

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Scientific and Didactic Relation

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(A) *Didactics*

1) List of institutional or curricular courses

- Seminar: *Speech Acts And Fiction*. Manuel Garcia-Carpintero and François Recanati. Genoa. November 08-10, 2018.
- LLC Seminar. Torino. Every activity since November 15, 2018.
- Reading Group. Torino. Every activity since November 22, 2018.
- Seminar: *Neural Mechanisms*. Luiz Pessoa. Torino. November 23, 2018.
- Science & More Talks. Torino. Every activity since November 28, 2018.
- Course: *Lectures on the Philosophy of Mind*. Alberto Voltolini. Torino. June 25 and 27, 2019.

2) List of working papers written in those occasions

NONE

3) list of other courses you have followed

- Workshop: *Verso il '25th Annual Meeting of the Human Brain Mapping Organization 2019'*. Torino. November 14, 2018.
  - International Workshop: *Belief And Imagination In Fiction*. Torino. December 4, 2018.
  - Workshop: *Mind and Matter*. University of Neuchâtel. Neuchâtel, Switzerland. March 14, 2019.
  - Workshop: *"From split-brains to emotional consciousness"*. *Tributo a Joseph LeDoux*. Torino. April 17, 2019.
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(B) *Research and diffusion*

1) List of seminars and conferences you have participated to

PhD Program in Philosophy  
North Western Italian Philosophy Consortium

- *I Congreso Internacional de Historia y Pensamiento Moderno: Barroco, Crisis, Plieque*. Universidad Complutense de Madrid. Madrid, Spain. December 11-14, 2018.
- (Forthcoming) *XXVIII Convegno Nazionale dei Dottorati di Ricerca in Filosofia*. Fondazione San Carlo. Modena. September 4-5, 2019.

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

- ‘Philosophy of Mind in the Baroque. Descartes’s Legacy’ (In Spanish), *I Congreso Internacional de Historia y Pensamiento Moderno: Barroco, Crisis, Plieque*, UCM, Madrid, 2018.
- (Forthcoming) ‘La Struttura Minima del Concetto di Coscienza’. *XXVIII Convegno Nazionale dei Dottorati di Ricerca in Filosofia*, Fondazione San Carlo, Modena, 2019.

3) List of published or submitted papers

- “A Brief Survey of Russell’s Notion of Acquaintance”, *Episteme NS* (Forthcoming).
- “Descartes’s Embodied Minds”, *Apuntes Filosóficos*, vol. 28, n. 54, 2019. [http://saber.ucv.ve/ojs/index.php/rev\\_af/article/view/16601/144814483094](http://saber.ucv.ve/ojs/index.php/rev_af/article/view/16601/144814483094)

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(C) Project of the dissertation

1) Update of the planning of your research program

I have dedicated my second year in the program to clarify the structure of my dissertation and to discuss my ideas with my supervisor Alberto Voltolini, and other experts like Tim Bayne, David Chalmers, Max Velmans, Manuel Garcia-Carpintero, and Leopoldo Marquez.

After several meetings with my supervisor, we have simplified the aim of the dissertation and narrowed down its scope. The new structure of the project has the following three chapters:

First Chapter: the semantics of consciousness. This chapter aims at analyzing the concept of consciousness. In the first section, I focus on ordinary uses of the terms ‘awareness’ and ‘consciousness’ to show that their meanings are vaguely intertwined. In the second section, I concentrate on technical definitions of consciousness to identify the philosophically relevant sense of the term ‘consciousness’. In the third section, I explain that the concept of consciousness is grounded in a three-dimensional logical space formed by the concepts of ‘intentionality’, ‘reflexivity’, and ‘phenomenality’. (I will be presenting this chapter at our meeting).

Second Chapter: an alternative theoretical framework for consciousness. This chapter aims at presenting a metaphysically-neutral framework for the study of

consciousness. In the first section, I argue that consciousness can only be understood by explicating its relation to intentionality, reflexivity, and phenomenality. I also explain how to map conscious states into the logical space of the concept of consciousness. In the second section, I introduce my theoretical framework. The framework implies that there are different kinds of consciousness and that each one is specified by the dynamics of conceptually different dimensions within the logical space. In the third section, I apply my framework to human consciousness and show the different dimensions that specify it. (I expect to have the first draft of this chapter by the end of 2019).

Third Chapter: Applications of the theoretical framework. This chapter aims at showing how my theoretical framework can be applied to other kinds of consciousness. In the first section, I apply the framework to insect consciousness and, in the second section, to artificial consciousness. In the third section, I address some open questions about the philosophical consequences of my framework and its applicability to other fields.