

## Mario De Caro



### *Curriculum vitae* (December 2023)

- Dip. di Filosofia, Università Roma Tre, via Ostiense 234, 00146 Roma, Italy
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#### A) Academic profile

##### 1. Positions

- Full professor of Moral Philosophy, Università Roma Tre
- Teaching Visiting Professor, Tufts University (2000 to present)
- Teaching Visiting Professor, Università Svizzera Italiana, Lugano (2014, 2018, and 2021)
- Visiting Teaching Professor, LUISS, PhD in Political Science (2012 to 2019)
- Visiting Teaching Professor, the School of Advanced Studies, University of Turin (2012 to present).
- Teaching Visiting Professor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Warsaw, Poland, 2015.
- Teaching Visiting Professor (Erasmus Program), University of Warwick, 2014.
- Teaching Visiting Professor (Erasmus Program), University of Madrid Autónoma, 2008.
- Teaching Visiting Professor, Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame, Indiana) 1998
- Visiting Scholar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1993-1994 and 1994-1995).
- Visiting Scholar, Harvard University (1997-1998)
- Member of dissertation committees at Columbia University, Paris IV-Sorbonne, Universidad

deValencia, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Geneva, Nijmegen, Lugano, Genoa, LUISS, Roma “Tor Vergata”, Firenze, Macerata, Padova, Pavia, Sassari, Siena, Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Milano San Raffaele, Genova, Università Europea, “La Sapienza” di Roma, Università di Siena, Università di Aquila, Statale di Pisa.

## **2. Lectures and talks**

Invited lectures given in more than 100 institutions in 19 countries including Oxford, Harvard, Princeton, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris IV-Sorbonne, École Normale Supérieure de Paris, Dartmouth, Tufts, Notre Dame, Boston College, Boston University, Brandeis, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, University of Indiana at Bloomington, University of New Hampshire, College of the Holy Cross, Brandeis, Indiana at Bloomington, , Warwick, Edinburgh, Roehampton (London), Heidelberg, München, Sydney, Toronto, CNRS Paris (Jean Nicod), Birmingham, Warwick, Vienna, Hamburg, Bonn, Bamberg, Postdam, Heidelberg, Bonn, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Bern, Genève, Zürich, Autónoma de Madrid, Lisbon, Pozdam, Università Lateranense, Università Gregoriana, Vatican University of the Holy Cross, and in more than 60 Italian universities.

- Gave the 2011 commencement speech at Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa (2011).

## **B) Other academic positions**

- President of the Italian Association for Moral Philosophy (2022-2025); member of its steering committee of the Italian Association for Moral Philosophy (2012 to 2019)
- Vice president of the Consulta Nazionale di Filosofia (which groups all Italian academic philosophers) (2012-2022)
- Member of the steering committee of the Italian Philosophical Association (2019 to present)
- President of the Italian Society of Analytic Philosophy, SIFA (2012-2014); Vice president (2010-2014),
- Member of the Committee on Academic Career Opportunities and Placement of the American Philosophical Association (APA) (2010-2013); member since 2009.
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Roman chapter of the Italian Philosophical

- Association (2013- ).
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Italian Association for Cognitive Science (AISC) (2013-2016).
  - Member of the steering committee of the Italian Society of Neuroethics and Philosophy of Neurosciences (2013- ).
  - Member of the Organizing Committee of the 25<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Philosophy (*Fédération Internationale des Sociétés de Philosophie*).
  - Honorary member of the Italian Jaspers Society
  - Secretary of the Italian Association for Political Philosophy (2002-2004).
  - Consultant of the Italy Fulbright Commission (2010 to present).
  - Peer reviewer for the Austrian Academy of Sciences (2023)
  - Member of the committee for the evaluation of the Portuguese research programs in philosophy (Ministry of Science, Technology and Academic Education) (2011 and 2023).
  - Peer reviewer for the “Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council”, Canada
  - Peer reviewer for the “Research Foundation Flanders” (FWO, Belgium).
  - Peer reviewer for the Czech Science Foundation.
  - Vice president of the Association “Romanae Disputationes” (which connects academics and high-school teachers of philosophy)
  - Honorary member of the *Società Jaspersiana Italiana*
  - Member of the Organizing Committee of the World Congress of Philosophy to be held in Rome on August 2024.

