

CURRICULUM VITAE

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AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Bioethics, Medical Ethics, Medical Law, Moral Philosophy, Philosophy of Law, Academic Ethics, Philosophy of Death

EDUCATION

University of Bologna

Ph.D., Bioethics, 2010. Dissertation: "Can conscientious objection in medicine be morally justified?", Faculty of Law, Department of Philosophy of Law, PhD course Law and New Technologies

University of Oxford

Recognized Visiting Ph.D. student, 2008-2009, Faculty of Philosophy

University of Pisa

Laurea Magistrale (equivalent to B.A. plus M.Phil.) 2005. *Summa Cum Laude*, Faculty of Philosophy

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Current:

University of Ghent

FWO Post-Doctoral Fellow (October 2018-October 2021)

FWO Post-Doctoral Fellow (October 2015- October 2018)

Past:

University of Melbourne

Academic Coordinator, Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics (CAPPE Melbourne), from September 2014 to June 2015

Deputy Director, CAPPE Melbourne, June 2013- September 2014

McKenzie Postdoctoral Fellow, *CAPPE*, SHAPS the School of Historical and Philosophical Studies, Melbourne University, June 2011- June 2014

Lecturer, Faculty of Philosophy, Subject *Issues in Bioethics* (Coordinator and Lecturer, I also designed the course) (2012-2015)

Monash University

Lecturer, *Ethics*, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences, Semester I, 2015

Teaching Associate, *Bioethics, Current Controversies*, Centre for Human Bioethics, Semester II, 2014

Lecturer, *Healthcare Ethics and Clinical Ethics*, Centre for Human Bioethics, Semester II, 2014

Teaching Associate, *Biotechnologies Justice and the Law*, Centre for Human Bioethics, Semester II, 2014

Lecturer, *Ethics*, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences, Semester II, 2014

VISITING POSITIONS

Visiting Scholar, Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, Oxford University, April- June and August-December 2017

Visiting Scholar, University of Oslo, Faculty of Philosophy, July 2017

Visiting Scholar, University of Bergamo, Faculty of Law, September 2015

Visiting Scholar, Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, Oxford University, December 2011; June/August 2012; November 2013/February 2014; January 2015

Visiting Scholar, Stockholm University, Faculty of Philosophy, June 2014 and December 2014

Research Associate, Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, University of Oxford , 2010-2011

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Scholarly Books

The Ethics of Cryonics: Is it Immoral to be Immortal? (2018), Palgrave, 1-136

Book Chapters

Abortion, in (ed. by D. Edmonds and J. Savulescu) *Ethics in The Contemporary World*. Routledge (2019)

Refereed Journal Articles

- 32) Francesca Minerva (with Alberto Giubilini) From Assistive to Enhancing Technology: Should The Treatment- Enhancement Distinction Apply to Future Assistive and Augmenting Technologies?, *Journal of Medical Ethics* Published Online First: 14 October 2017. doi:10.1136/medethics-2016-104014
- 31) La discriminazione basata sull'aspetto fisico come problema morale (discrimination based on appearance as a moral problem), *Bioetica Rivista Interdisciplinare*, (accepted and forthcoming).
- 30) Alberto Giubilini and Francesca Minerva, Enhancing Equality, *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, (accepted and forthcoming)
- 29) Note su alcuni problemi circa l'obiezione di coscienza in ambito sanitario, *Bioetica Rivista Interdisciplinare*, anno XXV n. 1/2017 pp. 115-129
- 28) Cosmetic surgery and conscientious objection, *Journal of Medical Ethics*, Published Online First: 02 March 2017. doi: 10.1136/medethics-2016-103804
- 27) Francesca Minerva, Anders Sandberg (equal contribution) Euthanasia and Cryoethanasia, *Bioethics*, 2017;31:526–533. <https://doi.org/10.1111/bioe.12368>
- 26) L'aborto post-nascita (with Alberto Giubilini), Centro Einaudi - Laboratorio di Politica Comparata e Filosofia Pubblica, WP-LPF 2/17 • ISSN 2036-1246 http://www.centroeinaudi.it/images/abook_file/WP-LPF_2_2017.pdf
- 25) The Invisible Discrimination Before Our Eyes: A Bioethical Analysis, *Bioethics*, 31 (2) (2016)
- 24) “Lookism” in H. La Follette (ed.) *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, 1–7. DOI: 10.1002/9781444367072.wbiee838

