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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: philosophy of mind, embodied cognition, self-consciousness and its disorders

AREAS OF COMPETENCE: experimental psychology, social neuroscience, autism, depersonalization

EDUCATION & ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 15/02/2019 – present: Senior Investigator in Philosophy of Mind and Cognition, Institute of Philosophy Porto, Portugal.
- 01/5/2013 – 31/01/2019: Postdoctoral Fellow – *Mind, Language and Action* Group - Institute of Philosophy Porto, Portugal
- 01/09/2015 – 01/06/2020: Research Associate – Institute of Cognitive Neurosciences, University College London, United Kingdom
- 01/6/2017 – 31/12/2016: Research Associate – Department of Clinical, Educational and Health Psychology, University College London, United Kingdom
- 01/01/2012 – 31/5/2013 Postdoctoral Researcher – Department of Philosophy, University of Fribourg, Switzerland
- 1/2012 – Qualification CNU (Conseil National des Universités) au métier de Maître de Conférences (Lecturer) – section 17 (Philosophy)
- 01/09/2007 - 01/06/2011 – PhD in Philosophy, Université de Bourgogne, France. Thesis title: *Physicalism and Qualia* - Awarded *summa cum laude* on **24/9/2011**

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPH: Ciaunica, A. (2017) – *Qu'est-ce que la conscience?* Paris: Vrin. ISBN 978-2-7116-2739-4

EDITOR:

SPECIAL ISSUE (in press) 'The Relational Self – Basic Forms of Self-Awareness' – *TOPOI, an International Journal of Philosophy*

SPECIAL ISSUE (forthcoming 2020) – *“(Dis)Embodied Perception of the Self and Other – Interdisciplinary Perspectives from Science and Arts – Frontiers in Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology.*

PAPERS:

- Farmer, H., Cataldo, A., Adel, N., Wignall, E., Gallese, V., Deroy, O., ... **Ciaunica, A.** (2019, September 10). [The Detached Self: Investigating the Effect of Depersonalisation on Self-Bias in the Visual Remapping of Touch.](#)
- Ciaunica, A., Crucianelli, L. (2019), [Minimal Self-Consciousness from within – a Developmental Perspective.](#) *Journal of Consciousness Studies.* Volume 26, Numbers 3-4, 2019, pp. 207-226(20)
- Ciaunica A. (2019) [Subjective Experiences are Relational: Implications for Trauma Research and Therapy.](#) *Constructivist Foundations* 14(2): 221–224
- Ciaunica, A., Schilbach L., Deroy, O. (2018), [‘The Multisensory Base of Bodily Coupling in Face-to-face Social Interactions: Contrasting the Case of Autism with the Mobius Syndrome’.](#) *Philosophical Psychology.* <https://doi.org/10.1080/09515089.2018.1504908>
- Farmer* H, Ciaunica* A, Hamilton Antonia F. de C. (2018) [The functions of imitative behaviour in humans.](#) *Mind and Language.* 1–19. <https://doi.org/10.1111/mila.12189> (*equal contributions).
- Ciaunica, A. (2017a). [‘The Meeting of Bodies: Basic Forms of Shared Experiences,](#) *Topoi, an International Journal of Philosophy.* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11245-017-9500-x>

- Ciaunica A. (2017b) – [Modelling Subjectivity and Uncertainty in 'Real World' Settings](#). *Constructivist Foundations* 12(2): 184–185.
- Ciaunica, A. & Fotopoulou, A. (2017c). ['The Touched Self: Psychological and Philosophical Perspectives on Proximal Intersubjectivity and the Self'](#). In Durt C., Fuchs T., and Tewes C. (eds). *Embodiment, Enaction, and Culture—Investigating the Constitution of the Shared World*. Cambridge MA: MIT Press.
- Ciaunica, A. (2016) – ['Basic Forms of Pre-Reflective Self-Consciousness: a Developmental Perspective'](#) in Preyer G., Morando C., and Miguens S. (eds) *Pre-Reflective Consciousness*, London: Routledge.
- Ciaunica, A. (2014a) – [Under Pressure: Processing Representational Decoupling in False-Belief Tasks – Review of Philosophy and Psychology](#), December 2014, Volume 5, Issue 4, pp 527-542. DOI 10.1007/s13164-014-0195-2
- Ciaunica, A. (2014b) – [Putting Phenomenology at Work "Seriously- Deep Brain Stimulation and Mental Disorders](#). *Constructivist Foundations* 10(1): 105–106, 2014
- Ciaunica, A. (2014c) – ['Autism: a Relational Self Impairment?' in Gerner, A. & Gonçalves, J. \(eds\). Altered Self and Altered Self-Experience](#). Norderstedt: BoD. ISBN 978-3-7357-6004-3 2013, pp 277- 293.
- Ciaunica, A. (2013). 'Relations between Levels' in Llored, J-P. (ed.), *The Philosophy of chemistry: practices, methodologies and concepts*. Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, pp. 558-574.

