Laura Marcon

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC PROFILE

I am interested in experimental philosophy, especially in its application to ethics. I have always had deep interest in interdisciplinary studies. The research project that I am leading provides a starting point for reflection on behavioral economics and psychology of decisions. In particular, my attention concerns the ethical-normative theories of justice by John Rawls and David Gauthier, in an attempt to better understand the contractual nature of the agreement and the binding constraints that norms set. The result is also a new attempt to consider the subject as rational agent - but also moral within these two authors. This opens the way to rethink the concepts of rationality and, above all, of morality within the ethical- political landscape of our century. This research is part of the experimental philosophy because it would like to get empirical evidence from data collected in the laboratory using some economic games, such as the Exclusion and the Ultimatum games.

The application of game theory's method has aroused great interest not only in political sphere but also in ethics, in its strict sense, trying to motivate certain human behaviors that have been considered, according to the rational choice theory, irrational. Moreover, the contribution of new neuroscientific technologies have allowed to study, with increasingly sophisticated tools, decision-making in different fields.

The other philosophical area, that I deal with in parallel, fits in bioethics studies. In particular, the concept of the person and identity in cases of vegetative state, coma, locked-in and dementias such as Alzheimer. The theme of advanced healthcare directive is tightly linked with the reflection on the role of the just/fair in ethics and on how expanding the notion of rationality also to decisions that take into account factors very different from those of classical economic theory.

FIELDS OF INTERESTS

Experimental Philosophy Behavioral economics Game Theory Philosophy of Language Neuropsychology Decision-making

EDUCATION

- 09/2010-07/2013: BACHELOR DEGREE in PHILOSOPHY, University of Padova, Padova (Italy).
- 01/2013–06/2013: ERASMUS programme at UNIVERSITY of ST ANDREWS, St Andrews (United Kingdom).
- 09/2013-07/2015: MASTER DEGREE in PHILOSOPHICAL SCIENCES, University of Padova, Padova (Italy). Thesis title: *Neuroscience of Ethics about our decision-making. The borderline case of the norm of fairness.*

- 01/2015-06/2015: ERASMUS PLUS programme at COMPLUTENSE UNIVERSITY, Madrid (Spain). Experience aimed to research materials and to write the final dissertation. Opportunity to work with specialized professors in the field of cognitive neuropsychology and moral philosophy.
- 10/2015- Present: PhD Programme in PHILOSOPHY (Doctorado en Filosofía), Escuela Internacional de Posgrado, University of Granada, Granada (Spain).
 Researching line: Normatividad y Racionalidad: organizaciones y políticas públicas.
- 02/2017-Present: Co-tutelle at the University of Trento, PhD Programme in Economics and Management.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 14/05/2014-16/05/2014: INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ON NEUROETHICS AND FIRST CONFERENCE OF THE ITALIAN SOCIETY FOR NEUROETHICS (SINe). Title: *A view from which mind? The Neuroethics perspective*, University of Padova, Italy. I presented a paper entitled *Convenzioni e norme sociali: il cervello non basta*.
- 22/09/2014-25/09/2014: SUMMER SCHOOL of NEUROETHICS, International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA), Trieste.
- 23/04/2016-24/04/2016: RATIO CONFERENCE *Experimental Philosophy as Applied Philosophy*, University of Reading, UK. I presented a poster entitled: 'Emotions, reason and the sense of justice'.
- 19/05/2016: I JORNADAS DE INVESTIGADORES EN FORMACIÓN, Fomentando la interdisciplinariedad, University of Granada. I presented a paper entitled: 'How does the sense of justice affect human behavior?'

- 15/10/2015-31/03/2016: TRAINING INTERNSHIP in the research lab under the supervision of professor Enrico Rubaltelli at the University of Padova, Department of Developmental and Socialization Psychology.

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue: Italian

Other languages:

	Listening	Reading	Spoken Interaction	Spoken production	Writing
ENGLISH	B2	C1	B2	B2	B2
SPANISH	C1	B2	B2	B2	B1

Digital Competence:Macintosh operating systemWindows operating systemMicrosoft Office programmesLimesurveyZ-tree

Driving licence: A1, B