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Short Bio

I'm full professor for history of philosophy working primarily on the history of Late Renaissance, Early Modern and Enlightenment philosophy. I am member of the editorial boards of several periodicals, among which *Giornale Critico della Filosofia Italiana*, *Rivista di Storia della Filosofia*,

Historia Philosophica, and series (“International Archives for the History of Ideas”, “Women in the History of Philosophy and Science”, “Epicurea”).

I got in 2009 the **La Bruyère Award for Philosophy, given by the Académie Française** (Paris) for my book *Skepsis. Le débat des modernes sur le scepticisme* (Paris, Vrin, 2008) and in 2011 the **Prize of the Accademia dei Lincei** (Rome) for Philosophy. This prize is given every ten years for the scientific production of the prize winner over the past decade

Primary fields of research

- History of philosophy (Renaissance, Early Modern, Enlightenment)
- History of Early Modern Scepticism
- History of 17th century Philosophy (Gassendi, Hobbes, Descartes, Elisabeth of Bohemia Bayle)
- History of 18th century Philosophy (Condillac, Hume, Emilie du Châtelet, Diderot, Clandestine Philosophy and Radical Enlightenment)

Current research

I am author, editor or coeditor of **45 books** and the author of **229 articles ad chapters**, which appeared in Italian, French, English, German, and Japanese. I have organised **31 international conferences** and given **262 invited lectures and presentations**, all over the world. I published more than one hundred book reviews in many philosophical periodicals.

Five main publications

1. G. Paganini, *Introduzione alle filosofie clandestine*, Laterza, Roma-Bari 2008, pp. 182 (French edition, Paris, PUF)
2. G. Paganini, *Skepsis. Le débat des modernes sur le scepticisme. Montaigne-Le Vayer-Campanella – Hobbes- Descartes - Bayle* Coll. “De Pétrarque à Descartes”, 78, Paris, Vrin 2008, pp. 448
3. *Theophrastus redivivus*, edizione prima e critica a cura di G. Canziani e G. Paganini, 2 volumi, La Nuova Italia Editrice, Firenze 1981-1982, pp. CXXIV-998
4. Thomas Hobbes, *Moto, luogo e tempo* [De motu, loco et tempore], “Classici della filosofia), a cura di G. Paganini, UTET, Torino 2010, p. 708
5. *De Bayle à Hume. Tolérance, hypothèses, systèmes*, Paris, H. Champion, 2022, p. 664.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Current Position

Gianni Paganini is currently Emeritus Professor of History of Philosophy at the Università del Piemonte Orientale “Amedeo Avogadro”, Department of Humanities

Teaching and Research Positions

- (1974-1975) Research fellow at C.N.R.
- (1975-1990) Researcher at the Centre on 16th and 17th centuries philosophy (C.N.R.), Milan State University, directed by Mario Dal Pra and then by Arrigo Pacchi
- (1990) Appointed (after fully national competition) Full Professor of History of Philosophy
- (1990-1993) Full Professor of History of Philosophy at Catania State University, Faculty of Humanities
- (1993-1999) Full Professor of History of Philosophy at Turin State University, Second Faculty of Humanities (Vercelli)
- (1999 -2020) Full Professor of History of Philosophy at Università del Piemonte Orientale, Faculty of Humanities (Vercelli)
- (2011-2014) (three years) Fellow of the Interdisciplinary Research Center of the Accademia dei Lincei (Rome). Title of the research: “The Continental Hobbes: Galilean Science, Philosophy and Theology in the Seventeenth Century”.
- (2020-) Emeritus Professor of History of Philosophy at the same University
- (2022-) Fellow of the Accademia dei Lincei (Rome)

Prizes and Awards

- 2009 La Bruyère Award for Philosophy, given by the **Académie Française** (Paris) to his book *Skepsis. Le débat des modernes sur le scepticisme* (Paris, Vrin, 2008)
- 2011 Prize of the **Accademia dei Lincei** (Rome) for Philosophy. The prize is given every ten years for the scientific production of the prizewinner over the past decade

