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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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POSITION TITLE: Researcher: full-time with tenure

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### EDUCATION/TRAINING

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	Completion Date MM/YYYY	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Rome "La Sapienza", Rome	MA	03/1999	Clinical psuchology
University of Rome "La Sapienza", Rome, Italy	PHD	04/2006	Cognitive Neuroscience
Research and Rehabilitation Centre, IRCCS Santa Lucia, Rome	Fellow	2000/2005	Post-graduate training in neuropsychology
APC School of Psychotherapy, Roma, Italy	Psychoterapist	2011	Post-graduate training Cognitive psychotherapy

### A. Personal Statement

I'm trained in neuropsychology, cognitive and clinical neuroscience. My lab is primarily devoted to make experimental research on the cognitive, affective, and motivational bases of mental diseases by using behavioural, as well as psychophysiological and neurobiological paradigms.

The underling research interest focuses on the possibility tto understand what causes and maintains psychological distress by integrating knowledge and research methods from different domains.

Consistently with Neuropsychoanalysis and Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy, that try to integrate all evidenced research that advances our understanding of the human mind and brain, without losing sight of the complexity of real, lived experience, our research group integrates experimental psychopatology with the study of the brain processes underlying higher cognitive functions such as: consciousness/anosognosia, body schema, depression, confabulations and also frontal lobe executive control systems.

### B. Positions and Honors

#### Positions and Employment

2000 - 2002	Research assistant in Neuropsychology, University of Rome, Psychology Department, Rome
2003 - 2006	Doctoral Scholarship University of Rome to complete a specialization with Dr. Denis Pelli, New York University
2003 - 2004	Research Contract, Spatial Orientation, Aeronautica Militare Pratica di Mare, Sezione Disorientamento Spaziale
2004 - 2005	Research Scientist, IRCCS Santa Lucia Foundation Hospital Rome
2005 - 2009	Teaching contract, Neuropsychology, University "G. d'Annunzio" of Chieti e Pescara
2009 -	Tenure full time Research Scholar, Università degli studi di Roma La Sapienza, Rome

## C. Contribution to Science

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