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# Marta Caravà, Ph.D.

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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Philosophy of Mind
- Philosophy of Cognitive Science (especially Embodied and Situated Cognitive Science)
- Philosophical Psychology

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

- Moral psychology
- Pragmatism and American Philosophy

## INFO AND CONTACT

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- **Post-doctoral Researcher. Purdue University**, Department of Philosophy, College of Liberal Arts. 2022–  
*Current projects:* Episodic memory: cognitive, moral, and social aspects; situated and embodied approaches to norms.
- **Visiting Post-doctoral Researcher. Ruhr University Bochum**, Research and Training Group ‘Situated Cognition’/Institut Für Philosophie II. 2021  
 (May 2021–September–December 2021)  
*Project:* Active forgetting and affective regulation.  
*Description:* Research on the role of the body and of the material environment in the process of forgetting; the contribution of forgetting to emotion regulation. Methods: empirically-informed philosophy of mind, philosophy of neuroscience, embodied cognition. In collaboration with the DFG-funded *Research and Training Group ‘Situated Cognition’* and the DFG-funded unit *2812 Constructing Scenarios of the Past: A New Framework in Episodic memory*.  
*Funding:* Fellowships from the *Research and Training Group Situated Cognition* and the Ruhr University Bochum *Research School*.
- **Expert Evaluator. Universitat Rovira i Virgili**, MFP COFUND Doctoral Programme (Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action funded under Horizon 2020). 2021; 2020  
*Evaluation panels:* Cognitive science, psychology and linguistics.
- **Postdoctoral Researcher. University of Bologna**, Philosophy and Communication Studies Department. 2018–2020  
*Project:* Philosophical and experimental approaches to emotions in affordance perception.  
*Description:* Philosophical and empirical research on the perception of affective properties of everyday objects and their effects on affordance perception; training on experimental methods in cognitive psychology and embodied cognitive science.  
*Funding:* Italian Ministry of University and Research through the PRIN project *Perception, Performativity and Cognitive Sciences* and post-doctoral fellowship from the Department of Philosophy and Communication Studies.
- **Professional Translator. Publishing House Ombre Corte**, Verona. 2014–2015  
*Description:* First Italian translation of Gilles Deleuze’s courses on Michel Foucault’s concept of power, published as the book G. Deleuze (2018). *Il potere. Corso su Michel Foucault* (1985-1986). Verona: Ombre Corte (pp.388). Translation and edition of unpublished material from French to Italian. The translation has received wide attention through book reviews and popular pieces, including, among others, an article in the journal *Il Manifesto*.

## EDUCATION

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- **Ph.D. in Philosophy, Science, Cognition, and Semiotics (passed with no corrections).** University of Bologna, Philosophy and Communication Studies Department. 2014–2018  
*Dissertation:* *The problem of representation between extended and enactive approaches to cognition.*  
*Funding:* 3-year PhD fellowship from the Italian Ministry of University and Research.
- **Visiting research student.** University of Memphis, Philosophy Department. 2016  
*Funding:* External mobility funding, Philosophy and Communication Studies Department, University of Bologna.
- **Master's degree in Philosophy (*summa cum laude*).** State University of Milan, Philosophy Department. 2011–2014  
*Funding:* INPS scholarship for master students and exemption of tuition fees granted by the State University of Milan.
- **Erasmus student.** Université Paris IV-Sorbonne, Philosophy Department. 2011–2012  
*Funding:* Erasmus Grant.
- **Bachelor's degree in Philosophy (*summa cum laude*).** State University of Milan, Philosophy Department. 2008–2011
- **Highschool diploma in Foreign Languages (English, French, Spanish and Latin).** 2004–2008  
**Mark: 100/100.** Liceo Linguistico A. Manzoni, Varese.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

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- **Workshop** 'Developing proposals: problem statement and organization'. Institute for a Sustainable Future, Purdue University. 2022
- **Workshop** 'Designing proposal budgets'. Purdue University. 2022
- **Workshop** 'Successful grant writing strategies'. Purdue University. 2022
- **Training course** 'Implicit bias'. Universitat Rovira i Virgili. 2021
- **Training course** 'Mitigating bias in academic recruiting'. Universitat Rovira i Virgili. 2020
- **Summer School** 'Enactive cognition and narrative practices'. University of Bologna. 2019
- **Fall School** 'Enactivist interventions'. University of Messina. 2017
- **Spring School** 'Social cognition, emotion and joint action'. Ruhr University Bochum. 2017
- **Summer School** 'Phenomenology and philosophy of mind'. University of Copenhagen, Center for Subjectivity Research. 2014
- **Summer School** 'Phenomenology and phenomenological philosophy'. Ca' Foscari University of Venice. 2014
- **Summer School** 'Phenomenology and phenomenological philosophy'. University of Calabria. 2013