Research Grants and Leadership of National Research Projects

- (1996-1998) Leadership of the Vercelli Research Unit on “Philosophical and Scientific Thought during the Cartesian Age”, within the National Research Programme on the same topic (Ministero dell’Università, PRIN, Programma di ricerca di interesse nazionale)
- (1998-2001) Leadership of the Vercelli Research Unit on “The Crisis of Cartesianism, 17th-18th cent.”, within the National Research Programme on “Descartes and the Cartesian Heritage in 17th and 18th Cent. Scientific and Philosophical Thought” (Ministero dell’Università, PRIN, Programma di ricerca di interesse nazionale)
- (2002-2005) Leadership of the National Research Programme on “Birth and Decline of the Classical Reason: from the Renaissance to the Enlightenment” (Ministero dell’Università, PRIN, Programma di ricerca di interesse nazionale), grouping together seven research unities from different Universities (Piemonte Orientale, Roma III, Napoli Federico II, Bari, Calabria, Lecce, Cagliari)

- (2002-2005) Leadership of the Vercelli Research Unit on “The Crisis of Cartesianism and Clandestine Philosophy”, belonging to the above National Research Programme (PRIN)
- (2005-2008) Leadership of the National Research Programme on “Images of Man and Conceptions of Nature: Renaissance – Cartesian Age – Enlightenment” (Ministero dell’Università, PRIN, Programma di Ricerca di Interesse Nazionale), grouping together five research units belonging to different Universities (Piemonte Orientale, Roma III, Napoli l’Orientale, Urbino, Lecce)
- (2005-2008) Leadership of the Vercelli Research Unit on “Nature and Human Nature from the Sceptical Crisis to the Rational Reconstruction, 17th and 18th Cent.”, belonging to the above National Research Programme (PRIN)
- (2008-2010) Leadership of the National Research Programme on “Renaissance Legacy and the Genesis of Early Modern Philosophy” (Ministero dell’Università, PRIN, Programma di Ricerca di Interesse Nazionale), grouping together five research units belonging to different Universities (Piemonte Orientale, Roma III, Istituto L’Orientale at Naples, Urbino, Siena)
- (2008-2010) Leadership of the Vercelli Unit on “Studies and Texts from the Sceptical and Humanistic Legacy to the Genesis of Philosophical Empiricism”, belonging to the above National Research Programme (PRIN)
- (2013-2016) Leadership of the Vercelli Unit on “Hobbes and Radical Philosophy”, within the National Research Programme on “Atlas of European Reason, 15th-18th Cent. Philosophy” (Ministero dell’Università, PRIN, Programma di Ricerca di Interesse Nazionale), grouping together five research units belonging to different Universities (Scuola Normale di Pisa, Chieti, Pisa, Roma La Sapienza, Vercelli, Venezia, Lecce, Bari, Pisa)
- (2017-2020) Leadership of the Vercelli Unit on “The Continental Hobbes: Constellations, Studies, Fortune, Texts” within the National Research Program (PRIN) on “Conceptual Constellations of early modern philosophy. Sources, texts, fortune”, grouping together ten research units belonging to different Universities (Pisa, Scuola Normale Superiore, Modena, Lecce, Vercelli, Napoli “L’Orientale”, Tuscia, Trento, Bologna, Venezia).

Invited Professorships and Fellowships

- (2023) April-August (five months): fellow of the CAS “Maimonides” – Hamburg Universität (postponed because of the pandemics)
- (2016) October-November (two months): fellow of the Herzog August Bibliothek (HAB) – Wolfenbüttel (Germany)
- (2015) April-September (five months): fellow of the Institut d’Études Avancées (Paris)
- (2016) March: Invited Lecturer by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science; Lectures at the Universities of Tokyo-Akihabara, Osaka-Toyonaka, Tsukuba
- (2015) January-February (one month): Directeur d’études invité at the École Pratique des Hautes Études, Section de Sciences Religieuses (Paris)
- (2011-2014) (three years) Fellow of the Interdisciplinary Research Center of the Accademia dei Lincei (Rome). Title of the research: “The Continental Hobbes: Galilean Science, Philosophy and Theology in the Seventeenth Century”.
- (2013) July (one month): fellow of the Center for Advanced Studies, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, München
- (2012) December (2-17): fellow of the Center for Advanced Studies, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, München

