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EDUCATION

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, Washington, D.C., 2009-2013
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PONTIFICIO ISTITUTO DI STUDI ARABI E D'ISLAMISTICA (PISAI), Rome, 2004-2006
Licentia (Licentiate) in Arabic and Islamic Studies with the distinction *summa cum laude*, June 2006
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UNIVERSITÉ DE LA SORBONNE NOUVELLE – PARIS III, INSTITUT D'ÉTUDES ARABES ET ISLAMIQUES
Brevet d'Arabe littéral, October 2006
Certificat d'Arabe littéral, December 2005

DAR COMBONI FOR ARABIC STUDIES, Cairo, 2003-2004
Baccalaureate in Arabic Studies, June 2004

CENTRE CULTUREL ET DE DOCUMENTATION SAHARIENNE (CCDS), Ghardaïa, 2002-2003
Studies in Colloquial Algerian Arabic

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN AFRICA (CUEA), Nairobi, 1997-2001
Bachelor of Arts with First Class Honours in Religious Studies, October 2001

TANGAZA COLLEGE, Nairobi, 1997-2001
Diploma in Theology, March 2001
Diploma in Mission Studies, March 2001

PONTIFICAL URBANIANA UNIVERSITY, Rome
Bachelor of Sacred Theology with the distinction *summa cum laude*, May 2001

CATHOLIC LANGUAGE INSTITUTE OF KHARTOUM (CLIK), Khartoum, Sudan, 1995-1996
Studies in Colloquial Sudanese Arabic

FACULTAD DE TEOLOGÍA SAN DÁMASO, Madrid, 1992-1994
Studies in Philosophy

INSTITUTO SUPERIOR DE CIENCIAS RELIGIOSAS Y CATEQUÉTICAS SAN PIO X, Madrid, 1992-1993
Studies in Missiology

LANGUAGES

Spanish (mother tongue), Valencian, English, French, Italian, Arabic

TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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PONTIFICIO ISTITUTO DI STUDI ARABI E D'ISLAMISTICA, Rome, 2006-2013
Professore Invitato. Lecturer of Islamic Studies

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY, Washington, D.C., 2009-2013
Research & Teaching Assistant

GROUPE DES RECHERCHES ISLAMO-CHRÉTIEN (GRIC), Tunis, 2006-2009
Member

CENTRE CULTUREL ET DE DOCUMENTATION SAHARIENNE (CCDS), Ghardaïa, Algeria, 2001-2003
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PUBLICATIONS

AUTHORED BOOKS:

Muslim-Christian Polemics across the Mediterranean: The Splendid Replies of Shihāb al-Dīn al-Qarāfī (d. 684/1285) [The History of Christian-Muslim Relations, 23], Leiden: Brill, 2015.

Review by Uri SHACHAR in *Al-‘Uṣūr al-Wuṣṭā* 26 (2018) 243-248

Review by Sona GRIGORYAN in *Entangled Religions* 3 (2016) CXVI- CXXII

Review by Jacques SCHEUER in *Nouvelle Revue Théologique* 138 (2016) 502

Review by Charles L. TIESZEN in *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 24 (2015) 362-363

Review by Maurice BORRMANS in *MIDÉO* 31 (2015) 277-284 (in French)

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EDITED BOOKS:

[Co-edited with Laurent BASANESE] *Il Documento sulla fratellanza umana: una riflessione interdisciplinare* [Interreligious and Intercultural Investigations, 14], Roma: G&B Press, 2022.

Review by Michael L. Fitzgerald in *Islamochristiana* 49 (2023) 125-127.

Il beato Raimondo Lullo: il personaggio e il suo rapporto con l'Islam [Studi arabo-islamici del PISAI, 24], Roma: Pontificio Istituto di Studi Arabi e d'Islamistica / Barcellona: Ateneu "Sant Pacià", 2021.

Review by William SHORT in *Islamochristiana* 47 (2021) 388-390.