RESEARCH FUNDING

- May 2017- May 2020 – Leading Investigator of the Research Grant *"Estranged from Oneself, Estranged from the Others – Investigating the Feeling of Depersonalisation on Self-Other Mirroring"* awarded by BIAL Foundation (46'000€).
- September 2019 – Funding Award to Beyond the Ivory Tower Writing Workshop, Northeastern University, Boston, the USA. (1700\$)
- November 2019 – February 2020 – Rectorate award to organise the Research Seminar Philosophy of Mind and Cognition, the Institute of Philosophy, Porto, Portugal (1'500€)
- October 2019 – University of Porto Rectorate award to organise the workshop *Self-Perception in Human and Artificial Agents (DISSELF II)* at the Institute of Philosophy, Porto, Portugal (500€)
- October 2018 – University of Porto Rectorate award to organise the conference *(Dis)Embodied Perception of the Self and Other (DISSELF I)* at the Institute of Philosophy, Porto, Portugal (1'500€)
- December 2018- Funding Award Neuroscience of Consciousness Winter School, Montebello, Canada (700€)
- June 26th 2018 –Funding Award from the Foundation for the Science and Technology (FCT) for organising the conference *(Dis)Embodied Perception of the Self and Other* in Porto, Portugal (1'200€).
- November 2017 Training award for interdisciplinary research stay at the Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, UCL, London, the UK from the Foundation for the Science and Technology (FCT) Portugal (4'800€).

INVITED TALKS (recent, sample)

- May 13th – 15th 2020 (forthcoming) - (Dis)Embodied Perception of the Self and Other in Human and Artificial Agents - *Embodied Cognition at the Crossroads of Philosophy, Linguistics, Psychology and Artificial Intelligence*, Cluj, Romania
- March 10th 2020 (forthcoming) – Altered Self-Experiences in Depersonalisation and Meditation – Charleston College, USA
- March 4th 2020 (forthcoming) – The Detached Self- Altered Visuotactile Integration in Depersonalisation, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.
- January 29th – 31st 2020 (forthcoming)– The Meeting of Bodies: Empathy and Basic Forms of Shared Experiences, *International Congress of Psychiatry*, Lisbon, Portugal.
- October 23rd 2019 – Self-perception in Human and Artificial Agents, *Workshop Self-perception in Human and Artificial Agents*, University of Porto.
- October 3rd 2019 – The Meeting of Bodies: Empathy and Basic Forms of Shared Experiences, University of Memphis, USA.
- September 16th – 29th 2019 – Invited Lecture on Computational Psychiatry – *Interdisciplinary Summer School in Neuroscience*, Tubingen, Germany.
- January 19th 2019 – Altered Self-Experiences in Depersonalisation, *LMU Philosophy of Mind Group*, Munich,

Germany.

- January 18th 2019- Estranged from oneself, Estranged from Others? Atypical Multisensory Self-Related Information Processing. LMU Munich, Germany.
- January 17th 2019 – Activity and Passivity in Interactions - Invitation to embody, explore and investigate an intersubjective phenomenon; PRISMA workshop, Munich, Germany
- October 5th - 7th 2018 - The Unreal Self - Altered Self-Experiences in Depersonalisation Disorder – *Workshop on Selfless Minds: Radical Disruptions of Self-Consciousness*, Frankfurt Institute for Advanced Studies, Germany.
- September 24th 2018 – Altered Self-Modelling in Depersonalisation- a Predictive Processing Account. Theoretical Neurobiology Group research seminar, University College London, London, the UK.
- August 27th – 28th 2018 The psychology and philosophy of self: 4E-cognition and philosophy of psychiatry – *the Psychology and Philosophy of the Mind - Philosophy and Psychology Joint Symposium*, University of Turku, Finland.
- June 5th 2018 Altered Self-Awareness in Depersonalisation – *The Body in Clinical Practices – Phenomenological and Empirical Perspectives*, Archives Husserl, Ecole Normale Supérieure Paris, France.
- April 23rd 2018 The Virtual Self – Workshop *Virtualism and the Mind: Rethinking Presence, Representation and the Self*, University of Lisbon, Portugal
- April 5th- 6th Estranged from Oneself, Estranged from the Others? Investigating Depersonalization and the Sense of Self, *4E Cognition and the landscapes of mental disorders*, University of Exeter, the UK
- March 21st 2018 Self-Consciousness, Shared Embodiment and the Sense of Self, *MLAG 2nd Graduate Conference*, University of Porto, Portugal
- January 16th 2018 Virtual Self-Awareness, Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, Social Neuroscience Group seminar University College London, the UK.
- September 19th 2017 The Touched Self – *Mind and cognition seminar IFLNOVA*, Arglab, University of Lisbon, Portugal
- June 7th 2016 Depersonalisation Disorder as a Form of Disembodiment. The Institute of Philosophy, School of Advanced Study, University of London, the UK.
- June 16th 2016 ‘Second-Person Awareness’ – comment on Naomi Eilan’s paper ‘Joint Attention and the Second Person’ - C-MLAG 2016 - Self-knowledge and the First-person- Institute of Philosophy, Porto
- March 27th 2015 ‘Too Real versus Unreal – Predictive Processing and Autistic Perception’ – Birkbeck University College London, the UK.
- March 16th 2015 The Second Person Comes First! – Early Self-Representations. *Lunchtime Seminar, the Institute of Philosophy*, School of Advanced Study, University of London.
- November 3rd 2015 ‘Communicate First, Think Later! Gricean Intention in Early Infancy’, King’s College Research Seminar on *Language and Cognition*, London, UK.

