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CURRENT POSITION

PhD candidate, Università dell'Insubria, Varese, Italy (provisional January 2011).

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Philosophy: Critical Theory, Multicultural Citizenship, History of Political Philosophy;
Ethics: Kant and Kantian-inspired contemporary moral theories; Early Analytical Philosophy.

EDUCATION

- 2008-2010: PhD in "Filosofia delle scienze sociali e della comunicazione simbolica" (*translated*, "Philosophy of Social Sciences and of Symbolic Communication")
Thesis title: "Practical Knowledge and Problems of Justice"
Advisor: prof. C. Bonvecchio – full professor in Political Philosophy (Università dell'Insubria)
Co-advisors: prof. Roberto Gatti – full professor in Political Philosophy (Università di Perugia)
prof. Barbara Henry – full professor in Political Philosophy (Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies)
Principal subjects investigated: The project starts begins from the analysis of Hilary Putnam's philosophy of language, realist theory of knowledge and fact-value dichotomy criticism to take into account his pragmatist ethical theory. The second part of the thesis would focus on a comparison between Putnam's argumentation strategies in ethics and Jurgen Habermas' ones, in order to highlight features and problems of the ethics -morality distinction in Habermas' theory of deliberative democracy.
- 2004-2007: Laurea Specialistica (second level 2-years Certificate Degree) in (*translated*) "Epistemology, Ethics, Political Philosophy and Aesthetics", Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia, Università degli Studi di Perugia, Perugia, Italy.
Thesis title: (*translated*) "Habermas: Facticity and Validity. Problems of Philosophical Justification" (final grade: *summa cum laude*).
Advisor: prof. Roberto Gatti - Full professor in Political Philosophy.
Principal subjects investigated: Ancient and modern history of political philosophy, Contemporary Political Philosophy, Classics of Sociology, Secularization Theories; Habermas' critical theory, philosophy of language and theory of deliberative democracy.
Modules included: Theoretical Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Political Philosophy, Ethics, Political Economy.
- 2001-2003: Laurea triennale (first level 3-years Certificate Degree) in "Philosophy", Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia, Università degli Studi di Perugia, Perugia, Italy.
Thesis title: (*translated*) "Difference and Inclusion. Multicultural Citizenship in Charles Taylor and Jürgen Habermas" (final grade: 110 lode/ Hons).
Advisor: prof. Roberto Gatti - Full professor in Political Philosophy.
Principal subjects investigated: Ancient and modern history of political philosophy, Liberals vs Communitarians Debate, Rawls' theory of justice and

political liberalism, Habermas' critical theory, Taylor's theory of human agency and interpretation of the modern age.

Modules included: History of Western Philosophy, Ethics, Political Philosophy, Epistemology, Aesthetics, Sociology.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Jan 2007-present: Participation to the Seminar "Identity and the Plural World: Reading Amartya Sen", Dep. of Political Sciences, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy.

Presented Paper: (*translated*) *Between Ethics and Economics: Amartya Sen and the overcoming of the fact/value dichotomy*, March 12th 2008.

Jan 2009-present: Member of the Research Project "Forme dell'alterità. Percorsi di filosofia sociale", 2008/09 (*translated*, "Patterns of Otherness. Paths through Social Philosophy"), coordinator: Alberto Pirni, Dep. of Political Sciences, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy.

Jan 2009-present: Member of the Perugia Research Unit, PRIN (Programmi di Ricerca scientifica di Rilevante Interesse Nazionale, *translated*: Scientific Research Project of Relevant National Interest) 2008-2010: "Truth, politics and transparency. A historical and philosophical genealogy from Six hundred French", coordinator: Prof. Michele Nicoletti (Università di Trento), unit coordinator: Prof. Roberto Gatti. The project is awaiting final approval.

APPRENTICESHIP

Apr–Jul 2006: Apprenticeship at the Italian Society of Political Philosophy Website editorial board (www.sifp.it).

Apr–Jul 2006: Apprenticeship at the Paper and Online Review "Cosmopolis" editorial board (www.cosmopolisonline.it)

Nov 2005 – Jul 2006: Student Tutor at the Department of Philosophical Sciences, Università di Perugia, Perugia, Italy.

