




PHD CANDIDATE

TOMMASO ROPELATO

I am a PhD candidate with a deep passion for practical philosophy, bioethics, and applied ethics, particularly in addressing the ethical challenges posed by emerging technologies, with a focus on the repro-genetic field. My interests extend to journalism, history and the rich philosophical and cultural traditions of Islamic and Jewish thought.

CONTACT

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EDUCATION

- Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy, University of Trento, with honors (110/110 cum laude)
- Master's Degree in Philosophy, University of Trento, with honors (110/110 cum laude)

LANGUAGES

- Italian: Native speaker
- English: C1 (IELTS Academic)
- German: B1

EXPERIENCE

PHD STUDENT

University of Turin / University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

2023 - current

- Research activities on the ethical and social implications of emerging technologies, with a focus on repro-genetic biotechnologies and the use of genomic data.
- Doctoral thesis on informed consent and genomic screening technologies for reproductive decision-making.

SECONDMENT RESEARCHER

Fondazione Bruno Kessler (FBK)

2023 - current

- Research in bioethics and ethics of emerging technologies.
- Organizing and participating in internal seminars.
- Chair of the panel "Pop Cultures" in the final conference of FBK "Enchantment and Disenchantment in Religion and Ethics".

CO-FOUNDER AND HEAD OF COMMUNICATION

Prismag

2023 - current

- Managed social media and communication strategies.
- Developed and implemented strategic plans for the organization.
- Represented the department at meetings, conferences, and workshops.
- Created a culture of accountability within the organization.
- Engaged stakeholders by providing regular updates on progress toward goals.

FOUNDER AND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

AlterThink

2020 - current

- Founded an online magazine with more than 50 contributors, focusing on political, economic, cultural, and sci-tech topics.
- Won the "Economie della Fiducia 2021" prize from Corriere della Sera.
- Recruited and trained staff members.
- Identified potential partnerships to expand the reach of the magazine.
- Managed day-to-day activities across multiple departments.

RESEARCH INTERN

CIBIO - Dept. of Cellular, Computational and Integrative Biology

01/2022 - 07/2023

- Conducted research on the ethics of synthetic biology and genome editing.
- Mentored in the "ACDC" project of the MUSE - Museum of Natural Sciences of Trento, leading a Q&A session on ethics in biomedical technologies.
- Conducted interviews to PIs and researchers on CRISPR/Cas9 and genome editing topics.
- Highlighted the interdisciplinary value of the internship in an article for the University of Trento's magazine.

UNIVERSITY TUTOR

University of Trento

01/2022 - 05/2023

- Assisted students, especially foreign and non-humanities students, with writing papers.
- Developed and conducted tutorials across various subjects.
- Provided feedback on assignments to improve writing skills.
- Held one-on-one meetings to support struggling students.

HORIZON EUROPE YOUNG AMBASSADOR

APRE: Agency for the Promotion of European Research

07/2023 - 09/2023

- Worked on cancer prevention as part of the EU's Horizon Europe missions.
- Created and implemented communication initiatives, including a podcast on cancer with experts from AstraZeneca, IEO, and LILT.

JURY MEMBER

12th Edition of Trieste Next Festival

08/2023 - 09/2023

- Selected as a jury member for "The Science Book of the Year" prize.
- Engaged in workshops and meetings to outline the future scientific agenda, promoting synergies between STEM, humanities, and social sciences.

CONTRIBUTOR

L'Adige

01/2020 - 01/2022

- Wrote over 100 articles for one of the leading newspapers in northern Italy.
- Drafted various forms of written communication, including emails, newsletters, and brochures.
- Performed keyword research and sourced work accurately.
- Brainstormed with writers and the creative team.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- GenGPT can understand your DNA, but can it handle your decisions? The Future of Science and Ethics Journal, Fondazione Umberto Veronesi, 2025
- "Reimaging Talent: How genetic enhancement could shape the future of sports" 2024 McNamee Essay Prize - Commendation Winner
- Playing God or Playing Good? Moving from an Engineering Paradigm to a Designer's Posture Toward Life - 2nd International Conference Ethics of Engineering Life, Bambino Gesù Children's Hospital, Rome, Italy, 2024
- Self-Determination and Algorithmic Authority: Can AI Reshape End-of-Life Decision-Making? – Panel "on death," EUARE2025, Vienna 2025
- "Save the national bioethics committee! Taking notes from France", AlterThink, 2023
- "Gigante di ferro o Cuore di ciccia: riflessioni sulla incarnazione tecnologica", ENDOXA, 2024
- "Beyond Boundaries: Navigating Bioethics in the Era of Bionic Advancements", Institute of Medical Ethics National Conference, 2024
- "From 'Robot Wars' to super-athletes: public perception as a criterion to set the limits for performance-enhancing modification", 21st Annual Conference of the British Philosophy of Sports Association, 2024
- "Gattaca: show me your genes and I'll tell you who you are", AlterThink, 2022
- "The birth of therapeutic consent: Henrietta Lacks' immortal cells", AlterThink, 2022
- "From Roe v. Wade to Dobbs v. Jackson: history can't be erased", AlterThink, 2022
- "Legal euthanasia: controversy after the rejection by Constitutional Court of the referendum", L'Adige, 2022
- "News, territories and algorithms: when young people make Economies of Trust", Corriere della Sera, 2021