TALKS (recent, sample, peer-reviewed)

- November 21st 2019 – Altered Self-experiences in Depersonalisation and Meditation, *Luminous Workshop*, University of Oxford, the UK.
- November 1st 2019 - Modelling the Self through Others A Predictive Processing Account of The Emergence of Self-Models In Early Life (poster), *Third X-SPECT workshop*, University of Sussex, Brighton, the UK.
- October 10th – 11th 2019 – Modelling the Self through Others – a Developmental Perspective, *The Development of the Self Workshop*, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
- June 22nd-24th 2019 – Estranged from oneself, estranged from the others – investigating the impact of depersonalisation on self-other mirroring (poster). *Sensorimotor UK conference*, London, the UK.
- May 16th 2019 – (Un)Real Selves –Contrasting the Experience of Self-Detachment in Real, Fictional and Virtual Worlds, *Truth of Matter: process and perception in expanded animation practice*, University of Westminster, the UK.
- April 1st 2019 – Body Representation in Depersonalisation and Autism. From Skin to Self Workshop, Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, UCL, London, the UK.
- March 7-9th 2019 – Predicting the Relational Self – Philosophical, Psychological and Neurocomputational Perspectives. International Convention for Psychological Science, Paris, France.
- March 18th-19th 2019 – Self- and Body-Representation in Depersonalisation, Mind & Brain Symposium, Berlin, Germany.
- February 27th 2019 – Atypical Forms of Self-Consciousness. Philosophy Department lab Meeting, University of Barcelona, Spain.

- February 8th 2019 – Altered Self-Experiences in Depersonalisation. Consciousness and Cognition Lab, University of Cambridge, the UK.
- January 25-26th 2019 – The Effect of Depersonalisation on the Visual Remapping of Touch. Predictive Processing, Consciousness and the Self. Ruhr University Bochum, Germany.
- December 17 – 18th 2018. Estranged from Oneself, Estranged from Others: Atypical Multisensory Integration in Depersonalisation. 4th Workshop on Virtual Social Interactions, Goldsmith University, London, the UK.
- December 2nd – 5th 2018 – CIFAR Winter School Neuroscience of Consciousness – Montebello, Canada.
- September 27th -28th 2018 – The Multisensory Base of Bodily Coupling in Face-to-face Social Interactions. *Social cognition in humans and robots*, University Medical Center, Hamburg, Germany.
- September 5th - 7th 2018 – The Unreal Self – Altered Self-experiences in Depersonalisation Disorder, *Open Self*, Technical University Berlin, Berlin, Germany.
- May 25th -27th 2018 – The Multisensory Base of Social Interactions. *MeeTo 2018: from moving bodies to interactive minds*, University of Turin, Torino, Italy.
- March 16th 2018 – The Detached Self – *Mind and Brain Symposium*, Berlin School of Mind & Brain, Germany.
- November 8th – 9th 2017 – Self-consciousness from within. *Designed Minds 2017 - reflections on the function, evolution and implementation of consciousness* -University of Edinburgh, the UK.
- November 10th 2017- Altered Sense of Self in Depersonalisation (poster). First Workshop of the ‘Expecting Ourselves: Prediction, Action, and the Embodied Mind’ XSPECT, University of Edinburgh, the UK.
- November 2nd – 4th 2017 – Empathy and Basic forms of Shared Experiences. *Worlding the Brain II: Affect, Care, Engagement* - Amsterdam Institute for Humanities Research (AIHR), Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
- October 18th – 20th 2017 - Estranged from Oneself, Estranged from the Others? Investigating Depersonalization and Self-Other Mirroring, *Berlin School of Mind and Brain*, Berlin, Germany.
- September 18th 2017 - The Touched Self: Proximal Intersubjectivity and the Self. *Selfception- an Interdisciplinary Workshop on the Development of the Self. 7th Joint IEEE International Conference on Development and Learning and on Epigenetic Robotics* University of Lisbon, Portugal.
- March 16th -17th 2017 – ‘The Meeting of the “I’s” – Proximal Forms of Perceptual Awareness: Interoception and Intersubjective Touch’ - *Me & I. Conceptual and Empirical Perspectives on the Self*, Mind & Brain Symposium, Berlin, Germany.
- August 12th – 2016 – ‘Compensatory Strategies in Online Social Interactions: Contrasting the Case of Autism with the Möbius Syndrome’, *European Society for Philosophy and Psychology Conference*, University of St. Andrews, the UK.
- March 15th-16th 2016 – ‘Modelling Early Forms of Self-awareness’ –*Berlin Mind & Brain Symposium*, Berlin, Germany.
- November 9th 2015– ‘The Second Person comes First! – A Developmental Perspective on the Self-Other Relatedness’ –Symposium on “*The Significance of Phenomenology*” University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
- October 1st – 2nd 2015 – ‘Seeing Oneself through the Eyes of Others: Early Forms of Self-Awareness’ – Max Planck Institute of Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen – The Netherlands (poster).
- September 29th 2014 – ‘Understanding before Language’ – KogWis 2014 – *How Language and Behaviour Constitute Cognition*, University of Tübingen, Germany.
- September 15th-19th 2014 – ‘Do 4-year-olds Metarepresent Others’ False-Beliefs?’ – *European Society for Psychology and Philosophy (ESPP)* – University of Noto, Sicily – Italy.
- March 6th -7th 2014– ‘Building the Self through the Others: the Early Social Interactions’ – *Workshop the Self and the Social*, IFL University – Lisbon, Portugal.

