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Date of Birth: April 23, 1979

MAIN RESEARCH AREAS:

Philosophy of Cognitive Neuroscience, Philosophy of Psychology, Cognitive Neuroscience of language

CURRENT POSITION:

Senior Assistant Professor of Philosophy of Science, (with tenure track), Department of Ancient and Modern Civilizations, University of Messina.

Director of the Experimental Philosophy Lab, Department of Ancient and Modern Civilizations, University of Messina.

CAREER:

-From November 2019 to October 2021, Assistant Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience, Department of Cognitive, Psychological, Educational Sciences and Cultural Studies, University of Messina.

- February 2022, obtained the Italian national qualification to function as Associate Professor of Philosophy of Science.

- December 2017, obtained the Italian national qualification to function as Associate Professor of Philosophy of Language (renewal).

- From September 2017 to September 2018, Lecturer for the course “Theories of language and the mind”, Department of Humanities, Social Sciences and Cultural Industries, University of Parma.

- From September 2015 to December 2015 Postdoctoral Visiting Researcher, University of Amsterdam (UvA), Faculty of Humanities (Principal Investigator - Grant from the Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek - Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research. Title of the research project: Metaphor and Embodied Simulation. Host researcher attached to the Dutch research institute: Prof. G.J. Steen, professor of Language and Communication, University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Humanities).

- From October 2013 to May 2016, Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Humanities, University of Palermo.

- December 2013, obtained the Italian national qualification to function as Associate Professor of Philosophy of Language.

- From April 2013 to Sept 2013, postdoctoral research fellow (*wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin*), Berlin School of Mind and Brain, Humboldt University, Berlin.

- From January 2013 to April 2013, postdoctoral research fellow, Department of Humanities, University of Palermo.

From January 2012 to December 2012, postdoctoral research fellow, Department of Neuroscience, University of Parma.

- From June 2007 to August 2011, postdoctoral research fellow, Department of Philosophy, Philology, Arts and History of Knowledge, University of Palermo.

EDUCATION:

University of Palermo

Ph.D. in “Philosophy of Language and of Mind” received with the highest marks, 2007.

Title of Dissertation: “Linguaggio e rappresentazione spaziale” (Language and spatial representation).

Dissertation directors: Prof. Francesca Piazza & Prof. Francesco Ferretti

The dissertation reconsiders the issue of the relationship between language and thought through experimental studies on subjects affected by Williams syndrome, a genetic pathology which includes severe visual- spatial deficits.

University of Palermo

Master degree in Philosophy, final mark 110/110 *cum laude*, March 2003.

Title of dissertation: “La nozione di Intenzionalità in John Searle”.

Dissertation director: Prof. Franco Lo Piparo.

Diploma in Classical studies, final mark 60/60, “F. Scaduto” High School, Bagheria, 1998.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

29th-31st January, 2014 participant of the Seminar “Identifying, Analyzing and Evaluating Metaphor in Public Discourse” held by Prof. Gerard Steen.

Department of Political Sciences

University of Calabria

Arcavacata di Rende

September 1st -14th , 2013 participant of the KOSMOS Summer School

"Human sociality and the brain: Decision making in social contexts".

Berlin School of Mind and Brain

Humboldt University

Berlin

17th – 21st April, 2013, participant (faculty) of the second Neuro-philosophical workshop.

Berlin School of Mind and Brain

Humboldt University

Venice International University,

San Servolo

January 21st-26th, 2013 participant of the Metaphor Lab Winter School 2013 organized by Prof. Gerard Steen.

VU University

Amsterdam

January 23rd-27th, 2012 participant of the Metaphor Lab Winter School 2012 organized by Prof. Gerard Steen.
VU University
Amsterdam

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES AND SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS:

Member of the Scientific Committee of the *4th International Conference on Philosophy of Mind: 4E's Approach to the Mind/Brain*, taking place from 6 to 8 March 2023, at the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences of the University Portuguese Catholic (Braga, Portugal).

Organizer of the conference “Language and cognition. Perspectives on the study of mind”.
University of Messina, 12-13/10/2022.

Organizer of the workshop “Dual aspect accounts in language processing”, University of Messina, 14/0/2022. Keynote speaker: Yury Shtyrov.

