



# UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

## I@UNITO – Visiting Scientists

Scientific area	Scientific responsible	Host Department	Type of activity	Start of mobility	Language
Philosophy of mind M-FIL/05	Alberto Voltolini	Philosophy and Education	MA and Ph.D. seminars	Dec. 2016	English
Type of fellowship	Senior (equal or more than 40 years old) 1 month				
Title of the research project	Realism in perception; the controversy between realism and antirealism in philosophy				
Description of the research project	A longstanding debate in philosophy of mind concerns the issue of whether perceptual experiences are open to the world, by perceptually attaining its objects and properties, or the world is given to us only indirectly, via some sort of intermediary entities (sense-data, intentional contents of various sorts), or even more radically it is constructed via the mind's percepts. Not only the pros and cons of the respective positions in the logical space will be examined (direct realism, naïve realism, indirect realism, constructivism), but also the import of this debate on the more general philosophical controversy between realism and antirealism as to what there is will be scrutinized.				
Profile Description	The visiting scientist has to be an outstanding philosopher with a high international reputation and a wide competence in different fields of philosophy (philosophy of mind and language, ontology and metaphysics, logic and ethics)				
Research objectives	In interacting with the visiting scientist, both MA and Ph.D. students will benefit from his presence not only by augmenting their knowledge as to basic debates in contemporary philosophy but also by improving their skills as to an argumentative way of pursuing research in philosophy: to single out reasons for defending a certain philosophical position and to be able to reply to objections to it.				
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