

# Luca Moretti, PhD

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

- Sept 1999–April 2003: **PhD in Philosophy**, University of London, King's College. Thesis: "Putnam's internal realism". Supervisor: Dr Keith Hossack.
- Sept 1997–Sept 1998: **MLitt in Logic and Metaphysics**, University of St. Andrews (Scotland). Dissertation: "Hilary Putnam against cognitive relativism" (*Distinction mark for the dissertation*). Supervisor: Dr Leslie Stevenson.
- Nov 1995–Nov 1996: **Graduate Specialisation Course in History of Science**, University of Florence. Dissertation: "On Imre Lakatos' Methodology of Research Programmes".
- Nov 1989–Nov 1994: **Laurea in Filosofia** (BA Hons in Philosophy), University of Pisa. Dissertation: "The Problem of Theory Underdetermination in Contemporary Philosophy of Science" (*Summa cum laude*).

### Areas of specialisation

Epistemology, Formal Epistemology, Philosophical Logic, Metaphysics.

### Areas of competence

Philosophy of Science.

### Present position

August 2009: Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of Aberdeen (Scotland).  
Member of the Steering Committee of the Northern Institute of Philosophy (NIP).

### Former positions

- March–July 2009: Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, La Trobe University (Melbourne).
- Feb 2006–Feb 2009: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Centre for Time, University of Sydney.
- Sept 2005–Jan 2006: Research Fellow, Centre for Junior Research Fellows (ZWN), University of Konstanz (Germany).
- May 2004–Aug 2005: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, *Philosophy, Probability and Modelling* Research Group (PPM), University of Konstanz.

### Visiting and casual positions

- Oct–Nov 2006: Temporary Lecturer in Epistemology, Department of Philosophy, University of Sydney.
- Oct 2005: Visiting Scholar, University of Sydney.
- Sept 2005–Jan 2006: Temporary Lecturer in Metaphysics, Department of Philosophy, University of Konstanz.
- Sept 2003–Apr 2004: Teaching Fellow in Epistemology and Metaphysics, King's College London.  
College Teacher in Philosophy, University College London.

### Edited journals

2011. Guest editor with N. Pedersen of a special issue of *Synthese* dedicated to “Epistemic Transmission and Interaction”. (Contributors: A. Baltag & S. Smets, B. Fitelson, S. Hartmann, H. Leitgeb, E. Olsson, L. Moretti & T. Piazza, N. Pedersen, O. Roy, T. Shogenji).
2008. Guest editor with H. Price of a special issue of *Philosophical Studies* (vol. 141(1), October) dedicated to “Ontological commitment”. (Contributors: B. Brogaard, M. Colyvan, U. Kriegel, M. Michaelis, L. Moretti, J. Shaffer, and A. Thomasson).

### Articles and contributions to volumes

2010. “Wright, Okasha and Chandler on transmission failure” (forthcoming in *Synthese*).
2009. (With N. Ciprotti). “Logical Pluralism is compatible with monism about metaphysical modality”. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 87(2), pp. 275-284.
2008. (With H. Price). “Introduction” (special issue on ontological commitment). *Philosophical Studies* 141(1), pp. 1-5.
2008. “The ontological status of minimal entities”. *Philosophical Studies* 141(1), pp. 97-114.
2008. “On creeping minimalism and the nature of minimal entities”. In H. Dyke (ed.), *From Truth to Reality*, London: Routledge, pp. 123-180. (The other contributors are: JC Beall, M. Colyvan, M. Devitt, J. Heil, F. Jackson, F. Kroon, D. H. Mellor, A. Musgrave, R. Nola, J. J. C. Smart, P. Snowdon, and D. Stoljar).
2008. “Brogaard and Salerno on antirealism and the conditional fallacy”. *Philosophical Studies* 140(2), pp. 229-246.
2008. “Dummett and the problem of the vanishing past”. *Linguistic and Philosophical Investigations* 7, pp. 37-47.
2007. “A thick realist consequence of Wright’s minimalism”. *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 88(1), pp. 24-38.
2007. “Ways in which coherence is confirmation conducive”. *Synthese* 157(3), pp. 309-319.
2007. (With K. Akiba). “Probabilistic measures of coherence and the problem of belief individuation”. *Synthese* 154(1), pp. 73-95.
2006. “The tacking by disjunction paradox: Bayesianism versus Hypothetico-deductivism”. *Erkenntnis* 64(1), pp. 115-138.
2005. (With F. Dietrich). “On coherent sets and the transmission of confirmation”. *Philosophy of Science* 72(3), pp. 403-424.
2004. “Grimes on the tacking by disjunction problem”. *Disputatio* Vol. 1, No. 17 (November), pp. 16-20.
2004. “From the indirect confirmation of theories to theory unification”. *Kriterion* 18, pp. 10-14.
2003. “Why the Converse Consequence Condition cannot be accepted”. *Analysis* 63, 4 (October), pp. 297-300.
2002. “For a Bayesian account of indirect confirmation”. *Dialectica*, 56(2), pp. 153-173.
2000. “Sul problema della convergenza della verità nel realismo interno” (“On the problem of truth convergence in internal realism”). *Iride*, n. 31, anno XIII, dicembre, pp. 595-617.
1999. “Is auxiliary empirical support efficacious against the underdetermination of scientific theories?” *Philosophical Writings*, No. 12, Autumn, pp. 53-65.

