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EMPLOYMENT

2023-ongoing **Researcher**
Center for Ethics, Politics, and Society, University of Minho

2022-2023 **Adjunct Professor of Biopolitics: Bodies, Health, and Food**
University of Milan - Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Master Philosophy, Politics and Public Affairs (PPPA)

2021-2023 **Adjunct Professor of Philosophy of Language**
University of Milan, Department of Pathophysiology and Transplantation

2019-2022 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
University of Milan, Department of Philosophy

RESEARCH INTERESTS

AoS: Philosophy of Food; Analytic Metaphysics; Environmental Philosophy; Social Ontology

AoC: Aesthetics; Philosophy of Language; Philosophy of Science

EDUCATION

2013-2017 Ph.D. Logic and Philosophy of Science
University of Sassari
Doctoral School of Architecture and Environmental Science.
Dissertation Title: *Boundaries. A Study in the Metaphysics of Space*

2011-2013 M.A. Philosophy
University of Pavia,
Department of Humanities
110/110 Summa cum Laude

2008-2011	B.A. Philosophy University of Pavia, Department of Humanities

VISITING POST

Fall 2015	Visiting Scholar Columbia University in the City of New York (USA), Department of Philosophy (Sponsor: A. C. Varzi)
2012/2013	Erasmus Student Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg (Germany), Department of Philosophy (Advisor: W. Büttemayer)

GRANTS

2023-2029	From Waste to Taste: Rethinking the Future of Food Wastage. Ontological, Normative, and Epistemological Issues with Food Production and Consumption. **Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT). Individual Call to Scientific Employment Stimulus (Portuguese Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education)** [Competitive and merit based: Rank #1].
2021	Public Art in Poland, Italy, and the Czech Republic **4 EU+ project // April 2021 - November 2021** Project leader: Tereza Hadravová (Charles University, Prague).

PAPERS

2023	Using Social Ontology for Improving Healthy Eating Policies *Ethical Perspectives*
	The Justice and Ontology of Gastrospaces (with M. Bonotti, A. Borghini, B. Serini), *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* https://doi.org/10.1007/s10677-022-10357-x
	Food and Climate Change in a Philosophical Perspective (with A. Borghini, B. Serini) in Pellegrino, G., Di Paola, M., (Eds.), *Handbook of the Philosophy of Climate Change*, Springer, New York https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-16960-2_71-1

Hot Grapes: How to Locally Redesign Geographical Indications to Address the Impact of Climate Change
(with A. Borghini, B. Serini)
World Development Sustainability 2, 100043
https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wds.2023.100043

2022

Food Identity and the Passage of Time
(with A. Borghini), *Applied Ontology* 17(4): 443-463
https://doi.org/10.3233/AO-221287

Eating Local as Public Art
(with A. Borghini), *Aisthesis* 5(1): 15-27
https://doi.org/10.36253/Aisthesis-13449

A Deliberative Model for Preserving the Diversity of Lebanese Traditional Fermented Food and Beverages
(with N.Feghali, B. Serini, A. Borghini, G. Zara, A. Bianco, M. Budroni), *Human Ecology*
https://doi.org/10.1007/s10745-022-00317-5

Learning from Covid-19: Public Justification and the Ontology of Everyday life
(with A. Borghini, M. Bonotti, B. Serini), *Social Theory and Practice* 48(3): 429–456
https://doi.org/10.5840/soctheorpract2021211118

The Value of Local Food. Theoretical and Axiological Approaches.
(with A. Borghini, B. Serini), *East Asian Journal of Philosophy* 1(2): 1-4.
https://doi.org/10.19079/eajp.1.2.1

Eating Local. A Philosophical Toolbox
(with A. Borghini, B. Serini), *The Philosophical Quarterly*, 72(3): 527–551
https://doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqab039

2021

From Philosophy to Ontology: Rethinking Food Concepts
(with A. Borghini, B. Serini), *Proceedings of the Joint Ontology Workshops 2021 Episode VII*, CEUR Workshop Proceedings.
Stable link: < http://ceur-ws.org/Vol-2969/paper6-IFOW.pdf>

Defective Food Concepts
(with A. Borghini, B. Serini), *Synthese*, 199: 12225–12249
https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-021-03330-1

On Interpreting Something as Food
(with A. Borghini), *Food Ethics*, 6(1)
https://doi.org/10.1007/s41055-020-00082-5

2020 The Philosophy of Food. Recipes between Arts and Algorithms
(with A. Borghini), *HUMANA.MENTE. Journal of Philosophical Studies*, 38: V-XIII
Stable link: < https://www.humanamente.eu/index.php/HM/article/view/355>