### **C) Editorial positions**

- Literary executor of Hilary Putnam.
- Associate editor of the *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (Cambridge University Press, since 2015)
- Associate editor of *Ancient Philosophy Today* (Edinburgh University) (2018-2021)
- Member of the editorial boards/scientific committees of *Philosophical Inquiries*, *Linguistic and Philosophical Investigations*, *Review of Contemporary Philosophy*, *Análisis: revista de investigación filosófica*, *Analysis and Metaphysics*, *Ancient Philosophy Today*, *Transversal:*

*International Journal for the Historiography of Science, Phenomenology and Mind, Acta Philosophica, Brentano and the Aristotelian Tradition, Rivista di estetica, Paradigmi, Filosofia e questioni pubbliche, Anthropologica, Dialogoi, Rivista Internazionale di Filosofia e Psicologia, Democrazia e sicurezza.*

- Member of the advisory committee for philosophy of the publisher Il Mulino.
- Editor of two book series in philosophy for the publisher Mimesis.
- Member of the scientific committee of the series “Mente e azione” for the publisher ETS
- Referee for the publishers Harvard University Press, Oxford University Press, Columbia University Press, Routledge, Palgrave, Springer, Bloomsbury, Acumen, Laterza, Carocci, Fazi, Meltemi (Italy), and for the journals *Journal of Philosophy, Synthese, Philosophical Papers, Erkenntnis, Dialectica, International Journal of Philosophical Studies, Ethics and Information Technology, Res Philosophica, The Journal of Value Inquiry, Philosophical Explorations, Journal of Cognitive Science, Philosophia, Topoi, Journal of Mind and Society, Paradigmi, Filosofia e questioni pubbliche, Rivista di estetica, Giornale di metafisica, Rivista di filosofia, Politeia, Estetica: studi e ricerche, Teoria e critica della regolazione sociale, Sistemi intelligenti.*
- *International Journal of Philosophical Studies;*

#### **D) Project organization**

2019-2024: Principal Investigator of the PRIN project “New challenges for applied ethics.

The moral impact of scientific and technological advances” (with the local unities of RomaTre, Pisa, Padova, and Milano San Raffaele).

2015-2017: 2009-2011; 2013-2015: 2 national PRIN grants as Main Investigator of research-units.

2019-2021: Grant from Roma Tre University for a project of particular scientific interest (“Dinamiche sociali della paura”)

2000-2009 and 2024-2025: 3 national PRIN grants as a member of a research-unit

2011-2013: Grant for a High-level Internationalization Project at Università Roma Tre(2011-2013)

### **E) Research interests**

Moral philosophy; philosophy of Artificial Intelligence and the new technologies; philosophy of mind; neuroethics; metaphysics; philosophical naturalism; the free-will problem; philosophy of film; history of early modern philosophy and science.

### **F) Recent activities in the field of ethics of A.I. and the new technologies**

- Course on “Ethics and artificial intelligence”, Tufts University (Departments of Engineering and Philosophy), Fall term 2019
- Intensive course on “Philosophy of artificial intelligence”, Università della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano, Switzerland, February 2020
- Intensive course on “Philosophy of digital technology”, Università di Udine (January 2023)
- Course on “Philosophy and ethics of technology” Università Roma Tre (Spring terms 2022 and 2023)
- Invited speaker at the 11<sup>th</sup> Cyber Crime Conference (Rome), talk on “Cognitive limits and cybercrime”.
- Invited speaker on “Nature and artificial intelligence”, International festival of Agriculture, Turin, April 1, 2025.
- Member of the Ethical committee of "Sant’Alessio – Margherita di Savoia”, Center for the study of visual impairment and blindness, Rome.

