

Academic *curriculum vitae*

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1. PERSONAL PROFILE

I am a PhD candidate in Didactics of Classical Languages at LMU Munich, working on the conceptual roots of propaganda and on the dynamics of continuity and discontinuity between ancient and modern forms of political persuasion, with a particular focus on democratic Athens. My research combines rhetorical and conceptual analysis to examine how political discourse constructs collective belief and civic identity. I am particularly interested in how ancient categories of truth, persuasion, and authority continue to inform modern cultural and political narratives.

2. EDUCATION

October 2024-September 2028 | PhD in Didactics of Ancient Languages (LMU) and Classical Philology (UniBo)

Ludwig-Maximilian-Universität (München) under a cotutelle agreement with Alma Mater Studiorum (Bologna)

Thesis: *ἀλήθεια oder ψεῦδος? Eine Untersuchung über die begrifflichen Wurzeln, die Entwicklung und das moderne Erbe der Propaganda in der antiken Gesellschaft*

Supervisor: Prof. Markus Janka **Co-Supervisor:** Prof. Camillo Neri

**September 2021-March 2024 | MA in Classical Philology, Literature and Tradition
Alma mater studiorum (Bologna)**

Thesis: *La retorica delle navi nell'Atene del V secolo*

Supervisor: Prof. Camillo Neri **Co-supervisor:** Prof. Giovanna Alvonì

Summa cum laude with special mention and recommendation for publication.

**June 2022-July 2023 | Summer school 'German for Students of Classical Studies'
Universität zu Köln**

- Certificate attesting C2-level proficiency in German (CEFR).

**September 2018-September 2021 | BA in Classics
Università La Sapienza (Rome)**

Thesis: *Lo Pseudo-Epistolario di Falaride: tiranno crudele o raffinato mecenate?*

Supervisor: Prof. Gianfranco Agosti

Summa cum laude

October 2019-June 2020 | Advanced course

Istituto italiano di studi classici (Rome)

- Course of Ancient Greek with the Ørberg Method.
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3. CONFERENCES AND TALKS

3.1. Conference Papers (International)

Truth-Making Among the Poleis: The Thucydidean Tetralogy (I 67–88) as a Laboratory of Political Self-Representation (forthcoming)

- Conference: *Truth in the Classical Greek City: Local and Universal Renderings* (Hans Beck & Julia Kindt), University of Sydney, 1–2 October 2026.

The Ship of State: Navigating Moral Responsibility in Early Greek Thought

- Conference: *Moral Responsibility in Early Greek Thought* (William Allan & Julia Pfefferkorn), University of Oxford, 1 July 2025.

3.2. Invited Talks & Research Seminars (selected)

Chancen und Grenzen des Begriffs ‘Propaganda’ im Kontext der athenischen Demokratie des 5. Jahrhunderts

- Forschungsseminar Griechische und Lateinische Philologie, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, 2 December 2025.

Propaganda im demokratischen Athen des 5. Jahrhunderts v. Chr.: Methodologische Vorbemerkungen

- Forschungsseminar *Verjüngte Antike in Moderne und Gegenwartskultur & HistorMythos*, LMU Munich, 16 May 2025.

Von der Agora zum Forum: Die Entwicklung der Rhetorik von politischem Werkzeug zur Bildungsdisziplin

- Interdisciplinary Seminar *Monokulturelle und Multikulturelle Bildung in der Antike* (Prof. Eleanor Dickey), LMU Munich, 23 January 2025.
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4. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

November 2023-today | Private university tutor

- Online teaching provided to university students and support in preparing ancient Greek and Latin exams.

April 2024-June 2024 | High school teacher
Liceo scientifico statale Ignazio Vian

- Teaching Italian literature, Latin, and Ancient Greek to students in the 12th and 13th grades.

January 2023-October 2023 | University tutor
Alma mater studiorum, Bologna

- Winner of a 400-hour tutoring grant at the Department of Letters.
 - Support in preparation for all Greek and Latin exams required by the Department of Letters at the University of Bologna.
 - Assistance provided to over 30 undergraduate and graduate students.
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5. PUBLICATIONS

- Article: *La retorica delle navi nella tragedia attica di V secolo* (currently under peer-review)
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6. AWARDS AND HONORS

June 2024 | DAAD Doctoral Scholarship
Award of a fully funded doctoral scholarship (4 years)

May 2019 | Liceo scientifico Ignazio Vian
Award for final high school exam score of 100 with honors.

May 2017 | Liceo Guglielmotti, Civitavecchia
Winner of the XI edition of *Certamen traianeum*.

2015, 2016 and 2017 | Liceo scientifico Ignazio Vian
Winner of the XX (2015) and XXII (2017) edition of *Certamen taciteum* and winner of the Greek internal *certamen* (2016).

7. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND ACADEMIC OUTREACH

- Contribution to a public video presentation of the edited volume *Didattica del Greco antico. Modelli, metodi e percorsi per l'insegnamento*, edited by Giovanna Alvoni, Roberto Batisti, Camillo Neri and Pietro Rosa (Università di Bologna, January 2026). Video available at: <https://youtu.be/QJyRX-wF24s?si=UF6TaR6BMm9t6wo>

8. LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian (mother tongue)

English (proficient)

German (C2, certified)

French (proficient)

Latin (proficient)

Ancient Greek (proficient)

Spanish (reading knowledge)