Review by Martino MASOLO in *Oasis*, 17/02/2022

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[Co-edited with Michel YOUNÈS, Anna HAGER and Laurent BASANESE] *Islam et appartenances* [Pensée religieuse et philosophique arabe, 42], Paris: Éditions L'Harmattan, 2020.

Review by Rémi CAUCANAS in *Islamochristiana* 48 (2022) 563-564.

[Co-edited with Valentino COTTINI and Felix KÖRNER] *Rahma: Muslim and Christian Studies in Mercy* [Studi arabo-islamici del PISAI, 22], Roma: Pontificio Istituto di Studi Arabi e d'Islamistica, 2018.

Review by Tobias SPECKER and Tobias MÜLLER in *Islamochristiana* 44 (2018) 440-442.

EDITED JOURNALS:

[Co-edited with David MARSHALL] *Islamochristiana* 48 (2022) "Christian Theological Engagement with Islam".

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ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS:

"The Way Forward: Recognizing the Values of Others", in *Bulletin of the Royal Institute of Inter-Faith Studies (BRIIFS)*, forthcoming.

"A Shared Belief in the Sanctity of Life: A Reflection on the *Document on Human Fraternity*", to appear in a *Festschrift* in honor of Archbishop Felix Machado, edited by Anil Pereira, forthcoming.

"The Document on Human Fraternity: A Roadmap towards a Better Future or an Impossible utopia?", in *Islam and Fraternity: Impact and Perspectives of the Document on Human Fraternity*, forthcoming.

"Le PISAI: une formation suivie par sept des bienheureux martyrs d'Algérie", in *Hospitalité et sainteté de la porte d'à coté*, forthcoming.

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“In margine a un’affermazione del *Documento sulla Fratellanza umana*”, in *Il Documento sulla fratellanza umana: una riflessione interdisciplinare*, edited by Laurent Basanese and Diego Sarrió Cucarella, G&B Press, Rome 2022, 133-150.

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“Islam as a ‘Disturbing’ Factor in the Christian View of Salvation History”, in *Faithful Interpretations: Truth and Islam in Catholic Theology of Religions*, ed. Philip Geister and Gösta Hallösten (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2021) [Islam and Catholic Theology, 2], 117-127.

Review by Rita George Tvrtković in *Journal of Interreligious Studies* 33 (2021) 96-97.

Review by Jakob Wirén in *Svensk teologisk kvartalskrift* 97/4 (2021) 371-373.

“The Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies (PISAI). Mission, Heritage and Influence on Christian-Muslim Dialogue”, in *Chrześcijani w świecie islamo. Dialog - Posłannictwo - Świadectwo*, ed. Eugeniusz Sakowicz and Bogusław Żero M.Afr. (Natalin k/Lublina, Misjonarze Afryki [Ojcowie Biali], 2021), 77-86.

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Review by Maureen L. WALSH, *Horizons* 47 (2020) 183-184.

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“Muhammad b. Abd al-Wahhāb y los orígenes del wahhabismo”, *Encuentro Islamo-Cristiano* 401 (Madrid: Darek-Nyumba, 2005).

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Charles TIESZEN, *The Christian Encounter with Muhammad: How Theologians Have Interpreted the Prophet* (London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2021). *Islamochristiana* 49 (2023) 501-504.

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Katarzyna K. STARCZEWSKA, *Latin Translation of the Qurʾān (1518/1621): Commissioned by Egidio da Viterbo. Critical Edition and Case Study* (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2018) [Diskurse der Arabistik, 24]. *Islamochristiana* 48 (2022) 552-554.

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Antti LAATO (ed.), *The Challenge of the Mosaic Torah in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam* (Leiden-Boston: Brill, 2020) [Studies on the Children of Abraham, 7]. *Islamochristiana* 48 (2022) 531-534.

François DÉROCHE. *Le Coran, une histoire plurielle : essai sur la formation du texte coranique* (Paris: Éditions du Seuil, 2019). *Islamochristiana* 47 (2021) 353-356.

Martin WHITTINGHAM, *A History of Muslim Views of the Bible: The First Four Centuries* (Berlin-Boston: De Gruyter, 2021) [Studies of the Bible and Its Reception, 7]. *Islamochristiana* 46 (2020) 533-555.

