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## **Academic career**

2022- present Full Professor, Department of Human Sciences, University of Verona.

2014- 2022 Associate professor, Department of Human Sciences, University of Verona.

2005 - 2014 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Education and Psychology, University of Verona.

2001- 2005 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Philosophy, University of Verona.

## **Education**

1997- 2001 PhD in Political Science (*eximia cum laude*), University of Jyväskylä, Finland.

1989 -1995 BA & Master in philosophy (*magna cum laude*) University of Bologna, Italy.

## **Academic research roles:**

since 2016 Director of the **Hannah Arendt Center for Political Studies** at the University of Verona <https://sites.dsu.univr.it/arendt/it/>

2005-2011 member of the **Finnish Center of Excellence** in Political Thought and Conceptual Change, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

## **International Conferences and Seminars (invited speaker)**

2026, **European Humanities University, Vilnius**, Lithuania, Conference “Hannah Arendt and the Promise of Europe”, paper presented: “The legacy of the revolution: reading Hannah Arendt in Kyiv.”

2024, **Bard College, NY**, Conference “Hannah Arendt and the Courts”. Paper presented: “Arendt Thinker of Institutions”.

2024, **King's College, London**, Research Seminar: “The voice of the Sirens”.

2023, **Radboud Universiteit, NL**, “Happiness Conference”. Paper presented: “Public Happiness: an Arendtian Perspective”.

2023, **Pisa, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna**, Conference: “Femminismi”. Paper presented: “Sesso e genere, due prospettive a confronto”.

2022, **Sapienza, Università di Roma**, Conference: “Memorie, bussole, cambiamenti: didattica e ricerca sugli studi delle donne e di genere”, round-table.

2020, **Universitat de Barcellona**, X Cicle Internacional de Conferencies. Primaverares Arendtanes, paper presented: “Hannah Arendt e la vulnerabilità.” (on-line).

2019 November, **University of Haifa, Israel**, The Bucerius Institute for Research of Contemporary German History and Society, invited guest speaker: "The freedom to think of things in themselves. On Italian Feminist Theory".

2019 September, **University of Florence**, Symposium "For love of the world", paper presented "Against compulsive cynicism. Reality, illusion and public happiness".

2019, June, **Universidad Complutense, Madrid**, Symposium "Arcana del pensamiento del siglo XX". Paper presented: "Il potere che lega".

2018, June, **University of Milan**, Seminar: "Non-Sovereign agency", discussant of Sharon Krause's paper (Brown University) "Non-sovereign Agency, Vulnerability, and Democratic Politics".

2018, June, **University Vita e Salute San Raffaele**, Milan. Spring School in Philosophy, Political Agency and Vulnerability. Invited speaker. Paper presented: "Vulnerability and Agency: an Impossible Match?"

2017a, April, **Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam**, International Conference: Critical Theory in the Humanities. Resonances of the Work Of Judith Butler,. Paper Presented: "Arendt, Butler and Public Happiness: some Notes on the *Notes toward a Performative Theory of Assembly*".

2017b, June, **University of Brighton, UK** international symposium "Giving Life to Politics. The Work of Adriana Cavarero", paper presented: "Thinking materialistically with Locke, Lonzi and Cavarero."

2016a, February, **St John's College, Cambridge, UK** Conference: "Women, Culture, and Politics in Italy in the Years of the Economic Crisis (2008-?)".  
Invited Keynote speaker: "Between Foucault and *Bagaglino*? Italy's Neoliberal Patriarchalism and its Aftermath".

2016b, June, **University of Brighton, UK**, SWIP- Society for Women in Philosophy, Conference "Precarity: Passion, Rage, Reason", Keynote: "Precarity, Public Happiness and 'The Right to Appear'".

2015a, December, **London, the Showroom**, Seminar: "NOW YOU CAN GO – HERSTORIES FROM ITALY"  
Keynote talk: "The shared risk of politics: Carla Lonzi revisited".

2014, April **University of East London**, School of Law and Social Sciences, "Feminist Research Group", paper presented: "Do we still need a feminist theory? Some thoughts about the complex relationship between academia and society in Italy".

2012, June **University of Bologna**, "Post-feminism? The Culture and Politics of Gender in the Age of Berlusconi", international conference co- organized by Wesleyan University, Dickinson College, University of Texas. Paper presented: "(In) significante padrone: media, sesso e potere nell'Italia contemporanea."