Jan – Mar 2004: Apprenticeship at the Department of Social Projects Development and Youth Policies, Provincia di Perugia. Setting up of databases, organization of training courses on governmental policies towards immigration and immigrants' inclusion.

SEMINAR AND TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Delivered Seminars and Lessons (in Italian):

May 2009: 8-hours seminar on (*translated*) "Toleration: how, why and within which limits. Reading Locke's *First Letter Concerning Toleration*", within the course of Political Philosophy: "An Introduction to Political Philosophy: authors, concepts and problems", held by prof. Roberto Gatti, Università di Perugia, Perugia, Italy.

Apr 2009: 3 lessons on (*translated*) "Politics, Rationality and Religion in Jürgen Habermas", within the course of Political Philosophy: "Democracy and Secularization", held by prof. Roberto Gatti.

Dec 2008: 2 lessons on (*translated*) "Jürgen Habermas and the Problem of Human Nature", within the course of Political Philosophy: "Human Nature and 'Liberal Eugenics': Toward a Genealogy of Modern Political Nihilism", held by prof. Roberto Gatti.

Apr 2008: 2 lessons on (*translated*) "Ethics and Morality in Jürgen Habermas' theory of democracy. An Introduction", within the course of Political Philosophy held by prof. Roberto Gatti.

Some of the papers written for these lessons can be found on Roberto Gatti's personal website: www.robortogatti.net.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PAPERS

Mollicchi S., (*translated*) *Multiculturalism, Religion and Communicative Reason*, Acqui Terme Summer School of Advanced Philosophical Studies, October 2008, Acqui Terme, Alessandria, Italy.

MEMBERSHIP

2006-present: editorial board of the Italian Society of Political Philosophy website, www.sifp.it

2006-present: editorial board of "Cosmopolis. Rivista semestrale di cultura" (online version www.cosmopolisonline.it)

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Oct 2008: Scholarship, Acqui Terme Summer School of Advanced Philosophical Studies, Acqui Terme, Alessandria, Italy.

Jan 2008: PhD Scholarship, Università dell'Insubria, Varese, Italy (3 years).

Jan 2008: PhD in "Politics, Human Rights and Sustainability" Scholarship, Dep. of Political Sciences, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy (offer declined).

October 2007: Scholarship, Summer School of Advanced Studies organized by "The James Madison Program", Princeton University, and "Ethica" (<http://www.ethicaforum.it/james-madison-07.html>) Asti, Italy.

Nov 2005: Student Tutor Studentship, Department of Philosophical Sciences, Università di Perugia, Perugia, Italy.

PUBLICATIONS

▪ Reviews

Mollicchi S., Review (in Italian) of Ferrara A., *The Force of the Example. Explorations in the Paradigm of Judgment*, Columbia University Press, New York 2008 in www.sifp.it

▪ Book Chapters

Mollicchi S., "Alterità, multiculturalismo e filosofia interculturale. Bibliografia ragionata", in Pirni A. (ed.), *Logiche dell'alterità* (*translated* "Otherness, Multiculturalism and

Intercultural Philosophy. An Annotated Bibliography", in Pirni A. (ed.), *Logics of Otherness*, Ets, Pisa 2009.

Mollicchi S., Multiculturalismo, religione e ragione comunicativa, in Pirni A. (ed.), *Globalizzazione, Saggezza, regole* (translated, *Multiculturalism, Religion and Communicative Reason*, in Pirni A. (ed.), *Globalization, Practical Wisdom, Rules*), Edizioni Ets, Pisa (forthcoming, fall 2009).

LANGUAGES

- Italian (mother tongue)
- English: TOEFL iBT (Internet-based Test), June 9th 2007.
Total score: 110/120
Reading: 30/30
Listening: 29/30
Speaking: 23/30
Writing: 28/30
- Translation skills from Ancient Greek and Latin (High School studies, 1996-2001).

IT-SKILLS

Windows MS Office, Microsoft Internet Explorer.

VOLUNTEERING AND OTHER INFORMATION

2001-present: member of "Esplorazioni", Tuscan association for intercultural exchange and international cooperation.

2009-present: member of the steering committee of "Associazione Precari della Ricerca", Umbrian association of the non-tenured scholars and scientists.