

DEBORA SPAGNOLO – curriculum vitae

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Professional summary

Currently pursuing a PhD program in Cognitive and Brain Sciences at the University of Trento. My research interests mainly focus on the use of neurostimulation and neurotechnology in clinical contexts and the individual's lived experience with the device.

Current affiliation

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Education

PhD in Cognitive and Brain Sciences (2022 – ongoing)

Center for Mind and Brain Sciences- (CIMEC), University of Trento (Italy)

Project: “Understanding the lived experiences of Parkinson's disease patients with deep brain stimulation (DBS)”

(Supervisors: Claudia Bonfiglioli, Costanza Papagno)

Intensive Masterclass in Scientific Journalism: theory and techniques of scientific communication (May 2021)

Feltrinelli Education (<https://www.feltrinellieducation.it/>)

Master's degree in Psychology and Neuroscience (2018 – 2020)

Department of Psychology and Cognitive Sciences, University of Trento (Italy)

Thesis: "Spatial representations during tactile navigation: a preliminary fMRI study"

(Supervisor: Roberto Bottini)

Grade: 110/110 with honors

Erasmus+Studio program (January – June 2018)

School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences, University of Edinburgh

Attended courses:

- Multisensory Integration
- Consciousness and Perceptual Awareness
- Biological Psychology
- Clinical Psychological Problems in Context

Bachelor's degree in Sciences and Techniques of Cognitive Psychology (2015 – 2018)

Department of Psychology and Cognitive Sciences, University of Trento (Italy)

Final exam: "Animal cognition"

Grade: 108/110

Work experience

PhD candidate in Cognitive and Brain Sciences (2022 – ongoing)

Center for Mind and Brain Sciences (CIMEC), University of Trento (Trento, Italy)

Project: “Understanding the lived experiences of Parkinson's disease patients with deep brain stimulation (DBS)”

(Supervisors: Claudia Bonfiglioli, Costanza Papagno)

Internship for the subscription to the Italian Register of Psychologists (2020 – 2021)

Center for Mind and Brain Sciences (CIMEC), University of Trento (Trento, Italy)

(1000 hours; Supervisors: Claudia Bonfiglioli, Andrea Lavazza)

- Literature review
- Design of longitudinal qualitative study with Parkinson's disease patients and their caregivers
- Semi-structured interviews design and administration
- Quality of Life Questionnaire in Parkinson's disease (PDQ-39) administration and scoring
- Qualitative data collection

Research Assistant (December 2020 – December 2021)

Center for Mind and Brain Sciences (CIMEC), University of Trento (Trento, Italy)

(Principal Investigator: Roberto Bottini)

- Organization of experimental research sessions with vulnerable individuals (early blindness)
- Data collection and analysis (behavioral and neuroimaging data)
- Surveys design for qualitative investigation (using Qualtrics software)
- Lab referee for projects with local institutions (“Progetto Museo Accessibile” in collaboration with “Museo del Castello del Buon Consiglio”, Trento, Italy).