

PhD Program in Philosophy
North Western Italian Philosophy Consortium

Scientific and Didactic Relation

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Cycle: 35

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(A) Didactics

1) List of institutional or curricular courses

18/11/2019 – 16/06/2020 **FINO Common Core Teaching**

04/11/2019 – 17/02/2020 **FINO Curriculum ‘Ethics & Politics’**

2) List of working papers written in those occasions

FINO Curriculum ‘Ethics & Politics’: “Voting-Ethics and Culpable Ignorance: Epistemic Procedural Obligations of Democratic Citizens ”

3) List of other courses you have followed

27-31/07/2020 **Virtual Summer School on Political Epistemology.** Organised by the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) in association with Keele University and the Jagiellonian University Krakow.

12/05/2020 **Short Intensive Course “Science, Experts, and Politics”.** University of Amsterdam.

23/01/2020 – 11/04/ 2020 **Reading group “Moral Perception”.** University of Genoa.

(B) Research and diffusion

1) List of seminars and conferences you have participated to

21-23/09/2020 **Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy.**

19-20/09/2020 **Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference.**

01-02/09/2020 **Workshop: Mistakes, Ignorance and Blameworthiness.** Roots of Responsibility ERC Project.

24-28/08/2020 **Congress European Congress of Analytic Philosophy.**

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- 09-10/07/2020 **Reconstructing Democracy in Times of Crisis: A Voter-Centred Perspective (REDEM) Workshop:** Voter-Centric Perspectives on Electoral Democracy.
- 08/06/2020 **‘Deceit and Self-Deception’ Internal Workshop.** Dario Cecchini
“Intuition in Moral Reasoning: An Effective Dual-process Model”
- 27/04/2020 **‘Deceit and Self-Deception’ Internal Workshop.**
- 23/04/2020 **‘Knowledge and Understanding’ Seminar** by Michael Hannon
“Empathetic Understanding and Deliberative Democracy”. Warwick Mind and Action Research Centre
- 30/03/2020 – 11/05/2020 **FINO Ethics & Politics ‘work in progress’ seminars.**
- 15/02/2020 **Warwick Graduate Conference in Political and Legal Theory**
- 14/02/2020 **Geneva Colloquium in Political Theory Graduate Conference**
- 10/02/2020 **Seminar by Frederico Zouolo** “Practice in Theory”. University of Genoa
- 30/01/2020 **Seminar ‘Democratic Theory and the Ethics of Voting’:** Jonathan Seglow “Against the Secret Ballot” - Matteo Bonotti “Public Reason, Compulsory Voting and Australian Democracy”. University of Milan
- 07/01/2020 **Workshop with Shawn Rosenberg** “Citizen (In)Competence and the Future of Deliberative Democracy in the Age of Populism and Knowledge Resistance”. Utrecht University
- 28/11/2019 **Seminar by Alessandra Tanesini** “Arroganza intellettuale, polarizzazione, e discutere per vincere”. University of Pavia

2) List of Talks (in some of the above-mentioned conferences)

- 22/09/2020 **Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy.** “Voting-Ethics and Culpable Ignorance: Epistemic Procedural Obligations of Democratic Citizens”
- 19-20/09/2020 **Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference.** “Citizens’ Culpability for Unjustified Political Beliefs” (exact date pending)
- 31/08/2020 **FINO residential Seminar.** “Epistemic Democracy and Positive Voting Duties”. University of Genoa
- 24/08/2020 **Congress European Congress of Analytic Philosophy.** "Positive Voting Duties for Democratic Citizens: Procedural and Epistemic" Organised by Utrecht University
- 30/07/2020 **Virtual Summer School on Political Epistemology.** “Citizens’ Culpability for Unjustified Political Beliefs” Organised by ECPR, Keele University, Jagiellonian University Krakow
- 27/04/2020 **‘Deceit and Self-Deception’ Internal Workshop.** “Voting-Ethics and Culpable Ignorance: Epistemic Procedural Obligations of Democratic Citizens”. University of Genoa

- 22/04/2020 **Conference ‘Knowledge, Citizenship, Democracy’. Centre for Philosophy, Politics and Economics, Groningen:** "Positive Obligations for Democratic Citizens: Procedural and Epistemic" (Postponed due to Covid 19, new date pending)
- 15/02/2020 **Warwick Graduate Conference in Political and Legal Theory:** "Positive Voting Duties for Democratic Citizens: Procedural and Epistemic"
- 14/02/2020 **Geneva Colloquium in Political Theory Graduate Conference:** "Individual Moral Responsibility for Democratic Outcomes"
- 10/12/19 **Guest lecture** "Introduction to Applied Ethics" (BA1). University of Genoa

3) List of published or submitted papers

“Epistemic Democracy and Positive Voting Duties.” – submitted to *Critical Review*, currently awaiting response.

(C) Project of the dissertation

1) Update of the planning of your research program

September 26th 2020 to March 21st 2021 I will conduct a research visit at Warwick University under supervision of Fabienne Peter. During this time, I plan to finish my working paper written for the FINO curriculum and work mostly on Chapters 1-2 (focussing on how post truth leads to epistemic justice and how it subsequently affects political legitimacy). Warwick - and more broadly the UK- is a key location when it comes to academic expertise in the fields of Political Theory as well as Virtue Epistemology. I intend to participate in several research-events taking place at Warwick University, such as workshops, seminars and conferences organized by the Centre for Ethics, Law and Public Affairs (CELPA) and the Warwick Mind and Action Centre (WMA). Additionally, I aim to present my own work at events like the postgraduate work-in-progress seminars and the Warwick Graduate Conference in Political and Legal Theory

Provisional outline PhD Thesis:

Chapter 1) Epistemic Deficits and Democratic Legitimacy: In the first chapter I discuss the much-debated topic of epistemic deficits in democracies, which have led to instrumentalist criticisms of democracy. However, such arguments ignore the social character of knowledge. I argue that Fabienne Peter’s Pure Epistemic Proceduralism – which assesses political legitimacy on conditions of political equality as well as epistemic fairness - is a more suitable framework for analysing democratic deficits.

Chapter 2) Post-Truth Politics and Democratic Deficits: I define ‘post-truth politics’ as ‘a declining importance of evidence-based facts and solid reasoning and resulting institutional trust deficits that reinforce the spread of misinformation and the mechanisms of cognitive biases’. Using the PEP framework, I will analyse the resulting consequences for democratic legitimacy. I will show how epistemically challenging environments can deprive citizens of fair epistemic treatment and of equal opportunities to effectively participate in political deliberation, endangering political legitimacy.

Chapter 3) Are Citizens Individually Blameworthy for the Democratic Deficit?: I argue that individual citizen behaviour could potentially undermine legitimacy, when this negatively affects procedural value. I will conduct a moral analysis to determine whether citizens can be held blameworthy for failures to sustain political and epistemic fairness. For this analysis, I will make extensive use of the literature on the epistemic condition for moral responsibility and academic discussions on culpable ignorance. After showing how individual citizens can be held responsible for breaches of epistemic procedural obligations, I will argue for the notion of positive voting duties.

Chapter 4) Individual Epistemic Responsibilities: A Virtue Epistemology approach: This chapter inquires what epistemic duties we can reasonably and morally expect from democratic citizens and applies a virtue epistemology framework. Specifically, I want to address the question: which vices and virtues are *exclusively* political (or: civic)?