

## *CURRICULUM VITAE*

### **Personal Information**

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### **Education**

1996-2002 Baccalaureate in Theology at the *Université Saint-Esprit de Kaslik* (Lebanon).

2002 Baccalaureate in Liturgy at the *Université Saint-Esprit de Kaslik*.

2006 Licentiate in Dogmatics at the Pontifical Gregorian University (Rome).

2009 PhD in Dogmatics at the Pontifical Gregorian University (*Summa cum laude*).

Thesis: *La Wirkungsgeschichte* de H.-G. Gadamer dans la théologie de C. Geffré, D. Tracy et W. Pannenberg.

2011 Master of Arts in Philosophy at the *Università degli Studi di Tor Vergata*, Roma II.

Thesis: *Agostino nel pensiero del giovane Heidegger (110 e lode)*.

2015 PhD in Philosophy at the *Università degli Studi di Tor Vergata*, Roma II (*Summa cum laude*). Thesis: *Naṣr Ḥāmid Abū Zayd : de la critique du discours religieux à l'herméneutique*.

### **Work Experience**

2024-2027 President of the *Pontificio Istituto di Studi Arabi e d'Islamistica* (PISAI) in Rome

2024- Editor of *Islamochristiana* Journal (annual Journal of PISAI)

2024- President of the Advisory Board of the *Chaire Méditerranée, Religions et Société*, created by the Embassy of France to the Holy See and PISAI

2024-2027 Member of Pluriel's Coordination Committee

2021- Professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies at PISAI

2021-2026 Visiting Professor of Islamic Studies at *Pontifical Urbaniana University*

- 2022- Advisory Board Member of the *Münstersche Fachzeitschrift für islamische und philosophische Studien*
- 2021- Editorial Board member of *Islamochristiana*
- 2016-2021 Visiting Professor of Islamic Studies at *PISAI*
- 2019-2020 Visiting Professor of Islamic Anthropology at *Teresianum*
- 2016-2019 Vice-Director of the *Istituto Teologico Leoniano, Anagni*
- 2011-2021 Professor of Dogmatics at the *Istituto Teologico Leoniano, Anagni*

### **Language skills**

- Arabic (Mother Tongue)
- French (Second Language)
- Italian (C2)
- English (C1)
- German (C1)
- Old Greek and Latin (read)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books**

- Le califat et la laïcité. Perspectives syriennes*, L'Harmattan, Paris 2023.
- L'islam politique et les enjeux de l'interprétation. Naşr Ḥāmid Abū Zayd*, Mimésis, Milano 2017. ISBN 978-8869760617
- Gadamer e i teologi*, Urbaniana University Press, Roma 2012. ISBN 978-88-401-5097-0
- La Wirkungsgeschichte de Hans-George Gadamer dans la théologie de Claude Geffré, David Tracy et Wolfhart Pannenberg*, Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Roma 2010 (Préface par Claude Geffré). ISBN 9788878391550

#### **Articles**

- “Plurality, Dialogue and Brotherhood in the Thought of Imam al-Tayyeb”, in *Islam and Fraternity, Impact and Perspectives* (forthcoming).
- “The Contribution of Biblical Hermeneutics to the Modern Reading of the Qur'an”, in *Contributions of Christian Institutes to Islamic Studies*, (forthcoming).

