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Areas of Specialization and Competence

AOS: Logic and Philosophy of Logic, Formal Epistemology, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language

AOC: Feminist Philosophy, Trans Philosophy, Philosophy of Mathematics, Philosophy of Time

Affiliation

2019 – Present

LanCog Research Group
Centre of Philosophy of the University of Lisbon

2021 – 2025

Arché Research Centre
University of St Andrews

Education

2021 – 2025

PhD Philosophy
University of St Andrews and University of Stirling
Supervisors: Franz Berto and Greg Restall

2019 – 2021

Master of Philosophy
University of Lisbon
Supervisor: Ricardo Santos
External Examiner: Mark Jago
19/20 points

2016 – 2019

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy
University of Lisbon
Supervisor: Ricardo Santos
18/20 points

Grants, Awards and Recognitions

2024. Honours Prize Seminar of 500£ from the University of St Andrews.

2022. Bursary covering food and lodging expenses for the 6th Italian Conference on Analytic Metaphysics and Ontology.

2021 – 2024. Scholarship for Doctoral Students from the Foundation for Science and Technology (F.C.T.) of roughly 105 000€.

2019 – 2021. Research Scholarship for Master's Students from the Centre of Philosophy of the University of Lisbon (CFUL).

2019. *Excellentiae Charta* awarded by the University of Lisbon for having the highest finishing average in Philosophy at the undergraduate level.

Publications

Major Publications

- “Topic Theoretic Invariantism” (forthcoming). *Journal of Philosophical Logic*. Available [here](#).
- “First-Order Aboutness Theory” (2025). *Erkenntnis*. Available [here](#).
- “Being a woman and wanting to be a woman: an application of subject matters, questions and FDE” (2025). *Australasian Journal of Logic*. Available [here](#).
- “What the States of Truthmaker Semantics Could (Not) Be” (2025). *Topoi*. Available [here](#).
- “Epistemic Logic with Partial Grasp” (2024). *Synthese*. Available [here](#).
- “Question-relative knowledge for minimally rational agents” (2024). *Inquiry: an interdisciplinary journal of Philosophy*. Available [here](#).

Manuscripts under consideration

- “Truth Must Presently Be Grounded”, with Ricardo Santos. Under consideration at Philosophical Studies.

Work in progress (not under consideration)

- Sets as fusions of materially-equivalent rigid embodiments A draft version may be found [here](#).

Paper that attempts a reduction of set theory in the context of the hylomorphic theory of Fine with rigid embodiments. It is currently under revision after being presented at the Inaugural AMAMI Workshop. It will be submitted for a special issue on Non-Classical Metaphysics of Philosophical Studies, for which I was invited as a guest author.

- Gender as Gender Identity: an externalist account. A draft version may be found [here](#).

Paper that develops a new, externalist, account of gender identity and relates it to the notion of self-identification.

Entries in Volumes or Encyclopaedias

- “Normatividade da Lógica”, joint work with Bruno Jacinto, (2022). In *Compêndio em Linha de Problemas de Filosofia Analítica*, Ricardo Santos and David Yates (eds.) Lisbon: Centro de Filosofia da Universidade de Lisboa, URI (Repositório da ULisboa)¹. Available [here](#) (in Portuguese).

Teaching Experience

Lecturer

2023/2024

Themes from Trans Philosophy

Honours Prize Seminar

University of St Andrews, Second Semester

Five-week introduction to Trans Philosophy at Honours level.

PY4669 – Modal Logic and Metaphysics

Guest Lecture

University of St Andrews, Second Semester

Lecture on modal realist and actualist views on the metaphysics of possible worlds.

Teaching Assistant

2023/2024

¹ Encyclopaedia entry with some philosophical discussion on the Normativity of Logic, co-authored with Bruno Jacinto.

PY1010 – Mind and World

University of St Andrews, First Semester

Module that covers topics in Metaphysics and Philosophy of Mind.

PY2010 – Intermediate Logic

University of St Andrews, First Semester

Module that covers “Logical Methods” by Greg Restall and Shawn Standefer.

PY1012 – Reasoning

University of St Andrews, Second Semester

Module that covers informal logic and Lemmon-style natural deduction.