## RESEARCH PRIZE

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- **Early career researcher prize (2019).** Université Grenoble Alpes/Centre for Philosophy of Memory (CPM).  
*Description:* Prize for my conference paper on enactive forgetting and emotion. Received during the conference 'Issues in Philosophy of Memory 2' and awarded to me by the CPM with the support of the interdisciplinary Group de Recherche Mémoire of the *Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique* (<https://gdrmemoire.com/>)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### A. Journal articles and chapters

1. (Forthcoming, 2023). *Enactive memory*. To appear in *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Memory Studies*. London: Palgrave MacMillan.
2. (Forthcoming, 2023). Are affectively silent objects affective affordances? Expressive properties and emotion regulation. (With Marta Benenti). To appear in *Topoi*, thematic issue 'Affectivity and Technology: Philosophical Explorations'.
3. (2022). Are forgotten memories literal experiences of absences? Episodic forgetting and metacognitive feelings. *Acta Scientiarum. Human and Social Sciences. Special issue on the Philosophy of Memory*, 43(3), 1–15.
4. (2021). An exploration into enactive forms of forgetting. *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, 20, 703–722.
5. (2020). When affective relation weighs more than the mug handle: Investigating affective affordances. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 11, 1928 (with Claudia Scorolli).
6. (2020). La proposition expressiviste de Steiner et l'énactivisme. Divergences et convergences. *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy*, 12(1), 1–10.
7. (2019). The threshold of representations. Integrating semiotics and the cognitive Sciences. *VS*, 128(1): 157–174.
8. (2018). Une rencontre entre la philosophie et la sémiotique de Peirce, l'énactivisme et l'esprit étendu. *Interrogations*, 27.
9. (2015). La nozione di 'mente estesa' tra scienze cognitive, semiotica e pragmatismo. Alcune riflessioni a partire dal tema del linguaggio. *Italian Journal of Philosophy of Language*, Special Issue: 139–151.

### B. Book translation

10. (2018). Gilles Deleuze, *Il Potere*. Corso su Michel Foucault (1985– 1986)/2. Verona: Ombre Corte (2018). (Translation from French to Italian; with Marta Benenti)

### C. Other

11. (Forthcoming, 2023). Embodied cognition and Pragmatism: Interview with Shaun Gallagher (With Guido Baggio and Shaun Gallagher). To appear in *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy*.
12. (Forthcoming, 2023). Book review of Current A. Sant'Anna, C. J., McCarroll, K. Michaelian (eds.) *Controversies in Philosophy of Memory*. London/New York: Routledge. To appear in *Memory Studies*.
13. (2017). (En)acting salience. Meaningful action in context (pp. 67–69). In *Codisco X*. Roma: Corsico Edizioni. (Conference proceedings)
14. (2017). The Pragmatist Attitude. Habits, Practices, and Gestures in a Pluralistic Landscape. In *Circolo*, 4: 1–9. (Conference report)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- Journal article: 'Enactive episodic memory through sensorimotor scenario construction'. With Anco Peeters (University of Nijmegen) – Final draft.
- Journal article: 'Extended forgetting and extended forgiving'. With Chris McCarroll (National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University) – Drafting stage.
- Journal article: 'Norms as memory scaffolds. A situated approach' – Drafting stage.
- Journal article: 'Semanticisation in episodic memory. A trace minimalist account'. With Chris McCarroll (National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University) and Markus Werning (Ruhr University Bochum) – Outline stage.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, COLLOQUIA, SEMINARS, AND COMMENTARIES (†=invited)**

