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Academic career

He graduated in Philosophy in Italy and later, as a *Harkness Fellow*, received his Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley (1984). He conducted post-doctoral research in Munich and Frankfurt with Jürgen Habermas as a *Von Humboldt Fellow* and later at Berkeley again.

Prof. Ferrara has served as Director of the Ph.D. Program at the University of Rome Tor Vergata between 2008 and 2012, and as Director of the School of Journalism of the same University between 2004 and 2010.

He also served as Member of the National Committee for Habilitation in Political Philosophy, Italian Ministry of University and Education (2013–2014 and 2018-2020) and as Member of the National Group of Experts (GEV-14) for assessing the quality of research in Italy (2004-10). He has twice chaired the Panel of Experts for assessing the quality of research in the humanities in the Czech Republic (2010-14 and 2015-19).

Since 1991 Ferrara has been a Co-Director of the Yearly Prague Conference on *Philosophy and Social Science*, originally founded by Jürgen Habermas in Dubrovnik in 1976 and since 1993 held under the auspices of the Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Science. Co-Directors formerly included Jean Cohen, Axel Honneth, Frank Michelman, Seyla Benhabib, Nancy Fraser, Rainer Forst, William Scheuerman, and currently include Maeve Cooke, Simone Chambers and other distinguished colleagues.

Editorial Experience

He co-edits (with David Rasmussen) the series *Philosophy and Politics – Critical Explorations* at Springer, and serves as editorial consultant on the board of *Constellations*, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, *Berlin Journal of Critical Theory*, *Social and Political Philosophy*, *Studies in Social & Political Thought*, *Quaderni di teoria sociale*.

Visiting and lecturing experience

Prof. Ferrara has taught courses and lectured in various capacities in a number of universities and institutions, including Boston College, Harvard University, Oxford University, Yale University, Columbia University, Rice University, Cardozo Law School, New School for Social Research (NYC), EHESS and Sorbonne in Paris, CASS in Beijing, Sapienza University of Rome, Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona, and the Universities of California at Berkeley, Madrid, Chicago, Potsdam, Amsterdam, Mexico City, Exeter, Manchester, Johannesburg, Coimbra, Braga, Lisbon, Berne, Barcelona, Dublin, Lyon III, Singapore, Milan, Tilburg, Luxembourg, Mumbai, Indore, Rio Grande do Sul at Porto Alegre, Mato Grosso at Campo Grande, Catholic University of Chile in Santiago, and Leuven.

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