



# Michael Schepisi

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## ● WORK EXPERIENCE

01/04/2023 – CURRENT Verona, Italy

**POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP** NEUROPSYCHOLOGY LABORATORY IN VERONA NPSY-LAB.VR

I am studying susceptibility to deceptive information and scams as a consequence of aging-associated cognitive decline in healthy and pathological populations, such as dementia and stroke patients.

15/02/2019 – 31/03/2023 Rome, Italy

**POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP** SOCIAL AND COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCES LAB AT SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY OF ROME

Tutor: Prof. Salvatore Maria Aglioti

I am involved in two research projects on the neuro-physiological correlates of the attitudes toward organised crime and the transformational power of embodying avatars on morality.

I also developed and validated a questionnaire to measure the attitudes towards Italian mafias (submitted article).

01/11/2015 – 14/02/2019 Rome, Italy

**PHD PROGRAMME IN COGNITIVE, SOCIAL AND AFFECTIVE NEUROSCIENCE (COSAN)** SOCIAL AND COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCES LAB AT SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY OF ROME

Tutor: Prof. Salvatore Maria Aglioti

My main research project investigated the role of political ideology in social cognition, morality and intergroup relations.

I was also involved in a project on the role of political ideology and interpersonal trust in conspiracy theories (one published and one submitted articles)

**Address** Rome, Italy

## ● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

06/07/2020 – 06/07/2020

**GOVERNMENT EXAM AND LICENCE TO PRACTICE PSYCHOLOGY** Sapienza University of Rome

11/09/2018 – 31/12/2018 Leiden, Netherlands

**RESEARCH VISITING** University of Leiden

Tutor: Prof. Cartsten K. W. De Dreu and PhD Ruthie Pliskin

Research project on the effect of political priming on intergroup cooperation

**Address** Leiden, Netherlands

01/10/2014 – 01/10/2015 Milan, Italy

**INTERNSHIP IN SOCIAL AND EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY** University of Milan-Bicocca

Tutor: Prof. Simona Sacchi

Research projects:

-The effect of anthropomorphism of slot machines on gambling frequency  
-Gambling and pain perception  
-The effect of power on body perception: a TMS study

**Address** Milan, Italy

01/10/2011 – 25/10/2013 Milan, Italy

**MASTER DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY OF SOCIAL AND DECISIONAL PROCESSES AND ECONOMIC BEHAVIOR** University of Milan-Bicocca

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Supervisor: Prof. Simona Sacchi

Grade: 110/110 cum laude

Thesis title: "Perception of objects in the peripersonal space: the role of prejudice"

**Address** Milan, Italy

01/10/2008 – 14/10/2011 Milan, Italy

**BACHELOR DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES AND TECHNIQUES** University of Milan-Bicocca

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Supervisor: Prof. Alberto Gallace

Grade: 99/110

Thesis title: "The effect of interpersonal touch on risk perception"

**Address** Milan, Italy

## ● ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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### PUBLICATIONS

#### Research article

**Schepisi, M.**, Liuzza M. T., Frisanco, A., Giannini, A. M., Aglioti, S. M. The development and validation of the Attitudes towards Italian Mafias Scale (AIMS) (submitted)

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#### Research article

**Schepisi, M.**, Gjonjeska, B., Mari, S., Panasiti, M. S., Porciello, G., Imhoff, R. Conspiracy mentality differently shapes interpersonal trust when money or digital privacy is at stake (submitted)

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#### Research article

Frisanco, A., **Schepisi, M.**, Tieri, G., & Aglioti, S. M. (2022). Embodying the avatar of an omnipotent agent modulates the perception of one's own abilities and enhances feelings of invulnerability. *Scientific Reports*, 12(1), 21585.

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#### Research article

Imhoff, R., Zimmer, F., Klein, O., ...**Schepisi, M.**, et al. Conspiracy mentality and political orientation across 26 countries. *Nat Hum Behav* 6, 392–403 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-021-01258-7>

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#### Research article

Adam-Troian, J., Wagner-Egger, P., Motyl, M., ...**Schepisi, M.**, et al. (2021). Investigating the links between cultural values and belief in conspiracy theories: The key roles of collectivism and masculinity. *Political Psychology*, 42(4), 597-618. <https://doi.org/10.1111/pops.12716>

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#### Research article

**Schepisi, M.**, Porciello, G., Aglioti, S. M., & Panasiti, M. S. (2020). Oculomotor behavior tracks the effect of ideological priming on deception. *Scientific Reports*, 10(1), 1-14

