

Marco Geuna – Curriculum Vitae

Current Position

Since June 2018, Marco Geuna has been Full Professor of History of Political Thought (SSD SPS/02) at the Department of Philosophy “Piero Martinetti” of the State University of Milan. He teaches "History of political philosophy" both for undergraduate and graduate students.

Education

He graduated summa cum Laude in Philosophy in November 1982 at the State University of Milan, under the guidance of Mario Dal Pra and Arrigo Pacchi. In 1983, as a scholarship holder at Fondazione Luigi Einaudi in Turin, he actively participated to the political-philosophical seminars held by Norberto Bobbio. Admitted to the Ph.D. Programme in History of Political Thought and of Political Institutions, at the University of Turin, he chose his course of study in Political Philosophy and received his Ph.D. in June 1987, under the supervision of Nicola Matteucci. Since then his studies focused on two main subjects: the social and political theories of the republican tradition, and the modern “Just War” tradition, and its contemporary reinterpretations.

With a Fulbright scholarship, he spent the academic year 1987-1988 at the Philosophy Department of the New School for Social Research, where he met Agnes Heller and Reiner Schürmann and attended their lectures. In the same year, he had the opportunity to attend the political and legal philosophy seminar, organized by Ronald Dworkin and Thomas Nagel, at New York University. He spent 1988-1989 in Edinburgh, thanks to two scholarships from the Italian Council of Research: formerly at the Department of Sociology, chaired by Gianfranco Poggi, and later at the Center for Criminology and the Social and Philosophical Study of Law, directed by the late Neil MacCormick, where he pursued his research on Scottish Enlightenment thinkers. In 1989-1990, he returned to the New School for Social Research through a NATO – CNR scholarship, for research on contemporary political philosophy. Having received a post-doctoral scholarship at the University of Turin in 1991, he then became a Lecturer in the “History of Political Thought” at the State University of Milan in April 1992.

Academic Employment

April 1992 - June 1995: Lecturer - Department of History - State University of Milan

June 1995 - June 2000: Tenured Lecturer - Department of History - State University of Milan

July 2000 - May 2018: Associate Professor - Department of Philosophy - State University of Milan

June 2018 - onwards: Full professor - Department of Philosophy "Piero Martinetti"

Research Areas

During the Nineties, he focused his studies on the modern and contemporary republican tradition, between historiography and political theory. He edited the Italian version of important Anglo-Saxon texts, among others «Republicanism. A Theory of Freedom and Government» by Philip Pettit and «Liberty before Liberalism» by Quentin Skinner. Between 1996 and 1999, he participated to the European group of research, coordinated by Quentin Skinner and Martin van Gelderen, and financed by the European Science Foundation, which eventually led to the publication of the two volumes «Republicanism. A Shared European Heritage», published by Cambridge University Press.

In the last twenty years, he has also been a member of Italian groups of research (PRIN) on the English and Scottish philosophy between 17th and 18th Centuries, and its connections with the continental philosophies [PRIN 1998; PRIN 2000; PRIN 2002; PRIN 2005]; he has also been a member of Italian groups of research (PRIN) on "Biopolitical governmentality: inclusion and happiness" [PRIN 2010-2011] and on "The Transformations of Sovereignty" [PRIN 2015].

Author of two books, editor and co-editor of seven volumes, he published many articles on modern political philosophers, from Machiavelli, to Hobbes, to Rousseau, on the republican tradition and neo-republicanism, on the just-war tradition and its critics. He also contributed, by editing several entries, to the «Enciclopedia del pensiero politico», edited by Carlo Galli and Roberto Esposito, and published by Laterza; moreover, he wrote some entries for «Enciclopedia Machiavelliana», edited by Gennaro Sasso, and published by Istituto dell'Enciclopedia Italiana Treccani.

In recent years, together with some colleagues of his University, he held an intense activity of research, which led to the organisation of international seminars and conferences in Milan. On one side, with historians of ancient philosophy, he promoted a series of conferences on contemporary political philosophers who re-interpreted specific moments of classical philosophy, from Leo Strauss to Martha Nussbaum, from Bernard Williams to Michel Foucault. On the other side, both with moral philosophers and with historians of modern philosophy, he promoted conferences on the relationship between religion and politics in modern and contemporary world and on the crucial problem of recognition, between moral and politics.

Conferences

He has been invited to lecture and present papers internationally. Recently, he has participated in the following conferences: "Republicanism y la teoría del gobierno," Santiago de Chile, 27-29 October, 2008; "Republicanism, the Rule of Law, and Democracy," Johan Wolfgang Goethe Universität, Frankfurt a.M., 18-20 March, 2009; "The Limits of the Atlantic Republican Tradition," Clark Library, UCLA, Los Angeles, 17-18 April, 2009; "Liberalism and Republicanism, Past and Present: Can Early Modern Concepts Address Current Affairs?" Haifa, 2-5 January, 2010; "Rousseau and Republicanism," Columbia University, New York, 21-22 September, 2012; "Rhetoric Between Theory and Practice of Politics," Braga, 21-22 June, 2013; "Liberty and Conflict. Machiavelli on Politics and Power," Columbia University, New York, 6-7 December, 2013; Séminaire de philosophie politique normative, "Guerres justes et guerres humanitaires", Centre Raymond Aron – Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, 12 May 2014; The Political Theory Workshop at the University of Chicago, 21 November 2016; Italian Academy for Advanced Studies, Columbia University, New York, 7 december 2016; Conference: Machiavelli's Renaissance: The Present and Future of a Classic, at the Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association – online, 10 September 2020.

Fellowships and visting-professorships

In 2011-2012, he was a visiting scholar at the Department of Political Science of Baruch College, City University of New York; while during fall 2016, he was a "fellow" of the Italian Academy for Advanced Studies in America, at Columbia University, New York.

Academic Journals

In 2011, he was one of the founders of the journal "Storia del pensiero politico", published by Il Mulino and he continues as one of its chief editors. Since 2005, he has served on the Executive

Committee of “Filosofia Politica.” Since January 2018 he has been a member of the Advisory Board of the journal “Politeia. Rivista di etica e scelte pubbliche”.

He has been a member of the Editorial Board of the quarterly “Teoria Politica” from 1986 until 2010. Since 1997 to 2017, he has served on the Scientific Committee of the “Rivista di Storia della Filosofia”.

He is a member of the Italian Society of Political Philosophy, The Association of Historians of Political Thought, the Conference for the History of Political Thought, the Hobbes Society, and other international associations. He has been teaching doctoral courses in many Italian universities, such as the Universities of Milan, Turin, Modena, Florence, Cagliari, Camerino, Rome, and the European University Institute (Fiesole). He has supervised fifteen Ph.D. dissertations at the University of Milan and other institutions, including the “Scuola Internazionale di Alti Studi Scienze della Cultura,” established by Fondazione Collegio San Carlo, Modena.

He is one of the professors of the doctoral program in “Philosophy and Human Sciences”, promoted by the Department of Philosophy “Piero Martinetti” of the State University of Milan.