





# Sarah Placi

## Curriculum Vitae

	Animal Cognition and Neuroscience lab and Reasoning and Decision Group, Center for Mind/Brain Sciences, University of Trento, Piazza Manifattura 1, I-38068 Rovereto
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### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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- 09/2020 – **Postdoctoral fellow**  
*Advisors: Prof. Dr. Giorgio Vallortigara, Prof. Dr. Katya Tentori and Dr. Stefania Pighin; Center for Mind/Brain Sciences, University of Trento, Italy*
- 05/2019 – 07/2019 **Postdoctoral fellow**  
*Advisors: Prof. Dr. Giorgio Vallortigara, Prof. Dr. Katya Tentori and Dr. Stefania Pighin; Center for Mind/Brain Sciences, University of Trento, Italy*
- 10/2015 – 03/2019 **PhD student**  
*Advisors: Prof. Dr. Julia Fischer and Prof. Dr. Hannes Rakoczy; Cognitive Ethology Laboratory, German Primate Center – Department of Developmental Psychology, University of Göttingen, Germany*
- 02/2015 – 08/2015 **Research Assistant**  
*Advisors: Prof. Dr. Klaus Zuberbühler, Prof. Dr. Adrian Bangerter and Dr. Emilie Genty; Comparative Cognition Laboratory, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland*
- 09/2014 – 08/2015 **Research Assistant**  
*Advisors: Prof. Dr. Redouan Bshary, Prof. Dr. Fabrice Clément and Dr. Jennifer McClung; Eco-Ethology Laboratory, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland*
- 02/2014 – 07/2014 **Field Assistant**  
*Advisors: Prof. Dr. Erica van de Waal; Inkawu Vervet Project, Mawana Reserve, South Africa*
- 02/2012 – 06/2012 **Research Assistant**  
*Advisors: Prof. Dr. Claus Wedekind and Dr. Miguel Dos Santos; Department of Ecology and Evolution, University of Lausanne, Switzerland*

### PRIZES, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS

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- 07/2020 – 12/2023 **SNSF Postdoc.Mobility fellowship**  
*Center for Mind/Brain Sciences - CIMEC, P.zza Manifattura 1, 38068 Rovereto, Italy*
- 09/2020 – 02/2022 **SNSF Early Postdoc.Mobility fellowship**  
*Center for Mind/Brain Sciences - CIMEC, P.zza Manifattura 1, 38068 Rovereto, Italy*
- 05/2019 – 07/2019 **RTG2070 Kick-start fund for female Ph.D**  
*Three months stipend for a lab visit at the Center for Mind/Brain Sciences - CIMEC, P.zza Manifattura 1, 38068 Rovereto, Italy*

## EDUCATION

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- 10/2015 – 03/2019 **Ph.D. (Magna Cum Laude) – defense date: 25/03/2019**  
DOCTORAL PROGRAMME “BEHAVIOUR AND COGNITION”  
*German Primate Center – University of Göttingen; PhD advisors: Prof. Dr. Julia Fischer and Prof. Dr. Hannes Rakoczy*
- 09/2010 – 02/2012 **Master of Science**  
BEHAVIOUR, EVOLUTION AND CONSERVATION  
*University of Lausanne; advisors: Prof. Dr. Claus Wedekind and Dr. Miguel Dos Santos*
- 09/2007 – 06/2010 **Bachelor of Science (cum laude)**  
BIOLOGY  
*University of Neuchâtel*

## INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

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- 10/2015 – 03/2019 **RTG2070 students’ representative**
- 10/2017 **Organisation of the BeCog and RTG2070 students’ retreat**

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

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- 03/2021 **Didactic course on number cognition**  
*Part of the Core module: “Current issues in neuroscience: animal models 2021” for master students in cognitive sciences – Center for Mind/Brain Sciences – University of Trento*
- 12/2020 **Didactic course on animal research in the laboratory**  
*Part of the Core module: “Animal cognition” for bachelor students in Science and techniques of cognitive psychology – University of Trento*
- 01/2017 AND 01/2018 **Practical course “Learning and Memory”**  
*Part of the Core module: “Introduction to behavioral biology” for master students in Developmental, Neural, and Behavioral Biology and master students in Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolution – University of Göttingen*

## MEMBERSHIPS IN PANELS, BOARDS, ETC., AND INDIVIDUAL SCIENTIFIC REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

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- REVIEWING ACTIVITIES    Reviewer for the Cognitive Science Conference Proceedings  
Reviewer for *Scientific Reports*  
Reviewing editor for *In&Vertebrates*

## ORGANISATION OF CONFERENCES

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- 12/2022 **18th Annual Conference of the Italian Association of Cognitive Sciences**  
*Part of the local organizing committee*
- 10/2018 **RTG2070 students’ conference “Understanding Social Relationships”**  
*Part of the organizational team; Opening talk*

## PERSONAL SKILLS

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LANGUAGE French (native), Italian (native), English (fluent), German (fluent), Swiss German (fluent)

SOFTWARE R, Pendragon, ELAN, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Blender, Adobe Animate, DeepLabCut

INTERESTS Science, Philosophy, Writing, Travels, Wildlife, Literature, Music, Piano