PY2012 – Meaning and Knowing

University of St Andrews, Second Semester

Introductory module on Epistemology and Philosophy of Language.

2022/2023

PY1012 – Reasoning

University of St Andrews, Second Semester

Module that covers informal logic and Lemmon-style natural deduction.

Refereeing

Referee for *Australasian Journal of Logic*, *Disputatio*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Manuscrito*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophies* and *Synthese*.

Talks at Conferences, Workshops and Seminar Series

Invited

- Workshop on Truthmakers, Possibilities, and Information States, Prague University, November 18-19, 2025. Talk: *Truthlikeness, Exact Similarity and Counterfactuals*.
- ESSLLI 2025 – Truthmaker Semantics and Modal Logic, Ruhr University Bochum, August 4-8, 2025. Talk: *Modal Truthmaker Semantics as Compatibility Semantics*.
- Milan Workshop on Generality and Impredicativity, February 26, 2025. Talk: *Grounding and Impredicativity*.
- Ciclo de Seminários em Investigação e Ensino de Filosofia 2024/2025, February 17, 2025. Talk: (original title) *Gênero como identidade de gênero: uma perspectiva externalista* (English title) *Gender as Gender Identity: an externalist perspective*.
- LIRa Seminar, May 16, 2024. Talk: *Epistemic Logic with Partial Grasp*.

- Mereology Workshop. Analytic and Phenomenological Perspectives on Parts and Wholes, University of Lisbon, November 2-3, 2023. Talk: *Sets as Fusions of Materially-Equivalent Rigid Embodiments*.
- Properties and Times Workshop, University of Lisbon, June 28-29, 2022. Talk: *Critical reflections on sentences that tomorrow will have been true one day earlier*.

Contributed and Refereed

- Oficina de Filosofia Analítica (OFA 14), November 7, 2025. Talk: *Probability Calculus for Degrees of Grasp of a Subject Matter*.
- 6th International Congress of the Portuguese Philosophical Society, University of Lisbon, September 1-3, 2025. Talk: *Probability Calculus for Degrees of Grasp of a Subject Matter*.
- Minds and Worlds - 16th Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA), University of Turin, August 27-29, 2025. Talk: *Partial Truth and Semblance of Truth*.
- Workshop Beyond the Present: Perspectives on the Philosophy of Time, University of Salzburg, July 3-4, 2025. Talk: *Redefining the Notion of Temporal Part²*.
- SILFS Postgraduate Conference 2025, University of Turin, June 11-13, 2025. Talk: *Topic Theoretic Invariantism* (same as footnote 2).
- Inaugural AMAMI Workshop, University of Eastern Piedmont, December 18-19, 2024. Talk: *Sets as Fusions of Materially Equivalent Rigid Embodiments*.
- WFAP Conference on Nonsense and Category Mistakes, University of Vienna, July 4-6, 2024. Talk: *Nonsense and Subject-Matter*.
- Ninth Annual Conference of the International Association for the Philosophy of Time (IAPT), Università della Svizzera Italiana, June 24-28, 2024. Talk: *Truth Must Presently Be Grounded*.
- 17th Annual Cambridge Graduate Conference in Logic and the Philosophy of Mathematics, University of Cambridge, January 27-28, 2024. Talk: *Epistemic Logic with Partial Grasp*.
- 5th International Congress of the Portuguese Philosophical Society, University of Évora, September 14-16, 2023. Talk: *First-Order Aboutness Theory*.
- SIFA23: Who is Afraid of Philosophy? New Challenges for Contemporary Society - 15th Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA), University of Western Piedmont, September 7-9, 2023. Talk: *Topical Truthmaker Semantics*.
- BPPA Spring Seminar Series 2023, June 27, 2023. Talk: *First-Order Sentences, Components and their Subject Matters*.
- Logica 2023, The Premonstratensian Monastery of Teplá, June 18-22, 2023. Talk: *Topical Truthmaker Semantics³*.

² Cancelled due to the decaying health of a close relative.

³ This talk was not delivered due to flights being cancelled.

