

LUCA SCIORTINO

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

➤ Current position

2016-now - Independent Researcher
- Science Writer
Areas of Specialization: Science, Culture
Panorama Magazine, Mondadori Group,
via Mondadori 1 Segrate, Milan 20090

➤ Previous position

1/10/2015- 1/6/2016 Visiting Research Fellow
Centre for History and Philosophy of Science
University of Leeds

EDUCATION

- 2014 **PhD in Philosophy, Open University (UK).**
- Thesis Title: “Styles of Thinking: Assessing and Developing Ian Hacking’s Historical Epistemology”.
- Supervisors: Dr. Cristina Chimisso and Prof. Christian Sophie-Grace Chappell
- 2005 **M.A., with honours, Science Communication, Sissa, International School for Advanced Studies Trieste (Italy).**
- Thesis Title: “A Scientific Tale for Children: Bianca Senzamacchia, the Adventures of a Cell”.
- Supervisor: Prof. Giuseppe O. Longo.
- 2002 **Laurea (MSc equivalent), 102/110, Theoretical Physics, University of Pisa (Italy).**
- Thesis Title: “The Problem of Objectification in Quantum Theory: the Case of the Pyramidal Molecules”.
- Supervisor: Prof. Giovanni Morchio

➤ Brief Synopsis of the Doctoral Thesis

My dissertation, entitled ‘Styles of Thinking: Assessing and Developing Ian Hacking’s Historical Epistemology’, can be viewed as an attempt to develop, correct and present in a systematic way a philosophical project put forward by the philosopher Ian Hacking in the 1980s. One of the objectives of the ‘styles project’, as Hacking called it, was to investigate the philosophical significance of the thesis that there exist distinct scientific styles of thinking which have emerged in the course of the history of science.

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Among other things, I have argued that Hacking's experimental realism, the claim that we *know* about unobservable entities, is not consistent with the epistemic relativistic implications of his "styles project".

➤ Areas of Expertise

Philosophy of Science, Historical Epistemology, History of Science, Styles of Thinking, Relativism, Realism, Historicism, Contingency e Inevitability in the History of Science, Ian Hacking, Science Communication

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

1/11/2015 - 1/6/2016	Visiting Fellowship Scheme 2015-2016 Centre for History and Philosophy of Science, University of Leeds (UK)
July 2005	Armenise-Harvard Science Writer Fellowship Harvard University
2003 - 2004	Buzzati Traverso Fellowship Scuola Internazionale Superiore di Studi Avanzati

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

November 2015 - June 2016	Cycle of seminars 'Styles of Scientific Thinking' Centre for History and Philosophy of Science, University of Leeds (UK)
Ott.2014 – June 2015	I have taught Italian to adults as a volunteer 'Casa della Pace' - via Marco D'Agate 11 - 20139 Milan
Feb 2011 - May 2011	I have participated in a pilot project at the Open University evaluating the merits of SocialLearn as a software to enhance learning in virtual environments.

JOURNAL REFEREEING

2019	Studies in History and Philosophy of Science
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INVITED CONFERENCES AND TALKS

29/3/2019 (to be held)	The Philosophy of Ian Hacking Institute of Philosophy, Research Centre for Humanities, University of Budapest
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- 25/6/2016 Inaugural Conference of the East European Network for Philosophy of Science
New Bulgarian University-Sofia
- 17/6/2016 "Algorithmic and Postulational Styles of reasoning"
Centre for History and Philosophy of Science - University of Leeds
- 2/12/2015 Talk on "Historical Epistemology and Relativism"
The Open University - Milton Keynes
- 22/5/2015 "Styles of reasoning and Incommensurability"
Journées d'études: Epistémologie Historique: commencements et enjeux actuels
Sorbonne University - Paris

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

➤ PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 2017 "On the Notion of Style of Reasoning" *Erkenntnis*: 82:2, 243-264
- 2016 "Styles of Reasoning, Human Forms of Life, Relativism" *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*: 30:2, 165-184
- 2016 "E pluribus unum: gli stili del pensiero scientifico" *Prometeo* 133:34, 22-30
- 2006 Review of "Giorgio Manzi, *Homo Sapiens*"
2R- The Journal of Philosophical Reviews 1, 28-41

➤ BOOKS

"Styles of Thinking" under review by **Palgrave-Mcmillan**

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

➤ PRESS ARTICLES ON SCIENCE AND CULTURE TOPICS

- Mar 2004 - today **Panorama** - More than 300 articles
- 2013 **Il Foglio** - 2 articles
- 2003-2005 **Le Scienze**- 14 articles
- 2003 **Focus** - 2 articles
- 2002-2003 **La Stampa** - 7 articles

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➤ POPULAR SCIENCE BOOKS

- 2010 *Vita di un atomo scritta da sé medesimo (Life of an atom told by itself)*, **Erickson**
- 2005 *Bianca Senzamacchia, le avventure di una cellula (Bianca in Shining Armour: the Adventures of a Cell)*, **Editoriale Scienza** (also translated into Korean)

➤ TRAVEL BOOKS

- 2018 *Oltre e un cielo in più. Da una parte all'altra del mondo senza aereo (Over and beyond yet another sky. From one side of the world to the other without plane)* **Sperling & Kupfer (Mondadori)**

➤ SHORT NOVELS

- 2017 *Coabitazione* **CrapulaClub**
- 2010 *La Seconda Vita di Polimorfus (The Second Life of Polimorfus in Tutti i numeri sono uguali a cinque)* **Springer**
This is a philosophical reflection, written in a literary form, on the different ways of knowing that have emerged over history.
- 2005 *Il Segreto (The Secret)*, in **Jekyll Comunicare la Scienza**, Sissa, International School for Advanced Studies

SCIENCE WRITING AWARDS

- Prize Mario Pastore for Environmental Journalism (2006)
- Prize Voltolino for Scientific Dissemination (2006)
- Prize SOI for Medical Writing (2010)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Italian - native
- English - fluent
- French - fluent
- Spanish – basic knowledge
- Ancient Greek and Latin – high school knowledge

REFEREES

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