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## DARIO CECCHINI

*Curriculum Vitae*

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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AOS: Moral Psychology, Applied ethics  
AOC: Normative ethics, Epistemology, Philosophy of action

### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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Nov 2022- Postdoctoral Research Scholar, North Carolina State University  
Project: *NSF Career "VR simulations of moral decision making for Autonomous Vehicles"*  
Supervisor: Dr. Veljko Dubljevic

### **EDUCATION**

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Nov 2018 - Mar 2022 **Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Genoa**  
Dissertation: *Sensitive to reasons: moral intuition and the dual process challenge to ethics*  
Thesis discussion: 18/03/2022. Passed without revisions.  
Supervisor: Dr. Maria Silvia Vaccarezza  
Referees: Dr. Hanno Sauer, Dr. Fabrice Teroni

Sep 2015 - Nov 2017 **M.A., Philosophy, University of Pisa**  
Dissertation: *L'argomento di indispensabilità epistemica a favore del realismo normativo*  
Grade: 110/110 cum laude  
Supervisors: Dr. Luca Bellotti, Dr. Massimo Mugnai

Oct 2015 - Sep 2017 **Student of Scuola Normale Superiore, Class of Humanities**  
Dissertation: *Sopravvenienza e grounding: un confronto*  
Supervisor: Dr. Giorgio Lando

Sep 2012 - Jul 2015 **B.A., Philosophy, University of Florence**  
Dissertation: *Verità e norme: il valore logico degli enunciati normative*  
Grade: 110/110 cum laude  
Supervisor: Dr. Pierluigi Minari

### **VISITING EXPERIENCE**

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Feb-Jun 2021 **Visiting staff, Utrecht University**  
Supervisor: Dr. Hanno Sauer

Feb-Jun 2018 **Visiting scholar, University of Leeds.**  
Supervisor: Dr. Pekka Väyrynen

## GRANTS

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- Consolidator fellowship for the project: “Il ruolo epistemologico dell’intuizione morale”. DAFIST Università di Genova (DR 3032) (2020)
- Erasmus+ traineeship scholarship (co-funded by Scuola Normale Superiore) for visiting term at University of Leeds (2018)
- Scuola Normale Superiore undergraduate scholarship (2015-2017)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Selected publications

1. **D. Cecchini**, “The reliability challenge to moral intuitions”, *Neuroethics* 17 (2). 2024
2. **D. Cecchini**, M. Pflanzner and V. Dubljevic, “Aligning artificial intelligence with moral intuitions: an intuitionist approach to the alignment problem”, *AI and Ethics*, 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s43681-024-00496-5>
3. **D. Cecchini**, S. Brantley and V. Dubljevic, “Moral judgment in realistic traffic scenarios: Moving beyond the trolley paradigm for ethics of autonomous vehicles”, *AI & Society*, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00146-023-01813-y>
4. **D. Cecchini**, “Moral intuition, strength, and metacognition”, *Philosophical Psychology* 36 (1): 4-28. 2023.
5. **D. Cecchini**, “Dual-Process Reflective Equilibrium: Rethinking the Interplay between Intuition and Reflection in Moral Reasoning”, *Philosophical Explorations* 24 (3): 295-311. 2021.

### Other peer-reviewed publications

1. **D. Cecchini**, “Experiencing the conflict: the rationality of ambivalence”, *The Journal of Value Inquiry*. 58 (1): 1-12. 2024.
2. **D. Cecchini**, “Are moral intuitions intellectual perceptions?”, *Rivista Internazionale di Filosofia e Psicologia*. 13 (1): 31-40. 2022.
3. **D. Cecchini** and Francesco Emanuelli, “Percezione morale”, *Aphex* 22. 2020. URL: <http://www.aphex.it/index.php?Temi=557D03012202740321050401777327>
4. **D. Cecchini**, “Problems for Moral Particularism: Can we Really Escape General Reasons?”, *Philosophical Inquiries* 8 (2): 31-46. 2020.

### Work in progress

1. *Moral intuition from human mind to artificial agents*, book under contract with Springer Nature (book series: *Advances in Neuroethics*) (Exp. submission August 2025)
2. “Moral complexity in traffic: Advancing the ADC model for autonomous vehicles decision-making”, under review.
3. “What’s left of moral bioenhancement? Reviewing a fifteen-year debate”, under review.
4. “Morality on the Road: The ADC Model in Low-Stakes Traffic Vignettes”, in preparation