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES ORGANIZATION

- October 23rd 2019 – *Self-Perception in Human and Artificial Agents* – Institute of Philosophy, Porto.
<https://dissself2019.wordpress.com>
- October 17th – 18th 2018 – International Interdisciplinary Conference “(Dis)Embodied Perception of the Self and Other, University of Porto, Portugal <https://dissself.wordpress.com>
- September 27th 2017 – Workshop “*Estranged from Oneself, Estranged from the Others? Investigating Depersonalization and Self-Other Mirroring*” – School of Advanced Study, University of London, the UK.
- June 2nd 2015– Second Annual Research Day ‘*Acting and Interacting Bodies*’ – Institute of Philosophy, School of Advanced Study, University of London (co-organised with O. Deroy, C. Blakemore, C. Frith)

- June 15th 2015– Workshop *Content or No-Content Views of Perceptual Experience*, Institute of Philosophy, Porto, Portugal.
- April 16th 2015– Conference *Penser avant le langage: enjeux linguistiques, philosophiques et cognitifs* - (co-organized with Philippe Monneret, Département de Sciences du Langage, Université de Bourgogne, Dijon, France
- July 22th 2014– Interdisciplinary *Workshop on Minimal Self-Consciousness, Emotions and Perceptual Experience*, Institute of Philosophy, Porto, Portugal (co-organised with Markus Wild, Institute of Philosophy Basel, Switzerland).
- November 29th 2012– Workshop Dijon-London-Geneva *Understanding the Mind: between Language and Cognition* – co-organised avec Philippe Monneret, Université de Bourgogne, Dijon, France.
- June 24th 2011 – Workshop *Private Reality and Language*, Université de Bourgogne, Dijon, France.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH (sample)

- November 14th 2019 – Public engagement talk – Feeling Unreal – Science Gallery London, the UK – *On Edge: Living in the Age of Anxiety* exhibition - <https://london.sciencegallery.com/events/edge-real>
- Ciaunica A. & Charlton J. – May 16th 2019 - *(Un)Real Selves – Contrasting the Experience of Self-Detachment in Real, Fictional and Virtual Worlds* – Ecstatic Truth: Truth of Matter: process and perception in expanded animation practice – Centre for Research and Education in Arts and Media, London, the UK.
- Ciaunica A. & Charlton J. 2018. AEON essay - *When the self slips: Individuals living with depersonalisation disorder bring vivid insight to the question of whether the self is an illusion* - <https://aeon.co/essays/what-can-depersonalisation-disorder-say-about-the-self>
- August 30th 2018 The (Dis)Embodied Self - *Helsinki Public Symposium on Philosophy of Psychiatry 2018: The Extended Mind and Philosophy of Psychiatry*, Helsinki, Finland.
- BBC–radio 4 interview for the show - The Digital Human – series 14 episode 6: Detached
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0b7dq0d>
- British Science Week (March 20th 2015) Rhythms of the Heart - Joining The Head And The Heart
<https://medium.com/jugular-joining-the-head-and-the-heart/rhythms-of-the-heart-feat-british-science-week-march-20-21-42466072ae35>

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