

Irene Binini

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CURRENT POSITION 01/01/2018-30/06/2019:
DAAD P.R.I.M.E. postdoctoral fellow, University of Freiburg

EDUCATION 01/11/2013-12/09/2017:
Ph.D. (with distinction) in History of Philosophy, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa.

Dissertation: *Possibility and Necessity in the Philosophy of Peter Abelard.*

Advisor: Prof. Massimo Mugnai.

Viva Voce Examiners: Prof. John Marenbon; Prof. Christopher J. Martin.

01/09/2010-28/03/2013:
MA (with distinction) in Philosophy, University of Parma

Master Thesis: *Aristotle's Modal Logic and Theory of Modalities*

Advisors: Prof. Roberto Pinzani and Prof. Stefano Caroti

01/09/2006-24/03/2010:
BA (with distinction) in Philosophy, University of Parma

Thesis: *The Problem of Other Minds in Gilbert Ryle and John Austin*

Advisors: Prof. Wolfgang Huemer and Prof. Andrea Bianchi

VISITING APPOINTMENTS 2018, 01/02 - 2019, 31/01: Visiting researcher at **University of Oxford.**
2018, 01-31/10: Visiting researcher at **University of Warsaw.**
2016, 01/09-30/11: Visiting Ph.D. student at **University of Auckland.**
2016, 01/01-30/06: Visiting Ph.D. student at **University of Cambridge.**
2011, 10/01-15/06: Visiting student at **Boston College.**

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Scientific Journals

“‘My Future Son is Possibly Alive’. Existential Presupposition and Empty Terms in Abelard’s Modal Logic”. *History and Philosophy of Logic*. (2018).
DOI: 10.1080/01445340.2018.1432925

“Le teorie della negazione nel XII secolo e la riscoperta della logica proposizionale”, in “Negazione. Storia di un concetto”, *Verifiche*, vol. XLVI, 2/2017.

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings

“The Role of *Differentiae* in Abelard’s Arguments for the Identity and Persistence of Substances”. *Edizioni della Normale*. Acts of the 21st *European Symposium of Medieval Logic and Semantics*, Pisa, 30 June-5 July 2016. [forthcoming]

“The *De Re-De Dicto* distinction:a twelfth-century logical discovery”. *Vivarium*. Proceedings of the international conference “The known and the Unknown. Exploring Twelfth-Century Philosophy”. Copenhagen, 10-11 April 2018. [forthcoming]

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapter

“Contingenza e Infallibilità Divina nei Testi Logici di Pietro Abelardo”, in *Libertà e determinismo: trasformazioni medievali della responsabilità morale*, edited by M.L. Leone, L. Valente and I. Zavattero, Aracne Editrice, p. 111-42. (2018).
DOI: 10.4399/97888255094344

Edited Volumes

Medieval Merology. Acts of the 21st *European Symposium of Medieval Logic and Semantics*, Pisa, 30 June-5 July 2016. Ed. by Fabrizio Amerini, Irene Binini and Massimo Mugnai. *Edizioni della Normale*. [forthcoming]

Under review

Twelfth-Century Strategies against Logical Determinism. Journal article. Currently under review.

Possibility and Necessity in the Philosophy of Peter Abelard. Monograph. Currently under review.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

01/01/2018-30/06/2019: Awarded a Postdoctoral Fellowship from the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD). University of Oxford and University of Freiburg, 18 months.

01/11/2013-31/01/2017: Full Doctoral Studentship from the Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy. 39 months

8-10/11/2017: Conference Grant by CIRFIM for attending the advanced course “L’Isagoge di Porfirio e la sua ricezione tardoantica e medievale”, Padova.

23-29/08/2014: Travel Grant by AILA for participating to the Summer School in Logic, Gargnano.

01/01/2011-06/01/2011: Travel Grant from Boston College to cover the expenses of a visiting period of 6 months. (\$ 5.000)

2010: Travel grant from the University of Parma for an Advanced English Language course at Oxford Brookes University (€1500).