- X Conference of the Spanish Society for Analytic Philosophy (SEFA 2022), University of Santiago de Compostela, December 14-16, 2022. Talk: *Full and Partial Questions*.
- Tilburg Issues on the (Im)Possible Conference, University of Tilburg, October 17-18, 2022. Talk: *Inexact truthmaker semantics or FDE worlds*.
- 2022 Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, The University of Waikato, June 28 – July 7, 2022. Talk: *Questions and Gender Questioning*.
- 6th Italian Conference on Analytic Metaphysics and Ontology, University of L'Aquila, June 20-23, 2022. Talk: *Sets as fusions of materially equivalent rigid embodiments*.
- Summer School on Truthmaker Semantics, Università della Svizzera Italiana, June 13-17, 2022. Talk: *Knowledge relative to a question*.
- BPPA Spring Seminar Series 2022, June 10, 2022. Talk: *The mental state of considering a question*.

Internal

- Relevance and Hyperintensionality Workshop, May 19, 2025. Talk: *Logicality and Invariance of Subject Matter*.
- Arché Research Centre Feminist Philosophy and Social Theory, October 31, 2023. Talk: *Grounding Gender in Gender Identity*.
- Arché Research Centre Metaphysics and Logic Seminar, October 4, 2023. Talk: *Avoid Inconsistency? Two Accounts of Incompatibility*.
- Arché Research Centre Super Special Seminar Sandy Goldberg Day, March 23, 2023. Talk: *(In a Sense) Yes and (In a Different Sense) No*.
- Arché Research Centre Epistemology: Current Themes Seminar, December 15, 2022. Talk: *Full and Partial Grasp on a Subject Matter*.
- Arché Research Centre Metaphysics and Logic Seminar, October 10, 2022. Talk: *FDE worlds or inexact truthmaker semantics?*
- Arché Research Centre Feminist Philosophy and Social Theory, June 1, 2022. Talk: *Questions and Gender Questioning*.
- Arché Research Centre Metaphysics and Logic Seminar, December 6, 2021. Talk: *Sets as fusions of materially-equivalent rigid embodiments*.
- Centre of Philosophy of the University of Lisbon, LanCog Seminar Series, April 23, 2021. Talk: *The Problem of Logical Omniscience: aboutness and impossible worlds approaches*.
- Centre of Philosophy of the University of Lisbon, LanCog Seminar Series, February 21, 2020. Talk: *Group Belief: A Lesson from Compromise*.

Service to the Profession and Community

- The 2024 LanCog Summer Metaphysics Workshop, Theme: Time, Commentator. 2024.
- Arché Research Centre 'Proofs, Rules, and Meanings' Workshop co-organiser. 2024.

- St Andrews and Stirling Minorities and Philosophy Chapter Email/Teams administrator. 2023 – 2024.
- St Andrews and Stirling Minorities and Philosophy Chapter ‘Map to MAP’⁴ Project Coordinator. 2023 – 2024.
- Co-convenor for the Arché Research Centre Metaphysics and Logic Seminar. 2021 – 2024.
- St Andrews and Stirling Minorities and Philosophy Chapter LGBTQIA+ meet-up organiser. 2023.
- 13th Arché Graduate Conference co-organiser. 2023.
- St Andrews and Stirling Minorities and Philosophy Chapter Discussion Group co-coordinator. 2021 – 2022.
- ‘Argument Clinic’ University of Lisbon student-run analytic philosophy seminar group coordinator. 2019 - 2021.
- University of Lisbon’s Minorities and Philosophy Chapter co-founder and co-coordinator. 2019 – 2021.

Languages

Portuguese (native speaker), English (fluent), Japanese and Italian (learning in my free time).

Other Skills

Proficiency with Microsoft Office and LaTeX. Basic programming knowledge of C# and the .NET Framework. Basic knowledge of Unity. Operative knowledge of WordPress.

References

Francesco Berto, Hannes Leitgeb, Aaron Cotnoir.

⁴ ‘Map to MAP’ is a brochure explaining what the St Andrews and Stirling Minorities and Philosophy Chapter is and what it does, in broad terms that are supposed to be ‘future-proof’.