A Gradient Framework for Wild Foods
(with A. Borghini, B. Serini), *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science Part C* 84, 101293
https://doi.org/10.1016/j.shpsc.2020.101293

Food and Foods. Toward a Definition
(with A. Borghini), *Rivista Italiana di Filosofia del Linguaggio*, 14: 384-392
https://doi.org/10.4396/SFL2019ES06

Ontological Frameworks for Food Utopias
(with A. Borghini, B. Serini), *Rivista di Estetica,* 75: 120-142
https://doi.org/10.4000/estetica.7375

Metaphysics at the Table
(with A. Borghini, D. Donati), *Argumenta*, 5(2): 179-184
https://doi.org/10.14275/2465-2334/202010.int

Fiat Boundaries. How to Fictionally Carve Nature at its Joints
Philosophical Inquiries, VIII(2): 85-106
https://doi.org/10.4454/philinq.v8i2.257

2019 Spatial Fictionalism. A New Solution of the Grounding Problem
In Davies, R., (Ed.) *Natural and Artifactual Objects in Contemporary Metaphysics. Exercises in Analytic Ontology*, Bloomsbury, London: 58-79
https://doi.org/10.5040/9781350066359.0007

Can a City Be Relocated? Exploring the Metaphysics of Context-Dependency
(with F. Bacchini), *Argumenta*, early views
https://doi.org/10.14275/2465-2334/20200.bac

2014 Per farla finita con la crisi. Antropotecniche della salvezza in Peter Sloterdijk
Giornale Critico di Storia delle Idee, 11: 165- 184

EDITED VOLUMES

2022 "The Values of Local Food. Theoretical and Axiological Approaches"
(with A. Borghini, B. Serini), *The East Asian Journal of Philosophy*

2020 "The Philosophy of Food. Recipes Between Arts and Algorithms"

(with A. Borghini), *HUMANA.MENTE. Journal of Philosophical Studies*, 38

2020 "Metaphysics at the Table"
(with A. Borghini, D. Donati), *Argumenta*, 5 (2)

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

2022 "Il cibo come campo di ricerca in filosofia"
(with A. Borghini, B. Serini), *Le meraviglie del possibile*
(LUISS U. Press)

2020 "COVID-19 in Everyday Spaces: Social and Political Considerations"
(with M. Bonotti, A. Borghini, B. Serini, S. Zech), *ABC Religion and Ethics*

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (REFEREED*)

2023 "Ontological Disputes on Food Waste"
The 11th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy (ECAP)
University of Vienna, Austria
22 August 2023

"A Philosophy for Food Waste"
2023 Conference of the Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS) and the Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society (AFHVS)
Boston University, USA
02 June 2023

"Social Ontology and Healthy Eating Policies"
CEPS seminar
University of Minho, Portugal
16 May 2023

"La non linearità del percorso di ricerca"
Seminario per i corsi di dottorato dell'Università di Sassari
University of Sassari, Italy
10 February 2023

2022 "From Third Spaces to Gastrospaces: Rethinking the Justice and Ontology of Where We Eat"
(with M. Bonotti, A. Borghini, B. Serini)
Philosophy of the City Annual Conference,
University of Turin, Italy
20 October 2022

"Food Waste as a Thick Term"
Online workshop organized by RECIPES and Culinary Mind,
State University of New York, USA
14 September 2022

"Food Waste as Structural Injustice"*
Cultivating Connections - 2022 AFHVS/ASFS Conference,
University of Georgia, USA
20 May 2022

"La non linearità del percorso di ricerca"
Seminario per il corso di dottorato Architettura e Ambiente
University of Sassari, Italy
21 February 2022

"I paradossi del cibo locale"
(with A. Borghini, B. Serini)
Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca, Italy
14 May 2022

2021 "Food Systems and Collective Agency"
Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic
19 November 2021

"Defective Food Concepts"*
(with A. Borghini, B. Serini)
14th Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA)
Noto, Italy
24 September 2021

"From Philosophy to Ontology: Rethinking Food Concepts"*
(with A. Borghini, B. Serini)
IFOW 2021 Integrated Food Ontology Workshop
Bolzano, Italy
15 September 2021

"Towards a Social Ontology of Food"
Half-Baked Online Colloquia Series Spring 2021
26 February 2021

2020 "A Gradient Framework for Wild Food"
Complutense University of Madrid, Spain
09 March 2020

Discussant of Anne Barnhill and Matteo Bonotti "Food, Gentrification and Located Life Plans"
University of Milan, Italy
21 February 2020