Member of Program committee of the 9th Experimental Pragmatics Conference (XPRAG 2022), IUSS Pavia.

Member of the scientific committee, RaAM 2020 Conference. Faculty of Education at Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences (INN). Hamar, Norway, 18-21 June 2020

Member of the scientific committee, AISC (Italian Association for Cognitive Science) Conference 2020

University of Parma
Parma, 26-28 May 2020

Liège, Belgium, 16-17 May 2019

Member of the scientific committee, RaAM 2019 Seminar
University of Liège
Liège, Belgium, 16-17 May 2019

Member of the organising committee of the XX International Conference of the Italian Society of Philosophy of Language.
Palermo, 24th-26th September 2013.

Member of the organising committee of the Italian National Conference “Segnare, parlare, intendersi: modalità e forme”.
University of Palermo
Palermo, 22nd-23rd October 2009

VISITING RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS:

- August-December 2005: Department of Cognitive Science, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA; Language and Cognition Laboratory; Supervisor: Prof. Barbara Landau.

- February- December 2006: Istituto di Scienze e Tecnologie della Cognizione, CNR – Roma.
Supervisor: Dr. Virginia Volterra.

- February- December 2006: Child Neuropsychiatry Unit. Department of Neuroscience. Children’s Hospital *Bambino Gesù*, Roma; Supervisor: Dr. Stefano Vicari.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (LECTURER):

2021-2022: Assistant Professor, DICAM Department- COSPECS Department, University of Messina.

Courses:

Philosophy of Science (BA)

Philosophy of Science (MA)

General Psychology (BA)

The Cognitive Neuroscience of Language (MA).

2020-2021: Assistant Professor, COSPECS Department, University of Messina.

Courses:

Psychobiology of Language (BA)

General Psychology (BA)

Psychometrics for Cognitive Neuroscience (MA).

2019-2020: Assistant Professor, COSPECS Department, University of Messina.

Courses:

General Psychology (BA)

Psychobiology of language (BA)

Social Neuroscience (MA)

Applied Neurosciences (MA)

2017/2018, lecturer for the course “Philosophy of Language”; Department of Humanities, Social Sciences and Cultural Industries, University of Parma

2014/2015, lecturer for the course “Social Psychology”, Department of Humanities, University of Palermo

2013/2014, lecturer for the course “Between Philosophy and Neuroscience. The philosophical debate after the discovery of mirror neurons”. Faculty of Philosophy and Liberal Arts, University of Palermo.

2012/2013, lecturer for the course “Notes on the notion of meaning”, master in Philosophy, Humboldt University, Berlin.

2012/2013, lecturer for the course “The Philosophical Roots of Embodied Cognition”, master in Philosophy, Humboldt University, Berlin.

2010/2011, lecturer for the course “Philosophy of Language” in the degree program of Modern Literature in the Faculty of Philosophy and Liberal Arts, University of Palermo.

2010/2011, lecturer for the course “Language and Cognition” in the degree program of Philosophy of Knowledge and Communication in the Faculty of Philosophy and Liberal Arts, University of Palermo.

2009/2010, lecturer for the course “Language and Cognition” in the degree program of Philosophy of Knowledge and Communication in the Faculty of Philosophy and Liberal Arts, University of Palermo.

2008/2009, lecturer for the course “Language and Cognition” in the degree program of Philosophy of Knowledge and Communication in the Faculty of Philosophy and Liberal Arts, University of Palermo.

In 2003, didactic support tutor for students of the degree course in Philosophy of Knowledge and Communication in the Faculty of Philosophy and Liberal Arts, University of Palermo.

Since 2007, supervisor of 16 bachelor degree theses in Philosophy and of 1 master degree thesis in Philosophy, 5 M.A. theses in Psychology; 3 B.A. theses in Social Sciences and Psychology.

OTHER TEACHING ACTIVITIES

2008/2009:

1-30 November 2008 – Teacher of the seminar on “Sign Languages” upon invitation of Prof. Francesca Piazza (the seminar was part of the course on “Theory of languages and communication”, Faculty of Educational Sciences University of Palermo).

1-30 November 2008 – Teacher of the seminar on “ The acquisition of language” upon invitation of Prof. Francesca Piazza (the seminar was part of the course on “Rhetoric”, Faculty of Educational Sciences University of Palermo).