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#### Research article

**Schepisi, M.**, Porciello, G., Bufalari, I., Aglioti, S. M., & Panasiti, M. S. (2019). Left threatened by right: political intergroup bias in the contemporary Italian context. *Frontiers in psychology*, 10, 26. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2019.00026>

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## HONOURS AND AWARDS

04/12/2020

**"BIAL Foundation Research Grant" – BIAL Foundation** Small research grant with a project on how the embodiment of different avatars influences judgements and actions in virtual moral dilemmas

29/10/2020

**"Avvio alla Ricerca tipo II" – Sapienza University of Rome** Small research grant "Bandi di Ateneo Sapienza University of Rome" with a project entitled "Neural correlated of self vs. other discrimination as an index of political and ethnic prejudices among Conservatives and Liberals"

25/07/2017

**"Avvio alla Ricerca tipo I" – Sapienza University of Rome** Small research grant "Bandi di Ateneo Sapienza University of Rome" with a project entitled "Politics and Deception: how ideology influences social decisions"

14/12/2016

**"ICPS Travel grant" – Association for Psychological Science** Travel grant for attending the International Convention of Psychological Science in Vienna 2017

## JOB-RELATED SKILLS

### Research Techniques

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Electroencephalography, Eye tracking, Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (basic), Skin conductance Response (basic), Virtual Reality (basic)

### Programming

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R, Eprime, Eyelink Experiment Builder (Eye-tracking), Psytoolkit, Matlab (basic), Unity (basic)

### Data Handling and Analysis

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R, SPSS, JASP, Statistica, Brain Vision Analyzer (EEG), Begaze (Eye-tracking), Eyelink Data Viewer (Eye-tracking) Acqknowledge (SCR), Microsoft Excel

### Data acquisition

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Brain Vision Recorder (EEG), IviewX (Eye tracking), Eyelink Experiment Builder (Eye-tracking)

### Survey and experiment creation

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Eprime, Survey Monkey, Qualtrics, Eyelink Experiment Builder (Eye-tracking), Psytoolkit

### Reviewing

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Reviewer at NatureResearch Scientific Reports, Psychological Reports, PLOSONe

### Editing

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Adobe Photoshop, Abrosoft Fantamorph

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

04/03/2020 – 04/03/2020

### Lectures

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One lecture each year at the Department of Psychology, Sapienza University of Rome on Political Intergroup Bias in Social Neuroscience and Psychology

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

18/12/2017

**Talk "Ideological priming effects over politically non-aligned people's' deceptive behaviour: An eye tracking study"**

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Department of Psychology Anniversary at Sapienza University of Rome

16/03/2017

**Talk "Reproducibility in Psychological Science"**

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Meeting at the Social and Cognitive Neurosciences Lab, Department of Psychology, Sapienza University of Rome

12/02/2018 – 13/02/2018

**Poster presentation "Ideological priming-mediated effects over politically non-aligned people's deceptive behavior: an eye tracking study"**

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"Interactive Eye Gaze" Conference sponsored by Experimental Psychological Society and Institute of Cognitive Neurosciences, University College London (UK)

29/06/2017 – 02/07/2017

**Poster presentation "When threat leads to intergroup bias: the strange case of Italian Liberals"**

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International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) Conference, Edimburgh (UK)

23/03/2017 – 25/03/2017

**Poster presentation "Fearing the outgroup: why Italian Liberals dislike Conservatives"**

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International Convention of Psychological Science (ICPS), Vienna (Austria)

**SUPERVISING ACTIVITIES**

01/11/2019 – CURRENT

**Supervision**

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Ph.D. student in Social, Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience at Sapienza University of Rome

01/01/2017 – 01/12/2019

**Supervision**

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Two Master Students in Cognitive Neuroscience (International Programme) at Sapienza University of Rome

**SCIENCE OUTREACH/DISSEMINATION**

04/11/2021 – 05/11/2021

**Rome VideoGameLab 2021**

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Demonstration of the application of Immersive Virtual Reality in Psychological Science

14/10/2021

**Virtual Reality Experience Rome2021**

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Demonstration of the application of Immersive Virtual Reality in Psychological Science

12/12/2016

**Ricercatori e giornalisti a caccia di click: le trappole della comunicazione scientifica nell'era del web**

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Member of the Conference Organizing Committee.  
Department of Psychology, Sapienza University of Rome