"Ontologia e metafisica dei confini"
Margini e Confini. Settimana di didattica invernale, Dottorato interateneo, Università di Trieste – Università di Udine, Storia delle società, delle istituzioni e del pensiero. Dal Medioevo all'Età Contemporanea
31 January 2020

"Sustainable Food in Italy: Understanding Cultural and Social Norms", workshop, Monash University, Prato Center
28 January 2020

"A New Model for Local Food"*
(with Borghini, A., Donati, D., Engisch, P., Pileri, M., Serini, B.), 3° Incontro nazionale rete politiche locali del cibo
Università degli Studi di Napoli l'Orientale, Italy
24 January 2020 (in Italian)

2019 "Can I Taste a Landscape?"
Philosophical Perspectives on Food and Landscape
University of Milan, Italy
19 December 2019

"Ontological Frameworks for Food Utopias"*
(with A. Borghini, B. Serini), SHOT Annual Meeting, Society for the History of Technology
University of Bologna, Italy
25 October 2019

"To Be or not to Be a Food: Analysis of a Predicate"*
(with A. Borghini), XXV Convegno Nazionale della Società di Filosofia del Linguaggio
University of Cagliari, Italy
January 2019

2018 "From Food to Dishes, and Back"*
(with A. Borghini) Framing Recipes: Identity, Relationships, and Norms,
University of Milan, Italy
5 December 2018

"Metaphysics of Food: Phases, Deaths, and Miracles"*
(with A. Borghini), 13th Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic

Philosophy (SIFA)
University of Eastern Piedmont, Italy
5 September 2018

"Can We Move Paris to Texas? On the Metaphysics of Persistence and Context-Dependency" (with F. Bacchini),
On the (Im)possible Future of Cities and Agriculture Sites,
University of Milan, Italy
16 April 2018

2017 "Noli me Tangere"
Departmental Colloquia
University of L'Aquila, Italy
29 November 2017

2016 "One Thing or Less. Why Every Region of Space Can Host at Most One Thing"*
12th Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA)
University of Florence, Italy
07 September 2016

"The Metaphysically Indivisible View of Simples"*
Fifth Italian Conference in Analytic Ontology
University of Padua, Italy
29 June 2016

"L'indivisibilità degli atomi mereologici"
Seminario del Laboratorio di Filosofia Analitica
University of Sassari, Italy
16 June 2016

"In Defense of Locke's Law"
Post Graduate Research Seminar
University of Nottingham, UK
27 April 2016

2015 "Do Natural Boundaries Exist?"
Ph.D. Research Seminar
University of Sassari, Italy
29 June 2015

ORGANIZED CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

2023 *The 11th European Congress for Analytic Philosophy (ECAP)*
University of Vienna Panel "New Trends in Food Ontology"

2022/2023 Online	*Quarter Baked (Online) Colloquia Series* (6 seminars) with A. Borghini (University of Milan, Italy), M. Dean (Michigan State University, USA), P. Engisch (University of Geneva), B. Serini (University of Milan)
2022/2023 Online	*Half Baked (Online) Colloquia Series* (7 seminars) with A. Borghini (University of Milan, Italy), M. Dean (Michigan State University, USA), P. Engisch (University of Geneva), B. Serini (University of Milan)
18-20 May 2022 University of Georgia (Athens, Usa)	*Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS), 2022 Conference* Organization of four thematic panels 1. *New Philosophical Work on Food Consumption* 2. *New Philosophical Work on Food* 3. *Philosophical Perspectives on Eaters and Eating* (ONLINE) 4. *Rethinking Food Concepts with Conceptual Engineering* (ONLINE) with A. Borghini (University of Milan, Italy), M. Dean (Michigan State University, USA), and B. Serini (University of Milan, Italy)
March - June 2022 University of Milan	*MELT Seminars* *Mind, Experience, Language, and Time* with A. Borghini, C. Calabi, A. Guardo, A. Ichino, E. Paganini, G. Torrengo, S. Zucchi
Spring 2022 Online	*Half Baked (Online) Colloquia Series* (7 seminars) with A. Borghini (University of Milan, Italy), M. Dean (Michigan State University, USA), B. Serini (University of Milan)
19 November 2021 Institute of Philosophy, Prague	*Hungry Emotional Beings II: Systems, Spaces, and Theory* with A. Borghini (University of Milan), B. Serini (University of Milan), Cristina Vendra (Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague)
15 October 2021 University of Milan	*Hungry Emotional Beings I: Eating Environments and Emotional Eating* with A. Borghini (University of Milan), B. Serini (University of Milan), Cristina Vendra (Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague)
2022 Online	*Quarter Baked (Online) Forums of Ideas* (4 seminars) with A. Borghini (University of Milan), P. Engisch (University of Fribourg), B. Serini (University of Milan)
29 July 2021 Online	*Virtual Symposium Philosophers on Eating II: Food Waste*, with A. Borghini (University of Milan, Italy), M. Dean (Michigan State University, USA), and B. Serini (University of Milan, Italy)

