

Gianluca Esposito CV



Personal Data

Gianluca Esposito
Place and date of birth: NAPOLI, July 10, 1979
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Education and Training

Degree in Psychology, University of Naples, 2002 (110/110 with honors)
Ph.D. in Cognitive Science and Education, University of Trento. Dissertation title: " Analysis of movement in children with Autism Spectrum Disorder during the first 2 years of age".

Research Interests

- **Keywords:** Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), early marker of Autism, typical and atypical development, caregiver-infant relationship.
- **Main research interests:** Developmental psychologist qualified to advance the ongoing investigations on child development contributing strengths in data-analysis techniques, statistical methods, hypothesis design and development with the aim of studying typical and atypical development. His specific focus is on the contribution of communicative and motor systems to the social development and their implication on psychopathology.

Professional and Academic Experiences

Positions held

2007- at present: Post-Doc, Department of Cognitive Science, University of Trento.
2003 - 2006: PhD Student, University of Trento, Department of Cognitive Science.

Stages and Scientific visits

Visiting fellow at:

- Riken Brain Science institute (Japan) in July-August 2005 & July-August 2008.
- University of Florida (USA) in 2005, 2006, 2007.
- Vrije University, (Netherlands) in Sept. 2006.
- University of Washington, Center on Human Development and Disability, in May. 2007.
- University of Miami (USA) in Nov. 2007.
- Georgia State University (USA) in Dec. 2007.
- National Institute of Health Department of Child Health and Human Development- (NIH-NICHD, USA) in Jan. 2008.
- Zayed University in Dubai (UAE) in May 2009.

Teaching

2009 (University of Trento)

- Contract Professor, Department of Cognitive Sciences, Behavioral Observation (1 semester)
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Cognitive Sciences, Psychopathology (1 semester)
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Cognitive Sciences, Data Analysis with R

2008 (University of Trento)

- Contract Professor, Department of Cognitive Sciences, Behavioral Observation (1 semester)
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Cognitive Sciences, Psychopathology (1 semester)

- Teaching Assistant, SSIS, Clinical Psychology

2007(University of Trento)

- Teaching Assistant, Department of Cognitive Sciences, Data Analysis with R

- Teaching Assistant, Department of Cognitive Sciences, Behavioral Observation and Developmental Psychopathology (1 semester)

2006(University of Florida, USA)

- Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology, Integrative Physiological Psychology (PSB 4823 - 1 semester)

Collaborations with Journals (Editor, Reviewer)

Served as ad-hoc reviewer for the following journals and foundations:

- Developmental Medicine & Child Neurology

- Perceptual & Motor Skills Journal

- Channel 7- Children Research Foundation Australia

- Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD).

Research grants

-Grant from Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, NY, USA and University of Trento for the participation to: "Workshop on Autism Spectrum Disorders". 2009

-Grant from Zayed higher Organization for Humanitarian Care, special Needs and Minor Affairs (ZHO), Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Title of the Project: "Helping parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD): Italian and International Intervention Programs for early screening and the building of a supportive network system for families, schools and social services". 2009

- Travel Awards from International Meeting for Autism Research, Chicago, USA. Title of the Project : "Early Interaction between Infants with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their Parents: Studies on Expression of Distress", 2009.

- Grant from RIKEN Brain Science Institute, Wako-shi, Tokyo, Japan. Title of the Project: "Analysis of Lying in Infancy: An exploration of symmetry in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)". July 2008

- Italian Psychology Association Award "L. Camaioni" for best PhD Dissertation. Title of the Project: Analysis of social competences in children with ASD during the first 2 years of age. December 2007

- Grant from European Community & Federation European of Neuro Sciences, Wien. Title of the Project: "Advanced Technologies in Brain Functions and Dysfunctions". July 2006

- Grant from Dybwad International Fellowship Trust of Gettysburg, PA, USA. Title of the project: "Early Indicators of Autism Spectrum Disorders from Postural and Movement Patterns". September 2005- March 2006.

- Grant from RIKEN Brain Science Institute, Wako-shi, Tokyo, Japan. Title of the Project: "Communication and movement patterns as early indicators of ASD". July 2005

- Best Research Work Award—2003. Association of the Italian Psychology. Awarded for the research: "WOS (Walking Observation Scale) and Early Diagnosis of Autism." September 2003

- Merit prize of University of Naples, Department of Psychology, Naples, Italy. Awarded Years 1999, 2000 and 2001

PUBLICATIONS

Number of papers on national and international peer reviewed journals: 26

Number of Books: 1

Number of Chapters on books: 13

Number of works presented at national and International congresses with review: 81