- (2010) May (one month): Professeur invité, École Normale Supérieure Lyon
- (2009) June: co-directeur du Cours d'été (avec M.-C. Pitassi) de l'Institut de l'histoire de la Réformation, Université de Genève, *La religion en question: parcours de la critique renaissante, libertine et déiste*, 8-12 giugno 2009
- (2009) April-July (four months): chercheur invité, Institut d'Études Avancées, Paris
- (2007) May (one month): Professeur invité, École Normale Supérieure Paris
- (2004) April (one month): École Normale Supérieure Lyon
- (2002) November : Visiting researcher presso il Warburg Institute di Londra, nel quadro del programma "The New Historiography of Early Modern Philosophy" (Leverhulme Fellowship), diretto da Tom Sorell, G.A.J. Rogers e Jill Kraye
- (1999) August: Co-director of the Sommerkursus (Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel) on *Klandestine philosophische Literatur, Oeffentlichkeit und Zensur in der Frühen Neuzeit*

International Scientific Advisory Board / Research Centre

- (2014-present) Member of the scientific board of the LabEx COMOD (Laboratoire d'Excellence Constitution de la Modernité, Lyon, ENS-Université Lyon 3)

Editorial Board or Advisory Board / Series

- "International Archives of the History of Ideas" (Springer, founded by R.H. Popkin and P. Dibon)
- "Studi e testi per la storia della tolleranza" (University of Florence, Olschki)
- "Epicurea" (Schwabe, Basel)
- "Women in the History of Philosophy and Science" (Springer)
- "Meridies" (Cosenza)

Editorial Board or Advisory Board / Periodicals

- "Rivista di Storia della Filosofia" (Milan)
- "La Lettre Clandestine" (Garnier, Paris)
- "Giornale Critico della Filosofia Italiana" (Florence)
- "Bruniana & Campanelliana" (Rome)
- "Rinascimento" (Florence)
- "Historia Philosophica" (Pisa)
- "Dianoia" (Bologna)
- "Iris" (Florence)
- "Journal of the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists" (Brill, Leiden)
- «Philosophia» (Bologna)
- "Siglo Dieciocho" (Buenos Aires)
- "Studi Filosofici" (Napoli)
- "Philosophia" (Rome)

Scientific Societies (offices and responsibilities)

- (2017-) Member of the Advisory Board: European Hobbes Society
- (2012) Member of the scientific board of the Institut Universitaire de France (Paris).

(2015-) Member of the international advisory board of the LabEx « Constitution de la Modernité » (CoMod) (Université de Lyon III - ENS Lyon).
(2016-) Member of the scientific board of the “Società Italiana per lo Studio del Secolo Decimottavo” (SISSD)
(2010-) Member of the steering committee: “Società Italiana degli Storici della Filosofia”

Scientific Societies (membership)

International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ISECS)
Società Italiana di Studi sul Secolo Diciottesimo (SISSD)
Renaissance Society of America (RSA)
Société Française d’Etudes sur le Dix-huitième Siècle (SFEDS)
Correspondent member of the International Academy of the History of Science
Società Italiana degli Storici della Filosofia

Referee for:

European Commission, European Research Council (ERC)
Ministero dell’Università e della Ricerca Scientifica: PRIN (Roma)
CIVR (Comitato Italiano per la valutazione della ricerca) (Roma)
EURIAS Fellowship programme
VQR (Valutazione qualità della ricerca) – ANVUR (Agenzia Nazionale per la Valutazione dell’Università e della Ricerca) (Roma)
ANR (Agence National pour la Recherche) (Paris)
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (Ottawa)
Cornell University Press (Ithaca)
Oxford University Press (Oxford)
International Archives of the History of Ideas (Springer) (Dordrecht-New York)
Journal of the History of Philosophy (Baltimore)
Libre pensée et littérature clandestine (Paris)
Bruniana & Campanelliana (Roma)
Dianoia (Bologna)
Iris. European Journal of Philosophy and Public Debate (Firenze)
Dix-Septième siècle (Paris)
Rivista di Storia della Filosofia (Milano)
Giornale Critico della Filosofia Italiana (Firenze)
Annali del Dipartimento di Filosofia (Università di Siena)
“Epicurea” (Schwabe) (Basel)
Université Libre de Bruxelles
Vrije Universiteit Brussels
Scuola Normale Superiore (Pisa)
École Normale Supérieure (Lyon)