- 23) Conscientious Objection, Complicity in Wrongdoing, and a Not-So-Moderate Approach', *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*, 26(1), (2017) pp. 109–119.
- 22) How should we tackle financial and prosocial biases against unattractive people? *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 2017, 40. doi:10.1017/S0140525X16000571
- 21) Conscientious Objection to Abortion in Italy, in (ed.by Bergemann. Jäger and Frewe), *Jahrbuch Ethik in der Klinik*, Koenigshausen & Neumann, 2016 pp 351-357
- 20) Partial-birth and After-birth Abortion. In H. LaFollette (ed.) *International Encyclopedia of Ethics* 1-8 (with Alberto Giubilini, equal contribution)
- 19) Rethinking #AcademicFreedom, *Ethics in Science and Environmental Politics*, 15.1 (2016): 95-104
- 18) Thomas Pogge, Francesca Minerva, E' Possibile Produrre Farmaci in Modo Etico? La Proposta dell'Health Impact Fund ("Is it possible to make drugs in an ethical way? The Proposal of the Health Impact Fund"), *Bioetica Rivista Interdisciplinare*, Anno XXIII, n.2-3/2015
- 17) Unrequited Love Hurts, the Medicalization of Broken Hearts is Therapy, not Enhancement, *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*, 24, 4 (2015): 479-485.
- 16) Cryopreservation of embryos and foetuses as a future option for family planning purposes, *The Journal of Evolution and Technology*, 25, 1 (2015): 17-30 (with Anders Sandberg, first author)
- 15) Conscientious Objection in Italy, *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 41, 2 (2015): 170- 173
- 14) Keeping Hands Clean and Patients Safe: How to Regulate Conscientious Objection of Roman Catholic Doctors, *Research in Ethical Issues in Organizations*, 13(2015):153 – 171
- 13) Why Publishing Pseudonymously Can Protect Academic Freedom, *Bioethics*, 2014; 28(4); 178–180
- 12) New Threats to Academic Freedom, *Bioethics*, (2014): 28(4); 157–162
- 11) Il dibattito sull'aborto post-nascita: una sfida per il presente e il futuro [The debate on after-birth abortion: a challenge for the current and future debate in bioethics], *Bioetica Rivista Interdisciplinare* 2013(4), 687-697 (with Alberto Giubilini, equal contribution)
- 10) Clarifications on the Moral Status of Newborns, *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 2013; 39:264–265 (with Alberto Giubilini, equal contribution)
- 9) Reasons and Freedom, *The Hastings Centre Report*, 2013; 43(1):4-5. doi10.1002/hast.120 (with Alberto Giubilini, equal contribution)
- 8) Defending After-Birth Abortion, *Monash Bioethics Review*, (2012) 30 (2): 48-60

- 7) Medicalization, Bio-medicalization and Pharmaceuticalization from a Sociological and From a Bioethical Perspective, *Salute e Società*, issue III, 2012, ISSN 1723-9427
- 6) Neuroetica, A Look at The Development of the Italian Debate on Neuroethics, *Neuroethics*, (2012), doi: 10.1007/s12152-012-9160-x (book review)
- 5) After-birth Abortion. Why Should the Baby Live?, *Journal of Medical Ethics* 2013;39:261–263 (with Alberto Giubilini, equal contribution)
- 4) Riflessioni A Margine Della “Nota” Del CNB In Merito All’obiezione Di Coscienza Del Farmacista, [Considerations on the “note” of the CNB about conscientious objection among pharmacists], *Bioetica, Rivista Interdisciplinare*, n.2, 2011, pp. 257-274 ISBN 978-88-7503-196-1
- 3) Obiezione Di Coscienza in Ambito Medico. I Limiti di Un Approccio Moderato [Conscientious Objection In The Medical Field, The Limits Of The Moderate Approach], in *Notizie di Politeia*, Atti del Convegno “Obiezione di coscienza, Prospettive a confronto” (Milan, 27-28 May 2009), Edizioni Politeia, anno XXVII, n.101, 2011, Milan, March 2011, pp. 118-125.
- 2) Come Intendere Il ‘Diritto Di Aborto’? Riflessioni Sul Caso Di Careggi [How Should We Understand The Right To Abortion? Reflections On The Careggi Hospital Case’], in *Bioetica, Rivista interdisciplinare*, anno XV, n. 2, 2007, pp. 77–83
- 1) Bioetica Valdese E Laicità [Waldensian Bioethics and Secularism], in *Quaderni del CIRSDIG*, working paper n. 25, p.67-72, 2007