2007/2008:

1-30 November 2007 – Teacher of the seminar on “ The Pragmatic of Language” upon invitation of Prof. Francesca Piazza (the seminar was part of the course on “Theory of languages and communication”, Faculty of Educational Sciences University of Palermo).

1-30 November 2007 – Teacher of the seminar on “ The Pragmatic of Language” upon invitation of Prof. Francesca Piazza (the seminar was part of the course on on “Rhetoric”, Faculty of Educational Sciences University of Palermo).

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE:

2022 – today member of the Orientation Committee for Master students in Philosophy, University of Messina

2022 External reviewer – PhD Programme in “Philosophy, Science, Cognition and Semiotics. University of Bologna

2021 External Reviewer – PhD Programme in The development and well-being of individuals and organizations. LUMSA University.

2021 – today Member of the Scientific Committee, COSPECS Department – CNR Agreement.

2020 – today Member of the Ethics Committee, COSPECS Department, University of Messina.

2019 – today President of examination board: Psychobiology of Language, Social Cognitive Neuroscience, General Psychology, Applied Neuroscience,
Member of examination board: Cognitive Neuroscience.

2020 - today President of examination board: Psychometrics for Cognitive Neuroscience.

Research assistant in “Philosophy and theory of Languages”, Faculty of Science of Education, University of Palermo and member of the exam commission for the disciplines “Rhetoric” and “Normative and Administrative Language”.

Research assistant in “Philosophy and theory of Languages”, Faculty of Philosophy and Liberal Arts, University of Palermo and member of the exam commission for the discipline “Philosophy of language” and “Language and Cognition”.

GRANTS AND FUNDINGS AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:

Principal Investigator, Grant from Imminent. Translated Research Center:

<https://imminent.translated.com/research-grants-ceremony-innovations-in-language-technology>

Title of the research project: The neuroscience of translation. Novel and dead metaphor processing in native and second-language speakers.

Total amount of the grant: 20.000 euro.

Principal Investigator - Grant from the Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek - Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research.

“Grant for highly qualified senior researchers from abroad who hold a PhD. With this grant these researchers can stay in the Netherlands for a maximum of four months and carry out a project related to an ongoing Dutch research project”.

Title of the research project: Metaphor and Embodied Simulation. Host researcher attached to the Dutch research institute: Prof. G.J. Steen, professor of Language and Communication, University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Humanities). Duration of the research project: 4 months. Total amount of the grant: 7500 euro.

GRANTS AND FUNDINGS AS MEMBER OF THE REASERCH TEAM:

- Title of the project: Speaking and Persuading. Theory and History. FFR Project, Italian Ministry of University and Research. PI: Prof. Franco Lo Piparo. February 2013-March 2014.
- Title of the project: Wittgenstein and the cognitive approach to the study of language. Project funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research. Year: 2007. PI: Marco Carapezza. Duration: 12 months.
- Title of the project: Language, Cognition and Emotion. An Aristotelian approach. Project funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research. Year: 2007. PI: Francesca Piazza. Duration: 12 months.
- Title of the project: Speaking and Measuring. Project funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research. Year: 2007. PI: Franco Lo Piparo. Duration: 12 months.
- Title of the project: Wittgenstein and the cognitive approach to the study of language. Project funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research. Year: 2006. PI: Marco Carapezza. Duration: 12 months.
- Title of the project: Speaking and Persuading. Project funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research. Year: 2006. PI: Francesca Piazza. Duration: 24 months.
- Title of the project: Words, Images and Numbers in Plato, Aristotle and Wittgenstein. Project funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research. Year: 2005. PI: Franco Lo Piparo. Duration: 12 months.
- Title of the project: Words, Images and Numbers in Plato, Aristotle and Wittgenstein. Project funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research. Year: 2004. PI: Franco Lo Piparo. Duration: 12 months.

MAJOR COLLABORATIONS:

M. Carapezza, The notion of Meaning, Metaphors; Dept. of Humanities, Univ. of Palermo.
L. Fogassi, Embodied Language, Dept. of Neuroscience, Univ. of Parma.
V. Gallese, Embodied Language, Dept. of Neuroscience, Univ. of Parma.
G. Steen, Embodied Metaphors and Persuasion, Univ. of Amsterdam.

MEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING REASERCH GROUPS:

Member of the network XPRAG.it - An Italian Network of Experimental Pragmatics (Head of the Univ. of Messina section).

Member of the CIRM - Inter-university Centre for metaphor research (Head of the Univ. of Messina section).

Member of the NeuroHumanities Studies Research Network (<http://www.neurohumanitiestudies.eu/>). Scientific Responsible: Prof. Grazia Pulvirenti, University of Catania.

Member of the PERSONA Centre- Laboratory for Research in Phenomenology and Sciences of the Person (<http://www.unisr.it/view.asp?id=5759>). Scientific Responsible: Prof. Roberta De Monticelli, University San Raffaele, Milan.

Invited to participate to the Dariah-PL Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities. Scientific Responsible: Prof. Michal B. Paradowski, University of Warsaw.

Member of the Metaphor Lab Amsterdam. Scientific Responsible: Prof. Gerard Steen, University of Amsterdam.

Member of the Neuroscience research group, Scientific Responsible: Prof. Vittorio Gallese, University of Parma.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION:

Editorial Board Member :

Associate Editor- Frontiers in Psychology

Associate Editor - Frontiers in Communication – Language Sciences

Journal referee

AphEx

Cognition

Cognitive Semantics

Frontiers in Psychology

Infancy

Journal of Pragmatics

Language Acquisition: A journal of Developmental Linguistics

Language Under Discussion

Language Sciences

Metaphor and the Social World

Neuroscience & Biobehavioral Reviews

Paradigmi

Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences

PlosOne

Review of Cognitive Linguistics

Rivista Italiana di Filosofia del Linguaggio
Scientific Reports
Sistemi Intelligenti
Topics in Cognitive Sciences
Topoi
Journal of Communication Disorders

Reviewer for the Book Series *Human Cognitive Processing*

QS GLOBAL UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

Since November 2020, member of the teams of experts of the QS Global University Rankings.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Cognitive Science Society
The European Society for Philosophy and Psychology
RaAM Association (Association for Reasarching and Applying Metaphor)
Italian Society for Logic and the Philosophy of Science (SILF)
Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA)

INVITED TALKS IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES:

INTERNATIONAL INVITED CONFERENCES

20-21/11/2021 – International Conference (Online)

Neuromania. Neurons. Mind. Cognition

Cognitive Science Department, Faculty of Philosophy and Social Science, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń, Poland

Keynote Speaker. Titolo dell'intervento: "The Biological Bases of Figurative Languages"

9-15/01/2020 – International Workshop on Metaphor Studies. University of Genova.

Organized by Prof. Micaela Rossi and Prof. Ilaria Rizzato. CIRM.

Title of the talk: "Deliberate Metaphors and Motor Simulation".

16-19/05/2016 – First international Conference in Pragmatics and Philosophy, University of Palermo

4-6/06/2015 – Neuro Humanities Studies Dialogue Workshop on the topic "Metaphors and Embodiment", University of Catania.

24/06/2014 – International Workshop "Metaphor: From Embodied Cognition to Discourse". University of Cagliari.

NATIONAL INVITED CONFERENCES

21-22/04/2016 – Conference "For a synthetic approach to the study of language". University of Palermo.

6-7/06/2007 – CODISCO Conference (Co-ordination of Italian Philosophical Doctorates in Cognitive Science), "Culture, Evolution, Simulation" University of Messina.

5/06/2006 – Second meeting of the national co-ordination of Philosophy of Mind and of Cognitive Science "Are all mental states representations?", University of Calabria.

2-3/06/2006 – Third annual conference of Philosophical Doctorates in Cognitive Science “Human Nature: Culture, Cognition and Language”, University of Messina

INVITED TALKS:

Academic Year 2014/2015

20/10/2015 – Upon invitation of Prof. Gerard Steen, Metaphor Lab Research Meeting, Department of Speech Communication, Argumentation Theory and Rhetoric, University, Amsterdam. Title of the talk: “Deliberate Metaphors and Embodied Simulation”.

