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Languages

Italian 
English 
Dutch 

Skill Highlights

- Complex Problem-Solver
- Scientific Writing
- Advanced Data Analysis
- Programming
- International Experience
- Creativity
- Team Working
- Attention to Details

Research Positions

Post Doc Fellow – 11/2022 to *present*

Centre for Life Nano- & Neuro-Science (CLN2S@Sapienza), Italian Institute of Technology (IIT), Rome, Italy

Research Fellow – 04/2022 to 10/2022

Centre for Life Nano- & Neuro-Science (CLN2S@Sapienza), Italian Institute of Technology (IIT), Rome, Italy

Education

Joint Ph. D. Title: **Psychology and Social Neuroscience** – 04/2022

University of Rome “La Sapienza”, Rome, Italy
City, University of London, London, UK

Academic Internship: **Erasmus+ Internship** – 09/2018

Maastricht University, Maastricht, The Netherlands

Master of Science: **Body and Mind Sciences** – 03/2018

University of Turin, Turin, Italy

Bachelor of Science: **Psychological Sciences and Techniques** – 09/2015

University of Campania “Luigi Vanvitelli”, Caserta, Italy

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, Sapienza, University of Rome. Forensic Neuropsychology – 20-21/02/2023.

Visiting Lecturer at City, University of London. Topics in Typical and Atypical Development – 05/2022 to 06/2022

Graduate Teaching Assistant at City, University of London. Cognitive Psychology: Seminar Teaching – 10/2021 to 12/2021

Graduate Teaching Assistant at City, University of London. Research Methods in Psychology: SPSS Support Class – 02/2021 to 04/2021

Scientific Publications

M. Mello, L. Dupont, T. Engelen, A. Acciarino, A. W. De Borst, B. de Gelder (2022). The influence of body expression, group affiliation and threat proximity on interactions in virtual reality. *Current Research in Behavioral Sciences*, 3, 100075. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.crbeha.2022.100075>.

M. Mello, M. Fusaro, G. Tieri, S. M. Aglioti (2022). Wearing same- and opposite-sex virtual bodies and seeing them caressed in intimate areas. *Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology*, 75(3), 461-474. <https://doi.org/10.1177/17470218211031557>.

M. Mello, M. Fusaro, S. M. Aglioti, I. Minio-Paluello. *Under review*. Exploring social touch in autistic and non-autistic adults via a self-report body-painting task: The role of sex, social context, and body area.

Talks/Poster Presentations

(Invited talk) Italian Association of Psychology Conference – *Motor facilitation following pleasant social touch observation* – 09/2022

(Poster presentation) European Society for Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience 2021 virtual conference – *Vicarious neural reactivity to pleasant and unpleasant touch: a combined IVR-EEG study* – 06/2021

(Poster presentation) Association for Psychological Science 2021 virtual conference – *Interpersonal touch during sex-related body swap* – 05/2021

(Poster presentation) 2021 Society for Affective Science virtual meeting – *Interpersonal touch during sex-related body swap* – 04/2021

(Talk) RIO Group 2021 seminar series – *Interpersonal touch during sex-related body swap* – 03/2021

Grant Income for Training Activities

IBRO-PERC InEurope Short Stay Grant – 2020/2021

Destination: City, University of London

“La Sapienza, University of Rome” Travel Grant – 2020/2021

Destination: City, University of London

IBRO International Travel Grant – 12/2020

Destination: European Society for Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience (ESCAN) Conference (Online)

Relevant Certifications

Data analysis: **Analysing neural time series data** – 08/2021

Summer School, Radboud University, Nijmegen

Curatorship: Mike X Cohen

Programming Languages: **Python** (Proficient), **R** (Proficient), **MATLAB** (Intermediate).

Teaching: **Introductory Certificate in Academic Practice (Associate Fellowship)** – 05/2022

Advance HE, Higher Education Academy, UK



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