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CURRENT POSITIONS

PRESENT	Postdoctoral Researcher (80% March-October 2026) , Centre for Philosophy of Memory (CPM) , Université Grenoble Alpes
	Research Associate (20% March-October 2026) , Centre for the Sciences of Place and Memory , University of Stirling

EDUCATION

2021 - 2024	PhD in Philosophy , Ruhr University Bochum (RUB) Dissertation: <i>Embodied remembering: exploring the subject in episodic recollection</i> . Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Markus WERNING; Prof. Dr. Dr. Thomas FUCHS. Reviewers: Prof. Dr. Markus WERNING; Prof. Dr. John SUTTON. Final grade: Summa cum laude
2015 - 2018	Masters degree in Philosophy , University of Catania Thesis: <i>Aesthetics of non-identity: between negativity and dissonance in Theodor W. Adorno</i> . Final grade: 110/110 cum laude
2011 - 2015	Bachelor degree in Philosophy , University of Catania Thesis: <i>Richard Rorty, language and social reality</i> .

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2024 - 2025	Research Associate , RUB Research on the phenomenological implications on the current debate in the philosophy of memory across memory accuracy, collective memory, and self-consciousness. Host: Markus Werning
APR 2025	Research Fellowship , ERC Project <i>Who are We?</i> , Center for the Subjectivity Research Research project on the role of place memories in social groups. Host: Dan Zahavi
FEB - MAY 2023	Research Visit , Institute of Advanced Studies and Jean Nicod Institute Research on memory, places, and disorientation. Supervisor: John Sutton
2018 - 2019	Pre-doctoral Research Training , Husserl Archive, Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg Research on Husserl's genetic phenomenology: on attention, inner time-consciousness and the pre-reflective self-awareness.
FEB- JUL 2017	MA Erasmus Semester , University of Warsaw Thesis research on the notion of listening decline in Adorno and Rosing.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles & Refereed Book Chapters

1. **Righetti F**, Place Memory and the Self: A Phenomenological Exploration of Personal Identity, in Albert Newen, Thomas Lukaschewski and Nikolai Axmacher (eds.), *New Perspective on Memory and Self*, De Gruyter, accepted.
2. **Righetti, F** and Perroy, B., Temporal disorientation in episodic memory: navigating the construction process, *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, 17, 229–255, 2026. DOI:

[10.1007/s13164-026-00804-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s13164-026-00804-4).

3. Fayyaz, Z., **Righetti**, F., Wiskott, L., Werning, M., Remembering without (representational) memory: A neuro-computational study on regaining categoricity and compositionality from minimal traces. *Philosophical Psychology*, 1–36, 2025. DOI: [10.1080/09515089.2025.2522966](https://doi.org/10.1080/09515089.2025.2522966).
4. **Righetti**, F., Re-enactment and embodied resonance in episodic memory: reconciling phenomenological approaches and constructive theories. *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, 2024. DOI: [10.1007/s11097-024-10026-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11097-024-10026-7).
5. **Righetti**, F., The pre-reflective roots of the *madeleine*-memory: a phenomenological perspective, *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, 22, 479–499, 2023, DOI: [10.1007/s11097-021-09774-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11097-021-09774-7).

Refereed Conference Proceedings

6. **Righetti**, F., Fayyaz, Z., Wiskott, L., Werning, M., From Minimal Traces to Scenarios of the Past: A Neuro-Computational Model on Regaining Categoricity and Compositionality in Remembering. In D. Barner, N.R. Bramley, A. Ruggeri and C.M. Walker (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 47th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*, 2025. [Link](#)

Commentary articles

7. **Righetti**, F., A metaphysics of processes for the sciences and philosophy of memory. *Giornale italiano di psicologia, Rivista trimestrale*, 3/2025, pp. 673-678, DOI: [10.1421/117936](https://doi.org/10.1421/117936). (Commentary on Iani, F. (2025). "What metaphysics for psychology? From substances to processes") (IT).

Book Reviews

8. **Righetti**, F., Review of Gregory, D. and Michaelian, K., *Dreaming and Memory: Philosophical Issues*, Springer, 2024, *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, 2025. DOI: [10.1007/s11097-025-10111-5](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11097-025-10111-5)
9. **Righetti**, F., Review of Stefano Micali: *Tra l'Altro e Se Stessi*. *Phenomenological Reviews*, 2022. [Link](#) (IT).