- “Dialogue between Rome and the Middle East”, in Herman Roborgh, Joseph Victor Edwin SJ (ed.), *A Vision for Muslim-Christian Cooperation. Experiences & Reflections*, Henry Martyn Institute, Delhi 2025, pp. 100-114.
- “No allo scontro delle civiltà”, *Vita pastorale* n°113/7 (2025), pp. X-XI.
- “Le pouvoir temporel et l’autorité spirituelle en Islam du point de vue de Aziz al-Azmeh”, *Islamochristiana* 50 (2024), pp. 19-45 (in Arabic).
- “Post-human and Jihadist Ideology”, in *Atti del Convegno ASUS 2023*, pp. 97-113.
- “Georges Tarabichi: a Contemporary Reading of Rationality in the Islamic Thought”, in *Münstersche Fachzeitschrift für islamische und philosophische Studien* n 1-2 (2022), pp. 153-170 (in Arabic).
- “Al-Azhar: storia, dialogo e riforma del pensiero islamico”, in Laurent Basanese, Diego Sarrió Cucarella (ed.), *Il Documento sulla fratellanza umana: una riflessione interdisciplinare*, Pontificia Università Gregoriana-Pontificio Istituto Biblico, Roma 2022, pp. 111-132.
- “La dimensione religiosa in Mario Perniola”, in Enea Bianchi, Massimo de Felice (ed.), *Le avventure del sentire. Il pensiero di Mario Perniola nel mondo*, Mimesis, Milano 2021, pp. 117-138.
- “Analytical Study of al-Azhar’s Document: Renewal of Islamic Thought and Sciences”, *Islamochristiana* 46 (2020), pp. 1-39.
- “Georges Tarabichi. Laïcité, modernité et destin de la philosophie”, *Perspectives & Réflexions* n 7 (2020), pp. 83-98.
- “Muḥammad Ṣaḥrūr. L’exégèse coranique et l’abandon de la tradition”, *Études Arabes* 116 (2019), pp. 101-112.
- “Il ritorno del califfato? L’interpretazione dell’Islam politico”, in AA.VV, *Le sfide delle religioni di oggi-2018*, GBP, Roma 2019, pp. 13-28.
- “Le visage humaniste de l’islam selon Naṣr Ḥāmid Abū Zayd”, in Charles Coutel, Jan Goes (ed.), *Islam et humanisme. Herméneutique, courants et lectures contemporaines*, Artois Presses Université, Arras 2018, pp. 101-118.
- “La laïcité en Islam et la crise de la démocratie dans le monde arabe”, in Filippo Carcione (ed.), *Angelo Molle. Omaggio alla memoria di un educatore esemplare*, Arte Stampa, Roccasecca 2018, pp. 145-158, EAN 9788895101620.

- “La crise du pouvoir et l’impasse de la démocratie dans le monde arabe”, *Études Arabes* 114 (2017), pp. 1-29.
- “Dio e l’uomo. La teologia di fronte alla crisi ecologica”, *Theologica Leoniana* n°4 (2015), pp. 79-88.
- “Per un pluralismo inclusivo e una teologia postmoderna del dialogo”, *Ricerche Teologiche* n° 26/1 (2015), pp. 7-25.
- “Relecture de la tradition arabe à la lumière de l’herméneutique gadamérienne”, *The Dialogue* n° 6 (2014), pp. 175-188.
- “Religion et État, public et privé dans la pensée islamique moderne”, *Fogli di filosofia* n°5 (2014), pp. 43-60.
- “L’autorità religiosa e il potere politico nell’Islam”, *Agalma* n° 28 (2014), pp. 86-96.
- “Memoria e tentazioni. Heidegger e Agostino”, *Rassegna di teologia* n° 55 (2014), pp. 91-110.
- “Desiderio e grazia. Levinas e de Lubac”, *Dialegethai* n° 15 (2013).
- “Il mondo del testo. Heidegger, Gadamer e Ricoeur”, *Theologica Leoniana* n° 2 (2013), pp. 35-53.
- “Perspectives théologiques sur la nature”, in Enrico Garlaschelli *et al.*, *Ma di soltanto una parola... Economia, ecologia, speranza per i nostri giorni*, EDUCatt, Piacenza 2013, pp. 47-63.
- “L’uomo e il tempo. Heidegger e la teologia”, *Theologica Leoniana* n° 1 (2012), pp. 71-99.
- “Heidegger e Agostino. Teologia ed ermeneutica”, *Reportata. passato e presente della teologia* n° 10 (2012), <http://mondodomani.org/reportata/salman02.htm>
- “La dottrina Trinitaria in Wolfhart Pannenberg”, *Reportata. passato e presente della teologia*, 9 (2011), <https://mondodomani.org/teologia/salman2011.htm>
- “Il rapporto tra filosofia e teologia nel pensiero di H.-G. Gadamer”, *Reportata. passato e presente della teologia*, n° 8 (2010), <https://mondodomani.org/reportata/salman01.htm>
- “Conséquences du tournant herméneutique de Claude Geffré”, *Transversalités. Revue de l’Institut Catholique de Paris* n° 113 (2010), pp. 137-152.
- “La théologie des religions de Claude Geffré”, *Théologiques* n° 17/2 (2009), pp. 225-244.

“Claude Geffré superamento della teologia del compimento”, *Ricerche teologiche* n° 20/2 (2009), pp. 321-337.