### Articles in progress and under review

- “Weak dogmatism, hyper-empiricism, and ultra-scepticism” in preparation for the special issue of *Synthese* on “Scepticism and Justification”, edited by A. Coliva.
- “Scepticism, metaphysical possibilities and fuzzy probabilities” (submitted).
- (With P. Girard). “Defusing the conditional fallacy: a semantic approach” (submitted).
- (With T. Shogenji). “Moore’s proof and epistemic closure” (submitted).
- (With T. Piazza). “When warrant transmits and when doesn’t” (in progress).

**Refereeing activity**

Journals: *Acta Analytica, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, British Journal for Philosophy of Science, Dialectica, Erkenntnis, Mind, Synthese.*

Organizations: *Australian Research Council (ARC).*

**Invited talks**

- Jun 2010: “Scepticism, metaphysical possibilities and fuzzy probabilities”. *Research Seminars*. COGITO, University of Bologna.
- April 2010: “Scepticism, metaphysical possibilities and fuzzy probabilities”. *Research Seminars*. Department of Philosophy, University of Porto (Portugal).
- Jan 2010: “Scepticism, metaphysical possibilities and fuzzy probabilities”. *Southern California Epistemology Workshop*. University of California Los Angeles (UCLA).
- Dec 2009: “Scepticism, metaphysical possibilities and fuzzy probabilities”. *Formal Epistemology Seminars*. NIP. University of Aberdeen.
- April 2009: “Okasha and Wright on failure of transmission of warrant”. *Research Seminars*. La Trobe University (Melbourne).
- August 2008: “A Bayesian model for Wright’s notion of failure of transmission of warrant”. *Department Seminars*. University of Auckland.
- May 2008: “Wright-Okasha’s argument for the inexistence of the world”. *Research Seminars*. Australian National University (ANU).
- Oct 2007: “Can a realist be a deflationist about everything?”. *Current Projects Seminars*. Centre for Time, University of Sydney.
- Jan 2007: “A thick realist consequence of Wright’s minimalism”. International Conference on *Truth and Reality*. University of Otago (New Zealand).
- May 2006: “On Dummett’s justificationism and the conditional fallacy”. *Research Seminars*. Australian National University (ANU).
- Oct 2005: “A thick realist consequence of Wright’s minimalism”. *Philosophy Department Seminars*. University of Sydney.
- Sept 2005: “On Crispin Wright’s minimalism”. *Guests Seminars*. University of Yeditepe, Istanbul.
- June 2004: “Can coherence be measured?”. *Bayesian Epistemology Workshop*, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).
- May 2001: “Putnam on brains in a vat”. *Research Seminars*. Florence University

**Talks in conferences**

- July 2008: “A Bayesian model for Wright’s notion of failure of transmission of warrant”. *Annual meeting of the Australasian Association for Philosophy (AAP)*. Melbourne.
- Dec 2007: “The ontological status of minimal entities”. Conference on *Ontological Commitment*. University of Sydney.
- Jun 2006: “A thick realist consequence of Wright’s minimalism”. International Colloquium on *(Anti-)Realisms, Logic and Metaphysics*. University of Nancy 2 (France).
- Feb 2006: “On Dummett’s justificationism and the conditional fallacy”. *Mini-conference on anti-realism*. University of Sydney.
- Aug 2005: “Probabilistic measures of coherence and the problem of belief individuation”. *Fifth European Congress for Analytic Philosophy (ECAP)*. University of Lisbon.

- May 2005: “Probabilistic measures of coherence and the problem of belief individuation”. Annual Meeting of the *Society for Exact Philosophy* (SEP). University of Toronto.
- May 2004: Commentary on Michael Strevens’ paper “The Wrong Problem: Relevance and Irrelevance in Bayesian Confirmation Theory”. *Formal Epistemology Workshop* (FEW), University of Berkeley.