Spring 2021 Online	*Half Baked (Online) Colloquia Series* (4 seminars) with A. Borghini (University of Milan, Italy), M. Dean (Michigan State University, USA), B. Serini (University of Milan)
Fall 2020 Online	*Half Baked (Online) Colloquia Series* (4 seminars) with A. Borghini (University of Milan, Italy) and M. Dean (Michigan State University, USA)
19-26 June 2020 Online	*Virtual Symposium Philosophers on Eating* with A. Borghini (University of Milan, Italy) and M. Dean (Hamilton College, USA)
21 December 2019 University of Milan	*Philosophical Perspectives on Food and Landscape* with A. Borghini (University of Milan, Italy)
05-07 December 2019 University of L'Aquila	*I Linguaggi dell'Identità: tra cucina e territorio* with A. Borghini (University of Milan, Italy) and D. Donati (University of L'Aquila, Italy)
05-06 July 2016 University of Sassari	*The Metaphysics of Space, Time, and Spacetime. International Graduate Conference* with G. Andreoletti (University of Milan, Italy) and D. Donati (University of Nottingham, UK)

REFEREE

JOURNALS: *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Synthese*; *Food Ethics* (x5); *Topoi*; *Argumenta* (x4); *Rivista di Estetica* (x2); *Philosophy and Society*; *Philosophical Inquiries* (x2); *Politeia*; *Ethics, Politics and Society*; *The East Asian Journal of Philosophy*; *City, Territory and Architecture*

PUBLISHERS: MIT Press

TEACHING (FI= FULL INSTRUCTOR; TA= TEACHING ASSISTANT; E= IN ENGLISH; I= IN ITALIAN)

2022-2023	Biopolitics: Bodies, Health, and Food (FI; E) University of Milan - Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Master Philosophy, Politics and Public Affairs (PPPA)
	Philosophy of Language (FI; I) University of Milan, Department of Pathophysiology and Transplantation
	Philosophy of Food (co-taught with A. Borghini and B. Serini; I)

University of Milan-Bicocca, Master Food & Society

2021-2022 Philosophy of Language (FI; I)
University of Milan, Department of Pathophysiology and Transplantation

Semiotics (TA; I)
University of Milan, Department of Philosophy

Biopolitics (TA; E)
University of Milan - Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Master Philosophy, Politics and Public Affairs (PPPA)

Philosophy of Food (co-taught with A. Borghini and B. Serini; I)
University of Milan-Bicocca, Master Food & Society

2020-2021 Biopolitics (TA; E)
University of Milan - Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Master Philosophy, Politics and Public Affairs (PPPA)

Semiotics (TA; I)
University of Milan, Department of Philosophy

Philosophy of Food (co-taught with A. Borghini and B. Serini; I)
University of Milan-Bicocca; Master Food & Society

2019-2020 Philosophy of Language (TA; I)
University of Milan, Department of Philosophy

Semiotics (TA; I)
University of Milan, Department of Philosophy

2018-2019 Philosophy and History (FI; I)
Scuola Pitagora (High School)

2018 Professional Ethics (FI; I)
Philosophy of Languages (FI; I)
Philosophy for Children (FI; I)
Multimediamente (http://multimediamente.com)

2015 Landscape and the Social Context (TA; I)
University of Sassari, Department of Architecture, Design, and Urban Planning