### **G) Publications (for a more detailed list, see below)**

Mario De Caro has 2443 citations according to Google Scholar, with an h-index of 20 and an i-10-index of 37. He is the author of 6 books in Italian and of one forthcoming for Harvard University Press; the editor of more than twenty collections of essays in English and Italian (for publishers such as Harvard, Routledge, Columbia, Springer, Kluwer, and Einaudi), and has published more than 150 scientific articles in Italian, English, German, Spanish, Polish, and Romanian. He has published in *The Monist*, *Synthese*, *Review of Metaphysics*, *Philosophical Review*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Philosophy and*

*Social Criticism, Topoi, Jurisprudence, Medicine and Philosophy, Journal of Comparative Neurology, Social Epistemology Review, Neuroethics, Rivista di filosofia, Sistemi intelligenti, Quaestio, Rivista di storia della filosofia, Rivista di filosofia neoscolastica, Paradigmi, Iride, Rivista internazionale di filosofia e psicologia, Teoria.*

#### **H) Awards and other honors**

- Fulbright Fellowship (1997/1998)
- Marco Mondadori Fellowship (1998)
- Asteroid 5329 has been named “Asteroid DeCaro” after him (2006).
- Grant by the Templeton Foundation for a project related to the call “The Science and Philosophy of Self-Control” (2015-2017) (with M. Brass, University of Ghent).
- National award for philosophy, Frascati (2023)

#### **I) Main publications**

##### a) Authored or coauthored volumes

*Liberal Naturalism* (Harvard University Press, forthcoming) (with D. Macarthur)

*Hilary Putnam* (Polity Press, forthcoming) (with M. Baghrmian)

*Etica e politica dell'intelligenza artificiale* (Il Mulino, forthcoming, with B. Giovanola)

*Naturalismo: storia di una visione del mondo* (Il Mulino, forthcoming)

*I valori al cinema* (Mondadori, 2023) (with E. Terrone)

*Le sfide dell'etica* (Mondadori Università 2021) (with F. Magni e M.S. Vaccarezza)

*Realtà* (Bollati Boringhieri 2020)

*Libero arbitrio* (Laterza 2020<sup>9</sup>);

*Mente e morale* (Luiss UP 2016) (with M. Marraffa)

*Azione* (Il Mulino 2008)

*Dal punto di vista dell'interprete* (Carocci, 1998)

##### b) Main edited or coedited volumes:

Editor a special issue of *Topoi* (forthcoming) (with S. Bonicalzi and B. Giovanola)  
*Interpretations and Causes. New Perspectives on Donald Davidson's Philosophy* (Springer 1999);  
*Naturalism in Question* (Harvard UP 2004/2008) (with D. Macarthur)  
*Cartographies of the Mind. Philosophy and Psychology in Intersection* (Springer 2007) (with M. Marraffa & F. Ferretti)  
*Naturalism and Normativity* (Columbia UP 2010) (with D. Macarthur)  
*Philosophy in an Age of Science*, collection of essays by H. Putnam (Harvard UP 2012) (with D. Macarthur)  
Editor of three issues of the journal *The Monist* (2015, 2018, and 2020)  
*Naturalism, Realism, and Normativity*, collection of essays by H. Putnam (Harvard UP 2016);  
*Practical Wisdom* (Routledge 2021) (with M.S. Vaccarezza)  
*Handbook to Liberal Naturalism* (Routledge, 2022) (with D. Macarthur)  
*In Dialogue*, collection of essays by H. Putnam (Harvard UP, 2022) (with D. Macarthur)

c) Main recent articles

“Artificial Intelligence and Autonomy: On the Ethical Dimension of Recommender Systems”, *Topoi*, 42, 2023, 819-832.  
“Virtue monism. Practical wisdom as cross-situational ethical expertise” (with C. Navarini, M.S. Vaccarezza, and others), *Medicine and Philosophy*, forthcoming.  
“Overturning eliminativism: Practical wisdom as the moral virtues’ *ratio essendi*” (with C. Navarini and M.S. Vaccarezza), *Topoi*, forthcoming.  
“Comment on Sylvie Delacroix *Habitual Ethics?*”, *Jurisprudence*, forthcoming.  
“Three menaces of technological progress”, *Aquinas*, forthcoming.  
“The Third Antinomy in the Age of Naturalism”, in L. Corti, J.-G. Schuelein (eds.), *Life, Organisms, and Human Nature*, series *Studies in German Idealism* 22, Springer Nature, [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-41558-6\\_15](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-41558-6_15).  
“Between the Placement Problem and the Reconciliation Problem. Philosophical Naturalism Today”, *Topoi*, 42, 2023, 675–682.