Juan COLE. *Muhammad: Prophet of Peace Amid the Clash of Empires* (New York: Nation Books, 2018). *Islamochristiana* 45 (2019) 433-439.

Mark BEAUMONT, ed. *Arab Christians and the Qurʾān from the Origins of Islam to the Medieval Period* (Leiden-Boston: Brill, 2018) [The History of Christian-Muslim Relations, 35]. *Islamochristiana* 45 (2019) 418-422.

Peter SCHADLER. *John of Damascus and Islam: Christian Heresiology and the Intellectual Background to earliest Christian-Muslim Relations* (Leiden-Boston: Brill, 2018) [The History of Christian-Muslim Relations, 34]. *MIDEO* 34 (2019) 390-394.

Pieter Sjoerd VAN KONINGSVELD, *An Arabic Source of Ramon Martí. Al-Saif al-Murhafī al-Radd ‘alā al-Muṣḥaf (“The Whetted Sword in Refutation of the Koran”). Introductory Study with Text and Translation of its Surviving Fragments* (Leiden: Aurora, 2018). *Islamochristiana* 44 (2018) 484-486.

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Rémi CAUCANAS. *Chrétiens et musulmans en Méditerranée: ombres et lumières de l'entre-deux-guerres (1919 – 1939)* (Marseille: Publications Chemins de Dialogue, 2017). *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 29 (2018) 107-108.

Christian S. KROKUS. *The Theology of Louis Massignon: Islam, Christ, and the Church* (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2017). *Islamochristiana* 43 (2017) 435-438.

Daniel J. JANOSIK. *John of Damascus, First Apologist to the Muslims: The Trinity and Christian Apologetics in the Early Islamic Period* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2016). *Islamochristiana* 43 (2017) 430-432.

J. Scott BRIDGER. *Christian Exegesis of the Qur'ān: A Critical Analysis of the Apologetic Use of the Qur'ān in Select Medieval and Contemporary Arabic Texts* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2015) [American Society of Missiology Monograph Series, 23]. *Islamochristiana* 42 (2016) 324-326.

Dominique VALÈRIAN, ed. *Islamisation et arabisation de l'Occident musulman médiéval (VIIe–XIIIe siècle)* (Paris: Publications de la Sorbonne, 2011). *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 23 (2012) 555-556.

David M. FREIDENREICH and Miriam GOLDSTEIN, eds. *Beyond Religious Borders: Interaction and Intellectual Exchange in the Medieval Islamic World* (Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2012) [Jewish Culture and Contexts]. *Islamochristiana* 38 (2012) 341-344.

Michelina DI CESARE. *The Pseudo-Historical Image of the Prophet Muḥammad in Medieval Latin Literature: A Repertory* (Berlin-Boston: De Gruyter, 2011) [Studien zur Geschichte und Kultur des islamischen Orients, 26]. *Islamochristiana* 38 (2012) 338-341.

Fred M. DONNER. *Muhammad and the Believers: At the Origins of Islam* (Cambridge, MA; London: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2010). *Islamochristiana* 37 (2011) 310-312.

David THOMAS and Alex MALLET, with Juan Pedro MONFERRER SALA et al., eds. *Christian-Muslim Relations. A Bibliographical History. Volume 2 (900–1050)* (Leiden-Boston: Brill, 2010) [The History of Christian-Muslim Relations, 14]. *Islamochristiana* 37 (2011) 358-359.

José Luis SÁNCHEZ NOGALES, José Serafín BÉJAR BACAS, and Pablo RUIZ LOZANO, eds. *Cristianismo, Islam y Modernidad: II Congreso de Teología de la Facultad de Teología de Granada (10–12 de febrero de 2010)* (Granada: Facultad de Teología de Granada, 2011). *Islamochristiana* 37 (2011) 349-350.

James HOWARD-JOHNSTON. *Witnesses to a World Crisis: Historians and Histories of the Middle East in the Seventh Century* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010). *Collectanea Christiana Orientalia* 8 (2011) 360-365.

