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Areas of Specialisation: Metaphysics, Metaphysics of Science.

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind, General Philosophy of Science.

EDUCATION

2020 PhD, Durham University

Title of Dissertation: *Powers for Dispositionalism: A Metaphysical Ground for New Actualism*.

Supervisors: Matthew Tugby, Stephen Mumford, and Anna Marmodoro.

Examiners: Barbara Vetter (FU Berlin), Robin Hendry (Durham).

2016 MA Philosophy (Distinction), Università di Bologna.

Title of Dissertation: *Truthmakers for Modal Claims*.

Supervisors: Walter Cavini (Bologna) and Fabrice Correia (Neuchâtel).

2013 BA Philosophy (Distinction), Università di Bologna

Supervisor: Eva Picardi.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2023- Heinrich Heine Universität Düsseldorf

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow

2021-23 London School of Economics

LSE Fellow

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

1. “Relational Troubles: Structuralist Worries for an Epistemology of Powers-Based Modality”, with Tom Schoonen, *Philosophical Quarterly* forthcoming
2. “Dispositionalism’s (Grand)daddy Issues: Time Travelling and Perfect Masks”, with Donatella Donati, *Analysis* forthcoming.
3. “The Source of Modality: Introduction” with Joaquim Giannotti. *Argumenta* 14, 2022.
4. “New Powers for Dispositionalism” *Synthese* 200 (5), 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-020-02906-7>

5. “Powers, Processes, and Eternalism”, *Erkenntnis*, 2021 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10670-020-00327-z>
6. “Formal Causes for Powers Theorists” with Stephen Mumford, in Sandstad & Jansen (eds.) *Neo-Aristotelian Perspectives on Formal Causation*, Routledge, 2021.
7. “Potentiality: Actualism Minus Naturalism Equals Platonism” with Matthew Tugby, *Philosophical Inquiries* 8(1), 2020. <https://doi.org/10.4454/philing.v8i1.278>

EDITOR

1. “The Source of Modality” Special Issue in *Argumenta* (14), 2022. With Joaquim Giannotti.

Under Review/ In progress

- “Dated Powers Without Dated Manifestations” with Donatella Donati (L’Aquila)
- “Aristotle *qua* Radical Anti-Platonist: On the Role of the *Qua* Operator in Aristotle’s Philosophy of Geometry” with Chiara Martini (Oxford)
- “What Metaphysical Explanation is Involved in Essential Dependence?” with Michael Wallner (Graz)
- “Powers as Quantities and Degrees of Powers”
- “Does Metaphysics Really Need an Epistemology?”

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2023** Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship
- 2020** Student Achievement Award, Durham University.
- 2019** Royal Institute of Philosophy Bursary.
- 2019** Durham Excellence in Learning and Teaching Award.
- 2016** ARHC - Northern Bridge Doctoral Training Partnership Doctoral Scholarship.
- 2015** University Award for Academic Excellence (Borsa di studio per merito), University of Bologna.
- 2014** University Award for Academic Excellence (Borsa di studio per merito), University of Bologna.
- 2012** University Award for Academic Excellence (Borsa di studio per merito), University of Bologna.

SELECTED TALKS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- 2022** “Does Dispositionalism Have (Grand)daddy issues?”
Panhellenic conference for the Philosophy of Science, Athens
- 2022** “Does Dispositionalism Have (Grand)daddy issues?”
Issues on the Impossible IX, Tilburg
- 2022** “Relational Trouble. Structuralist Worries for a Powers-Based Epistemology of Modality”
Issues on the Impossible IX, Tilburg
- 2022** “Does Dispositionalism Have (Grand)daddy issues?”

- Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society at St. Andrews
- 2022 “Dated Truths Without Dated Powers”
Sixth Italian Conference in Analytic Metaphysics and Ontology, L’Aquila
- 2022 “Dated Truths Without Dated Powers”
Workshop: “Dispositions, Causality, and Events”, University of Bozen/Bolzano (invited)
- 2022 “Time Travel A Necessary Mask”
Research Seminar, Durham University (invited)
- 2022 “Does Dispositionalism Have (Grand)daddy issues?”
Research Seminar, Universidad Federale do ABC (invited)
- 2021 “Relational Troubles: Structuralist Worries for an epistemology of powers-based modality”
Popper Seminar, London School of Economics (invited)
- 2021 “The Source of Independence”
Sixth Annual Conference of the Society for the Metaphysics of Science
- 2021 “Why Think That Powers Yield Genuine Activity?”
Research Seminar, University of Gothenburg (invited)
- 2020 “The Dispositionalist Source of Necessity and Independence”
Issues on the (Im)possible VIII, Royal Academy of Sciences, Bratislava (*cancelled*)
- 2020 “Can there be a fundamental level in a world of powers?”
Modality, Ground, Essence Workshop, University of Graz (*cancelled*)
- 2020 “The source of Independence and the Source of Necessity”
The Mereology of Potentiality seminar series, University of Oxford (invited)
- 2019 “The Dependency Problem for Physical Intentionality”
Open Minds XIV, University of Manchester
- 2019 “A Crowded World. Dispositionalism and Necessitism”
The Swedish Congress of Philosophy, University of Umeå
- 2019 “A Crowded World. Dispositionalism and Necessitism”
Issues on the (Im)possible VII, Royal Academy of Sciences, Bratislava
- 2019 “New Categories for Dispositionalism”
New Foundations of Dispositionalism, University of Exeter
- 2019 “New Categories for Dispositionalism”
The Mereology of Potentiality seminar series. University of Oxford (invited)
- 2018 “Reconstruction of the Four Cases for Power Theorists” with Stephen Mumford
Formal Causation, Rostock University
- 2018 “Dispositionalism and Essentialism: a Scorekeeping Game”
Essentialism and Modality, University of Graz (invited)
- 2018 “Resemblance, Representation, and Counterparts”
Issues on the (Im)possible VI. Royal Academy of Sciences, Bratislava
- 2018 “Resemblance, Representation, and Counterparts”
46th Annual Meeting of Society for Exact Philosophy, UConn
- 2018 “Resemblance, Representation, and Counterparts”

SUMMER SCHOOLS

- 2020 The Hyperintensional Revolution, Hamburg.
2019 The Metaphysics of Time-Continuum, Imperia.
2018 Aristotle Now and Then, Falconara.
2018 The History and the Metaphysics of the Concept of Laws of Nature, Budapest.
2017 Truth-maker semantics, Augsburg.

ORGANISATION OF ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- 2021 Second Durham Metaphysics Postgraduate Conference.
2021 BPPA Masterclass “Micro-Progressions. Picking up the voices of the Other”.
2019 MAP Interdisciplinary Reading Group.
2019 First Durham Metaphysics Postgraduate Conference.
2019 Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society.
2017 Durham Metaphysics Reading Group.
2017 Durham Minorities and Philosophy Durham Chapter.

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

- 2021- General Course Academic Mentor. London School of Economics.
2021- Academic Mentor. London School of Economics
2019 Research Impact Assistant for the Durham University Philosophy Department’s submission for the UK government’s Research Excellence Framework (REF) assessment in 2021.

TEACHING

LECTURES

Dissertation in Philosophy	LSE	2022-3
Mind and Metaphysics	LSE	2021-2 2020-1
Philosophy of Language	LSE	2022-3 2021-2
Metaphysics (3rd year)	Durham University	2019-20 2020-21
Introduction to Modern Philosophy (1st year)	University of Bologna	2015-6

Theory of Argumentation (1st year)	University of Bologna	2015-6
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SEMINARS

Mind and Metaphysics	LSE	2021-2 2020-1
Philosophical Problems (graduate seminar)	LSE	2022-3 2021-2 2020-1
Philosophy of Language	LSE	2022-3 2021-2
Introduction to Philosophy: The Big Questions	LSE	2022-3 2021-2
Metaphysics (3rd year)	Durham University	2019-20 2020-21
Fundamentals of Logic (2nd year)	Durham University	2020-21
Philosophy of Mind (2nd year)	Durham University	2020-21
Logic, Language, and Reality (2st year)	Durham University	2019-20 2020-21
Philosophical Traditions (1st year)	Durham University	2020-21
Modern Philosophy I (2nd year)	Durham University	2019-20
Knowledge and Reality (1st year)	Durham University	2019-20 2018-9
Reading Philosophy (Gorgias, Plato, Hume, Sartre, Anscombe, Murdoch) (1st year)	Durham University	2019-20 2018-9 2017-8
Translation Seminar: Gorgias' <i>On Non-Existence</i> .	University of Bologna	2015
Translation Seminar: Plato's <i>Euthyphro</i>	University of Bologna	2014
Translation Seminar: Plato's <i>Theaetetus</i>	University of Bologna	2013
Translation Seminar: Aristotle's <i>De Memoria et Reminiscencia</i>	University of Bologna	2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for *Philosophers' Imprint*; *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Synthese*; *Analysis*; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*; *Erkenntnis*; *Dialectica*; *Theoria*; *European Journal for Philosophy of Science*; *Acta Analytica*; *Manuscripta*; *Philosophy Kitchen*; *Ancient Philosophy Today*; *Dialogoi*.

REFEREES

Matthew Tugby, Durham University

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Doctoral Supervisor

Barbara Vetter, Freie Universität Berlin

barbara.vetter@fu-berlin.de

External Examiner

Anna Marmodoro, Durham University; Oxford University

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Doctoral Supervisor

Stephen Mumford, Durham University

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Doctoral Supervisor

Robin Hendry, Durham University

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Internal Examiner