### **Book Reviews**

Samir Arbache, *L'Évangile arabe, selon Matthieu, Marc, Luc et Jean. Texte du Sinai Arabe 72, traduit du grec au VIII<sup>e</sup> siècle*, 2 vol., Éditions Safran, Bruxelles 2023, *Islamochristiana* 49 (2023), pp. 411-413.

Timo Güzelmansur, Tobias Specker, Christian Trenk *et al.* (ed.), *Glaube/Un Glaube: Islamische und christliche Deutungen*, Verlag Friedrich Pustet, Regensburg 2022, *Islamochristiana* 48 (2022), pp. 514-520.

Gilles Kepel, *Uscire dal caos. Le crisi nel Mediterraneo e nel Medio Oriente*, Raffaello Cortina, Milano 2019, pp. 416, *Agalma* n° 39 (2020).

Emanuela Sabellico, *Angelo Scola. Chiesa, mondo e religioni*, Aracne, Roma 2017, (Preface), pp. 11-14.

Mariangela Petricola, *Pensare Dio. Il cristianesimo differente di Italo Mancini*, Cittadella, Assisi 2011, *Euntes Docete* n° 64 (2013), pp. 239-243.

Nasr Hamid Abu Zayd, *Al-Imam Al-Shafi'i e l'ideologia conciliatrice*, Sinai, Cairo 1992 (Book in Arabic), *Agalma* n° 25 (2013), pp. 111-114.

Antoine Fleyfel, *La théologie contextuelle arabe. Modèle libanais*, L'Harmattan, Paris 2011, *Ricerche teologiche* n° 23/1 (2012), pp. 241-243.

### **Translations**

“Les Mu'tazilites et le mağāz. Naṣr Ḥāmid Abū Zayd (1943-2010)”, *Études Arabes* 116 (2019), pp. 37-56

Dottori Riccardo, *L'arte e il gioco dell'esistenza*, Valter Casini, Roma 2007; tr. française par N. Bonnet et W. Salman, *L'art et le jeu de l'existence*, Hermann, Paris 2018. ISBN 978-2705689933

Perniola Mario, *Del sentire cattolico*, Il Mulino, Bologna 2011; tr. arab. by W. Salman, *Al-Hiss al-Kāthūlīkī*, Dār el Machreq, Beirut 2013. ISBN 2-7214-5433-1

### **Participation in International Conferences (Speaker and Chairman)**

“Al-Azhar: Citizenship and Human Fraternity against Sectarianism”, in *Minorities and Full Citizenship: Challenges and Opportunities in Interfaith Dialogue*, Preparatory Workshop organised by Aga Khan University, London 2 May 2025. (Co-organiser of the Workshop).

“Umanesimo e Orientale Lumen”, in *Lo Spirito sa dove ci porta. L’umanesimo trans-religioso tra fede e utopia*, Conference organised by the Pontificio Istituto Teologico Giovanni Paolo II, Roma, 1-2 April 2025.

“The contribution of biblical hermeneutics to the modern reading of the Qur’an”, in *Contributions of Christian Institutes to Islamic Studies*, Conference organised by Centro Culturale Francesco and PISAI 15-16 Nov 2024 Cairo. (Co-organiser of the conference).

Presentation of the Book Federico Stella, Roberto Tottoli (ed.), “The Qur’ān in Rome. Manuscripts, Translations, and the Study of Islam in Early Modern Catholicism”, at Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome 10 October 2024.

“Plurality, Dialogue and Brotherhood in the Thought of Imam al-Tayyeb”, in *Islam and Fraternity, Impact and Perspectives*, International conference organised by Pluriel 4-7 February 2024 in Abu Dhabi.

“Laicità e califfato: prospettive siriane”, in *Politica e religione tra Islam e democrazia*. Lecture at the University of Lugano, 30 October 2023.

“Post-human Jihadist Ideology”, in *Lights and Shadows of the Post-humanism*, Conference organised by the Università degli Studi Roma Tre, 27 September 2023.

“Human Person in Islam”, in *Human Person Today*, Conference organised by the Università degli Studi Roma Tre, 29 April 2022.

“Aziz al-Azmeh. Historical interpretation of the Concept of Authority in Islam”, in *The Question of Authority in Islam*, Conference organised by Zentrum für islamische Theologie-Münster, 23-24 September 2022, Casablanca.

“Historical Distances, Contingent Circumstances: Middle East and the Changing Balance of Power”, in *XV Congress SeSaMo*. Università degli Studi di Napoli, 22-24 June 2022. (Chairman of the Panel).