- The Third antinomy in the age of naturalism”, in L. Corti and J. G. Schülein (Eds.) *Life, Organism and Human Nature: New Perspectives on Classical German Philosophy*, Springer, Dordrecht, forthcoming,
- “Putnam's Liberal Naturalism,” in M. Frauchige (ed.), *Themes from Putnam*, Ontos Verlag, Berlin, forthcoming.
- “How the Libet Tradition Can Contribute to Understanding Human Action Rather Free Will” (with S. Bonicalzi), *Synthese*, forthcoming.
- “Practical Identity and Open Cooperation” (with B. Giovanola and M. Marraffa), in G. De Anna (ed.), *Political Identity and the Metaphysics of Politics*, Routledge, London 2023, pp. 41-58.
- “Davidson and Putnam on the Antinomy of Free Will”, in J. Conant and S. Chakraborty (eds.), *Engaging Putnam*, de Gruyter, Berlin 2022, 249-262.
- "Morality and Interpretation: The Principle of Phronetic Charity" (with M.S. Vaccarezza), *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 23(2), 2022, 295-307.
- “The Priority of Phronesis: How To Rescue Virtue Theory from Its Critics,” in M. De Caro and M.S. Vaccarezza (eds.), *Practical Wisdom*, Routledge, London-New York, 2021, 29-51.
- “Lynne Baker's Near Naturalism,” in L.R.G. Oliveira & K.J. Corcoran (eds.), *Commonsense Metaphysics. Essays in Honor of Lynne Rudder Baker*, Routledge, London-New York 2021, 292-305.
- "Commonsense and Naturalism", in P. Giladi (ed.), *Responses to Naturalism: Critical Perspectives from Idealism and Pragmatism*, Routledge, London-New York 2020, 184-207.
- “Liberal Naturalism: Origins and Prospects”, in M. De Caro and D. Macarthur (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Liberal Naturalism*, Routledge, London-New York 2022, 205-217.
- “Scientific Naturalism and Its Faults”, in S. Wuppuluri and I. Stewart, *From Electrons to Elephants and Elections*, Springer, Dordrecht 2022, 65-77.
- “Emotional Skillfulness and Virtue Acquisition”, in D. Dukes, A.C. Samson, and E.A. Walle (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Emotional Development* (with A. Niccoli and M.S. Vaccarezza), Oxford University Press, Oxford-New York 2022, 503-512.
- “The Priority of Phronesis: How To Rescue Virtue Theory from Its Critics,” -New York, 29-51.



- "Machiavelli's Lucretian View of Free Will," in D. Zucca (ed.), *Lucretius: Poet and Philosopher*, De Gruyter, Berlin 2020, 201-217.
- "Putnam's Liberal Naturalism," in M. Frauchige (ed.), *Themes from Putnam*, Ontos Verlag, forthcoming.
- "*Actus non facit reum nisi mens sit rea*: The concept of guilt in the age of cognitive science," in A. D'Aloia (ed.), *Neuroscience and Law*, Springer, Dordrecht 2020, 69-79.
- "Self-Control, Agency, and the Placebo Brain Stimulation. Psychological and Philosophical Perspectives" (with M. Brass et al.), in A. Mele (ed.), *Surrounding Self-Control*, Oxford University Press, Oxford-New York 2020, 189-202.
- "Hilary Putnam on Perspectivism and Naturalism", in A.-M Cretu – M. Massimi (eds.), *Knowledge from a Human Point of View*, Springer, Dordrecht, 2019, pp. 57-70.
- "The Indispensability of the Manifest Image", *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, 45, 2019, pp. 1-11.
- "Phronesis as Ethical Expertise: Naturalism of Second Nature and the Unity of Virtue" (with M.S. Vaccarezza), *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, 52, 2019, pp. 287-305.
- "Review of *The Cambridge Companion to Philosophical Methodology*", *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2018;
- "On Galileo's Platonism, again," in J. Agassi, D. Drozdova D. Pisano, (eds.), *Hypotheses and Perspectives within History and Philosophy of Science. Hommage to Alexandre Koyré 1964-2014*, Springer, Dordrecht, 2018, pp. 84-104.
- Debunking the Pyramidal Mind: A Plea for Sinergy between Reason and Emotion," *Journal of Comparative Neurology*, 524 (8), June 2016, pp. 1695-1698
- "Review of L.R. Baker, *Naturalism and the first-person perspective*," *Philosophical Review*, 124, 1, 2015, pp. 156-158.
- "Realism, Common Sense, and Science", *The Monist*, 2015, pp. 197-214.