SELECTED
CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

- “The role of *eventus* in Abelard’s theory of truth”. International Conference: *Eventus in Abelard*. University of Genève, 24-25 May 2018.
- “Twelfth century modalities”. International Conference: *The Known and The Unknown Exploring Twelfth-Century Philosophy*. University of Copenhagen, 10-11 April 2018.
- “Strategie medievali contro il determinismo logico. *Seminars ‘Idee in Bozza’*. University of Parma, 23 March 2018.
- “Abelard on future contingents and logical determinism”. Guest lecture (invited by Laurent Césalli). University of Genève, 7 December 2017.
- “ ‘My future son is possibly alive’. Existential Presupposition and Empty Names in Abaelard’s Modal Logic”. *Leeds International Medieval Congress*. University of Leeds, 3 July 2017.
- “Goat-stags, Chimeras and Other Fantastic Creatures. Empty Names and Existential Import in Medieval Logic”. *SILFS international conference*. University of Bologna, 22 June 2017.
- “Twelfth-century strategies against logical determinism”. *Spring lectures in Logic and Metaphysics*. Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, 11 April 2017.
- “Syllogistic, Tense and Modality in the *Dialectica* of Peter Abelard”. *International Conference of the British Society for the History of Philosophy*. University of Sheffield, 8 April 2017.
- “The role of *differentiae* in Abelard’s arguments for the identity and persistence of substances”. *21st European Symposium of medieval Logic and Semantics*. Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, 30 June-5 July 2016.
- “ ‘My future son is possibly alive’. Existential Presupposition and Empty Names in Abaelard’s Modal Logic”. *Medieval Philosophy Network*. Warburg Institute, University of London, 17 June 2016.
- “A metaphysics of wholes and parts. Some issues in Medieval Mereology”. *PhD Seminars*. Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, 22 March 2016.
- “Le teorie della negazione nel XII secolo e la riscoperta della logica proposizionale”. *Workshop: “La negazione. Storia di un concetto”*. University of Padova, 18-19 February 2016.
- “Natures, individuals and possibilities in Abaelard’s theory of modality”. *1st Parma Workshop on medieval Logic and Metaphysics*. University of Parma, 26-27 November 2015.
- “Abelard’s Implication as a Strict Implication”. *Dutch Seminar in Medieval Philosophy*. University of Groningen, 30-31 October 2015.
- “Conceivability and possibility in Abelard’s theory of modality”. *5th World Congress and School on Universal Logic*. University of Istanbul, 25-30 June 2015.
- “The power of inference. Abelard’s reflection on the nature of entailment”. *4th Reasoning Club*. University of Manchester, 30-31 March 2015.
- “The use of modal notions in the works of the Oxford Calculators”. *PhD Seminars*. Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, 3 March 2015.
- “Interpreting Aristotelian modalities without determinism”. Guest lecture (invited by Andrea Bianchi and Wolfgang Huemer). University of Parma. 27 June 2014.

“Reasoning, deliberating and choosing in Aristotelian Ethics”. *2nd International Workshop on Games and Decision*. Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa. 7-9 July 2014.

“Modality and Time in Aristotle”. *Permanent Seminar in Logic*. University of Salerno. 6 June 2014.

ORGANISATION
OF
INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCES

Co-organizer (with F. Amerini) of the *2nd Parma Workshop on Medieval Logic and Metaphysics*. University of Parma, 4-6 December 2018.

Organizer of the symposium: “Goat-stags, Chimeras and Other Fantastic Creatures. Empty Names and Existential Import in Medieval Logic”, part of the SILFS triennial international conference. Bologna, 22 June 2017.

Co-organizer (with M. Carrara and L. Azzano) of the series of seminars: “Spring lectures on Logic and Metaphysics”. Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, April-June 2017.

Co-organizer (with M. Mugnai, R. Strobino and F. Amerini) for the *21st European Symposium of Medieval Logic and Semantics*. Pisa, 30 June-5 July 2016.

Co-organizer (with F. Amerini) of the *1st Parma Workshop on Medieval Logic and Metaphysics*. University of Parma, 26-27 November 2015.

TEACHING AND
SUPERVISION

01/01/2018-30/09/2018: **Teaching Assistant for the undergraduate course in “Logic and History of Logic”** at the University of Parma. 20 hours of teaching and 20 hours of supervision.

01-20/12/2015: **Guest Lecturer in the Intermediate-level Course: “History of Logic”** (Instructor: Roberto Pinzani) at the University of Parma. 8 hours of teaching.