Marlies ter BORG. *Sharing Mary: Bible and Qur'an side by side* (Lexington, KY: CreateSpace, 2010). *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 22 (2011) 108-109.

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Jerrilynn D. DODDS, Maria Rosa MENOCAL and Abigail K. BALBALE. *The Arts of Intimacy: Christians, Jews, and Muslims in the Making of Castilian Culture* (New Haven, CT-London: Yale University Press, 2008). *Islamochristiana* 34 (2008) 295-296.

Rosa María RODRÍGUEZ MAGDA, *Inexistente Al Ándalus. De cómo los intelectuales reinventan el Islam* (Oviedo: Ediciones Nobel, 2008). *Islamochristiana* 34 (2008) 326-327.

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES, MEETINGS & SEMINARS

“INTERFAITH DIALOGUE AND HUMAN FRATERNITY: ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE”, organized by Kent State University, the Florence School of Advanced Studies for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (FSD), and the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies (RIIFS, Amman), Palazzo Vettori, Florence, 17 June 2024.

Speaker

“RELIGIOUS & INTERRELIGIOUS ENGAGEMENT IN PEACEBUILDING IN THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS”, Closed Door Policy Dialogue co-organized by the Religion & Foreign Policy Initiative at the University of Sussex, the Keough School of Global Affairs at the University of Notre Dame, and REDESM (Religions, Laws and Economies in the Mediterranean Space) at the University of Insubria, in collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome Global Gateway, University of Notre Dame, Rome, 3 – 4 June 2024.

Speaker

“THE NICENE-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN SYMBOL IN ITS ARABIC VERSION: BETWEEN CHRISTIAN APOLOGIA AND ISLAMIC CONTROVERSY”, panel at the European Academy of Religion, Seventh Annual Conference (#EuARE2024), Palermo, 20 – 23 May 2024.

Panelist

“FEMMES ET RELIGIONS EN MÉDITERRANÉE: POUR UN DIALOGUE ENTRE SCIENCES HUMAINES ET THÉOLOGIE”, débat d'idées et journée d'étude internationale organisés par l'Institut pontifical d'études arabes et d'islamologie en partenariat avec l'Institut français Centre Saint Louis, l'École française de Rome, le Collège des Bernardins, l'École Pratique des Hautes Études, l'Université Paris Sciences & Lettres, et la Luxembourg School of Religion & Society, Rome, 21 – 22 March 2024.

Convener

“THE DOCUMENT ON HUMAN FRATERNITY: A ROADMAP TOWARDS A BETTER FUTURE OR AN IMPOSSIBLE UTOPIA?”, Opening Academic Lecture, “Islam and Fraternity: Impact and Perspectives of the Document on Human Fraternity”, Pluriel 4th International Congress, Abu Dhabi 3 – 7 February 2024.

Speaker

“CHRISTIAN THEOLOGICAL ENGAGEMENT WITH ISLAM”, Study Day organized by the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, with Ovamir Amjum, Jonathan Chaplin, Joseph Ellul, Sarah Eltantawi, Joshua Ralston, Gavin D'Costa, and David Marshall, Rome, 26 October 2023

Convener

“LOS SIETE DEL PISAI”, paper given at the conference ‘Hospitalité et sainteté de la porte d’à coté’, organized by the Instituto de Espiritualidad of the Universidad Pontificia Comillas and the Scientific Committee ‘Les Écrits de Tibhirine’, Madrid, 30 November – 1 December 2023.

Speaker

“L’ÉVOLUTION DU DISCOURS ENTRE LES RELIGIONS ET SON RENOUVELLEMENT POUR UNE MEILLEURE CONNAISSANCE MUTUELLE, LA PRISE DE CONSCIENCE DE LA DIFFÉRENCE DE L’AUTRE ET L’UNION AUTOUR DU MOT ‘ENSEMBLE’ QUI CONSTITUE UN MESSAGE ADRESSÉ À L’HUMANITÉ ENTIÈRE”, journée d’étude organisée par l’Académie du Royaume du Maroc, la Rabita Mohammadia des Ulémas et le Dicastère pour le Dialogue Interreligieux (Citté du Vatican), Rabat, 5 juillet 2023.