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

Response to Nuffield Council on Bioethics Consultation on Cosmetic Procedures: Ethical Issues, available at <http://nuffieldbioethics.org/wp-content/uploads/Cosmetic-procedures-full-report.pdf>

UNDER REVIEW OR IN PREPARATION (AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

- 1) Lookism and reaction qualification
- 2) Neuroaesthetics, lookism, and “neuroaesthetics”
- 3) Personal Identity and Genetic Engineering (With Alberto Giubilini)
- 4) Why Feminism needs Transhumanism (under review, *Emerging Topics in Life Sciences*)

OTHER

6) “Lookismo” “Crioconservazione” “Obiezione di coscienza” “Specismo” entries for the Italian bioethics dictionary “Le parole della Bioetica” ed. by M. T. Busca and E. Nave, ANANKElab publishing, Torino 2017.

5) w/ Adrian Rorheim, What are the ethical consequences of immortality technology?
<https://aeon.co/ideas/what-are-the-ethical-consequences-of-immortality-technology>

4) w/ Alberto Giubilini (equal contribution) “Bioethics and the new media”
<http://dissertationreviews.org/>

3) w/ Alberto Giubilini (equal contribution), An open letter from Giubilini and Minerva, the BMJ Group Blog: <http://blogs.bmj.com/medical-ethics/2012/03/02/an-open-letter-from-giubilini-and-minerva/>

2) Blog posts for the Beauty demands Blog post held by the University of Birmingham and related to the project “Beauty demands”
([http://beautydemands.blogspot.co.uk/search/label/Francesca Minerva](http://beautydemands.blogspot.co.uk/search/label/Francesca%20Minerva))

1) “Le obiezioni di coscienza sono tutte uguali?” [Are all Conscientious Objections the same?], in Il Grandevetro, Ed. il Grandevetro, Fucecchio (FI) N.94, maggio-luglio 2010

Posts in *Practical Ethics*, *Ethics in the News* (University of Oxford)
<http://blog.practicaethics.ox.ac.uk/author/francesca-minerva>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Master in Practical Ethics, University of Oxford, Guest lecture on Lookism (28/09/2018)

Philosophical Anthropology, Masters Courses in Philosophy, University of Ghent, Semester II, 2017

Bioethics, Guest Lecturer, Masters Courses in Bioscience engineering and Biology, biochemistry, biotechnology, University of Ghent, Semester 2, 2015 and 1, 2016

Issues in Bioethics, Coordinator and Lecturer, Masters course, University of Melbourne, Faculty of Philosophy, Semester I, 2015

Ethics, Lecturer, Medicine Bachelor and Bachelor of Surgery, Monash University, School of Medicine, Semester I, 2015

Bioethics, Current Controversies, Teaching Associate, Undergraduate subject, Faculty of Philosophy, Monash University, Semester I 2015

Clinical Ethics & Health Care Ethics, Coordinator and Lecturer, Monash University, Semester II, 2014

Ethics, Medicine Bachelor and Bachelor of Surgery, Lecturer, Monash University, Semester II, 2014

Biotechnology, justice and the law, Teaching Associate, Monash University, Semester II, 2014

Issues in Bioethics, Coordinator and Lecturer, Masters course, University of Melbourne, Semester I 2014, (w/ Alberto Giubilini)

Issues in Bioethics, Coordinator and Lecturer, Masters course, University of Melbourne, Semester I 2013 (w/ Chris Cordner)

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITIONS

2018-2023 Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale (eligibility for associate professorship)

2007-2015 Deputy Director of the Scientific Board of Consulta di Bioetica Onlus

2008 Co-founder and member of the managing board, Italian association of Bioethics "Consulta di Bioetica" of Pisa coordinated by Professor Sergio Bartolommei (Consulta di Bioetica sezzone di Pisa)

CONFERENCES AND TALKS

Invited speaker, Cryonic Preservation: Ethical and Legal Questions, Wellcome Trust , London, 6-10-2018

Keynote speaker, Women in Philosophy, Amsterdam, 6-07-2018

Invited speaker, GoCAS Gothenburg Centre for Advanced Studies in Science and Technology, The Ethics of Human Extinction, September 2017

Invited speaker, Convegno internazionale sull'Eutanasia della Consulta di Bioetica onlus, When is Euthanasia morally permissible? (In Italian) video available at <http://www.radioradicale.it/scheda/512981?i=3729792>, June 2017

Invited speaker, Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm, We are all lookist but no one is blameworthy, 05-04-2017

Invited speaker, University of Oslo, Buying Immortality, 02-11-2016

Invited speaker, Workshop on Personal Identity and Public Policy, Oxford University, What is more likely to make us immortal: cryonics or brain uploading?