EDITED VOLUME IN PROGRESS

1. Perrin D., and **Righetti**, F., "Contemporary Approaches to Memory". Special Issue in *Revue de Métaphysique et de Morale*.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

1. **Righetti** F., and Werning, M., Situating Trace Minimalism: the role of protentional intentionality in episodic memory, under major revisions.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1. Lecturer and Course Organizer:

SoSe '23-'24	Embodied Mind and Subjectivity , RUB. Philosophy and Cognitive Sciences. Seminar for Bachelor and Master students.
WiSe '23-'24	Introduction to Husserl's Phenomenology , RUB. Philosophy and Cognitive Sciences. Seminar for Bachelor and Master students.
SoSe '22-'23	Memory and Experience , RUB. Philosophy and Cognitive Sciences. Seminar for Master students. Co-taught with Markus Werning, James Openshaw and Sofiia Rappe
WiSe '22-'23	Memory and Imagination , RUB. Philosophy and Cognitive Sciences. Seminar for Master students. Co-taught with Markus Werning.

WiSe '21-'22	The Philosophy of Memory: Historical, Phenomenological and Analytical Perspectives , RUB. Philosophy and Cognitive Sciences. Seminar for Master students. Co-taught with Markus Werning.
2. Supervisor: 2025-2026	MA Thesis on Embodiment in Remembering : CPM. Student: Giulia Mangiapelo
2023-2024	BA Thesis on the Phenomenology of Aphantasia : RUB. Student: Simon Goeke
2022-2023	MSc Student Internship on the Philosophy of Memory , <i>P3-FOR2812 Constructing scenarios of the past</i> : RUB. Student: Moritz Modler.

PRESENTATIONS * = SELECTED VIA PEER-REVIEWED SUBMISSION. ° = INVITED

1. "The Social Self in Places of Memory: On Place-Making and Collective Remembering." The Self in the Social World, Heidelberg University Hospital, 24-25 September 2026.*
2. "The Social Self in Places of Memory: On Place-Making and Collective Remembering." Shanghai-Grenoble Philosophy of Memory Workshop 3, CPM, 03-04 July 2026.
3. "A Phenomenological Exploration of Tulving's Autonoesis." Issues in Philosophy of Memory 5, Purdue University, 10-12 June 2026*
4. "Remembering: neurodivergent perspectives." Atypical Cases of Memory: From Minimal Agents to Human Development, CPM, 12 May 2026*
5. "What is the role of memory traces in generic autobiographical memory?" with Katja Crone. Traces and Engrams Workshop, RUB, 18-20 February 2026.*
6. "Self-apprehension in episodic memory: Husserlian and Buddhist approaches in comparison." NTU-UGA Workshop on Buddhist and Analytic Approaches to Memory 2, National Taiwan University, 8 January 2026.
7. "Place Memory and the Self." Internal Seminar, CPM, 6 October 2025.
8. "Autonoetic Consciousness through Subjective Descriptions: a Phenomenological Framework." Bochum-Grenoble-Taipei Memory Colloquium, 24 June 2025.°
9. "Collective commemoration in place disruptions." Generative Episodic Memory Conference 2025, 4 June 2025.*
10. "Collective commemoration in place disruptions." Issues in the Philosophy of Memory 4.5; Commentator: Tony Chemero, 23 May 2025.*
11. "Collective commemoration in place disruptions." Collective Memory and Intersubjectivity Workshop. Center for Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen, 24 April 2025.*
12. "Towards a phenomenological framework of autonoetic consciousness." Research Seminar, Center for Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen. 08 April 2025.
13. "Situated accuracy in remembering experiences: phenomenological perspectives". Accuracy in Perception and Memory 2 - Online Workshop, Federal University of Goiás, 26 March 2025.°
14. "Re-enactment and Embodied Resonance in Episodic Memory: Reconciling Phenomenological and Cognitive Perspectives". 7th Philosophy of Language and Mind Network Conference, Charles University, Prague, 26 AUGUST 2024.*
15. "Re-enactment and Embodied Resonance in Episodic Memory: Reconciling Phenomenological and Cognitive Perspectives". Copenhagen Summer School in Phenomenology and the Philosophy of Mind, University of Copenhagen, 13 AUGUST 2024.*

