

Antonio Rainone

CV

Current academic position: full professor of Philosophy of Language at the Università di Napoli “L’Orientale” (starting in 2024).

From May 2021: Contact person for curricular traineeships and other activities for the Master’s Degree program in “Lingue e comunicazione in area euromediterranea”.

2019-2020: a member of the Joint Teachers-Students Committee for the Department of Human and Social Science.

From January 2017 he has passed to scientific-disciplinary area M-FIL/05 (Philosophy and Theory of Languages).

In December 2017 he obtained the National Scientific Qualification (ASN) for Full Professor of Philosophy and Theory of Languages (M-FIL/05, now PHIL-04/B).

From 2002 to 2016 he was associate professor of Logic and Philosophy of science (S.S.D. M-FIL/02) at the Università di Napoli “L’Orientale”.

From 2011 to 2015 he was Deputy editor in chief of “Studi Filosofici”, the Journal of the Department of Filosofia e Politica (now Department of Human and Social Sciences).

From 2015 he is a member of the Scientific Board of the same Journal.

From academic year 2009 he teaches Logic and Natural Languages in the undergraduate program in Lingue, lettere e culture comparate (literary-philosophical address) and Philosophy of Science in the degree course in Philosophy and Politics.

From academic year 2007-08 until 2015 and he was a member of the Doctorate Board in Philosophy and Politics of the Department of Philosophy and Politics (and now of the Department of Human and Social Science) of the same University.

2002, December: he was called as associate professor to cover the teachings of Logic and Philosophy of Science at the Faculty of Lettere e Filosofia of the same University.

2002, November: after taking part in a “comparative evaluation procedure” at the Istituto Universitario Orientale of Naples (now Università di Napoli “L’Orientale”) he was deemed qualified to teach Logic and Philosophy of Science as an Associate Professor.

2001-2002: Adjunct Professor of Logic at the Istituto Universitario Orientale di Napoli, Faculty of Lettere e Filosofia.

1998-2000: Adjunct Professor of History of Contemporary Philosophy at the Istituto Universitario Orientale di Napoli, Faculty of Lettere e Filosofia.

1997-98: Adjunct Professor of Philosophy of Science at the University of Salerno, Faculty of Scienze della formazione.

Starting in 1988 and continuing until 2008, he worked first as an editor and then (from 1999) as a consultant and author in contemporary philosophy for the Istituto della Enciclopedia Italiana (Treccani).

1989-1993: scholarships at the LUISS University (Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali “Guido Carli”, Roma), Facoltà di Scienze politiche, with teaching experience in Philosophy and Methodology of Social Sciences, in collaboration with the prof. Dario Antiseri. In this position he gave lectures on the methodological individualism and the logic structure of historical explanation from Max Weber to C.G. Hempel and G.H. von Wright.

In 1989 he has obtained a doctoral degree (PhD) in Philosophy at the University of Urbino, discussing a thesis on analytical philosophy of social science and methodological individualism (his dissertation was titled “Filosofia analitica e scienze sociali”, then published as a volume with the title *Filosofia e scienze storico-sociali*, Pisa 1990).

1985-1988: Doctoral program in Philosophy at the University of Urbino.

1981: degree in Philosophy at the University of Salerno.

Topics of interest and research

Antonio Rainone is the author of seven books and numerous essays. He also edited two volumes of essays and has done several translations.

Research and publications of A. Rainone deal with issues in analytic philosophy. Particular attention he has devoted to the action theory of Donald Davidson and related issues in semantics of natural language, philosophy of mind, theory of behaviour explanation, and theory of rationality. In this connection his research have focused on relationships between intentionality, causality and rationality, and has focused in particular on Donald Davidson's philosophy of action., but also other authors. Also as part of the theory of

action and philosophy of mind he then explored the relationships between normative (or ideal) and descriptive (or empirical) models of practical rationality: on this subject he published various essays, the more important is perhaps *Razionalità pratica tra senso comune, cultura e natura* (2009). Moreover, he was concerned with the issue of the interpretation of language that emerges from the problem of the "radical translation" put forward by W.V. Quine, highlighting the importance of the concept of *empathy*. He then pursued and examined this issue in a historical perspective and in recent theories of philosophy of mind, with a special focus on the so-called "Simulation Theory": on this subject he published several essays, and in particular the detailed book *La riscoperta dell'empatia* (Naples 2005), which has been well received. Thereafter he broadened his interest in Quine's philosophy, focusing his attention on the philosophy of science and language, ontology and the epistemology naturalized of Quine. The results of these researches have been a general monograph on Quine (*Quine*, Rome 2010), and a specific essay on the realism and naturalism in Quine (*Quale realismo, quale verità. Saggio su W.V. Quine*, Macerata 2012). He's the author of the collection of essays *Capire il comportamento umano* (Rome 2019). His most recent book focuses on the ontology of W.V. Quine (*Entia non grata*, Milan 2025).

Rainone's many contributions to the works of the Istituto della Enciclopedia Italiana (Treccani) are to be placed in a historical and systematic perspective. He has also contributed to the works Treccani with numerous biographical entries of the most important philosophers of language and philosophers of the science of the twentieth century (Dummett, Kuhn, Kripke, Popper, Putnam, Quine, Rorty, Searle, etc.).

A complete list of his publications is available [here](#).