### **Fellowships**

- Feb 2008–Feb 2009: Research Fellowship, Centre for Time & School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry (SOPHI) of the University of Sydney.
- Feb 2006–Feb 2008: Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Centre for Time, University of Sydney.
- Feb 2006–Feb 2010: Senior Research Fellowship, the Swedish Research Council (DECLINED).
- Sept 2005–Jan 2006: Research Fellowship, Centre for Junior Research Fellows (ZWN), University of Konstanz.
- May 2004–Aug 2005: Postdoctoral Research Fellowship by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, and the Program for the Investment in the Future (ZIP) of the German Government.

### **Grants and minor fellowships**

- Feb 2010: Conference Travel Grant, School of Divinity, History and Philosophy, University of Aberdeen.
- Aug 2008: Conference Travel Grant, SOPHI, University of Sydney.
- Nov 2006: Assistance Grant in the preparation of an ARC Fellowship Application, SOPHI.
- Sept 2006: Overseas Conference Travel Grant, College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHASS), University of Sydney.
- Oct 2005: Visiting Scholarship, University of Sydney.

### **Studentships**

- 2001–2002: Jacobsen Graduate Fellowship, The Royal Institute of Philosophy.
- 1999–2001: Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Florence.
- 1997–1998: Scottish Scholarship, SAAS.
- 1993: Erasmus Fellowship, European Community.

### **Event organization**

- Oct 2010: *Epistemic Transmission and Interaction Workshop*. Copenhagen University and Northern Institute of Philosophy. (Organization shared with Nikolaj Pedersen).
- 14-18 June 2010: *Formal Epistemology School*. Northern Institute of Philosophy. (Organization shared with Dylan Dodd).
- 5–10 July 2009: *Annual Meeting of the Australasian Association for Philosophy* (AAP). (Organization shared with Sam Butchart, Norva Lo, Laura and Francois Schroeter, and Edoardo Zamuner).
- 30 Nov – 1 Dec 2007: *Ontological Commitment Workshop*. Centre for Time, University of Sydney.

**Teaching experience***Aberdeen University*

Feb 2010 – May 2010: *Scepticism*, seminar for 4<sup>th</sup> year honours students.  
*Knowledge and Mind*, course for 1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduates, lectures and tutorials shared with Dr Ulrich Stegmann.

Oct 2009 – Mar 2010: Honours Dissertation supervisor.

Oct 2009 – Jan 2010: *Scientific Methodology*, course for 3<sup>rd</sup> year honours students.

*La Trobe University*

Mar – June 2009: *Astronomy and Philosophy* (introduction to philosophy of science), course for 1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduates, lectures and tutorials shared with Mr John Fox and Dr Edoardo Zamuner.  
*Philosophy of Mind and Epistemology*, for 4<sup>th</sup> year honours students, lectures shared with Dr Edoardo Zamuner.

*University of Sydney*

Feb 2008 – Feb 2009: Associate PhD supervisor of Mr Daniel Haggard. Topic of the thesis: truth conditional meaning and ontological commitment.

Oct – Nov 2006: *Scientific Methodology*, four lectures and four tutorials as part of the course on *Knowledge, Reason and Action* for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduates.

*University of Konstanz*

Sept – Dec 2005: *Contemporary Theories of Truth from a Metaphysical Point of View*, seminar for postgraduates and honours students.

*King's College London*

Jan – Feb 2004: Tutorials in metaphysics, epistemology & scientific methodology, for 2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduates.

Oct – Nov 2003: Tutorials in metaphysics, epistemology & scientific methodology, for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduates.

Feb – Mar 2003: Tutorials in epistemology & scientific methodology, for 2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduates.

Jan – Feb 2003: Tutorials in logic, metaphysics and epistemology, for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduates.

Oct – Nov 2002: Tutorials in epistemology & scientific methodology, for 2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduates.

Feb – Mar 2002: Tutorials in metaphysics, for 2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduates.

*University College London:*

Feb – Mar 2004: Tutorials in metaphysics and epistemology, for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduates.

Jan – Feb 2004: Tutorials in epistemology, for 2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduates.

Nov – Dec 2003: Tutorials in metaphysics and epistemology, for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduates.

**Administrative responsibilities***Aberdeen University*

2010: Coordinator of the Undergraduate Open Day.

2009-2010: Honours dissertation coordinator.

*NIP*

2009-2010: Member of the steering committee.

**Languages**

Italian (mother tongue), English

French, Latin (reading knowledge)

**References**

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