

Application for a:	Incoming Scheme NEWFELPRO Fellowship for experienced researcher
Proposal Acronym:	grace1978
Proposal Title:	Grace, Charisma, and Ease of Movement. A History of Three Ideas From the 18th Century to the Present.
Research area(s):	Life sciences LIF
Research sub-disciplines:	History of Ideas, History of Philosophy, History of Aesthetics, Philosophy, History of Science, History of Literature, History of Art, Performing arts, Neurophysiology, Neuroscience of Movement, Neuroimaging, Neuropsychology.
Category of research:	basic
Duration in months:	24
Keywords:	grace, beautiful soul, charisma, motor skills, body memory, embodied simulation, emotional engagement
Abstract:	<p>The research will investigate three different, but related, topics: 1) the modern idea of aesthetic grace; 2) the modern idea of charisma and its historical roots; 3) the relationship between modern and contemporary neurophysiological research on the acquisition and execution of "fluent" movements and the modern aesthetics of grace. In several European languages, the word "grace" refers mainly to the beauty and ease of movements, but can also indicate a "state" of bliss in which actions, thoughts and words seem to "flow" effortlessly. "Charisma", whose etymology derives from the Greek word for "grace", indicates the irresistible fascination exerted by certain individuals. In fact, both grace and charisma have a very long history and their roots are intertwined. Besides, the problem of the "ease" of movements belongs to the history of neurophysiology and is still debated among neuroscientists: in this case, the history of aesthetics and the history of science seem to be interconnected.</p>
Does this proposal possess any of the sensitive ethical issues detailed in ethical issues table?	No