2019-2022

1. Bacchella, Marco, “Ricette tradizionali: autenticità fasulla e narrative autentiche”, University of Milan (second advisor)
2. Ré, Luca, “Food Expert”, University of Milan (second advisor)
3. Sordi, Leone, “I Raccomender-system tra Logos e Algoritmi”, University of Milan (second advisor)
4. Valentina Spada, “Etica delle diete: un’analisi a partire dalle applicazioni mobili”, University of Milan (second advisor)
5. Pietro Cremaschini, “Cibi, ricette e sapori: ponti universali fra popoli e culture”, University of Milan (second advisor)
6. Vukotic, Petra “La nutrizione come via per l’illuminazione”, University of Milan (second advisor)
7. Mussi, Sebastiano, “Cambiamenti climatici: responsabilità verso le future generazioni e il problema della non-identità”, University of Milan (second advisor)
8. Ferrari, Martina, “Mangiare e respirare: un incontro diverso”, University of Milan (second advisor)
9. Pacciani, Alessia, “Disegnare il gusto. Strategie e impatti sociali della manipolazione del comportamento alimentare”, University of Milan (second advisor)
10. Toninelli, Simone, “Concetti in pentola: dall’estetica all’arte del cibo”, Univesity of Milan (second advisor)
11. Valentino, Lorenzo “Cibo, società e cultura l'appropriazione culturale nel mondo culinario”, University of Milan (second advisor)
12. Orlandi, Erika “Comunicare un cibo: il caso della pasta Barilla”, University of Milan (second advisor)
13. Rossignoli, Martina “Il disaccordo sui giudizi d’identità del cibo e la sua manipolazione retorica”, University of Milan (second advisor)
14. Morozzi, Zoe “La cucina nel tempo. Il ruolo delle nuove tecnologie e delle forme di condivisione di un’esperienza gastronomica” University of Milan (second advisor)
15. Fusi, Daniela “Quando parlare fa cuocere il riso. Evoluzione del riso in Italia” University of Milan (second advisor)
16. Tissino, Margherita “Territorio, tradizione e comunicazione 2.0 nel vino: Il Vermentino di Lunigiana” University of Milan

(second advisor)

17. Negro, Gabe “L’etica della rappresentazione LGBT+ nelle serie TV” University of Milan (second advisor)

18. Bonfadini, Elisa “Dal campo a Instagram: come i social media colpiscono le culture e i paesaggi del cibo” University of Milan (second advisor)

19. Franzini, Maria Vittoria “Oltre l’atropocentrismo: il superamento del dualismo natura cultura” (second advisor)

20. Giammetta, Francesco “Disgusto: alcune considerazioni filosofiche” (second advisor)

21. Guaglione, Maddalena “Vivere nella complessità: sfide teoriche ed etiche dell’incertezza nell’epoca del cambiamento climatico” (second advisor)

22. Belloni, Michela “Il turismo enogastronomico a Milano: Cibo e cultura a NoLo” (second advisor)

23. Cho, Yu Gin “Mangiare in compagnia ai tempi del Covid-19: Il concetto di digital commensality e le relative questioni etico-sociali” (second advisor)

24. Falcione, Silvia “La costruzione istituzionale dell’eucarestia: una analisi metafisica e filosofica” (second advisor)

25. Bestazzi, Michelangelo “Cibo e soft power: dalla metafisica all’etica” (second advisor)

26. Rebughini, Rebecca “Carne e cultura: Un’analisi attraverso il paradosso della mock meat” (second advisor)

27. Pisoni, Margherita “Alternative alla carne tradizionale: un’indagine semiotica, etica e ambientale”

28. Gandolini, Matteo “Parti e ingredienti: Indagine sui fondamenti di una ontologia del cibo” (second advisor)

29. Bardaglio, Giorgia “Il linguaggio e le sue conseguenze. Per un ripensamento del ruolo sociale della donna” (second advisor)

30. Nicoli, Alice “La ristorazione in rete. Un’analisi concettuale applicata al caso EL&N” (second advisor)

31. Bossini, Elena “The Conceptualization of Meat in the Environmental and Animal Ethics Debate: From Sustainable Farming to Meat Substitutes” (second advisor)

32. Guida, Elena Clara "Caporalato e sistema agroalimentare: analisi dello sfruttamento come criticità all'interno della filiera e possibili soluzioni" (second advisor)

33. Galliani, Giorgia "La triplice alleanza: *homo sapiens*, animali e vegetali. Storia e storie di un patto coevolutivo" (second advisor)

34. Dervishi, Xheimina "La sessualità come oggetto di sapere. una riflessione da Michel Foucault a Judith Butler" (second advisor)

35. Anica Juliana Marie Bickem "Intergenerational Justice and the Role of Corporate Organisation" (second advisor)

SCHOLARSHIPS

2014/2017	Ph.D. Grant, University of Sassari
2015	Full Ph.D. Research Abroad Grants, University of Sassari
2015-2016	Full Ph.D. Travel Grants, University of Sassari
2012/2013	Full Erasmus Grant, University of Pavia
2009/2010 2010/2011 2011/2012 2012/2013	Merit Scholarships, Regione Autonoma della Sardegna

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Culinary Mind. Centre for the Philosophy of Food [coordinator]
SIFA: Società Italiana di Filosofia Analitica (Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy)
ESAP: European Society for Analytic Philosophy

LANGUAGES

Italian (native), English (fluent), German (basic), Latin (reading only)