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**Nationality:** Italian

### **CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITION**

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Lecturer in History of Science at University of Bergamo, Department of Human and Social Sciences (RTD B M-STO/05)

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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09/07-2018-08/08/2018. Investigator in the national research project PRIN 2015 'Galileo's Science and Myth in Europe between 17th and 19th Centuries'. Discovery of the autograph manuscript of Galileo's Letter to Benedetto Castelli.

01/07/2017-30/06/2018. Postdoctoral fellowship in history of scientific instruments, at Cisalpino Institute for Comparative Studies in Europe, University of Bergamo and Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin

01/01/2016-31/12/2016 Postdoctoral fellowship in History of Science at University of Bergamo. Research project: 'The experimental philosophy in Italy. The Royal Society, short-lived Venetian academies and the University of Padua between the 1660s and the 1730s'.

07/2012-01/2015 Postdoctoral fellowship in History of Science at University of Bergamo. Research project: 'Natural philosophy and theology in Restoration England. Boyle and the experimental philosophy'.

## EDUCATION

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Academic year 2009/2010, PhD in History of Science, University of Bergamo, 27 May 2011, Dissertation *Medicina, chimica, teologia. Robert Boyle e le origini della filosofia sperimentale*

20/04/2009-20/10/2009. Visiting Research Studentship, Department of History, Archaeology and Classics, Birkbeck College, University of London, UK.

Academic year 2005/2006. MA (Laurea) in Philosophy, Università degli Studi di Milano,

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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From a.a 2018/2019: Lecturer in History of Science, Department of Human and Social Sciences, University of Bergamo. Lecturer, PhD School in Humanities and Transcultural Studies.

## AWARDS AND FUNDING

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2008-2010 PhD studentship, University of Bergamo

2020 – SIF award for the History of Physics (with M. Camerota and F. Giudice)

2018 – Medal of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the University of Bergamo awarded by the Rector for the discovery of the autograph of Galileo's Letter to Castelli of 21 December 1613

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Science and religion in Restoration England. The reception of Gassendi's atomism and Descartes's system of natural philosophy.
- Philosophy and technology in the seventeenth-century debate on void from Galileo to Boyle
- Corpuscular theories of matter in seventeenth-century medicine and chemistry
- Galileo's legacy in Benedetto Castelli's intellectual biography
- The relation between Galileo and the Roman Catholic Church

## MAIN PUBLICATIONS

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- **Books**

**S. Ricciardo**, *Robert Boyle. Un naturalista scettico*, Morcelliana, Brescia 2016; *Il dibattito sul vuoto nel XVII secolo. Antologia di testi*, a cura di e con introduzione (pp. 9-43), traduzioni e note di **S. Ricciardo**, Carocci Editore, Roma 2017; Benedetto Castelli, *Della misura dell'acque correnti. Alcuni opuscoli filosofici*, a cura di e con introduzione (pp. 5-40) e note di **S. Ricciardo**, Morcelliana, Brescia 2018; M. Camerota, F. Giudice, **S. Ricciardo**, *Galileo ritrovato. La lettera a Castelli del 21 dicembre 1613*, Morcelliana, Brescia, 2019