2012, March **The British Library, London, UK**. "Writing Narratives. Reflections and Diffractions" One Day Symposium. Organized and sponsored by Centre for Narrative Research (CNR), University of East London, UK; The Network for Reflexive Academic Writing Methodologies (R.A.W.), Mid Sweden University, Sweden. Paper presented: "Mourning, Loss

and Politics: reflections on a semi-autobiographical experiment”.

2011, April **University of Leeds** “Concentrationary imaginaries/imaginaries of violence. International Conference” Paper presented: “The tyranny of reality and the democracy of fiction: Arendt and Levi on concentrationary imaginaries.”

### **Editorial boards**

2026: member of the editorial board of the academic journal “Iride”

2024: member of the directory board of the academic journal “Rivista italiana di filosofia politica”

2005-2023: member of the editorial board of the academic journal “Filosofia Politica”.

2011-present: member of the editorial board of the on-line academic journal “AG-About Gender”, <http://www.aboutgender.unige.it>

2012 - 2022: member of the editorial board of the journal “Gender and Education”

2013-present: member of the editorial board of the on-line journal “Gender/Sexuality/Italy”, <http://www.gendersexualityitaly.com>

2014 - member of the Editorial board of the book series: “Politics-Debates-Concepts / Politik-Debatten-Begriffe”, Nomos Verlag, Baden-Baden.

### **Referee/reviewer for the following journals:**

*Gender and Education*

*Political Theory*

*Political Studies*

*Journal for Cultural Research*

*Redescriptions. Yearbook of Political Thought and Feminist Theory*

### **Publications** (selected)

#### **Books**

1. With Adriana Cavarero, *Donna si nasce*, Milan, Mondadori 2024.
2. *Hannah Arendt*, RCS libri, Milano 2014.
3. *Comunità e vulnerabilità: per una critica politica della violenza*, ETS, Pisa 2012.
4. *Politica e racconto. Trame arendtiane della modernità*, Meltemi, Roma 2003.
5. *Storylines. Politics History and Narrative from an Arendtian Perspective*, SoPhi, Jyväskylä 2001.

#### **Selected Book chapters** (refereed)

1. 2025, *Against Emancipation and Revolution: Carla Lonzi's Feminist Political Theory*, in Dal Bo, F., Salzani, C., *The resistible crisis of Italian thought*, Suny Press, Albany, N.Y, pp. 177-190.