Invited speaker, Fondation Brocher, The conscience of health professionals in the time of biotechnologies: present and future of conscientious objection in medicine, 7-9 June 2016

Invited speaker, Groningen University, The invisible discrimination before our eyes, 18th May 2016, Faculty of Philosophy

Invited speaker, Oxford University, Conference "Conscientious Objection", 24-25 November 2015. A podcast of the talk can be found here:

<https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/conscientious-objection-and-complicity-wrongdoing>

An interview on the topic for the Uehiro Centre YouTube Channel can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqyVizhT41E>

Invited speaker, Oxford Workshop on Personal Identity and Ethics, "how much can we cure someone before we end up "killing" them?", 20 November 2015

Invited speaker, University of Melbourne, Conference on Human Enhancement: Destiny or Disaster?" (3rd of July 2015)

A video of the talk can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rSWn-Fj31VQ>

Invited speaker, Australian National University- Canberra, “Unattractiveness as a moral problem”, (1 June 2015)

Invited speaker, Oslo University, Faculty of Philosophy, “Lookism, the Invisible discrimination”, (5th of December 2014)

Invited speaker, University of Roskilde, RUC, Copenhagen, “Academic freedom and the new media” (8th of December 2014)

Invited speaker, Festival of Dangerous Ideas, Panel with Prof Huw Price and Prof Rebecca Goldstein, “Does human existence matter?”, Sydney Opera House, (29/08/2014) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9CaP7ptkqo>

Invited speaker, Future of Humanity Institute, “Cryopreservation of embryos and Foetuses as a future option for family planning purposes” (2nd July 2014)

Invited speaker, Department of Philosophy, Stockholm University, “Conscientious Objection and Cooperation in Wrongdoing” (10th of June 2014)

Invited speaker, Stockholm Centre for Healthcare Ethics (CHE), LIME Karolinska Institutet, “Future Technologies as a Solution to Old Moral Impasses” (9th of June 2014)

Invited speaker, Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Department of Philosophy and History, “A new approach to human beauty at the intersection of evolutionary and cultural influences” (Stockholm, 4th of June 2014)

Invited Speaker, CAPPE seminars series, The School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Charles Sturt University, “Conscientious Objection and Cooperation in Wrongdoing” (8th of May 2014)

Abstract accepted at the AAPAE Conference - 'Conscience, Leadership, and the Problem of Dirty Hands', 22-24 June 2014, University of Notre Dame, Australia

Abstract accepted at the Appearance Matters conference, 1-2 July 2014, Bristol, UK.

Abstract accepted at the 12th World Congress Of Bioethics 2014 June 25-28, New Mexico City

Invited speaker, Erasmus MC Rotterdam, Department of Medical Ethics and Philosophy of Medicine, “Beauty, Lookism and Ethics”, (13th of January 2014)

Invited speaker, Bioethics Institute Ghent, “Beauty between aesthetic enhancement and lookism”, (10th of January 2014)

Invited speaker at the Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, *Aesthetic surgery for children, is it morally permissible?*, Brisbane (7-12 July 2013)

Invited speaker at the seminar “Seminario di riflessione sulle questioni della procreazione a partire da un recente articolo pubblicato in Australia da due giovani ricercatori italiani”, CIRB Centro Interuniversitario di Ricerca Bioetica, University of Naples, 17th January 2013

Invited speaker at the conference “Ha senso parlare di aborto post-nascita? Incontro riflessivo su una proposta che fa discutere, Faculty of Political Science, University of Bologna (Forli’), 15th January 2013 (h 17.45-20.00)

Invited speaker at the conference “Aborto post-natale: il dibattito bioetico odierno”, CESEP Centro di studi di etica pubblica, Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele, faculty of Philosophy, Milan 15th January 2013 (h. 10.30-13.00)

Invited speaker at the conference “Che rilevanza morale ha la nascita al tempo delle terapie intensive neonatali? Incontro riflessivo e ragionato sull’aborto post-nascita”, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Turin, 11th January 2013

Invited speaker at the “Festival of Dangerous Ideas” Sydney, “A foetus is not a person” 28 September-1 October 2012