16. "Embodied resonance in episodic memory". PhD Colloquium "Phenomenology and Psychotherapy", Heidelberg University Hospital, 11 JULY 2023.
17. "Situating Trace Minimalism: the role of protentional intentionality in episodic memory". SoPhA Early Career Conference, Université Grenoble Alpes, 30 JUNE 2023.*
18. "Embodied resonance in episodic memory". Generative Episodic Memory conference (GEM), RUB, 12-14 JUNE 2023.*
19. "Embodied resonance in episodic memory". Memory and Consciousness Workshop: Philosophical and Phenomenological Perspectives, Jean Nicod Institute, 15 MAY 2023.
20. "Embodied resonance in episodic memory". Internal Seminar, Université Grenoble Alpes, 24 April 2023.
21. "Embodied resonance in episodic memory". Bochum-Cologne Memory Workshop, University of Cologne, 22 APRIL 2023. °
22. Commentary talk to: "Husserl's Foundationalism Revisited" by Wenjing Cai. Taiwan Mind and Perception Conference, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (online), 17 APRIL 2023.°
23. "Situating Trace Minimalism: the role of protentional intentionality in episodic memory". FOR2812 Colloquium, RUB, 21 October 2022.
24. "Embodied resonance in vicarious memory". GAP.11 – Satellite Workshop Memory and Imagination: Varieties of (Dis)Continuism, Humboldt-University Berlin, 16 SEPTEMBER 2022.*
25. "What determines the representational content in remembering?". Grenoble-Bochum Workshop, Centre for Philosophy of Memory, Université Grenoble Alpes, 11 June 2022.
26. "A phenomenological investigation of embodied remembering". 4E Cognition and Memory Workshop, RUB (online), 25 MAY 2022.*
27. "Enacting remembering: from lived experience in schizophrenia to cognitive model" with Anco Peeters. Remembering: phenomenology and analytic approaches, Université Grenoble Alpes, 2 DEC 2021.

EVENT ORGANIZATION

ONGOING-2027	Co-organizer of the ERC PhOMO Conference: online Acting as senior coordinator, spearheading all aspects of conference planning and execution, in collaboration with José Carlos Camillo and Sofia Pedrini.
3-4 JUL 2026	Co-organizer of the Shanghai-Grenoble Philosophy of Memory Workshop 3: CPM
5 DEC 2025	Co-organizer of the Workshop "Memory and Language of Thought": CPM
16 OCT 2025	Co-organizer of the Workshop "Simulationism 2025 Part II": CPM
26-27 SEP 2024	Co-organizer of the Workshop "Sense of Reality: Reality Monitoring in Perception and Cognition": Jean Nicod Institute
5 SEP 2024	Lead organizer of the Workshop "Memory, Places, and Navigation: Interdisciplinary Perspectives": RUB
2022 - 2024	Co-organizer of the Bochum-Grenoble Memory Colloquium: RUB and CPM Planning and organising a series of talks on the philosophy of memory.
15 MAY 2023	Lead organizer of the Workshop "Memory and Consciousness: Philosophical and Phenomenological Perspectives": Jean Nicod Institute

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

1. Crone, K. and **Righetti**, F., "Generic autobiographical memories and their function for narrative self-understanding": Research Retreat, 11-12 FEB 2026.
2. **Righetti**, F., and Werning, M., "Situating Trace Minimalism: the role of protentional intentionality in episodic memory":- 1. Berlin-Bochum Memory Symposium, *Humboldt-Universität Berlin*, 20 MAR 2023;- 2. GEM2023 conference, *RUB*, 12-14 JUN 2023
3. **Righetti**, F., and Werning, M., "What determines the representational content in episodic memory?":- Berlin-Bochum Memory Symposium, *Humboldt-University Berlin*, 11 MAR 2022.
4. **Righetti**, F., and Werning, M., "Minimal Traces in Episodic Memory. A case study: the madeleine-memory":- 1. GEM2021 conference, *RUB*, 17 FEB 2021;- 2. Berlin-Bochum Memory Symposium, *Humboldt-University Berlin*, 5 MAR 2021.

JOURNAL CLUB ORGANISATION

FEB - MAY 2023	Organizer of the journal club "Memory and Places" : Jean Nicod Institute Planning and organizing a reading group on the philosophy of memory and the role of affordance, places, landscapes, and social groups in memory.
APR - JUL 2022	Coordinator of the interdisciplinary journal club FOR2812 : RUB Planning and organizing a reading group on memory research and interdisciplinary methodology of computational neuroscience, psychology and philosophy.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2025-2027	ECR representative of Philosophy of Memory Organisation . Representative of early career researchers in Philosophy of Memory Community and member of the Steering Committee of the Philosophy of Memory Organization.
OCTOBER 2019	Assistant in the editing work of the book Fraissopi, F. (eds.), <i>Mathesis, Grund, Vernunft</i> , Baden-Baden: Ergon, 2019.