## TALKS

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Peer-reviewed Talks

1. “Moral complexity in traffic: The ADC model for automated vehicle decision-making”, *Ethics and AI: The Uses We Make of Emerging Technologies and Machine Learning*, Utah State University, September 2024.
2. “Bivalent dyadic morality: complementing harm by help”, *10<sup>th</sup> conference of the Italian Society for Neuroethics (SINe)*, Rome (Italy), June 2024.
3. “The bioenhancement of morality: Reviewing fifteen years of debate” (poster), *International Neuroethics Society annual meeting*, Baltimore (MD), April 2024
4. “The Reliability Challenge to Moral Intuitions”, *9<sup>th</sup> conference of the Italian Society for Neuroethics (SINe)*, Pisa (Italy), May 2023
5. “The Reliability Challenge to Moral Intuitions”, *Meeting of the South Carolina Society for Philosophy*, Hilton Head Island (SC), April 2023.
6. “The Reliability Challenge to Moral Intuitions”, *Meeting of the North Carolina Society for Philosophy*, Durham (NC), March 2023.
7. “Moral belief under limited resources: a new argument for intuitionism?”. *Annual conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy*, Noto (Italy), September 2021.
8. “The metacognitive account of moral intuition”. *47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, (online, poster presentation), June 2021.
9. “Experiencing the Conflict: The Rationality of Ambivalence”. *University of Iowa Graduate Philosophy Society Conference*, (online), March 2021.
10. “Why are emotions evaluative?”. *14<sup>th</sup> Western Michigan Philosophy graduate conference*, (online), November 2020.
11. “Sensibile alle ragioni. Una teoria normativa dell’intuizione morale”. *Convegno nazionale dei dottorati di ricerca, Collegio Fondazione San Carlo*, (online), September 2020.
12. “Intuition in Moral Reasoning: Towards a Dual Process Reflective Equilibrium”. *ECAP10, 10<sup>th</sup> European congress of analytic philosophy*, Utrecht University, (online), August 2020.
13. “Intuition in Moral Reasoning: An Integrated Account”. *Philosophy in Progress Conference*, University of Nottingham, January 2020.

Other Talks

- “Moral complexity in traffic: The ADC model for automated vehicle decision-making”, *Autonomous Vehicle Symposium in the World of Artificial Intelligence*, NCSU college of engineering, April 2024.
- “Can we improve our moral character by biomedical means? A scoping review of moral bioenhancement”, *The Carolina Seminar on ethics, philosophy, and mental health*, UNC School of Medicine, January 2024.
- “When do we stop?” public conversation about AI and ethics with Sean Ekins (CEO of Collaborations Pharmaceuticals) and Alyson Wilson (Associate Vice Chancellor for National Security at NC State), *AI @ NC State Hot Topic series*, NCSU Data Science Academy, October 2023.
- “Aligning artificial intelligence with moral intuitions: An intuitionist approach to the alignment problem”, *work in progress seminar*, NCSU Department of Philosophy, April 2023.
- “Sensitive to Reasons: moral intuition and the dual process challenge to ethics”.

*NeuroComputational Ethics Research Group*, NC State University, (online), September 2022.

- “The metacognitive account of moral intuition”. *Moral progress reading group*, Utrecht University, (online), May 2021.
- “From caring to sensitivity: the correctness of moral intuition”. *FINO ethics&politics work in progress seminar*, (online), April 2021.
- “Type-1 Moral Cognition: Intuition as Performance”. *FINO ethics&politics work in progress seminar*, (online), April 2020.
- “The Problem of Initial Credibility in Reflective Equilibrium: Reframing Intuitionism-Coherentism Debate”. *FINO ethics and politics seminar*, Vercelli, February 2020.

## **TEACHING**

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| 2024 | <i>Guest Lecturer</i> : lecture on the ethics of automated vehicles, undergraduate level course in <i>Transportation engineering with emerging vehicle technologies</i> , North Carolina State University (2 hours)  |
| 2024 | <i>Guest Lecturer</i> : modules on Moral bioenhancement and AI ethics, undergraduate level course in <i>Science, Technology, and Society</i> , North Carolina State University (4 hours)   |
| 2023 | <i>Course organizer and lecturer</i> : “Ethics of AI: An introduction”, <i>Global Training Initiative NC State University</i> , undergraduate level summer course (20 hours).  |
| 2023 | <i>Course co-organizer and lecturer</i> : “Ethics and Autonomous Vehicles”, J-term college level course, <i>North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics</i> (24 hours). Modules on: normative ethics, metaethics, neuroethics, ethics and artificial intelligence |
| 2022 | <i>Guest Lecturer</i> : lecture on “Ethics and AI: An Introduction”, undergraduate level course in <i>Science, Technology, and Society</i> , North Carolina State University (2 hours)   |
| 2020 | <i>Course Organizer</i> : Graduate Reading Seminar on “Moral Perception”, University of Genoa (12 hours)   |
| 2020 | <i>Guest Lecturer</i> : modules on “Moral perception”, graduate level course in <i>Contemporary Practical Philosophy</i> , University of Genoa (2 hours)   |

## **REVIEWER ACTIVITY**

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*AJOB – Neuroscience* 2022-, *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice* 2023-, *American Philosophical Quarterly* 2023-, *Topoi* 2023-, *AI & Society* 2023-, *Philosophical Quarterly* 2024-

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

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International Neuroethics Society (INS) 2023-  
Società Italiana di Filosofia Analitica (SIFA) 2021-2022

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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Italian: native speaker  
English: C1 (written and spoken)  
German: B1 (written and spoken)

## **REFERENCES**

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