

Giuseppe Ballacci



Research Interests

Contemporary political theory, deliberative democracy, political rhetoric, political representation, populism

Education

2010 PhD in Political Theory, Autonomous University of Madrid

2007 DEA (equivalent to a MA) in Political Science and Democratic Theory, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

2001: BA in Economic and Social Sciences, Università Bocconi, Milan

Appointments

2017: Adjunct Professor - IE University Madrid

2017: Adjunct Professor - Vesalius College, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

2016: Visiting Researcher - Humboldt University of Berlin

2015 Visiting Researcher - RIPPLE, KU Leuven

2015: Associate Researcher - Centre de théorie politique, Université Libre de Bruxelles

2013: Visiting Researcher - University of Chicago

2011-2017: FCT Postdoctoral Fellow - CEHUM, University of Minho

Biographical Statement

I am a Researcher at the Centre for Ethics, Politics and Society at the University of Minho (CEPS) and an Adjunct Professor at the IE University of Madrid. My areas of interest are Contemporary Political Theory (Arendt, Strauss, Rorty, Voegelin, among others), Political Representation, Populism, Deliberation, and Political Rhetoric (ancient and contemporary). In my doctoral dissertation I tried to bring to the fore the multifaceted significance of the ancient tradition rhetoric for contemporary political theory. Currently, my research focuses on related issues such as political judgment, the

role of personalism in politics, the style and ideology of populism, the relation between elites and society, and the limits of rational deliberation. Among my recent publications: *Political Theory between Philosophy and Rhetoric: Politics as Transcendence and Contingency* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2017); "Richard Rorty's Unfulfilled Humanism and the Public/Private Divide", *Review of Politics* (2017); "Reassessing the Rhetoric Revival in Political Theory: Cicero, Eloquence, and the Best Form of Life", *Redescriptions: Political Thought, Conceptual History and Feminist Theory* (2015); "Actualizing Democratic Citizenship: Hannah Arendt and Classical Rhetoric on Judgment and Persuasion", in P. Kitromilides (ed.), *Athenian Legacies. European Debates on Citizenship*, Leo S. Olschki, Florence, 2014.

Selected publications (5)

2017: *Political Theory between Philosophy and Rhetoric: Politics as Transcendence and Contingency*, London, Palgrave MacMillan

"The Creation of the 'People' in Laclau's Theory of Populism: A Critical Assessment", *Filosofický časopis* (Philosophical Journal), forthcoming.

"Richard Rorty's Unfulfilled Humanism and the Public/Private Divide", *The Review of Politics*, vol. 79, no. 3 (2017), pp. 427-450.

2015: "Reassessing the Rhetoric Revival in Political Theory: Cicero, Eloquence, and the Best Form of Life", *Redescriptions: Political Thought, Conceptual History and Feminist Theory*, vol. 18, no. 2 (2015), pp. 201-223.

2014: "Actualizing Democratic Citizenship: Hannah Arendt and Classical Rhetoric on Judgment and Persuasion", in P. Kitromilides (ed.), *Athenian Legacies. European Debates on Citizenship*, Leo S. Olschki, Florence, 2014, pp. 381-411.

Projects

Currently I'm working on a research project on the interrelation between the style and the ideological content of populism.

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