
Dr. Marta Caravà

Areas of specialization: Philosophy of cognitive science, philosophical psychology, philosophy of mind.

Areas of competence: Philosophy of language, Pragmatism and American philosophy.

Professional experience

- **Visiting Post-doctoral Fellow.** Ruhr University Bochum, Institut Für Philosophie II. *Project:* Active forgetting and affective regulation 15/09/21–14/12/21
- **Visiting Post-doctoral Fellow** (online fellowship). Ruhr University Bochum, Bochum/Osnabrück Research and Training Group ‘Situated Cognition’. *Project:* Embodied approaches to memory and emotion regulation 1/05/21–31/05/21
- **Expert Evaluator.** Universitat Rovira i Virgili, MFP COFUND Doctoral Programme. *Evaluation panel:* Cognitive science and linguistics (<https://www.urv.cat/en/research/support/programmes/marti-franques/cofund/>) 14/12/20–14/01/21
- **Postdoctoral Researcher.** University of Bologna, Philosophy and Communication Studies Department. *Project:* Philosophical and experimental approaches to emotions in affordance perception 1/09/18–31/08/20
- **Professional Translator of Philosophical Texts** (from French to Italian). Publishing House Ombre Corte 30/09/14–30/10/15

Education

- **Ph.D. in Philosophy (passed with no corrections).** University of Bologna, Philosophy and Communication Studies Department. *Dissertation:* The problem of representation between extended and enactive approaches to cognition 1/10/14–27/04/18
- **Visiting Research Student.** University of Memphis, Philosophy Department 18/8/16–1/12/16
- **M.A. in Philosophy (first class honors).** State University of Milan, Philosophy Department 10/10/11–11/04/14
- **Erasmus research student.** Université Paris-Sorbonne, Philosophy Department 15/09/11–15/06/12
- **B.A. in Philosophy (first class honors).** State University of Milan, Philosophy Department 16/09/08–14/07/11

Professional development and continuing education

- **Training course** ‘Mitigating bias in academic recruiting’. Universitat Rovira i Virgili 9/12/20
- **Summer School** ‘Enactive cognition and narrative practices’. University of Bologna 21/06/19–22/06/19
- **Fall School** ‘Enactivist Interventions’. University of Messina 2/10/17–4/10/17
- **Spring School** ‘Social cognition, emotion and joint action’. Ruhr University Bochum 6/03/17–10/03/17
- **Summer School** ‘Phenomenology and philosophy of mind’. University of Copenhagen, Center for Subjectivity Research 18/08/14–22/08/14
- **Summer School** ‘Phenomenology and phenomenological philosophy’. Ca’ Foscari University of Venice 15/07/14–18/07/14
- **Summer School** ‘Phenomenology and phenomenological philosophy’. University of Calabria 1/04/13–4/04/13

Publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals

1. (2021). An exploration into enactive forms of forgetting. *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, 20, 703–722.
2. (2020). When affective relation weights more than the mug handle: Investigating affective affordances. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 11, 1928 (with Claudia Scorolli; percentage of my contribution: 50%).
3. (2020). La proposition expressiviste de Steiner et l'énactivisme. Divergences et convergences. *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy*, 12(1), 1–10.
4. (2019). The threshold of representations. Integrating semiotics and the cognitive Sciences. *VS*, 128(1): 157–174.
5. (2018). Une rencontre entre la philosophie et la sémiotique de Peirce, l'énactivisme et l'esprit étendu. *Interrogations*, 27.
6. (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.

Publications under review

Title: Are forgotten memories literal experiences of absences? Episodic forgetting and metacognitive feelings.

Publication type: Journal article under review. **Description:** I develop a metacognitive approach to states of forgetting in episodic memory. I show that, although these states have a lot in common with cases in which we directly perceive absences, states of forgetting track memory absences just indirectly thanks to metacognitive processes instantiated by the affective phenomenology of forgetting.