25-26/11/2014 – Upon invitation of Prof. Marco Carapezza Carapezza talks to students of the BA degree in Philosophy (Faculty of Arts, University of Palermo). Title of the talks: “Language, body and persuasion”.

Academic Year 2013/2014

16/01/2014 – Upon invitation of Prof. Marco Carapezza and Prof. Francesca Piazza talk to the participants of the Philosophy of language lectures (Department of Humanities, University of Palermo).

2/12/2013 - Upon invitation of Prof. Gerard Steen talk to the participants of the Metaphor Lab Research Meeting (Faculty of Arts, VU University, Amsterdam).

Academic Year 2012/2013

7/06/2013 – Upon invitation of Claudia Gianelli talk to the participants of Prof. Martin Fisher Lab meeting (Universität Potsdam, Potsdam) . Title of the talk: “Context and motor simulation”.

4/06/2013 – Upon invitation of Prof. Friedemann Pulvermüller talk to the participants of Brain Language Research Colloquium (Freie Universität, Berlin).

May 2013: Upon invitation of Prof. Michael Pauen talk to the participants of Research Colloquium, Berlin School of Mind and Brain (Humboldt Universität, Berlin). Title of the talk: “Figurative language and motor simulation”.

Academic Year 2011/2012:

16-17/12/2011 - Upon invitation of Prof. Marco Carapezza talks to students of the BA degree in Philosophy (Faculty of Arts, University of Palermo). Title of the talks: “Negation and Motor Simulation”.

3/05/12 - Upon invitation of Prof. Franco Lo Piparo talk to students of the MA degree in Philosophy and to doctoral students of the Ph.D programme in Philosophy of Language and of Mind (Faculty of Arts, University of Palermo). Title of the talk: “Language as action. From Pragmatics to Mirror Neurons”.

4/05/2012 - Upon invitation of Prof. Marco Mazzone talk to students of the MA degree in in Foreign Languages for international (Faculty of Foreign Language and Literature, University of Catania). Title of the talk: “Meaning, usage and motor simulation”.

Academic Year 2009/2010:

4/05/2010 - Upon invitation of Prof. Franco Lo Piparo talk to students of the MA degree in Philosophy and to doctoral students of the Ph.D programme in Philosophy of Language and of Mind (Faculty of Arts, University of Palermo). Title of the talk: “Negation and Theory of Mind”.

Academic Year 2008/2009:

13/03/2009 - Upon invitation of Prof. Franco Lo Piparo talk to students of the MA degree in Philosophy and to the doctoral students of the Ph.D programme in Philosophy of Language and of Mind (Faculty of Arts, University of Palermo). Title of the talk: "Language and Spatial representations in Williams syndrome"

Academic Year 2007/2008:

19/03/2008 – Upon invitation of Prof. Franco Lo Piparo talk to students of the MA degree in Philosophy and to doctoral students of the Ph.D programme in Philosophy of Language and of Mind (Faculty of Arts, University of Palermo). Title of the talk: "Linguistic invariants and non-linguistic cognition. The relation between language and spatial representation".

CONFERENCE COMMUNICATIONS:

AISC 2022 mid-term Conference
The Affective Turn in Cognitive Science
University of Parma
Parma, 22-24 June 2022

Title of the talk: "Motor simulation of facial expressions, but not emotional mirroring, depends on automatic sensorimotor abduction".

AISC 2021 Conference
AISC 2021 17th Annual Conference of the Italian Association for Cognitive Sciences
Noto, 13-15/12/2021
Title of the talk: "On the embodiment of negation. Behavioural evidence on the role of motor inhibition resources in the processing of sentence negation".

Pragmasophia Conference
Università di Messina
Noto, 13-16/07/2021
Title of the talk: "The biological basis of figurative language"

Convegno della Società Italiana di Neuropsicologia - SINP 2020
20-21 Novembre 2020. Online Conference.
Montalti, Calbi, Cuccio, Umiltà, Gallese.
Titolo dell'Intervento: "Is motor inhibition involved in the processing of sentential negation? An assessment via the Stop Signal Task"

Freie Universität
XI Conference of the Association for Researching and Applying Metaphor (RAAM)
"Metaphor in the Arts, in Media and Communication"
Berlin, July 1-4, 2016.
Speech title: "Attention to Metaphor".