Invited speaker at CAPPE seminar, University of Melbourne, “Rethinking priorities between therapy and enhancement”, 18 April 2012

- Invited speaker, James Martin Advanced Research Seminars, Oxford University, “Human enhancement and allocation of public health resources”, 24 January 2012
- Invited speaker, Lund University, Faculty of Philosophy, “Human enhancement and allocation of public resources”, 14 December 2011
- Invited speaker at CAPPE seminar, University of Melbourne, “Conscientious objection in the medical context: how can we solve conflicts of values between patients and doctors?”, 26 October 2011
- Invited speaker at the Annual Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, University of Otago, Dunedin, July 3-8 July 2011
- Invited speaker at the Conference “Fecondazione assistita e diagnosi pre-impianto” (“In Vitro Fertilization and Pre-implantation diagnosis”), organised by Politeia and Consulta di Bioetica Milan, 4th May 2011
- Invited speaker at the St Cross Special Ethics Seminars Oxford, “Conscientious objection in medicine, what is wrong with a moderate approach?”, 18 November 2010
- Invited speaker at the “III Colloquium on Ethics and Applied Ethics - Posthuman Bioethics” (Federal University of Santa Maria (Brazil), 16-18 November 2010 (video-conference)
- Invited speaker at the Conference “Dove va la bioetica italiana?” Milan (11-12 November 2010)
- Invited speaker at the Conference “Dopo Eluana. Quale eredità per la bioetica italiana” (Milan, 13 October 2010)
- Invited at the Platform for Secularism in Politics (EPPSP) European Parliament on Conscientious Objection in Medicine, Brussels, 15 September 2010
- Invited speaker at the Conference “Obiezione di coscienza, Prospettive a confronto”, Milan, 27-28 May 2009
- Member of the Scientific board of the Conference (included contributions to collective presentations) “Dove va la Bioetica italiana”, Milan, 13-14 November 2009
- Member of the Scientific board of the Conference (included contribution to collective presentations) “Le sfide della neonatologia alla bioetica e alla società: le buone ragioni della Carta di Firenze”, Firenze, 30-31 October 2008. (The challenges of neonatology to bioethics and society: the good reasons of the Florence Document)
- Invited speaker at the Public debate “Aborto e obiezione di coscienza, la 194 ha davvero bisogno di un tagliando?”, Pisa, 15 September 2008
- Invited speaker at the Third National Seminary of Sociology of Law, “A Waldensian approach to bioethics” (Capraia Isle, 1–8 September 2007)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Organisation of the CAPPE Melbourne seminars series

<http://www.cappe.edu.au/upcoming-events.htm>

Thesis Supervisor (Honours, Masters and PhD Students)

Member of the University of Melbourne Human Research Ethics Committee (from 2011 to 2014)

REFEREE WORK

Bioethics

Biomed Central

Journal of Bioethical Inquiry

Journal of Medical Ethics

Neuroethics

Philosophy and Technology

Monash Bioethics Review

Philosophia

Journal of Posthuman Studies

Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy

Ethical Theory and Moral Practice

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 10) FWO Post-Doctoral Fellow (renewal), University of Ghent (2018-2021)
- 9) FWO Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Ghent, 2015-2018
- 8) Visiting Scholar grant, University of Bergamo, 2015 (2500 Euros)
- 7) SHAPS Research Award, University of Melbourne, 2014 (about 1500 AUD)
- 6) McKenzie post-doctoral fellowship, University of Melbourne, 15th Of June 2011-14th of June 2014 (about 270,000 AUD after taxes)
- 5) University Research Committee (URC) Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of the Witwatersrand Johannesburg, South Africa (declined)
- 4) Incentive of Ph.D. scholarship (50% plus) for the months spent in Oxford as a visiting student
- 3) Marco Polo Programme fund, October 2008–March 2009
- 2) University of Bologna scholarship, PhD programme, 2007–2010 (about 36.000 euros after taxes)
- 1) University of Pisa scholarship, from 2002 to 2006 (full funding including free accommodation, university fees, free meals and other expenses related to studies as books, laptop etc.)

PUBLIC OUTREACH

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LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian (native)

English (excellent)

Latin and Ancient Greek (reading proficiency)

French and Spanish (reading proficiency)

REFEREES

Prof Peter Singer, Princeton University and University of Melbourne,
psinger@princeton.edu

Prof Johan Braeckman, Ghent University, Department of Philosophy and Moral
Sciences, johan.braeckman@ugent.be