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1. (2023). Discussion of 'Enactive episodic memory through sensorimotor scenario construction'. Internal Seminar, Centre for Philosophy of Memory, Université Grenoble Alpes. †
2. (2022). Commentary on Andrew Todd Ramirez's paper 'Awareness in Cognition and Perception'. Indiana Philosophical Association. †
3. (2022). Panel discussion 'Are we smart enough to understand our brains?'. Neurizons 2022. Max Planck Institute for Multidisciplinary Sciences in Göttingen. †
4. (2022). 'Are affectively silent objects affective affordances? Expressive properties and emotion regulation'. Symposium on Affect and Technology, Midterm conference of the Italian Association of Cognitive Science, University of Parma.
5. (2022). 'Enactive episodic memory through sensorimotor scenario construction'. Online workshop 4E Cognition and Memory. Ruhr University Bochum & National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University. †
6. (2022). 'Rappresentazioni mentali e dimenticanza episodica'. Workshop Rappresentazione tra Filosofia, Scienze Cognitive e Psicologia, University of Roma Tre. †
7. (2021). 'Enactive memory loss'. Philosophy of Language Seminar, Ruhr University Bochum. †
8. (2021). Conference commentary on N. Figueredo's talk 'Naturalized language: The intertwining between action and verbal language in linguistic enactivism'. 1st South American Colloquium on Naturalism and Experimental Philosophy, Universidade de Caxias do Sul, Online. †
9. (2021). 'Are forgotten memories experiences of absences?'. Conference: Issues in Philosophy of Memory 2.5, Co-organized by the Université Grenoble Alpes, the University of Illinois at Chicago, and the Jagiellonian University through the Philosophy of Memory Organization, Online.
10. (2021). 'Affording affectivity: affective affordances between perception and memory'. Interdisciplinary Reading Club: Recent Debates on Animal Cognition & Child Development – RTG Situated Cognition, Ruhr University Bochum & Osnabrück University, Online. †
11. (2021). 'Do you see just the mug handle? Let's take a look at affective affordances too!' (with Claudia Scorolli). 8<sup>th</sup> MindBrainBody Symposium, Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Online.
12. (2020). 'Untangling forgetting. An enactive proposal'. Bochum-Grenoble Memory Virtual Colloquium, Ruhr University Bochum & Université Grenoble Alpes, Online. †
13. (2020). 'Ricordare la dimenticanza. Una proposta enattivista'. Annual Conference of the Pragma Association, Online. †
14. (2020). (Canceled due to the COVID Pandemic.) 'Creativity, memory, and emotion-regulation. An enactive approach'. Conference: Creativity and Improvisation in Thought, Practice, and Mind, University of Nebraska at Omaha.
15. (2020). (Canceled due to the COVID Pandemic.) 'Representation-hunger. A pragmatist conceptual analysis'. Conference: Cognitive Science meets the Humanities, Italian Association of Cognitive Science (AISC) Midterm Conference, University of Parma.
16. (2020). 'The philosophy of forgetting. An enactive approach'. Internal Seminar, Centre for Philosophy of Memory, Université Grenoble Alpes.
17. (2019). 'Enactive-distributed forgetting. An exploration into cognitive and affective aspects of memory loss'. Conference: Issues in Philosophy of Memory 2, Université Grenoble Alpes.

(Conference presentations, colloquia, seminars, and commentaries continued)

18. (2019). 'Semiotic artifacts for extended cognition'. Conference: Embodied creativity: the role of performativity, University of Bologna. †
19. (2019). 'Diagrams for extended cognition'. Workshop: The philosophy of notation: operational iconicity and observational advantages in diagrams, University of Bologna.
20. (2018). 'Affordances for extended affectivity'. Workshop: Investigating the mind: Pain, emotions and affective disorders, Ruhr University Bochum.
21. (2018). 'Emotions out there. Affect and the extended mind hypothesis' (with Marta Benenti). 5<sup>th</sup> Conference of the European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions (EPSSE), Tallinn University.
22. (2017). 'The extended mind and the emotional life of objects' (with Marta Benenti). Workshop: Social cognition, emotion and joint action, Ruhr University Bochum.
23. (2017). 'Extended and enactivist approaches to cognition: Peircean interventions'. Conference: The Pragmatist attitude. Habits, practices, and gestures in a pluralistic landscape, University of Milan. †
24. (2017). '(En)acting salience. Meaningful action in context'. Conference: Performative dimensions in cognitive science, University of Messina. †
25. (2017). 'Non-representationalist approaches to cognitive science'. PhD lecture, University of Bologna. (Internal)
26. (2016). 'Mapping embodied cognitive science'. PhD lecture, University of Bologna. (Internal)
27. (2016). 'A semiotic turn in cognitive science?'. Conference: 2nd Conference of the International Association for Cognitive Semiotics (IACS), Marie Curie-Skłodowska University (UMCS), Lublin.
28. (2016). 'Extending artifacts'. Embodied Cognition Seminar, University of Memphis. (Internal)
29. (2016). 'Pragmatism and postclassical cognitive science. A philosophical encounter between Peircean pragmatism and enactivism'. Conference: 16th International Meeting on Pragmatism, PUC-São Paulo.
30. (2015). 'Pragmatism and enaction. For a Peircean account of cognition and the mind'. Second European Pragmatism Conference, EHESS-ENS, Paris.
31. (2015). Commentary on G. Maddalena's talk 'Intuition and indexicality. Looking for synthetic reasoning'. Monthly Seminar in Theoretical Philosophy, State University of Milan. †
32. (2014). 'A pragmatic approach to cognitive science'. PhD lecture, University of Bologna. (Internal)
33. (2014). 'The role of material symbols in Clark's extended mind theory. A philosophical critique from Peirce's semiotics'. Workshop: The actuality of Peirce's thought, University of Lisbon.
34. (2014). 'La mente estesa e l'argomento del linguaggio: una prospettiva Peirceana'. Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Philosophy of Language, University of Bologna.

## ORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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- Co-organizer, **online workshop '4E Cognition and Memory'**. Ruhr University Bochum & National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University. 2022  
*Description:* 3-day interdisciplinary workshop on the role of the body, the environment and culture in memory processes.
- Co-organizer, **conference 'Embodied creativity: the role of performativity'**, University of Bologna. 2019  
*Description:* 3-day conference with leading experts on embodied cognition, philosophy of cognitive science, and philosophy of mind.

(Organization of international conferences and workshops, continued)

- Organizing committee member, '14<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Italian Association of Cognitive Sciences', University of Bologna. 2017  
*Description:* 3-day conference with international researchers in cognitive science.

## ORGANIZATION OF OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

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- Co-organizer, reading group **norms and moral psychology**. Purdue University 2022–  
*Description:* monthly reading group involving researchers specializing in philosophy of mind, cognitive science, and moral psychology.
- Co-organizer, **online reading group 'Embodied memory'**. 2021–2022  
*Description:* monthly reading group involving researchers specializing in philosophy of embodied cognition from the Ruhr University Bochum, the University of Utrecht, and the University of Campinas.
- Co-organizer, **summer school 'Enactive cognition and narrative practices'**, University of Bologna. 2019  
*Description:* 3-day long summer school dedicated to all aspects enactivism, with lectures for PhD Students taught by Prof. Daniel D. Hutto (University of Wollongong).
- Co-organizer of '**SERIC Research Seminar Series**', University of Bologna. 2018–2020  
*Description:* Interdisciplinary research seminar taking place every 2 weeks, involving national and international researchers working in the humanities.

## FUNDING, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS (Total approx. 89.000 Euro)

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- **Visiting fellowship for international postdoctoral researchers**, RUB Research School 2021
- **Virtual postdoctoral fellowship**, Ruhr University Bochum/RTG Situated Cognition 2021
- **Postdoctoral fellowship**, University of Bologna 2018–2020
- **Conference participation grant**, Université Grenoble Alpes 2019
- **Conference participation grant**, Ruhr University Bochum 2017
- **Extra funding for international mobility**, University of Bologna 2016
- **Conference participation grant**, Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo 2015
- **PhD fellowship**, Italian Ministry of Higher Education/University of Bologna 2014–2017
- **INPS fellowships for master students**, National scholarship (Italy) 2012–2013
- **Erasmus grant**, University of Milan/Université de Paris IV-Sorbonne 2011–2012

## TEACHING, STUDENT SUPERVISION, AND PHD. MENTORING

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### A. Lectures

- **Undergraduate Course: Philosophy of Fun** Planned for  
Purdue University May 2023  
Lecture: "Skilled performance in humans and AI: an embodied approach" (1,5 hours)
- **PhD seminar in Philosophy of Mind** Planned for  
University of Memphis March 2023  
Lecture "Mental representations in the Embodied Cognition: problems and solutions" (3 hours)
- **Interdisciplinary Reading Club: Recent Debates on Animal Cognition & Child Development.** 2021  
Elective course for Master and PhD students in Philosophy and Cognitive Science  
Ruhr University Bochum, Institute for Philosophy II  
Lecture "Affording affectivity: affective affordances between perception and memory" (2 hours)