- “The Christian Position about Violence against Women”, in *International Symposium* at the University of Misan, Iraq, 7 December 2021. (President of the Advisory Board of the Symposium).
- “Conviviality and Tolerance: the Message of Monotheistic Religions to the Humanity”, in Conference organised by the University of Wasit, Iraq, 18 November 2021.
- “Presentation of the book: Gilles Kepel, *Le Prophète et la pandémie*, Gallimard, Paris 2021, at Embassy of France to the Holy See, Rome 20 September 2021.
- “Religious Discourse between Reform and Changing. Al-Imam al-Tayyeb and Hasan Hanafi”, in *Religiöse und kulturelle Transformationen*, Conference organised by the Zentrum für Islamische Theologie, Münster, 1-3 July 2021.
- “A Look at Syria سورية الحبيبة”, *Online Conference* at the Università degli Studi di Palermo, 30 March 2021.
- “Interpretation between Christianity and Islam”, *Online Conference* at Zentrum für Islamische Theologie, Münster, 20 January 2021.
- “Georges Tarabichi: a Contemporary Reading of Rationality in the Islamic Thought”, in *Islam and Enlightenment*, Conference organised by the Zentrum für Islamische Theologie, Münster, 20-21 November 2020.
- Dialogue with Gilles Kepel about the Book G. Kepel, *Sortir du chaos: Les crises en Méditerranée et au Moyen-Orient*, Paris 2018, at the Embassy of France to the Holy See, Rome 28 October 2019.
- “Chiesa e Islam dal Concilio Vaticano II a Papa Francesco”, in *L’Europa cristiana dinanzi all’Islam nel corso della storia*. Conference organised by the Istituto Teologico Leoniano, Villa Santa Lucia 13 May 2019.
- “Il ritorno del Califfato. L’interpretazione ideologica dell’islam politico”, *Forum Islam-Cristianesimo*, Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome 9 May 2016.
- “Dialogo islamo-cristiano. Il ruolo dei Gesuiti e della Chiesa di Roma nel teatro mediorientale, con particolare riferimento alla Siria”, *Lecture* at the Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche Jean Monnet, Università degli Studi della Campania, 28 April 2016.
- “Le tournant de la révolution iranienne et la fin du nationalisme arabe”, in *XIII Annual Conference of the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMo)*, 17-19 March 2016.

- “Le visage humaniste de l’islam selon Naṣr Ḥāmid Abū Zayd”, in *L’humanisme en Islam*. Journée d’étude internationale, 10 December 2015, Conference organised by the Université d’Artois, Maison de la Recherche.
- “Relecture de la tradition arabe à la lumière de l’herméneutique gadamérienne”, in *Constellations herméneutiques: interprétation et liberté*. Conference organised by the Academy of Hungary in Rome, 30-31 January 2014.
- “Religion et État, public et privé dans la pensée islamique moderne”, In *Publico, Privato e Comune*. Conference organised by the Università degli Studi di Tor Vergata, 23-24 January 2014.
- “Perspectives théologiques sur la nature”, in *Ma di soltanto una parola... Economia, ecologia, speranza per i nostri giorni*. Conference organised by Piacenza Teologia, 18-19 maggio 2012.
- “La dottrina Trinitaria in Wolfhart Pannenberg”, in *La Trinità*. Conference organised by the Università degli Studi di Tor Vergata, 26-28 May 2011.

### **Recent Interviews**

- Interviewed by PLURIEL, “L’islam en Europe dépend de l’autre côté de la Méditerranée”, <https://pluriel.fuce.eu/wasim-salman-nomme-president-de-linstitut-pontifical-detudes-arabes-et-dislamologie-a-rome/>
- Interviewed by Sébastien Callies, “Le dialogue entre l’Église catholique et l’islam”, in *Observatoire géopolitique du religieux*, Juillet 2024 [https://www.iris-france.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Obsreligieux\\_2024\\_07\\_Eglise\\_catholique\\_Islam\\_Entretien.pdf](https://www.iris-france.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Obsreligieux_2024_07_Eglise_catholique_Islam_Entretien.pdf)
- Interviewed by Dario Campione, “La grande paura dei cristiani di Siria nel Paese in mano ai jihadisti», *Corriere del Ticino*, 11 December 2024.
- Interviewed by Paolo Pegoraro, “Attenti ai Cristiani. Ritorna il terrore”, in *Credere* n° 27 (2025), pp. 12-13.