Conférencier

“RELIGION, CONFLICT AND PEACEBUILDING IN CONTEMPORARY GLOBAL CRISES”, Policy Dialogue on Religions and International Relations co-organized by the Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI) and the Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame in collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Community of Saint’Egidio, Italian Parliament, Rome Global Gateway, University of Notre Dame, Rome, 15 – 16 June 2023.

Participant

“CREATIVE COMMONALITIES BETWEEN CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM”, VI colloquium jointly organized by the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue (Vatican City) and the Royal Institute of Inter-Faith Studies (Amman), Vatican City, 3 – 4 May 2023.

Speaker

“YAḤYĀ IBN JARĪR ON JESUS’ PERFECTING OF THE LAW OF MOSES”: Theology in Arabic Seminar Series, organized by Georgetown’s Berkley Center Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs and Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, webinar, 31 March 2023.

Speaker

“LOUIS MASSIGNON. COURBE DE VIE D’UN CHRÉTIEN AMOUREUX DE L’ISLAM”: lecture by Manoël Pénicaud (CNRS, Paris / IDEMEC, Aix-en-Provence), organized in collaboration with the École française de Rome and the Institut français Centre Saint-Louis, PISAI, Rome, 6 December 2022.

Moderator

“L’HOSPITALITÀ DIVINA E LA FRATERNITÀ UMANA. L’ALTRO NEL DIALOGO ISLAMO-CRISTIANO”: A dialogue between Claudio MONGE (DoSt-I, Istanbul), Fadi DAOU (Adyan Foundation, Beirut) and Nayla TABBARA (Adyan Foundation, Beirut), organized in collaboration with Edizioni Qiqajon (Comunità di Bose), PISAI, Rome, 1 December 2022.

Moderator

“BAHRAIN DIALOGUE FORUM: THE EAST AND THE WEST FOR HUMAN COEXISTENCE”, organized by the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs in the Kingdom of Bahrain in cooperation with the Muslim Council of Elders, Manama, 3-4 November 2022.

Participant

XXIV^o CORSO DI FORMAZIONE PERMANENTE DI PASTORALE MISSIONARIA: SFIDE DELLA MISSIONE OGGI, organised by the Salesian Pontifical University, Rome, 3 October– 16 December 2022.

Short course on “Il mondo islamico oggi” (28 October 2022)

“INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE AND CONVIVIALITY”, Plenary Assembly, Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue, Vatican City, 6-8 June 2022.

Speaker

“LOUIS MASSIGNON. PROFETA DEL DIÁLOGO ISLAMO-CRISTIANO”, Ciclo de Diálogos con la Cultura: Modelos de Diálogo Interreligioso, organized by UCA Cátedra Pontificia and Instituto de Cultura Universitaria, Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina (UCA), online, 16 May 2022.

Speaker

“IL CORANO A ROMA. CATTOLICESIMO E STUDIO DELL’ISLAM IN EPOCA MODERNA” (THE QUR’AN IN ROME. CATHOLICISM AND THE STUDY OF ISLAM IN MODERN TIMES), international conference jointly organized by the Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies, the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies (PISAI), and the section of the University of Naples L’Orientale of the European project *The European Qur’an* (EuQu), Pontifical Gregorian University - PISAI, Rome, 1-2 March 2022.

Scientific organization – panel moderator

Presentation of the book *A CALL TO DIALOGUE. CHRISTIANS IN DIALOGUE WITH MUSLIMS*, edited by Ambrogio Bongiovanni and Victor Edwin SJ, Aracne, Roma 2021. Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, 23 February 2022

Speaker

“THE POSITION OF RELIGIONS ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN”, international cultural symposium organized by the Faculty of Education of the University of Misan (Iraq) in collaboration with the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies (PISAI), University of Misan, 7 December 2021.