2. 2025, *Il testamento della Rivoluzione. Leggere Hannah Arendt a Kyiv*, in M. Shore, *La notte ucraina. Storie da una rivoluzione*, Roma, Castelvecchi, pp.5-25.
3. 2024, "Inclining to Democracy: from Plato to Arendt", in R. Silverbloom, P. Landerreche Cardillo (a cura di), *Political Bodies: Writings on Adriana Cavarero's Political Thought*, Suny Press, Albany, N.Y., PP. 19-36.
4. 2022, "Adriana Cavarero", in M. Lewis, D.E. Rose, *The Italian Philosophy Reader*, Bloomsbury, New York and London, pp. 153-157.
5. 2022, "'The Lungs that We All Are': Rethinking Life in the Times of a Pandemic", in Benso (ed.), *Rethinking Life: Italian Philosophy in a Time of Precarity*, Suny Press. 91-106.
6. 2021, "'The political sphere of life, where speech rules supreme'. Hannah Arendt's imaginative reception of Athenian democracy", in Giorgini, G. Piovan, D., *The Brill's Companion to the Reception of Athenian Democracy*, Brill, Leiden, 399-420.
7. 2021, "Thinking materialistically with Locke, Lonzi and Cavarero", in T. Huzar, C. Woodford (eds.), *Toward a Feminist Ethics of Nonviolence*, Fordham U.P.
8. 2018 *Introduzione*, in A. Cavarero, *Platone*, Raffaello Cortina editore, Milan, pp. 9-17.
9. 2017 'Una fondamentale gratitudine per ciò che è dato': Hannah Arendt e l'identità ebraica, in O. Ombrosi (ed.), *Ebraismo al femminile*, Florence, Giuntina, pp. 217-234.
10. 2016 *Safe for Life: Neoliberalism and Mothers' Milk*, in Garret, Jensen, Voela (eds.), *We Need to Talk about Family.: Essays on Neoliberalism, the Family and Popular Culture*, Newcastle, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2016, pp.118-136.
11. 2015 *Introduzione*, in C. Pateman, *Il contratto sessuale. I fondamenti nascosti della società moderna*, Bergamo, Moretti e Vitali, pp. 9-24, 2015.
12. 2015 *Between Realism and Fiction: Arendt and Levi on Concentrationary Imaginaries*, in G. Pollock, M. Silverman (eds.), *Concentrationary Imaginaries*, New Encounters, London, I.B. Tauris, pp. 59-80.
13. 2015 *On the Autonomy of the Political*, in Wiesner, Roschin, Boilard (eds.), *In Debate with Kari Palonen. Concepts, Politics, Histories*, Baden Baden, Nomos Verlag, pp. 127-132.
14. 2014a, *Mildred Pierce e l'(im)possibilità di una genealogia femminile*, in V. Cammarata, S. Marcenò (a cura di), *Narrazioni di genere e biopolitiche neoliberali*, Milan, Mimesis, pp. 103-122.
15. 2013, *Introduzione*, in J. Butler, *Vite precarie. I poteri del lutto e della violenza*, Milan, Postmedia Books, pp. 7-21.
16. 2013, *To the narrative turn and back: The political impact of storytelling in feminism*, in Hyvarinen, Havatara, Hydén (eds.), *The Travelling Concepts of Narrative*, Amsterdam, John Benjamins, pp. 65-82.
17. 2010, *Milchamà: shekerim ve terror*, in *Scared to Death. Terror and Its Manifestations in Art and Popular Science*, Magnus Press, Jerusalem, pp. 29-46.
18. 2008, *The violence of Lying*, in Hyvarinen, M., Muszinski, L. (eds.), *Terror and the Arts*, Palgrave and Macmillan, London pp.207-224.
19. 2008, *Disobedient State and Faithful Citizen? Relocating Politics in the Age of Globalization*, in Palonen, K., Pulkkinen, T., Rosales, J.M. (eds), *Ashgate Research Companion: Democratisation in Europe*, London, Ashgate, pp. 101-118. 74.
20. 2006, *Le verità della politica*, in Hannah Arendt, *La menzogna in politica. Riflessioni sui Pentagon Papers*, Genoa-Milan, Marietti, pp.VII-XXXVIII.
21. 2006, *La disfatta del gender e la questione dell'umano*, in Judith Butler, *La disfatta del genere*, Roma, Meltemi, pp. 3-20.

### ***Selected academic journal articles*** (refereed)

1. 2027, "In The Gap Between Past and Future: Arendt Reader of Kafka", *Textual Practice*, (accepted for publication)
2. 2027, "Lo scambio delle donne: forme antiche e contemporanee del contratto sessuale", *Iride* (accepted for publication).
3. 2026, "Ogni nascita interrompe la storia. Hannah Arendt e la critica del progresso", *Micromega. Almanacco di filosofia*, (in corso di pubblicazione).
4. 2026, "La differenza sessuale: autonomia simbolica del femminile o trappola identitaria?", *La società degli individui*, n. 85, pp. 16-31.
5. 2023 "Anatomia e politica in Carla Lonzi", *Rivista italiana di Filosofia Politica*, 4, pp. 137-155.
6. 2023 "La critica femminista al linguaggio neutro della teoria: Adriana Cavarero", *Filosofia italiana*, XVIII, 1, pp. 219-234.
7. 2021 "Il realismo critico alla prova di una critica della violenza", *Politica & Società*, 3/2021, 375-396.
8. 2020 "Arendt, I bisogni, la felicità", *aut-aut*, n. 386, June 2020, pp.110-132.
9. 2018a, "Public happiness. Revisiting an Arendtian hypothesis", *Philosophy Today*, 62:2, pp. 395-416.
10. 2018b, "Postcritica: una genealogia", *Politica & Società*, 7:2, pp. 163-190.
11. 2018c, "La libertà di essere liberi': circolarità della politica e autonomia della rivoluzione in Hannah Arendt", *Filosofia politica*, 35:2, pp. 285-300.
12. 2017, "Sexual difference between skepticism and dogmatism: a reading of *Linda Zerilli's Feminism and the Abyss of Freedom*", *Soft Power*, 6:2, pp. 317-324.
13. 2016, with A. Voela, "If not now, when?': feminism, activism and social movements in the European South and beyond", *Gender and Education*, Vol. 28, n. 3, pp. 315-329 (DOI:10.1080/09540253.2016.1175170)
14. 2013, "Totalitarianism and the Social Sciences: Revisiting a 'Forgotten Debate'", *Redescriptions, Yearbook in Political Thought and Feminist Theory*, pp. 137-148.

