

Caterina Zanfi - CV

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Date of birth September 3, 1982.

Nationality Italian.

Languages Italian mother language; advanced French, English and German; reading of Latin and ancient Greek.

Academic and Research Experience

Actual position Researcher at the CNRS, UMR 8547 Pays germaniques (Histoire, Culture, Philosophie) - Transferts Culturels (since October 2018).

Education

- 2008-2011: **PhD** in Philosophy at the **Università di Bologna** and **Université de Lille 3**.
2009: Visiting fellow at Ciepcf, **École normale supérieure (ENS)** in Paris and at **Centre Marc Bloch** in Berlin.
Dissertation: *Bergson e la filosofia tedesca contemporanea. Alle fonti de Les Deux Sources de la morale et de la religion*. Advisors: Manlio Iofrida and Frédéric Worms.
- 2005-2007: **Master** in Philosophy at the **Università di Bologna**.
Dissertation: *Bergson, la tecnica, la guerra. Per un'interpretazione del misticismo nelle Deux sources*. Advisors: Manlio Iofrida and Guglielmo Forni.
- 2001-2004: **Degree** in Philosophy (Aesthetics) at the **Università di Bologna**.
2003-2004: Erasmus at the **Université de Paris 1** Panthéon-Sorbonne.

Funding and Fellowships received

- Coordinator of **CNRS International Research Network (IRN)** *Un chapitre dans l'histoire globale de la philosophie : Nouvelles perspectives sur le bergsonisme*, 50.000 Eu. in 2021-2025.
- Post-doctoral Fellowship of the **Alexander von Humboldt Foundation** at the Bergische Universität Wuppertal, hosted by Prof. Dr. Gerald Hartung, 2016-2018.
- Funding of the **Segretariato Europeo per le Pubblicazioni Scientifiche (SEPS)** for the German translation of *Bergson e la filosofia tedesca*.
- Post-doctoral Fellowship **Research in Paris** of the Mairie de Paris at the République des savoirs ENS Parigi/Collège de France/CNRS, 2014/2015.
- **Deutsch-französische Hochschule/Université franco-allemande**: 20.000 Eu. for the organization of the French-German summer school for PhD students *La vie dans l'homme ou l'homme dans la vie ? Généalogies franco-allemandes entre anthropologie et anti-humanisme*, Universität Potsdam and ENS Paris, July 21-25, 2014.
- Post-doctoral Fellowship **Fernand Braudel FMSH/LabEx TransferS** at the ENS Paris, 2013.
- Language and research fellowship of the **DAAD**, Bayerische Staatsbibliothek (Munich) and Centre Marc Bloch (Berlin), 2009.
- **Doctoral research fellowship** of the Ministry for Education, University and Research of the Italian Republic, 2008-2010.
- Fellowship for the Summer School, **eikones** (Basel), 2008.

Qualifications and Prizes

- **French Habilitation to direct researches (HDR)** in Philosophy, 07/02/2025.
- **Italian Scientific Habilitation** to the functions of Associate Professor, Section 11/C5 (History of Philosophy), 24/07/2018-24/07/2024.
- **French Qualification** to the functions of Maître de conference, Section 17 (Philosophy), 2012-2016, 2017-2021.
- International **Dissertation Prize** in Social and Human Sciences of the Université de Lille, 2012.
- **Philosophical Prize Castiglioncello** for authors under 37 for the book *Bergson, la tecnica, la guerra*, 2011.

Teaching

- Course for Master Students at the **University of Fudan**, China, December 2021 (in French).
- Seminar for Master Students at the **Bergische Universität Wuppertal**, April-July 2017 (in German).
- Course for Erasmus Mundus Europhilosophie Master students at the **Universidade Federal de São Carlos**, Brazil, March-April 2013 (in French).