Preparatory commission

“IL BEATO RAIMONDO LULLO : IL PERSONAGGIO E IL SUO RAPPORTO CON L’ISLAM” (BLESSED RAMON LLULL: THE PERSONAGE AND HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH ISLAM), international conference jointly organized by the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies (PISAI), the Ateneu Universitari Sant Pacià (AUSP) and the Scuola Superiore di Studi Medievali e Francescani (SSSMF) of the Pontifical University Antonianum, PISAI, Rome, 18-20 November 2021.

Scientific organization - moderator

“THE CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER: THE FUTURE OF INTERCULTURAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE”, organized by the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs at Georgetown University and La Civiltà Cattolica, Villa Malta, Rome, 8-9 November 2021.

Panelist (The Document on Human Fraternity as a Model for Dialogue)

“BRIDGING THE CULTURAL GAP”, webinar organized by the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistani to Italy, 25 June 2021.

Panelist

2021 ACU/PISAI ROME LECTURE, organized by the Australian Catholic University in collaboration with the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies: “Jews and Christians in the Qur’ān: Who has power over God’s bounty?” by Wilhelmus Valkenberg, 25 May 2021, online.

Respondent

DIPLOMA “UT UNUM SINT” IN ECUMENICAL STUDIES, organized by the Institute of Ecumenical Studies of the Angelicum in collaboration with the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, 20 March 2021.

Introduzione all’Islam e al dialogo tra cattolici e musulmani

ISLAM AND MISSION, SEDOS Spring Session, Webinar (from Rome), 19 March 2021.

Closing remarks

“HISTORIA Y TEOLOGÍA DEL DIÁLOGO ISLAMO-CRISTIANO A TRAVÉS DE SUS TEXTOS”, XXX Jornadas para Delegados Episcopales y Directores de Secretariados de Relaciones Interconfesionales “El pluralismo en España”, organized by the Subcomisión Episcopal para Relaciones Interconfesionales y Diálogo Interreligioso, Conferencia Episcopal Española, online, 22-23 February 2021.

Speaker

INTERPRETATION OF RELIGIOUS TEXTS AND FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF, Panel Discussion organized by the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies and the British Embassy to the Holy See, Rome, 24 September 2020.

Scientific organization – moderator

EDUCARE A UN’UMANITÀ PIÙ FRATERNA: IL CONTRIBUTO DELLE RELIGIONI / WHEN RELIGIONS CONTRIBUTE TO EDUCATION FOR A MORE FRATERNAL HUMANITY, Study Day organized by the Pontifical Gregorian University and the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome, 24 February 2020.

Scientific organization – moderator

CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS: SERVING HUMANITY TOGETHER, 11th Colloquium jointly organized by the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue (PCID), Vatican City, and the Center for Interreligious Dialogue of the Islamic Culture and Relations Organization (ICRO), Teheran, Islamic Republic of Iran, Teheran, 11 – 12 November 2019.

Member of the Catholic delegation – speaker

XXIII^o CORSO DI FORMAZIONE PERMANENTE DI PASTORALE MISSIONARIA: LE SFIDE DELLA MISSIONE, organised by the Salesian Pontifical University, Rome, 22 September – 14 December 2019.

Short course on “Il mondo islamico oggi” (25 October 2019)

“FIGHTING WORDS OR FRIENDLY WORDS? UNDOING MEDIEVAL POLEMICS TO BUILD NEW PARADIGMS FOR CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM RELATIONS”, organized by the Australian Association for Mission Studies, New South Wales, AAMS (NSW), Blacktown, Australia, 1 August 2019.

Speaker

2019 ABRAHAM CONFERENCE: “HEALING MEMORIES, MAKING HISTORY: GENUINE ENCOUNTERS IN THE PRESENT WILL REDEEM OUR PAST FOR A DIFFERENT FUTURE”, organized by the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations, Parramatta, Australia, 28 July 2019.

Speaker

2019 INTERNATIONAL COMPARATIVE THEOLOGY CONFERENCE, organized by the Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, 23 - 24 July 2019.

