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Curriculum Vitae

AFFILIATION AND CONTACT DETAILS:

- **CURRENT SITUATION:** Postdoctoral fellow at Champalimaud Research under the supervision of neuroscientist Zachary Mainen (Systems Neuroscience Lab).
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- Member of the Center for Philosophy of Sciences of the University of Lisbon (CFCUL)
- Member of the Italian Society for Neuroethics and Philosophy of Neurosciences (SINe)

EDUCATION

- **2015 – Ph.D. in History and Philosophy of Science:** Ph.D. dissertation entitled “The Possibility of Free Action”. Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon, Portugal. Supervisor: prof. António Zilhão and prof. Margarida Telo da Gama. External examiner: prof. Richard Holton.
- **2008 - Qualified Teacher Status:** Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences of the University of Lisbon, Portugal [final grade: 19 (out of 20)].
- **2003 - M.A. equivalent (Honors) in Philosophy:** Faculty of Letters and Philosophy of the University of Padua, Italy. [final grade: 110 (out of 110) *cum Laude*]. Graduation dissertation (supervisor: prof. Giovanni Boniolo): "La sola materia. Un percorso filosofico fra le definizioni scientifiche di Vita nel XX^o secolo" (*Matter alone. A philosophical journey through the scientific definitions of life in the 20th century*).
- **2005 - B.A. equivalent in Philosophy:** Faculty of Letters of the University of Lisbon. Degree interrupted as I moved to Italy but conferred in 2005 [final mark: 18 (out of 20)] and 2009 [final mark: 20 (out of 20)].

PUBLICATIONS

- **Rigato, J.** (2016), "The agent as her self: how taking agency seriously leads to emergent dualism", 7 (1): pp.48-60 (doi: 10.4453/rifp.2016.0005).
- **Rigato, J., Murakami, M., Mainen, Z.** (2015), "Spontaneous decisions and free will: Empirical results and philosophical considerations", in *Cold Spring Harbor Symposia on Quantitative Biology* 79: in press (doi: [10.1101/sqb.2014.79.024810](https://doi.org/10.1101/sqb.2014.79.024810)).
- **Rigato, J.** (2015), "Reductionism, Agency and Free Will", *Axiomathes* 25: pp.107–116 (doi: [10.1007/s10516-014-9247-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10516-014-9247-6))
- **Rigato, J.** (n.d.), "Agent-causal libertarianism: a defense", forthcoming in the proceedings of the Jornadas Ibéricas de Filosofia da Ciência (Lisbon, May 2014).

SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS

- “Agent-causation and supervenience: how you can have one without giving up the other”, as an invited speaker by the College de France, for the international conference “Free Will and Causation” (Paris, France, September 22-23, 2016).

- “Agent-causation: Fitting agents and freedom into a natural world” at the Mind and Cognition Research Seminar of the IFLNova (Lisbon, May 30, 2016).
- “Introspective reports as data: Neurophenomenology, Heterophenomenology and the DES method”, at the International Conference “The Emotional and the Rational Brain”, organized by the Italian Society for Neuroethics (Padua, Italy, May 18-20, 2016).
- “Consciousness in action: an agent-causal account of free will” at the international workshop “Free Will and Consciousness” (VU University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, November 19-20, 2015)
- “Conscious authorship: How actions are possible in a natural world” (skype presentation) at the Mind Body and Self International Conference organized by the Society for Philosophy and Culture (Wellington, New Zealand, July 25, 2015)
- “The (ir)reducibility of consciousness” at the Graduate Student Annual Sessions of the Department of History and Philosophy of Science (Lisbon, June 5, 2015).
- “The agent as her self: how taking agency seriously leads to emergent dualism”, at the International Conference “Who feels what? Neuroethics among brain, mind and consciousness”, organized by the Italian Society for Neuroethics (Padua, Italy, May 13, 2015).
- “Scientific evidence for and against Free Will: discussion of some examples, of their interpretations and their relevance”, at the Permanent Seminar on Philosophy of Science, organized by CFCUL (Lisbon, November 18, 2014)
- “Emergent agency and libertarian Free Will”, poster presentation at the Durham Emergence Project Summer School (Durham, England, July 24, 2014).
- “Agency, Libertarian Free Will and neuroscience”, a two session presentation at Champalimaud Center for the Unknown, invited by the Mainen Lab of the Champalimaud Neuroscience Programme (Lisbon, June 11 and July 30, 2014).
- “Libertarian free will and the scientific worldview”, organized by the Mind Language and Action Group (MLAG) of the Institute of Philosophy of the University of Oporto (Oporto, July 8, 2014)
- “The scientific plausibility of libertarian free will”, at the VIII Iberian Conference on the debates in contemporary philosophy of science, organized by CFCUL and Grupo de Investigación en Lógica, Language e Información of the University of Sevilla (Lisbon, May 27-28, 2014).
- “The plausibility of libertarian free will” at the Graduate Student Annual Sessions of the Department of History and Philosophy of Science (Lisbon, June 4, 2014).
- “Can neuroscience illuminate the philosophical problem of free will?”, at Champalimaud Center for the Unknown - Champalimaud Neuroscience Programme (Lisbon, April 9, 2014).
- “Reductionism, agency and free will”, at the international conference “Philosophy of Science in the 21st century - Challenges and Tasks” (Lisbon, December 4-6, 2013).
- “On self-determination and free will”, at the workshop “Theories of self”, organized both by CFCUL and the Institute for Philosophy of Language of the New University of Lisbon (Lisbon, October 24, 2013)

SERVICE

- **ORGANIZATION**
 - Conferences by Pranab Das (November 16, 2016 at Champalimaud Center for the Unknown), Jonathan Schooler (June 6-9, for the Champalimaud Research Annual Retreat), Robert C. Bishop (May 20, 2014 and July 12-14 2013 for CFCUL), Stephen Mumford / Rani Lill Anjum (September 12, 2013, for CFCUL).
 - 1st and 2nd editions of the Summer school in philosophy of science (17-21st June 2013 and 30th June-4th July 2014) co-organized with Olga Pombo, Lídia Queiroz, Ricardo Santos at CFCUL.

- **REVIEWING**

- [Kairos – Journal of Philosophy & Science](#).
- [Axiomathes](#) (Springer)

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- Portuguese (native)
- English (fluent)
- Italian (fluent)
- Spanish (intermediate)
- French (basic)

TEACHING

From 2005 to 2011 I worked as a high school philosophy teacher (teaching students from 15 to 18 years of age) at [Colégio de S. João de Brito](#), a Jesuit private school in Lisbon.

OTHER PERSONAL FACTS

I have done volunteer work both in Europe (Portugal and Italy) and in developing countries, such as Mozambique, Brazil and Argentina.

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