- Courses for undergraduate students (Philosophy of Human Nature and Environmental Ethics), **Spring Hill College Italy Center**, Bologna, 2011-2016 (in English).
 - Tutor for the Master Erasmus Mundus Europhilosophie, **Università di Bologna**, 2012.
- Organisation of International conferences**
- Coorganisation of the international webinar *Global Bergsonism V*, Université Mycolas Romeris de Vilnius (Zoom), January 16-17-23-24, 2025.
 - Co-organization of the *Atelier Bergson* (Ensa and Zoom), 22 meetings in 2022-2025.
 - Coorganisation of the international webinar *Global Bergsonism IV*, Université de Yaoundé 1 (Yaoundé and Zoom), January 11-12-18-19, 2024.
 - Coorganisation of the international webinar *Global Bergsonism III*, Universidade Federal de São Carlos (Zoom), November 18-24-25, 2022.
 - Co-organisation of the international webinar *Global Bergsonism II*, Fukuoka University (Zoom), November 12-18-19, 2021.
 - Co-organisation of the international webinar *Global Bergsonism I*, Penn State University (Zoom), November 6-7-13, 2020.
 - Organisation of the international conference *Les Cours de Bergson*, Collège de France, November 29, 2019.
 - Organisation of the international conference *Bergson en Europe*, ENS Paris, November 24, 2018.
 - Co-ordination of the Conference *Philosophiegeschichte im Ersten Weltkrieg*, Bergische Universität Wuppertal, May 4, 2018.
 - Co-ordination of the Seminar *Lebensphilosophie : un atlas européen*, ENS Paris, November 2017-February 2018.
 - Assistant to the coordination of the commemorations for the Centenary of the First World War, République des savoirs, LabEx TransferS, ENS Paris, 2013-2016.
 - Scientific direction of the Italo-French triennial research project *Relazioni culturali e intellettuali tra Italia e Francia negli anni della Grande guerra*, Università di Bologna, Università di Firenze, Institut Français Florence, ENS Paris, 2014-2016.
 - Organisation of the panel *Penser la Guerre de 14: l'Europe philosophique et scientifique à l'épreuve de la guerre totale*, 4. European Congress on World and Global History, ENS Paris, September 5, 2014.
 - Co-ordination of the French-German Summer School (40 participants) *Das Leben im Menschen oder der Mensch im Leben? Deutsch-französische Genealogien zwischen Anthropologie und Anti-Humanismus / La vie dans l'homme ou l'homme dans la vie? Généalogies franco-allemandes entre anthropologie et anti-humanisme*, ENS Paris, July 21-25, 2014.
 - Organisation of the conference *Les voix de la Paix : 1913-1933*, Cité Universitaire Internationale and ENS Paris, February 5-7, 2014.
 - Organization of the Conference *Bergson, l'Allemagne, la guerre de 1914*, ENS Paris, November 14, 2014.
 - Coordination of the international conference *L'Europa filosofica e scientifica dal Congresso di Bologna (1911) alla Prima guerra mondiale*, ENS Paris and Accademia delle scienze dell'Università di Bologna, patronized by UNESCO, October 13 and 18-19, 2012.
 - Assistant to the organisation of the VIII *Congresso Internazionale della J.-G. Fichte Gesellschaft*, Dipartimento di Filosofia dell'Università di Bologna, September 19-22, 2012.
- Invited presentations**
- Kunsthistorisches Institut Florenz, Université de Bordeaux, University of Helsinki, Université de Poitiers, Pembroke College (Cambridge), Fondation Les Treilles, Normal University of Nanjing, Penn State University, Università di Roma La Sapienza, Universität Wien, Oxford University, Maison française de Oxford, Università di Salerno, Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Maison Heinrich Heine (Paris), Institut Français Firenze, Heidelberg Universität, Università dell'Aquila, Universidad de São Paulo (Brazil), Université de Lyon 3, Université de Paris IV Sorbonne, École Normale Supérieure (Paris), Château de Cérisy, Université de Toulouse, Hosei University (Tokyo), University of Kyoto, University of Fukuoka, University of Tohoku, Université de Genève, Università di Bologna, New Bulgarian University (Sofia), Université de Liège, Eikones (Basel), Mainz Universität, French Institute London.
- Supervising, mentoring activities and expertise**
- Direction of two **PhD** thesis at the ED 540 (ENS Paris) since 2022.
 - With Frédéric Worms, co-founder and co-director of «**Bergsoniana**», since 2021.
 - Member of the international scientific committee of the **Institut für Grundlagenforschung zur Philosophiegeschichte** (IGP) at the University of Wuppertal since 2020.
 - **President** of the **Société des amis de Bergson** since november 2018.