Speaker

EL MUNDO ISLÁMICO EN MUTACIÓN, Pontifical Spanish College of St Joseph, Rome, 23 May 2019.

Speaker

“SIMPOSIO SUGLI ULTIMI 150 ANNI DI SERVIZIO ALLA MISSIONE UNIVERSALE DELLA CHIESA PER L’AFRICA”, Symposium organized by the Missionaries of Africa and the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Africa at the Pontifical Urban University, Rome, 4 May 2019.

Moderator

ISLAM AND MUSLIM-CHRISTIAN RELATIONS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA TODAY, Study Day organized by the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome, 21 March 2019.

Scientific organization

“RELACIONES ISLAMO-CRISTIANES DURANT EL PONTIFICAT DEL PAPA FRANCESC”, seminar on communication and religion organized by the Fundació Joan Maragall, Barcelona, 15 March 2019.

Speaker

“NUOVE RICERCHE SUL CORANO E SULLE ORIGINI DELL’ISLAM”, lecture by Mohammad Ali Amir-Moezzi, at the Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, 28 February 2019.

Moderator

“THE PONTIFICAL INSTITUTE FOR ARABIC AND ISLAMIC STUDIES: HISTORY, MISSION AND GOALS”, inaugural lecture for the second semester, academic year 2018-2019, at the Studium Theologicum Salesianum (Jerusalem Campus of the Faculty of Theology of the Salesian Pontifical University in Rome), Jerusalem, 8 February 2019.

Speaker

CHRZEŚCIJANIE W ŚWIECIE ISLAMU. DIALOG – POSŁANNICTWO – ŚWIADECTWO [“Christians in the World of Islam: Dialogue – Mission – Testimony”], Symposium organized by the Missionaries of Africa and the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Africa in collaboration with the Faculty of Theology at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Lublin, 25 – 26 January 2019.

Speaker

SEMINAR “WOMEN, FAITH AND CULTURE”, organized by the International Foundation for Interreligious and Intercultural Education (IFIIE) and the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome, 14 November 2018.

Panel Chair

XXII COURSE OF ONGOING FORMATION IN MISSIONARY PASTORAL CARE: CHALLENGES OF MISSION TODAY, organized by the Salesian Pontifical University, Rome, 24 September – 14 December 2018.

Short course on “The Islamic World Today” (2-5 November 2018).

FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE, conference organized by the President’s Office in collaboration with The Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, The Department of Theology and The Catholic Studies Program, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., 13 – 14 September 2018.

Session moderator

“ISLAM & BELONGING” Pluriel 2nd International Congress, Gregorian Pontifical University, Rome 26 – 28 June 2018.

Scientific organization – session moderator

CUANDO LO VIEJO MUERE Y LO NUEVO NO ACABA DE NACER: EL MUNDO ISLÁMICO EN MUTACIÓN, Pontifical Spanish College of St Joseph, Rome, 1 May 2018.

Speaker

MAKING SENSE OF ISLAM: THE ARAB CHRISTIAN CONTRIBUTION TO AN UNRESOLVED THEOLOGICAL PROBLEM, World Religions World Church Colloquium, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, 5 April 2018.

Speaker

TACKLING VIOLENCE COMMITTED IN THE NAME OF RELIGION, international conference organized by Wilton Park (Foreign & Commonwealth Office), in association with the Rashad Center for Cultural, Governance of the Adyan Foundation and the Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue, Rome 31 January – 2 February 2018.

Speaker

“THE WHOLE IS GREATER THAN ITS PARTS”: CHRISTIAN UNITY AND INTERRELIGIOUS ENCOUNTER TODAY, international conference organized by the World Religions World Church (WRWC) program of the University of Notre Dame, Rome Global Gateway, 8 – 10 January 2018.

Speaker

XXI° CORSO DI FORMAZIONE PERMANENTE DI PASTORALE MISSIONARIA: LE SFIDE DELLA MISSIONE, organised by the Salesian Pontifical University, Rome, 25 September – 13 December 2017.