Lecturing and Visiting

He has lectured widely in Europe, North and South America, and Asia. He has been lecturer or visiting professor at several Universities, in Italy: Bologna, Calabria, Catania, Firenze, Genova, Istituto di studi sul Rinascimento (Firenze), Lecce (Centro di studi su Descartes), Lessico Intellettuale Europeo (CNR, Roma), Milano (Università Statale), Macerata, Modena, Napoli (Istituto di Studi Filosofici, “L’Orientale”), Napoli Federico II, Pisa (University and Scuola Normale Superiore), Roma “La Sapienza”, Roma III, Salerno, Siena, Torino, Urbino, Venezia, Verona, Padova etc.; and abroad: Belo Horizonte (UFMG), Bruxelles, Cadiz, Chicoutimi (Québec), Copenhagen, Dublin, Erfurt, Essen, Genève, Graz, Halifax, Leiden, London (Warburg Institute), Los Angeles (UCLA and Center for 17th - and 18th-Century Studies), University of California at Riverside, Lugano, Lyon (Ecole Normale Supérieure, Université Lyon III), Marburg, Mons, Montpellier, Montreal (McGill University), Munich (LMU CAS), Nancy, New York (RSA), New York University, Nijmegen, Paris (Collège de France, Paris I, Paris III, Paris IV, Ecole Normale Supérieure Paris, CNRS, IUF), Berlin-Potsdam (Forschungszentrum Europäische Aufklärung), Rio de Janeiro), Rouen, Rotterdam, Saint-Etienne, Salvador de Bahia, Sevilla, Toulouse, Utrecht, Versailles-Saint Quentin, Wolfenbüttel (Herzog August Bibliothek), Tokyo (Keio), Tsukuba, Osaka, etc.

Main research interests

His main research interests are in the history of early modern philosophy. Much of his work has been dealing with Pierre Bayle’s philosophy (to whom he devoted a book: *Analisi della fede e critica della ragione nella filosofia di Pierre Bayle*, 1980), 17th and 18th libertine and clandestine philosophical culture (see notably the edition of *Theophrastus redivivus*, 1981-1982 and the book *Les philosophies clandestines à l’âge classique*, 2005), and also the scientific and philosophical traditions of modern empiricism (mainly Hobbes, Gassendi, Condillac, Hume and the Enlightenment).

He also focused on the history of 17th cent. scepticism, publishing a book on this topic (*Skepsis*, 2008), which covers several authors from Montaigne to Bayle, including true sceptics like Montaigne, Sanches, La Mothe Le Vayer, Bayle as well as some theoretical responses to scepticism (Campanella, Mersenne, Hobbes, Descartes). He has also been working on the relations between Hobbes, his contemporaries (White and some French philosophers, above all Gassendi), his humanistic and Renaissance sources (Valla, Erasmus, Lipsius, the *Corpus Hermeticum*). He is preparing a book on *The Continental Hobbes. Science and first philosophy*.

One new books on Enlightenment philosophy is under preparation: *From Scepticism to Naturalism. Bayle-Hume-Diderot* (to be submitted for publication in “Studies in the Enlightenment”, Oxford University Press).

His current research regards three other main topics: Hobbes’s “first philosophy” in connection with Galilean science and the French *milieu*; the history of clandestine thought in Seventeenth-Century philosophy and early Enlightenment; the intellectual relationship between Hume and Diderot.

He is also working on Hume’s *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion* and his sources, especially the French ones, related to Hume’s stays on the continent.

Other areas of his interest are 20th century French philosophy and the debate on methods in history of philosophy (to these topics he devoted several articles and a large synthesis in a general history of contemporary philosophy: *La filosofia della seconda metà del Novecento*, 1998, published as a part of the general *Storia della filosofia*, dir. Mario Dal Pra).

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