- Member of the **Deutsche Gesellschaft für französischsprachige Philosophie** since 2017.
- Member of the international editorial board of *Trivium* since 2017.
- Member of the international scientific committee of the *Annales bergsoniennes* since 2010.
- Member of the board of the **Société des Amis de Bergson** since 2010.
- Member of the editorial board of the collection *Officine filosofiche* (Mucchi) since 2009.
- **Peer reviewer** for «ThéoRème», «Revue d'histoire des religions», «Esercizi filosofiche», «New Simmel Studies», «Techné: Research in Philosophy and Technology », «Odradek. Studies in Philosophy of Literature, Aesthetics and New Media Theories», «Giornale Critico di Storia delle Idee», «Revue philosophique de la France et de l'étranger».
- Expertise for the **Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)**.
- Member of **doctoral dissertation committees** in Italy (2021), France (2018, 2020), Brasil and Belgium (2019).

Selection of Publications

- Monographs**
1. *La philosophie de la vie. De Schopenhauer à Bergson*, coll. « Une histoire personnelle de la philosophie » (dirigée par Michael Foessel), Paris, PUF, 2026, 165 p.
 2. *Bergson e la filosofia tedesca. 1907-1932*, Quodlibet, Macerata, 2013, 336 p.;
 - a. French transl. Caterina Zanfi and Bénédicte Buis, *Bergson et la philosophie allemande : 1907-1932*, préf. Frédéric Worms, Paris, Armand Colin, 2013 316 p.; second edition 2014;
 - b. German transl. Peter Nickl, *Bergson und die deutsche Philosophie: 1907-1932*, Vorw. Frédéric Worms, Freiburg i. Br., Karl Alber, 2018, 352 p.;
 - c. Russian transl. Irina Blauberg, *Бергсон и немецкая философия. 1907-1932*, Москва-Санкт-Петербург, Центр гуманитарных инициатив. 2020, 339 p.
 3. *Bergson, la tecnica e la guerra. Una rilettura delle Due fonti*, pref. Manlio Iofrida, Bologna, Bononia University Press, «Hypertera», 2009, 208 p.
- Edited books and journals**
1. With Bruno Batista Rates and Frédéric Worms, «Bergsoniana», *Metaphysics and History of Philosophy*, 5 (2024).
 2. With Stefan Nygord and Frédéric Worms, «Bergsoniana», *Reflection, Creation and Modern Science*, 4 (2024).
 3. With Yasushi Hirai and Frédéric Worms, «Bergsoniana», *Being and Nothingness. Bergsonism in East Asia*, 3 (2023).
 4. *Lebensphilosophie. Un atlas européen des philosophies de la vie*, «Revue philosophique de Louvain», 119 (2022), 171-335.
 5. With Leonard Lawlor and Frédéric Worms, «Bergsoniana», *Nature and Culture. Bergsonism in North America*, 2 (2022).
 6. With Gerald Hartung, *Die Philosophiegeschichtsschreibung im Ersten Weltkrieg*, Freiburg i. Br., Karl Alber, 2022.
 7. With Frédéric Worms and Matyas Moravec, «Bergsoniana», *Reassessing Bergson*, 1 (2021).
 8. With Thomas Ebke, *Das Leben im Menschen oder der Mensch im Leben? Deutsch-französische Genealogien zwischen Anthropologie und Anti-Humanismus. Akten der Sommerschule der deutsch-französische Hochschule gehalten an der Ens Paris, 20.-25. Juli 2014*, Potsdam, Potsdam University Press, 2017.
 9. With Thomas Ebke and Guillaume Plas, monographic issue of «Trivium», *L'Anthropologie philosophique dans le débat franco-allemand contemporain*, 25 (2017), <http://trivium.revues.org/5408>.
 10. With Frédéric Worms, thematic issue of «Revue de Métaphysique et de Morale», *L'Europe philosophique des congrès à la guerre*, 4 (2014).
 11. With Arnaud François, Yala Nadia Kisukidi, Camille Riquier, *Annales bergsoniennes*, vol. VII, *Bergson, l'Allemagne, la guerre de 1914*, Paris, PUF, 2014.
- Translation and edition**
1. With Florent Serina (ed.), Henri Bergson, *Correspondances, II*, Paris, PUF, 2024, 960 p.
 2. With Andrea Mina, edition, and presentation of Scheler's course on Bergson in 1919-20: *Leben und Intuition. Max Scheler präsentiert Bergson* and Max Scheler, *Bergson*, « Internationales Jahrbuch für philosophische Anthropologie », 2020, 10 (1), 217-234 and 235-292.
 3. Dossier of German texts unpublished in French: "Bergson dans la philosophie allemande", in Arnaud François, Nadia Yala Kisukidi, Camille Riquier, Caterina Zanfi (ed.), *Annales bergsoniennes*, vol. VII, *Bergson, l'Allemagne, la guerre de 1914*, Paris, PUF, 2014, 21-98.