Short course on “Il mondo islamico oggi” (2 – 3 November 2017)

THEOLOGY OF RELIGIONS – ROMAN CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVES, international conference organized by the Newmaninstitutet – Högskola för Teologi, Filosofi och Kultur, Uppsala, Sweden, 6 – 8 October 2017.

Speaker

INTOLERANCE – POLEMICS – DEBATE: CULTURAL RESISTANCE IN THE ANCIENT WORLD, international conference organized by the Department of Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Origins, Faculty of theology and Religious Studies, University of Groningen, The Netherlands, 16 – 18 May 2017.

Speaker

IL SUFISMO: FIGURE, TESTI, LUOGHI – SUFISM: FIGURES, TEXTS, PLACES, Study Day organized by the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome, 24 March 2017.

Scientific organization – moderator

EXTREMISM AND VIOLENCE IN THE NAME OF RELIGION. WHICH APPROACH TO RELIGION?, 10th Colloquium jointly organized by the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue (PCID), Vatican City, and the Center for Interreligious Dialogue of the Islamic Culture and Relations Organization (ICRO), Teheran, Islamic Republic of Iran, Rome, 22 – 23 November 2016.

Member of the Catholic delegation

XX° CORSO DI FORMAZIONE PERMANENTE DI PASTORALE MISSIONARIA: I NUOVI CONTESTI DELLA MISSIONE, organized by the Salesian Pontifical University, Rome, 26 September – 15 December 2016.

Short course on “Il mondo islamico oggi” (2 – 4 November 2016)

RAHMA: MUSLIM AND CHRISTIAN STUDIES IN MERCY, international conference organized by the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome, 13 – 15 October 2016.

Scientific organization - panel moderator

MISERICORDIA Y VIOLENCIA EN ISLAM: UN COMPLEJO EQUILIBRIO, Pontifical Spanish College of St Joseph, Rome, 12 April 2016.

Speaker

ANTICHI MANOSCRITTI DEL CORANO – ANCIENT QUR’ANIC MANUSCRIPTS, Study Day organized by the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome, 17 March 2016.

Scientific organization – moderator

GUERRE DI PAROLE TRA CRISTIANI E MUSULMANI NEL MEDIOEVO, book presentation, organized by the Gregorian Center for Interreligious Studies, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, 18 January 2016.

Speaker

“ROME SEMINAR” WITH STUDENTS FROM CAMBRIDGE MUSLIM COLLEGE AND THE CENTRE OF ISLAMIC THEOLOGY, TÜBINGEN UNIVERSITY, organized by The Lay Center, Rome, 11 May 2015.

Guest speaker

IL PATRIMONIO CRISTIANO ARABO – ARAB CHRISTIAN HERITAGE, Study Day organized by the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome, 30 April 2015.

Scientific organization – moderator

THE SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR ISLAMIC STUDIES (BRAIS), London, 13 – 15 April 2015, Senate House, University of London.

Panelist

SIXTH GLOBAL FORUM OF THE UNITED NATIONS ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS, “Unity in Diversity: Celebrating Diversity for Common and Shared Values”, Bali, Indonesia, 29 – 30 August 2014.

Panelist

MEETING THE CURRENT CHALLENGES THROUGH EDUCATION, colloquium jointly organized by the Royal Institute of Inter-Faith Studies (RIIFS, Amman) and the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue (Vatican City), Amman, 13 – 14 May 2014.

Member of the Catholic delegation

WORK EXPERIENCE

PONTIFICIO ISTITUTO DI STUDI ARABI E D’ISLAMISTICA (PISAI), Rome, 2018-2024

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PONTIFICIA UNIVERSITÀ LATERANENSE (PUL), Facoltà di Teologia, Vatican City, 2018-2024

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PONTIFICIO ISTITUTO BIBLICO (PIB), FACOLTÀ ORIENTALISTICA, Rome, 2016-2022

Professore invitato; Lecturer of Arabic

PONTIFICIO ISTITUTO DI STUDI ARABI E D’ISLAMISTICA (PISAI), Rome, 2014-2018

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