



## **Daniele Santoro**

### **Research interests**

Political Philosophy and Political Theory (constitutional rights, dissent and whistleblowing, Distributive and epistemic justice, epistemic aspects of democracy, government secrecy, public interest); Philosophy of Law (legal responsibility, pragmatic and inferential accounts of legal concepts).

### **Short Biography**

I am a researcher at the Centre for Ethics, Politics, and Society, where I am also in charge of Political Philosophy Research Area and the Center Seminar Series.

I previously held appointments at Luiss University (where I also taught courses in political philosophy, history of political thought, philosophy of social sciences, and bioethics) and at the National Research Council of Italy.

I earned a PhD in Philosophy of Law from the University of Padua, and held research fellowships at the Institute for Advanced Study of Aix-Marseille University, and the Hoover Chaire of UCL Louvain.

My current interests are in constitutional rights, the justification of dissent, and the epistemic aspects of rights. My contributions on these and related subjects have appeared for *Social Epistemology*, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Topics*, and in edited volumes for Routledge and Continuum. I am author of *Speaking Truth to Power – A Theory of Whistleblowing*, Springer 2018 (with Manohar Kumar).

### **Current Position**

Researcher — Centre for Ethics, Politics, and Society — University of Minho, grant n. SFRH/BPD/108669/2015, funded by the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, July 2016 — present

Coordinator of the Political Philosophy Research Area, and of Seminar Series in Ethics and Political Philosophy.

### **Past Appointments**

Senior Research Fellow — Italian National Research Council - Institute for Research on Population and Social Policies, (IRPPS-CNR), member of the Citi-Rights Project (funded by the European Commission — DG Justice under the JUST/2013/Action grants) — Rome, June 2015—May 2016;

Adjunct Professor — Department of Political Science, Luiss University - Rome, 2010—2016;

Post-Doctoral Researcher — Department of Political Science, Luiss University, Rome, 2005—2010

### **Qualifications**

National Scientific Qualification for Associate Professorship in Political Philosophy — Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale 14/A1 SPS/01) — Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research, since September 2018

### **Research Fellowships**

Chaire Hoover d'Éthique et Économique et Sociale, Université Catholique de Louvain, February — May 2015;

IMéRA, Aix-Marseille Institute of Advanced Studies, Université d'Aix-Marseille, September 2014—February 2015;

University of California- Berkeley, EAP Program, Departments of Philosophy and Anthropology, 2002—2003

## Visiting Positions

Columbia University, Department of Philosophy, Fall 2010 and Spring 2012;  
Sorbonne University, Paris IV, UFR de Philosophie, Spring 2002

## Selected Publications

Books:

[Speaking Truth to Power – A Theory of Whistleblowing](#), Springer 2018 (with M. Kumar);

Articles:

“A Cosmopolitanism of Fear”, *Knowledge Cultures*, special issue on “Cosmopolitanism in the Time of Terror”, edited by Marianna Papastephanou, (forthcoming);

“A Right to Protection for Whistleblowers” (with M. Kumar), in Daniele Archibugi and Ali Emre Benli, (eds), [Claiming Citizenship Rights in Europe. Emerging Challenges and Political Agents](#), Routledge - Taylor & Francis, London, 2018: pp. 186 - 203;

“A Justification of Whistleblowing” (with M. Kumar), *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, Vol. 43, No. 7, 2017: pp. 669–684;

“Proceduralism and the Epistemic Dilemma of Supreme Courts”, (with F. Liveriero), *Social Epistemology*, Volume 31 Issue 3, 2017: Epistemic Democracy, Deliberative Quality and Expertise, Editor: Cathrine Holst, pp. 310-323;

“Legal Responsibility. A pragmatic perspective”, in Graham Hubbs and Douglas Lind (eds), [Pragmatism, Law, and Language](#), Routledge, Routledge Series in Contemporary Philosophy, London and New York, 2013: pp. 98-113;

“Not By Bread Alone: Inequality, Relative Deprivation and Self-respect,” with Eszter Kollar), Patti Lenard, Monique Deveaux (eds), “Rethinking Inequality: theoretical and empirical perspectives”, *Philosophical Topics*, Vol. 40, No. 1, Spring 2012, pp. 79-96;

“Public Reason and Models of Judgment”, in Losonczi, P., Singh, A. (eds), [From Political Theory to Political Theology Religious Challenges and the Prospects of Democracy](#), Continuum, London, 2010: pp. 31-46.

## Projects

I am currently working on a project entitled: “Liberty and Secrecy in a Brave New World: New Perspectives on Democratic Accountability, Whistleblowing, and the Right to Information”.

The project concerns the limits and legitimacy of government secrecy and how unrestrained secrecy affects constitutional rights. Among the issues I deal with are the ethical significance of dissent its role democracy, and the philosophical relevance of the idea of ‘public interest.’ At CEPS I coordinate a unit on the common core of a European Public Interest.

A distinct project I am pursuing concerns issues roughly covered by the debate about the nature and effect of epistemic justice, especially the moral psychology of bound-to-fail attitudes in marginal groups.

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