*(Lectures, continued)*

- **Master in Semiotics.** Seminar for Master students on Perception and Embodied Cognition 2018  
University of Bologna, Department of Philosophy and Communication Studies  
Lecture “Introduction to embodied cognitive science” (6 hours)
  - **Master in Semiotics.** Seminar for Master students on Perception and Embodied Cognition 2017  
University of Bologna, Department of Philosophy and Communication Studies  
Lecture “Introduction to Enactivism and the Extended Mind” (3 hours)
  - **Master in Semiotics.** Seminar for Master students on Perception and Embodied Cognition 2016  
University of Bologna, Department of Philosophy and Communication Studies  
Lecture “Introduction to the philosophy of embodied cognition”. (3 hours)
  - **Bachelor’s degree in Philosophy.** Introductory Course to Theoretical Philosophy 2015  
State University of Milan, Department of Philosophy  
Lecture “Introduction to Gilles Deleuze” (2 hours)
  - **Bachelor’s degree in Philosophy.** Tutorial in Theoretical Philosophy 2014  
State University of Milan, Department of Philosophy  
Lecture “Introduction to Charles Sanders Peirce” (2 hours)
- B. Master’s Thesis Supervision**
- **Co-supervisor.** Master’s thesis on mental representations in the embodied cognition 2017  
Master’s course in Philosophy of Language and Semiotics  
University of Bologna, Department of Philosophy and Communication Studies
- C. Ph.D. Mentoring**
- **Ad-hoc Mentoring.** Research-oriented individual mentoring of 3 Ph.D. students in Philosophy and 2021  
Cognitive Science  
DFG-Funded Research and Training Group Situated Cognition  
Ruhr University Bochum and Osnabrück University
- D. Exam committee member**
- **Master’s Thesis Defense.** Master’s degree in Semiotics 2017  
University of Bologna, Department of Philosophy and Communication Studies
  - **Final Exams in Theoretical Philosophy.** Bachelor’s degree in Philosophy 2015  
State University of Milan, Department of Philosophy
- E. Other teaching-oriented activities**
- **Panelist: “Are we smart enough to understand our brains?”** 2022  
Invited speaker in a multidisciplinary panel on current topics in the philosophy of mind and cognitive science, targeting Master’s and PhD Students in Neuroscience (Conference “Neurizons 2022”)  
Max-Planck Institute for Multidisciplinary Sciences in Gottingen

## EXPERIENCE AS A REVIEWER

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- **Academic journals:** *Memory, Mind and Media*; *Frontiers in Theoretical Psychology*; 2014–present  
*Philosophical Psychology* (x2); *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*; *Phenomenology and Mind* (x2); *Estudios de Filosofía*; *The Journal for the Philosophy of Language, Mind and the Arts*; *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy* (x2); *Italian Journal of Philosophy of Language*; *VS*; *Noema*
- **International workshops:** 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Bochum Early Career Researchers Workshop in 2021; 2022  
Philosophy of Mind and Philosophy of Cognitive Science
- **EU-funded Doctoral Program:** Martí i Franquès COFUND-Doctoral Programme 2020; 2021  
(funded under Horizon 2020), Universitat Rovira i Virgili

## EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

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- Review editor and member of the editorial board, **Frontiers in Psychology** Ongoing
- Book review and critical notices section editor, **European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy** Ongoing

## ONGOING COLLABORATIONS

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- Department of Artificial Intelligence and Donders Institute for Brain, Cognition and Behavior, Radboud University Nijmegen (Dr. Anco Peeters, Co-author). **Netherlands**
- Institute of Philosophy of Mind and Cognition, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University and Centre for Philosophy of Memory, Université Grenoble Alpes (Prof. Christopher McCarroll, Co-author). **Taiwan**  
**France**
- ‘Experiences of Loss’ Research Group: Department of Philosophy, Macquarie University (Dr. Regina Fabry); Faculty of Medicine and Health Science, McGill University (Dr. Peter Stilwell); Department of Philosophy, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (Prof. Sabrina Coninx); Department of Philosophy, York University (Dr. Becky Millar) **Australia**  
**Canada**  
**Netherlands**  
**UK**
- Department of Philosophy, Università del Piemonte Orientale (Dr. Marta Benenti, Co-author) **Italy**

## MEMBERSHIP

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- **SSPP**, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (2023-)
- **AISC**, Italian Association of Cognitive Science (2018-)
- **SWIP** Italy, Italian Society for Women in Philosophy (2022-)
- **Pragma**, Italian Association for Pragmatist Philosophy (Newsletter content editor: 2014-2016)

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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- **Italian:** native
- **English:** full competence in speaking, reading, and writing
- **French:** excellent competence in speaking, reading, and writing
- **Spanish:** intermediate competence in speaking and writing, excellent competence in reading