### **Edited volumes:**

1. 2025 – M. Shore, *La Notte Ucraina. Storie da una rivoluzione* (Italian translation of *The Ukrainian Night. An Intimate History of Revolution*, Yale U.P., 2017), Rome, Castelvecchi.
2. 2022, - with A. Salvatore, F. Zuolo, *Manuale di filosofia politica. Dai sofisti a Hannah Arendt*, Macerata, Quodlibet

3. 2013 J. Butler, *Vite precarie. I poteri del lutto e della violenza* (Italian translation of J. Butler, *Precarious Lives*, Verso, 2004) Milan, Postmedia Books.
4. 2009 -with L. Bernini, *Differenza e relazione. L'ontologia dell'umano nel pensiero di Judith Butler e Adriana Cavarero*, Verona, ombre corte 2009.
5. 2008 *Il Novecento di Hannah Arendt: un lessico politico*, Verona, ombre corte 2008.
6. 2006 Hannah Arendt, *La menzogna in politica. Riflessioni sui Pentagon Papers*, Milan, Marietti (Italian edition and Introduction)
7. 2006 Judith Butler, *La disfatta del genere*, Rome, Meltemi 2006 (Italian edition and Introduction).
8. 2005 -with L. Tedoldi,, *Lo stato dello Stato. Riflessioni sul potere politico nell'era globale*, Verona, ombre corte.

## Media (radio, newspaper, web)

### Podcast:

March 2026: dialogue with Ric Dufer (podcaster) in his program "Dailycogito": "La gratitudine di nascere donna":

<https://podcasts.apple.com/ch/podcast/la-gratitudine-di-nascere-donna-un-dialogo-profondo/id1435289295?i=1000759971221>

April 2020, dialogue with Roger Berkowitz (The Hannah Arendt Center for Politics and the Humanities, Bard College) for the Amor mundi **podcast-series** "Thinking the Plague" on the theme "The Thrill of democracy": <https://hac.podbean.com/e/amor-mundi-podcast-special-series-thinking-the-plague-the-thrill-of-democracy/>

### Newspaper articles:

2023, *L'inferiorità femminile è una costruzione epistemica*, "Alias", September 10th, 2023.

*Sangue d'Europa e spirito greco*, "il manifesto", March 9<sup>th</sup> 2014.

*Libere e senza potere. L'anomalia italiana*, "Corriere della sera", July 9<sup>th</sup> 2011.

*Quei liberismi tra Foucault e il Bagaglino*, "Corriere della sera", February 9<sup>th</sup> 2011.

*Il paradosso della ferita e della perdita: l'etica nonviolenta di Judith Butler*, "Liberazione", March 26<sup>th</sup> 2008.

*Varcare la soglia del 'non luogo' del pensiero: i diari di Hannah Arendt*, "il manifesto", October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2007.

### Radio programs:

October 15<sup>th</sup> 2021, participation in the radio program *Tutta la città ne parla*, conducted by Pietro del Soldà, on the Italian National Radio (RAI Radio 3) on the theme "freedom".

May 8<sup>th</sup> 2021, participation in the radio program *Pantheon*, conducted by Stefano Catucci on the Italian National Radio (RAI Radio 3) on the theme "Hannah Aendt between past and future".

May 15<sup>th</sup>, participation in the radio program *Pantheon*, conducted by Stefano Catucci on the Italian National Radio (RAI Radio 3) on the theme "Hannah Aendt between past and future".

June 12<sup>th</sup> 2021, participation in the radio program *Pantheon*, conducted by Stefano Catucci on the Italian National Radio (RAI Radio 3) on the theme "Hannah Aendt between past and future".

April 18<sup>th</sup> 2020, participation in the radio program "Uomini e profeti", conducted by Felice Cimatti, on the Italian National Radio (RAI Radio 3) on the theme "Vulnerability and the pandemic".

February 9<sup>th</sup> 2019, participation in the radio program "Uomini e profeti", conducted by Davide Assael, on the Italian National Radio (RAI Radio 3) on the book by Adriana Cavarero, *Platone*, Cortina 2018.

July 13<sup>th</sup> 2018, participation in the radio program "Tutta la città ne parla", on the Italian National Radio (RAI Radio 3), on the theme "Europe and NATO: what next?"

May 12<sup>th</sup> 2017, participation in the radio program "Uomini e profeti", conducted by Davide Assael, on the Italian National Radio (RAI Radio 3) on the theme "At the roots of violence".

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