Jaume I University
"International Conference on Metaphor and Discourse"
Castellón, Spain, 3-4 December 2015.
Speech title: "Deliberate Metaphors and Embodied Simulation".

University of Palermo
AISC mid-term 2015

“Il Futuro Prossimo della Scienza Cognitiva”

Palermo, May 21st-22nd 2015.

Speech title: “Representations of the body and metaphor processing”.

University of Palermo

“Building Consensus. Rhetoric between democracy and conflict”.

Palermo, April 15th-17th 2015

Speech title: “The communicative power of metaphors. The body of persuasion”.

University of Bologna

21st Annual Meeting of Society of Philosophy of Language

“Filosofia del linguaggio, semiotica e filosofia della mente. A partire da C. S. Peirce nei cento anni dalla morte”

Bologna, October 2nd-4th 2014.

Speech title: “Abduzione, iconismo ed Embodied Simulation”.

RAAM Conference

METAPHOR IN COMMUNICATION, SCIENCE AND EDUCATION

Cagliari, June 20-23, 2014

Title of the talk (with Sabina Fontana): “Embodied cognition and spatial metaphors”.

San Raffaele Spring School of Philosophy (SRSSP)

“Naturalism, the First Person Perspective and the Embodied Mind. Lynne Baker's Challenge: Metaphysical and Practical Approaches”

Milan, June 3-5, 2014

Title of the talk: “Embodied Simulation and mental representations”.

University of Potsdam

Embodied and Situated Language Processing Conference (ESLP)

Potsdam, July 29th -31th 2013

University of La Rioja

III International Conference on Meaning Construction, Meaning Interpretation: Applications and Implications (CRAL 2013)

La Rioja, Spain, July 18th -20th 2013

Speech title: “ On the notion of representation. Embodied Simulation and the construction of meaning”

University of Bologna

19th Annual Meeting of Society of Philosophy of Language

“Senso e sensibile. Prospettive tra estetica e filosofia del linguaggio”

Bologna, October 5th-7th 2012.

Speech title: “Il sensibile e l’intelligibile. Metafora e corpo tra filosofia e neuroscienze”

Institute of Philosophy. School of Advanced Studies.

20th European Society for Philosophy and Psychology Conference

London, 28th-31st August, 2012.

Speech Title: “How the context matters. Literal and figurative meaning in the embodied language paradigm”.

University of Vienna

21st International Society for Human Ethology Conference

Vienna, August 28th-31st, 2012.

Speech Title: "From a bodily-based format of representation to symbols. The evolution of the human language".

University of Dusseldorf

Conference "Sensory-motor concepts in language and cognition"

Dusseldorf, December 1st-3rd, 2011.

Speech title:

"Inferential communication in the embodied language paradigm".

New College

Embodied language conference

Oxford, September 26th-28th, 2011

Speech title:

"Is the embodiment all that we need? Insights from the acquisition of negation in human language"

University of Quebec in Montreal

Joint conference of the "American Society for Philosophy and Psychology" and of the "European Society for Philosophy and Psychology".

Montreal, July 6th-10th 2011

Speech title:

"Co-evolution of language and cognition. Insights from spoken and sign languages".

University of Quebec in Montreal

Young research conference in cognitive science

"Cognitio 2011"

Montreal, July 3rd-5th 2011

Speech title:

"Is negation possible without language? Displacement in preverbal infants and chimpanzees".

University of Trieste

17th Annual Meeting of Society of Philosophy of Language

"La dimensione pragmatica in filosofia, linguistica e semiotica"

Trieste, September 16th-18th 2010.

Speech title:

"Spazio cognitivo e spazio pragmatico: riflessioni su lingue vocali e lingue dei segni".

Ruhr-University Bochum

University of Duisburg-Essen

18th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology

Bochum and Essen, August 25th-28th, 2010

Speech title:

"On negation. What do we need to say no?"

University of Palermo, ENS

Convegno di Studi "Segnare, parlare, intendersi: modalità e forme"

Palermo

October 22th-23th, 2009

Speech title:

"Riflessioni su linguaggio e rappresentazione spaziale"

University of Pisa

International Conference

"Space in Language"
Pisa, October 8th-10th, 2009

Speech title:
"Language and space in Williams syndrome".