Conference presentations, colloquia, seminars, and commentaries

1. (2021). Internal seminar. 'Enactive memory loss'. Philosophy of language Lab-Meeting, Ruhr University Bochum (Invited).
2. (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 (Invited).
3. (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 (Selected through peer-review).
4. (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 (Invited).
5. (2021). 'Do you see just the mug handle? Let's take a look at affective affordances too!' (with Claudia Scorolli). 8th MindBrainBody Symposium, Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences, Online (Selected through peer-review).
6. (2020). 'Untangling forgetting. An enactive proposal'. Bochum-Grenoble Memory Virtual Colloquium, Ruhr University Bochum & Université Grenoble Alpes, Online (Invited).
7. (2020). 'Ricordare la dimenticanza. Una proposta enattivista'. Annual Conference of 'Pragma Association', Online (Invited).
8. (2020). (Postponed 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 (Selected through peer-review).
9. (2020). (Postponed 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 (Selected through peer-review).
10. (2020). 'The philosophy of forgetting. An enactive approach'. Internal Seminar, Centre for Philosophy of Memory, Université Grenoble Alpes (Invited).

11. (2019). 'Enactive-distributed forgetting. An exploration into cognitive and affective aspects of memory loss'. Conference: Issues in Philosophy of Memory 2, Université Grenoble Alpes (Selected through peer-review).
12. (2019). 'Semiotic artifacts for extended cognition'. Conference: Embodied creativity: the role of performativity, University of Bologna (Invited).
13. (2019). 'Diagrams for extended cognition'. Conference: The philosophy of notation: operational iconicity and observational advantages in diagrams, University of Bologna (Selected through peer-review).
14. (2018). 'Emotions out there. Affect and the extended mind hypothesis' (with Marta Benenti). 5th Conference of the European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions (EPSSE), Tallinn University (Selected through peer-review).
15. (2017). 'The extended mind and the emotional life of objects' (with Marta Benenti). Workshop: Social cognition, emotion and joint action, Ruhr University Bochum (Selected through peer-review).
16. (2017). 'Extended and enactivist approaches to cognition: Peircean interventions'. Conference: The Pragmatist attitude. Habits, practices, and gestures in a pluralistic landscape, University of Milan (Invited).
17. (2017). '(En)acting salience. Meaningful action in context'. Conference: Performative dimensions in cognitive science, University of Messina (Invited).
18. (2017). 'Non-representationalist approaches to cognitive science'. PhD lecture, University of Bologna (Invited).
19. (2016). 'Mapping embodied cognitive science'. PhD lecture, University of Bologna (Invited).
20. (2016). 'A semiotic turn in cognitive science?'. Conference: 2nd Conference of the International Association for Cognitive Semiotics (IACS), Marie Curie-Skłodowska University (UMCS), Lublin. (Selected through peer-review).
21. (2016). 'Extending artifacts'. Embodied Cognition Seminar, University of Memphis (Invited).
22. (2016). 'Pragmatism and postclassical cognitive science. A philosophical encounter between Peircean pragmatism and enactivism'. Conference: 16th International Meeting on Pragmatism, PUC-São Paulo. (Selected through peer-review).
23. (2015). 'Pragmatism and enaction. For a Peircean account of cognition and the mind'. Conference: Second European Pragmatism Conference, EHESS-ENS, Paris (Selected through peer-review).
24. (2015). Commentary on G. Maddalena's talk 'Intuition and indexicality. Looking for synthetic reasoning'. Monthly Seminar in Theoretical Philosophy, State University of Milan (Invited).
25. (2014). 'A pragmatic approach to cognitive science'. PhD lecture, University of Bologna. (Invited)
26. (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 (Selected through peer-review).
27. (2014). 'La mente estesa e l'argomento del linguaggio: una prospettiva Peirceana'. Conference: Society of Philosophy of Language (SFL) annual conference, University of Bologna (Selected through peer-review).