01/10/2015-15/12/2015: Co-organizer (with W. Huemer, V. Petrolini and R. Pinzani) of the **Reading Group in Metaphysics** targeted to Master’s and graduate students (University of Parma).

07/2015: Co-organizer (with V. Petrolini) in the **“Career Development Panel: PhD in Philosophy”** targeted to Master’s students (University of Parma).

PROJECT
MANAGEMENT
AND
DIVULGATIVE
ACTIONS

Responsible leader for the project “Philo-diffusione”, promoting a collaboration between academic researchers and high-schools teachers of philosophy courses.

The project aims at promoting the knowledge of new aspects of philosophical academic research in the high-school curriculum, by creating new didactic units on underrepresented philosophical topics, by practicing these units in classes and by uploading these new didactic materials on an open-source website so that they become available to potentially every teacher of philosophy in Italian high-schools. This project involves now a few dozens of collaborators, including academic researchers and high-school teachers.

Creator and organizer of the project: “Idee in Bozza”, in collaboration with master and graduate students of the University of Parma, February-June 2018.

“Idee in Bozza” is a cycle of philosophical seminars coordinated by ungraduate and graduate students of the University of Parma. Some of the seminars are dedicated to researchers and students and some dedicated to broader audiences, such as high-school students and community at large. The project is now implemented in the department, and was financed with €1300 by the University of Parma for the 2018/2019 edition.

From 2018: Founding member of the philosophical association “*Vita Activa*”, engaged in the dissemination of philosophical research and in education actions in Parma.

From 2014: Creator and co-editor of the philosophical blog “*Emilia Filosofica*” (emiliafilosofica.wordpress.com), webpage created to share news and events among the Philosophy departments at University of Parma, Reggio Emilia, Modena and Ferrara.

LANGUAGE
SKILLS

Italian: mother tongue

English: highly proficient

French: highly proficient

Latin, Ancient Greek: highly proficient reading competences

Arabic: elementary reading competences

TRAINING
(SELECTION)

01/10/2017-15/12/2017: Advanced course in **Teaching Italian as a foreign language**. Prof. M. Mezzadri, University of Parma.

8-10/11/2017: Advanced course “*L’Isagoge* di Porfirio e la sua ricezione tardoantica e medievale” organized by the Centre “Greek into Arabic” (Padua-Pisa), University of Padua.

01/11/2015-30/03/2016: Advanced Course in **History and Philosophy of Modalities** (20 hours). Passed with A grade. Prof. M. Mugnai, Scuola Normale Superiore (Pisa).

15/10/2014-15/06/2015: Course in **Arabic language** (30 hours). Passed with A grade. Prof. A. Bertolacci, Scuola Normale Superiore (Pisa).

01/11/2014-15/06/2015: Course in **Modal Logic** (60 hours). Passed with A grade. Prof. M. Mugnai, Scuola Normale Superiore (Pisa).

20-25/06/2015: **Summer School in Logic**. Courses in Aristotle’s logic (Prof. J. Corcoran), Stoic Logic (Prof. K. Ierodiakonou), Boethius’ Logic (Prof. M. Correia Machuca), Leibniz’ Logic (Prof. W. Lenzen), Jain Indian Logic (Dott. M.H. Gorisse)

24-30/06/2014: **Summer School in Logic**. Courses in Set theory (Prof. R. Camerlo, University of Turin) and Proof theory (Prof. S. Negri).

COMMUNITY
AND SOCIAL
INVOLVEMENT

2013-2018: Voluntary teacher in education programmes for immigrant children. *Cooperativa Eide*, Parma. (<http://www.coopeide.org/web/>)

2017-2018: Coordinator of the national festival “*It.a.ca: Festival of Responsible Tourism*”, area of Parma. (<https://www.festivalitaca.net/it-a-ca-migrants-and-travelers-festival-of-responsible-tourism/>)

From 2017: Founding member of the cultural association “*Il Taccuino di Darwin*”, engaged in promoting cultural activities, divulgation of scientific thought and environmental awareness. (<https://iltaccuinodidarwin.com/>)

2004-2014: Founding member and president (2010-2013) of the association for social promotion “*Icaro*”, engaged in promoting cultural activities especially dedicated to young adults.