- **Papers**

**S. Ricciardo**, 'An inquisitive man, considering when and where he liv'd'. *Robert Boyle on Santorio Santorio and Insensible Perspiration*, in J. Barry, and F. Bigotti (eds.), *Santorio Santorio and the Doctrine of Effluvia. Corpuscularianism, Experimentation, and Quantification in Early Modern Medicine and Natural Philosophy*, Palgrave Studies in Medieval and Early Modern Medicine, Palgrave and MacMillan, London and Pisa, 2020 (forthcoming); **S. Ricciardo**, *Microscopy and Natural Philosophy: Robert Hooke, His Micrographia, and the Early Royal Society*, in E. Giannetto, G. Giannini, M. Valleriani (eds), *The Epistemic Functions of Vision*, Berlin, Springer 2021 (forthcoming); **S. Ricciardo**, *The «greate Star-gazer Galileo» in mid-seventeenth-century England: the case of Robert Boyle*, «Galilaeana. Studies in Renaissance and Early Modern Science», XVII, 2020, pp. 117-142; *Lettera a D. Benedetto Castelli 21 dicembre 1613*, a cura di M. Camerota, F. Giudice, **S. Ricciardo**, in *Le Opere di Galileo Galilei - Appendice. Volume IV. Documenti*, a cura di M. Camerota e P. Ruffo, Firenze, Giunti, 2019, pp. 303-322; M. Camerota, F. Giudice, **S. Ricciardo**, *The Reappearance of Galileo's Original Letter to Benedetto Castelli*, «Notes and Records. The Royal Society Journal of the History of Science», 73, 2019, pp. 11-28; **S. Ricciardo**, *Natural Philosophy, Experience and Apologetics in Restoration England: the Case of Robert Hooke's Micrographia and the Royal Society*, «Giornale Critico della Filosofia Italiana», Settima serie vol. XV, Anno XCVIII (C), Fasc. I, 2019, pp. 206-218; **S. Ricciardo**, *The Royal Society and its Venetian Fellows (1670s-1730s). A Preliminary Study*, in E. Giannetto (a cura di), *Di stelle, atomi e poemi. Verso la Physis*, vol. 2, Ishtar Studies, 3, Aracne Editrice, Roma 2019, pp. 45-56; **S. Ricciardo**, *Dalla mumia agli effluvia. Cure simpatetiche e weapon-salve nella medicina e nella filosofia naturale inglese alla metà del XVII secolo*, in E. Giannetto (a cura di), *Di stelle, atomi e poemi. Verso la Physis*, vol. 1, Ishtar Studies, 2, Aracne Editrice, Roma 2018, pp. 39-66; **S. Ricciardo**, *Natural History and Natural Philosophy. Robert Boyle and the Modification Theories of Colours*, «Galilaeana. Studies in Renaissance and Early Modern Science», XIV, 2017, pp. 229-250; **S. Ricciardo**, *Le ipotesi sulla natura*

*dell'aria e il vuoto torricelliano alla Royal Society*, «Physis. Rivista Internazionale di Storia della Scienza», LI, 2016 (1/2), pp. 451-461; **S. Ricciardo**, *Robert Boyle on God's "experiments": Resurrection, Immortality and Mechanism*, «Intellectual History Review», 25, 2015, pp. 97-113; **S. Ricciardo**, *Robert Boyle lettore di Descartes*, in E. Giannetto, S. Ricciardo, & E. Antonello, M. Mazzoni (a cura di), *Cielo e Terra. Fisica e astronomia, un antico legame*, Aracne, Roma 2014, pp. 85-102; **S. Ricciardo**, *Dalla materia allo spirito: Henry More, Robert Boyle e gli esperimenti pneumatici*, in E. Giannetto, G. Giannini, M. Toscano (a cura di), *Intorno a Galileo. La storia della fisica e il punto di svolta galileiano*, Guaraldi, Rimini 2011, pp. 101-116;

- **Translations**

C. Webster, *Paracelso. Magia, medicina e profezia alla fine dei tempi*, trad. it. di **S. Ricciardo**, Hoepli Editore, Milano 2016 (ed. or. Id., *Paracelsus. Medicine, Magic and Mission at the End of the Time*, Yale University Press, Chicago and London 2009); P. Corsi, *L'evoluzionismo prima di Darwin. Baden Powell e il dibattito anglicano (1800-1860)*, trad. it. di **S. Ricciardo**, Morcelliana, Brescia 2014 (ed. or. Id., *Science and Religion. Baden Powell and the Anglican Debate*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 1988).

#### **EDITORIAL BOARDS AND SOCIETIES**

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Assistant managing editor, editorial board of *Galilæana. Studies in Renaissance and Early Modern Science*, Museo Galileo, Firenze; Member of the Società Italiana di Storia della Scienza (SISS) and the Società Italiana di Fisica (SIF); Member of the Council of Centro Cisalpino Institute for Comparative Studies in Europe (CCSE) (2020/2023).

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Signed

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