- a. Caterina Zanfi, *Bergson dans la philosophie allemande. Introduction aux textes de Driesch, Scheler, Simmel et Horkheimer*, 21-37.
- b. Hans Driesch, *Bergson : le philosophe biologique* (1907), 39-54.
- c. Max Scheler, *Tentatives d'une philosophie de la vie* (1913), 55-78.
- d. Georg Simmel, *Henri Bergson* (1914), 79-94.
- e. Max Horkheimer, *Sur Les Deux sources de la morale et de la religion d'Henri Bergson* (1933), 95-98.

**Chapters in
collective
volumes**

- 1. “La parole rédemptrice. Plessner face à l'idéologie de la vie”, in Jean-Christophe Anderson, Thomas Ebke, Claudia Nigrelli, Matteo Pagan (eds.), *Helmuth Plessner et la pensée française*, Paris, Hermann, 2025, 23-39.
- 2. “Von Bologna nach Neapel. Zwei internationale philosophische Kongresse vor und nach dem Krieg”, in Gerald Hartung and Caterina Zanfi (eds.), *Die Philosophiegeschichtsschreibung im Ersten Weltkrieg*, Freiburg i. Br., Karl Alber, 2022, 137-155.
- 3. “La filosofia della vita: Note su una conversazione europea di inizio Novecento”, in Daniela Calabrò, *La passione del pensiero. Studi in onore di Enrica Lisciani-Petrini*, Quodlibet, 2021, 171-182.
- 4. “Bergson and German Philosophy”, in Marc Sinclair et al., *The Bergsonian Mind*, London, Routledge, 2021, 305-317.
- 5. “Antonio Banfi” and “Italien”, in Gerald Hartung et al., *Simmel-Handbuch*, Berlin, Metzler, 2021, 427-428 and 515-516.
- 6. “La bibliothèque allemande idéale de Bergson”, in Arnaud François, Clément Girardi, Camille Riquier (ed.), *Annales bergsoniennes*, t. IX, Paris, PUF, 2019, 281-301.
- 7. “« Le social est au fond du vital » : notes sur un débat à l'arrière-plan des Deux sources d'Henri Bergson”, in Olivier Agard, Gerald Hartung, Heike König, *Die Lebensphilosophie zwischen Frankreich und Deutschland*, Baden-Baden, Ergon, 2018, 145-164.
- 8. With Olivier Agard, “Philosophie”, in Bernard Banoun et al. (ed.), *Histoire des traductions en langue française : XXe siècle*, Lagrasse, Verdier, 2019, 1349-1426.