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Brief CV

My main current research interests include social cognition, consciousness, and the social role of cognitive science. In the past, my research areas also cover history of Western philosophy, in particular German classical age. I am the author of over 100 publications, including eight books, in Italian, English, French, and German. The books in Italian are published by leading Italian publishers, such as Mondadori, Laterza and il Mulino. The first book is *Kantian Linguistics: Theories of mental representation and the linguistic transformation of Kantism (*Nodus, Munster, Germany): it provides a seminal perspective on Kant's account on language. The latter, The future of *Artificial Mind* (with A. Plebe) (CRC, Taylor and Francis, 2022), is an updated picture of what artificial intelligence is becoming nowadays in the light of the new perspective of deep learning. My first papers were published in the main scientific journals devoted to the history of language ideas. More recent ones have been published in high-ranking journals, such as *Cognition*, *Plos One*, and *Frontiers of Psychology*.

I am currently the Dean of the Department of Cognitive science, psychological, education, and cultural studies (COSPECS), former Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Teaching and Education, Director of Master of Cognitive Science, and Member of the Boards of Directors at the University of Messina. I also serve as an expert for the new and periodic accreditation of Universities and their programs for the Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes (ANVUR). I am used to having international relations with universities around the world, including the Donders Institute for Brain, Cognition and Behaviour at the Radboud University in Nijmegen (The Netherlands), the Freie Universität of Berlin, and the University of Arizona at Tucson.

Aims and vision

AISC is an Italian scientific society which is particularly congenial to me. The reason lies in the genuinely interdisciplinary nature of the discussion that takes place within the society, in its propensity to bring together both the more speculative and the experimental fields in the attempt to eventually turn cognitive science into a "normal" science. I am running for the CD of the AISC to offer my service in the development of the scientific community of the AISC and in achieving the goals mentioned above.