (2025). Review of W. MacAskill, K. Bykvist & T. Ord, *Moral Uncertainty* (Oxford University Press, 2020). *Argumenta: Journal of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy*.

Under review

“Moral Uncertainty and Institutional Decision-Making: A Goal-Based Alternative to Theory-Centred Aggregation.”

“Making Self-Interested Benefits Salient: A Reason-Based Framework for Pro-Environmental Behaviours.”

TALKS

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| 2026 | “Moral Uncertainty and Institutional Decision-Making: A Goal-Based Alternative to Theory-Centred Aggregation,” SILFS Conference, IUSS Pavia, 1 July |
| 2026 | “The One-Step Principle: Choosing Performative Game-Theoretic Models of Pro-Environmental Behaviours,” 4th INEM Lake Como Summer School in Philosophy of Economics, 11 June |
| 2026 | “Goal-Based Reasoning in Institutional Contexts of Moral Uncertainty,” SIFM Conference, Rome, 29 May |
| 2026 | “Communicating to Foster Action: The Role of Game-Theoretic Models of Environmental Behaviours,” Workshop on Communicating Risks: Health, Environment, and Climate Change, IUSS Pavia, 9 March |
| 2025 | “Norms as Catalysts of Social Tipping Points: A Framework for Understanding Transformative Change,” Social Ontology 2025, Trinity College Dublin, 5–8 August |
| 2025 | “Decision-Making Models in Cases of Moral Uncertainty: From Expected Utility to Moral Goals,” SIFM Conference, Rome, 6 June |
| 2024 | “Moral Uncertainty: From Maximizing Expected Choiceworthiness to Suppositional Desires,” Philosophy of Risk PhD Program, Eindhoven University of Technology, 7 November |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| 2024 – present | Teaching Assistant and Seminar Leader, <i>Rules, Reasons and Norms</i> (Prof. F. Guala), MA in Politics, Philosophy and Public Affairs (taught in English), University of Milan
Led seminar sessions; tutoring and exam assessment |
| 2021 – 2024 | Teaching Assistant and Seminar Leader, <i>Rhetoric and Forms of Persuasion</i> (Prof. E. Matelli), Catholic University of Milan
Led seminar sessions; supervised BA theses; tutoring |
| 2019 – 2023 | Teacher of Italian Literature and History, secondary schools in Milan, Monza e Brianza, and Reggio Emilia
IS Galvani; Istituti Scolastici S. Tomaso; Istituto Comprensivo “Giovanni XXIII”
Including two years as a special education support teacher (individualized education plans)
Designed and led <i>We Debate</i> , a classroom debating project on current controversies |

TEACHING INTERESTS

Core Curriculum: Contemporary Civilization, Literature Humanities · Philosophy of Science · Philosophy of the Social Sciences · Decision and Game Theory · Ethics and Climate Change

Proposed course: *Self-Fulfilling Prophecies: Models, Expectations, and the Making of Social Reality*

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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| 2023 – 2026 | Doctoral research co-funded by the Municipality of Milan and NextGenerationEU; collaboration with the Urban Resilience Project Office of the Municipality of Milan on the city’s adaptation to climate change |
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ACADEMIC SERVICE

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| 2026 | Organising committee, SIFM Conference, Roma Tre University, 29–30 May |
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2026	Organising committee, workshop “Communicating Risks: Health, Environment, and Climate Change,” IUSS Pavia, 9 March
2025	Organising committee, conference “Big Mistake! Big! HUGE!,” University of Milan

FURTHER TRAINING

2026	INEM Lake Como Summer School in Philosophy of Economics, 7–12 June
2026	“Agent-Based Evolutionary Game Dynamics,” course by Prof. Luis R. Izquierdo (University of Burgos), University of Milan, 18–22 May
2019 – 2020	Diction and public speaking course “La Parola Alata”, Catholic University of Milan

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2026	Grant for the Summer School in History of Economic Thought, Italian Association for the History of Economic Thought (AISPE)
2023 – 2026	Fully funded PhD scholarship (€49,050), IUSS Pavia
2025	Erasmus+ traineeship grant for research at the LSE, University of Milan
2017	Exchange programme grant for study at UTS Sydney, Catholic University of Milan

MEMBERSHIPS

Italian Society for Logic and Philosophy of Science (SILFS), 2026– · Italian Society for Moral Philosophy (SIFM), 2025–

LANGUAGES

Italian (native) · English (fluent) · Spanish (C1) · French (B1) · Latin (reading and translation)

REFERENCES

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