



## MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS (MSCA) POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS 2026 APPLICATIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MACERATA

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**Research themes proposed:** Ontology (properties, substances, events and processes, causal powers, relations); Analytic Metaphysics (especially grounding, ontological dependence, fiction, time); Philosophy of Mind (especially emergentism and dualism); Social Ontology

**Other info:** My research interests are mainly in the fields of ontology and analytic metaphysics. My most recent works are about the ontology of properties and relations: they include the book *The Ontology of Relations* (Routledge, 2024) and the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* entry on properties (together with Francesco Orilia). I am also interested in the ontology of substances, events and processes, causal powers and the metaphysics of causation. I would also be happy to work on issues in the metaphysics of time, fiction, grounding and ontological dependence. Another field in which I can offer expertise is philosophy of mind (especially emergentism and dualism).

All my publications on these and other topics - which include 6 books, 5 edited collections and 67 articles and contributed papers (mostly in English and published in international journals/edited works) - are freely available on my Academia website:

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Since December 2023 I have been the Head of the Local Unit of the PRIN 2022 PNRR Research Project "Make it Explicit: Documenting interpretations of literary fictions with conceptual formal models" (the Macerata unit does research on the ontology of fictional characters and literary interpretation). I took part in two other research projects: the PRIN 2017 Project "The Manifest and the Scientific Image" and the PRIN 2012 Project "Models and Inferences in Science. Logical, Epistemological, and Cognitive Aspects". Finally, in 2014-2015, I was the Principal Investigator of the Project "Causal Relata, Mental Causation and Downward Causation", funded by the John Templeton Foundation and Durham University.