Organization of international conferences

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-organizer, conference 'Embodied creativity: the role of performativity', University of Bologna.
 <i>Description:</i> 3-day conference with leading experts on embodied cognition, philosophy of cognitive science, and philosophy of mind, e.g., Shaun Gallagher (University of Memphis), Daniel D. Hutto (University of Wollongong), Vittorio Gallese (University of Parma). | 2019 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing committee member, '14th Conference of the Italian Association of Cognitive Sciences', University of Bologna.
 <i>Description:</i> 3-day conference with international researchers in cognitive science, such as Lawrence Barsalou (University of Glasgow), Hugo Mercier (CNRS-Institut des Sciences Cognitives Mar Jeannerod) and Yulia Sandamirskaya (University of Zurich). | 2017 |

Organization of other academic events and activities

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-organizer, online reading group ‘Embodied memory’.
<i>Description:</i> monthly reading group involving researchers specializing in philosophy of embodied cognition from the Ruhr University Bochum, the University of Amsterdam, and the University of Campinas. | Ongoing |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-organizer, summer school ‘Enactive cognition and narrative practices’, University of Bologna.
<i>Description:</i> 3-day long summer school dedicated to all aspects enactivism (including memory), with lectures for PhD Students taught by Prof. Daniel D. Hutto (University of Wollongong). | 2019 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-organizer of ‘SERIC Research Seminar Series’, University of Bologna.
<i>Description:</i> Interdisciplinary research seminar taking place every 2 weeks, involving Italian and international researchers working in the humanities. | 2018–2020 |

Prizes and awards

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early career researcher prize, Université Grenoble Alpes/Centre for Philosophy of Memory (CPM).
<i>Description:</i> Prize for my research on enactive forgetting and emotion, received during the conference ‘Issues in Philosophy of Memory 2’ and awarded by the CPM with the support of the interdisciplinary Group de Recherche Mémoire of the CNRS (https://gdrmemoire.com/). | 2019 |
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Funding (total approx. 87.600 Euros)

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| • Visiting fellowship for international postdoctoral researchers , Ruhr University Bochum | 2021 |
| • Virtual postdoctoral fellowship , Ruhr University Bochum | 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/University of Memphis | 2016 |
| • Ph.D. fellowship , University of Bologna | 2014–2017 |
| • Erasmus grant , University of Milan/Université Paris-Sorbonne | 2011–2012 |

Supervising and mentoring activities

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| • Co-supervisor , M.A. dissertation on representational and non-representational approaches to the mind, University of Bologna | 2017 |
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Exam committee member

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| • Final graduation exams (Philosophy of Language , M.A. level), University of Bologna | 2017 |
| • Final semester exams (Theoretical Philosophy , B.A. Level), State University of Milan | 2015 |

Teaching (guest lectures)

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| • Introduction to embodied cognition (M.A. course), University of Bologna | 2018 |
| • Introduction to enactivism and the extended mind (M.A. course), University of Bologna | 2017 |
| • Introduction to philosophy of embodied cognition (M.A. course), University of Bologna | 2016 |
| • Introduction to French philosophy (B.A. course), State University of Milan | 2015 |
| • Introduction to American Pragmatism (B.A. course), State University of Milan | 2014 |

Experience as a reviewer (scientific journals, workshop, doctoral program)

- **Peer reviewer:** Philosophical Psychology, Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences, Phenomenology and Mind, Estudios de Filosofía, The Journal for the Philosophy of Language, Mind and the Arts, European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy, Italian Journal of Philosophy of Language, VS, Noema 2014–present
- **Peer reviewer:** 4th Bochum Early Career Researchers Workshop in Philosophy of Mind and Philosophy of Cognitive Science 2021
- **External reviewer:** Martí i Franquès COFUND-Doctoral Programme (funded under Horizon 2020), Universitat Rovira i Virgili 2020–2021

Editorial experience

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

Language skills

Italian: native

English: professional competence

French: excellent competence

Spanish: intermediate

Membership

SWIP Italia, Italian Society for Women in Philosophy (<https://swip-italia.org/>).