PEER REVIEWING

1. Conferences: Generative Episodic Memory 2023 conference, Cognitive Science Society Conference 2024, 2nd Annual Web Conference of the International Society for the Philosophy of the Sciences of the Mind, RTG Spring School 2025, Generative Episodic Memory 2025 conference, Cognitive Science Society Conference 2025.
2. Journals: *Asian Journal of Philosophy*, *Constructivist Foundations*, *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, *Synthese*.
3. Book Academic Publisher: De Gruyter Brill.

RELEVANT NON-ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Jan - Apr 2018	Internship at the Italian Cultural Institute Oslo As an intern, I collaborated in cultural politics and diplomatic activities, planning and organising cultural events and social media promotion. Director: Matteo Fazzi
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PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY ESSAY

2025	Blog Post: What does it mean to relive an experience through remembering? The Memory Palace.
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OUTREACH

16 Jun 2023	Assistant in the laboratory visits for philosophical and interdisciplinary memory research for Masters students, <i>Women in Memory Research - GEM 2023 conference</i> : Lead Organizer: Vinita Samarasinghe. FOR2812 - RUB.
22-23 Sep 2022	Co-planner of one-week workshop on interdisciplinary memory research for high-school students, <i>FOR2812 Retreat 2022</i> : RUB.
28 Apr 2022 - 27 Apr 2023	Lecturer on the Philosophy of Memory for high-school female students, <i>Girls Day</i> : Humboldt Berlin University and RUB.

FUNDINGS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2026	Travel Bursary. Agency: IPM5, PhOMO.
2025	Visiting Fellowship. Agency: Center for the Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen. Funding: ca 4000€.
2023	Travel Bursary. Agency: SoPhA Early Career Conference, Université Grenoble Alpes. Funding: 500€.
2023	Fundings for Research Stay, Paris Institute of Advanced Studies and Jean Nicod Institute. Agency: DFG, German Research Foundation, as part of FOR2812. Funding: ca 5000€.
2018	Three Visiting Scholarships, the Husserl Archive, University of Freiburg. Agencies: Erasmus+ indire, MIUR, and the University of Catania. Total funding: ca 7700€.
2017	The Crui-Maeci-Miur scholarship for an internship at the IIC of Oslo. Agency: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy. Total funding: 3600€.
2016	Three Visiting Scholarships, University of Warsaw. Agencies: Erasmus+ indire and E.R.S.U. (Regional Agency for Academic Studies), and the University of Catania. Total funding: ca 4500€.
2016	Scholarship for Excellence. Agency: E.R.S.U. (Regional Agency for Academic Studies). Total funding: ca 2600€.
2013	Scholarship for Excellence. Agency: E.R.S.U. (Regional Agency for Academic Studies). Total funding: ca 2600€.

FURTHER EDUCATION (SELECTION)

Mar 14th 2022	Women in science: Talk and Power – Who Gets Heard and Why:- RUB. Speaker: Dr. Betty Boden.
Feb- May 2023	PRISM Colloquium:- Jean Nicod Institute. Series of philosophical talks on perception, representation, imagination, space, and memory.
2021 - 2024	(Annual) Berlin-Bochum Memory Symposium, Humboldt-Universität Berlin/RUB. Three-day conferences on scientific memory research.
2021 - 2024	FOR2812 Colloquium:- RUB. Series of talks on interdisciplinary memory research.
Oct 2020	Writing in the Sciences Course: Online - Stanford University. Speaker: Dr. Kristin Sainani
18-19 July 2019	Workshop: Husserl's Phenomenology of Phantasy and Emotion:- University of Cologne.
May - Jul 2019	Colloquium Phaenomenologicum. Sommersemester 2019:- Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg.
23-26 Mar 2017	Issues in Contemporary Phenomenology:- University of Warsaw.

LANGUAGES

ENGLISH:	Fluent (C1)
GERMAN:	Good in reading and listening (B1)
ITALIAN:	Mothertongue

IT SKILLS

ECDL: Full Certificate
Overleaf to write in LaTeX: Good skills.

REFEREES

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