University of Calabria
15th Annual Meeting of Society of Philosophy of Language
"Origine e sviluppo del linguaggio, fra teoria e storia"
Cosenza, September 15th-17th, 2008

Speech title:
"Ipotesi sull'origine del linguaggio: sistema simbolico e ricorsività".

University of Messina
Faculty of Science of Education
Conference 2007 CODISCO (Co-ordination of Italian Philosophical Doctorates in Cognitive Science)

"Culture, Evolution, Simulation"
Messina-Noto, June 6th-7th, 2007
Speech title:
"Perché le patologie genetiche non sono una prova della teoria modulare del linguaggio".

University of Calabria
Faculty of Liberal Arts
Second meeting of the national co-ordination of Philosophy of Mind and of Cognitive Science
"Are all mental states representations?"
Cosenza, June 5th, 2006

Speech Title:
"Il linguaggio spaziale e la sindrome di Williams"

University of Messina
3rd annual conference of Philosophical Doctorates in Cognitive Science
"Human Nature: Culture, Cognition and Language"
Noto-Priolo, June 2nd-3rd, 2006

Speech title:
"L'invarianza nella variabilità: lo spazio e la sua espressione linguistica"

POSTER

XPRAG.IT network and INTO BRAIN Association
XPARG.IT 2020(2021)
Turin, 8-9 July 2021

Poster: Martina Montalti, Marta Calbi, Maria Alessandra Umiltà, Vittorio Gallese & Valentina Cuccio – *The role of motor inhibition in implicit negation processing: theoretical reflections based on a Go/NoGo study*

XPRAG.IT network and INTO BRAIN Association
XPARG.IT 2020(2021)
Turin, 8-9 July 2021

Poster: Giuseppe Di Cesare, Valentina Cuccio, Massimo Marchi, Alessandra Sciutti & Giacomo Rizzolatti – *Communicative and affective components in processing auditory vitality forms: an fMRI study*

Humboldt University

International Conference “The processing of negation and polarity”

Berlin, 1-2/10/2020

Organizers: XPRAG.de

Title of the poster: “Is motor inhibition involved in the processing of sentential negation? An assessment via the Stop Signal Task”.

University of Cagliari

3rd Experimental Pragmatics in Italy Conference

Cagliari, September 19-20, 2019

Title of the poster: “On the embodiment of negation”

University of Cagliari

RAAM Conference

METAPHOR IN COMMUNICATION, SCIENCE AND EDUCATION

Cagliari, June 20-23, 2014

Title of the poster: “Embodied Simulation and metaphors. Towards a direct role of the body in language comprehension”.

University of Cagliari

International Conference “Metaphor and Communication”

Cagliari, May 12th-14th 2011

Poster title:

“Metaphors we communicate by. Two steps in the understanding of metaphors”.

Università di Trento

VII Convegno annuale della Società Italiana di Scienze Cognitive “Pratiche della cognizione”

Trento, December 2nd-3rd 2010

Poster title:

“Genio e sregolatezza. Nota sulla creatività nel pensiero autistico”.

LANGUAGES

Italian: native speaker.

English: fluent.

PUBLICATIONS:

61. CUCCIO, V. (2022), “Pragmatica ed Embodiment,” in Valentina Bambini and Filippo Domaneschi (Eds.), *Pragmatica sperimentale*, Il Mulino.

60. CUCCIO, V. CARUANA, F. (2022) “Motor simulation of facial expressions, but not emotional mirroring, depends on automatic sensorimotor abduction”, in Lorenzo Magnani (Ed.), *Handbook of Abductive Cognition*, Springer.

59. CUCCIO, V. DI STASIO, G., FONTANA, S. (2022), “On the embodiment of negation in Italian sign language (LIS): An approach based on Multiple representation theories”, *Frontiers in Psychology*, doi doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2022.811795

58. CUCCIO V., PERCONTI P., STEEN G., SHTYROV Y., HUANG Y. (2022), “Experimental approaches to Pragmatics”, *Frontiers in Psychology*, doi <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2022.865737>

57. CUCCIO V. (2022), “The figurative brain”, in Adolfo M. García & Agustín Ibáñez (Eds), *The Routledge Handbook of Neurosemiotics*, London: Routledge.

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