

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family name, First name: [Napolitano, Simone](#)

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EDUCATION

[18/01/2008](#) PhD in Physics, title [Temperature dependence of the deviations from bulk behavior](#)
KULeuven / Belgium

[24/06/2005](#) Laurea in Scienza dei Materiali (Bachelor and Master in Materials Science) 110/110
e Lode, Università di Pisa / Italy

CURRENT POSITION

[15/09/2014](#) – [Chargé de Cours confirmé](#) (corresponding to the level of [Associate Professor](#))
Université Libre de Bruxelles / Belgium

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

[15/09/2011](#) – [14/09/2014](#) [Chargé de Cours non-confirmé](#) (corresponding to the level of [Assistant Professor](#))
Université Libre de Bruxelles / Belgium

[01/10/2008](#) – [14/09/2011](#) [Postdoctoral Researcher](#) of the FWO
Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek – Vlaanderen
KULeuven / Belgium

[01/09/2011](#) – [30/09/2011](#) [Researcher](#)
KULeuven / Belgium

[01/10/2005](#) – [31/08/2011](#) [Early Stage Researcher](#) of Polyfilm Research Training Network (FP6)
KULeuven / Belgium

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2012 Pieter Debye Prize to Young Researchers for excellence in Dielectric Spectroscopy awarded by the International Dielectric Society

2011 Three years postdoctoral Scholarship awarded by FWO (I did not accept the scholarship, as I was offered an academic position at ULB)

2010 Best Oral presentation at the 3rd Young Scientists Conference on “Nanostructured and functional polymer based materials and Nanocomposites” held in Madrid, Spain, 25-27 April 2010

2009 Selected as one of the 21 participants to the ESF/ALLEA Joint Humanities Spring Workshop, 8-10 June 2009, Vienna, with the title “From Learned Societies to Knowledge- Based Society: Towards a European Young Academy?”.

2008 Youngest Invited Speaker at World Polymer Congress, organized by IUPAG, Taipei, Taiwan 29th June – 4th July 2008

2008 Three years postdoctoral Scholarship awarded by FWO (Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek – Vlaanderen)

2007 Young Researchers' Award for Poster Presentation at the European Polymer Congress 2007, Portorose, Slovenia

Marie Curie Fellowship funded under the European Commission's 6th Framework Programme to attend the “**Knowledge Based Materials**” **Summer School** on “*Partial Melts and Amorphous Solids*”, Estremoz (Portugal), (25 participants selected all over Europe).

2006 Best Poster presentation of an experimental work at the 3rd International Workshop on Dynamics in Confinement held in Grenoble, France, 23-26 March 2006

- 2005** Young Authors' Award for the outstanding results and presentation of the research at *Matter and Materials Device meeting* held in Genoa by INFM, [Italian National Institute for the Physics of Matter](#)
- 2000** *Italian Mathematics Olympic Games* in Cesenatico: Best of Calabria.
- 2000** *Scholarship "Manna"* awarding the student with the best *curriculum studiorum* of Liceo Scientifico G.B. Scorza, Cosenza
- 1999** *Italian Mathematics Olympic Games* in Cesenatico: in the Team of Calabria
- 1998** Selected for the Italian Delegation at the National Young Leaders Conference, Washington D.C.
- 1996** *Scholarship "Gaudio"* awarding the best student of Biennio (first two years of Scientific High School) at Liceo Scientifico G.B. Scorza, Cosenza

SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

- 2008 – 2011 In my years as postdoc at KULeuven I [daily supervised up to three PhD students at the same time on three different projects](#). After moving at ULB, I kept on following one of those students at KUL (B. Vanroy, scheduled defense, Summer 2014), and one postdoc.
KULeuven / Belgium
- 2011 – 2017 At ULB, in 2012/2013 I supervised seven master students (four of Physics (ULB), one of the Physical Engineering (ULB), one of Chemistry (ULB), one of Chemical Engineering, Erasmus Program, Universitat Politecnica Catalonia);

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Since the academic year indicated, I am titular of the following courses (given to)

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| 2012 – | Polymer Physics | (MA1) |
| 2011 – | Condensed Matter Physics | (BAC3) |
| 2011 – | Lab of Condensed Matter Physics | (BAC3) |
| 2011 – | Soft Matter | (MA2) |
- Faculty of Science / Physics, Université Libre de Bruxelles / Belgium

ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

- 2014 Organizer of the Solvay Workshop on "Directional Nucleation and Growth of Molecular Crystals", Brussels (BE) / 50 participants
- 2014 Organizer of the Symposium of the Researchers of Polyfilm, Leuven (BE) / 25 participants

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 01/2016 – Member of the Teaching Committee for the Bachelor and Master Programs in Physics/ Université Libre de Bruxelles
- 01/2014 – 12/2015 Member of the committee for the reform of Bachelor and Master Programs in Physics/ Université Libre de Bruxelles
- 09/2014 – Secretary of the Bachelor Program in Physics/ Université Libre de Bruxelles
- 02/2013 – Representing ULB in the Piloting committee of the project FEDER (around 40M€) Université Libre de Bruxelles / Belgium
- 09/2011 – Faculty member, Université Libre de Bruxelles / Belgium

MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

- 2010 – Member of the American Physical Society

PREVIOUS (AND ONGOING) FUNDING

FONDS WETENSCHAPPELIJK ONDERZOEK – VLAANDEREN, FWO
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FNRS
FONDS DEFAY
FONDS DAVID & ALICE VAN BUUREN
10 KM ULB

EXTRA INFORMATION

PhD obtained in 2 years and a month (from starting day to submission of the manuscript, which was accepted “as it is”)

I was offered (and I have accepted) an academic position at ULB at the age of 29

I am reviewer for: Science (1 manuscript), Physical Review Letters (an average of 1 manuscript each 6 weeks), Journal of the American Chemical Society, Macromolecules, Langmuir, Soft Matter, Physical Review E, ...

ACADEMIC TRACKING

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS WORK Born in 1981, after obtaining a master degree in Materials Sciences (Università di Pisa, Italy, Jun '05) and a PhD in Polymer Physics (KULeuven, Belgium Oct '05 - Oct '07, funded by the FP6 RTN Polyfilm, Marie Curie Actions, till Sep '08), I started a postdoctoral appointment granted by the FWO (Oct '08 - Sep '11). Since Sep '11 I hold a tenured assistant professor position at ULB, where I created the Laboratory of *Polymer and Soft Matter Dynamics / Laboratoire de Dynamique de Polymères et de la Matière Molle* ([LDPM2](#)).