



Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum

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Current Academic position

[January 2013 – December 2016] Research Fellow in Islamic Studies and History of Middle East, Department of Religious Studies, Catholic University of Milan. Project of research title: *Al - Fanā' al-Nār fī al-Kalām wa al-Falsafa. A study on the Annihilation of Hell within Early Islamic Thought.*

Education

- **[2007- 2010]** PhD in History of Islamic Political Thought and Theology, Faculty of Political Science, University of Genoa (Italy), July 2010. Dissertation's title: The history of Mu'tazila. A political and theological analysis. Supervisors: Prof. Anna Maria Lazzarino del Grosso (University of Genoa), Prof. Massimo Campanini (University of Trento)
- **[2006-2007]** M.A. in African Studies at Dalarna Hogskolan, Sweden, (2006-2007). With pertinent interest in: African History, Religion and Politics in Africa, Dynamics of African Societies, Education and Change in Africa, Democracy and Human Rights in Africa and Economic Development in the African Continent. M.A. historical research thesis (60 pages) titled: History of Ethiopian Resistance to Muslim Encroachment (XV-XVI centuries)
- **[2004]** M.A. in Peacekeeping Management, Faculty of Political Science, University of Turin. With pertinent interest in: Institution Building, Peacekeeping- Peace Enforcing- Peace Making operations, Conflict resolution, The Logical Framework Approach (OVI and MOV also), Project Cycle Management, Micro-Credit Project, MDGs, Negotiation Skills, The Sphere Project, Simple and Complex Emergencies, Emergency Preparedness, Mine Dangers, Italian Red Cross First Aid Certificate, Communication Abilities. Specific case-studies analyzed during the academic year: Mitrovica Kosova (Kosovo), Somalia, Kivu (Congo), Zavidovici (Bosnia), Palestine-West Bank and Gaza. M.A. thesis (50 pages) titled: The Negotiation with Arabs, some sociological and anthropological guidelines.
- **[1999- 2003]** B.A. in Political Science and International Relations, University of Turin. Specialization in the History of North America and the History and Institutions of the Middle East.
- **[1993- 1998]** Scientific Lyceum certificate (High School), "Marie Curie" of Pinerolo, via dei Rochis 12, (TO), Italy.

Pre-Academic working experiences

1. **October 2005 – September 2006**, Deputy Administrator and Project Coordinator, CCM (Comitato Collaborazione Medica), Italian Ngo, Addis Ababa Headquarters, Ogaden and Bale regions. Competences in administration and projects' coordination.
2. **August 2004 – July 2005**, Participant Support Officer, Intercultura (AFS, American Field Service Italian branch). Competences in administration and projects' coordination.

Academic research activities

- **March – December 2014**, Former Visiting Research Fellow in Islamic Studies and History of Middle East, Council of Middle East Studies, MacMillan Center, Yale University. Research project title: *Al Fanā' al-Nār fī al-Kalām wa al-Falsafa. A study on the annihilation of the Annihilation of Hell within Early Islamic Thought.*
- Subscriber of a Project of National Interest (Prin) of the MIUR (Italian Minister of Education, University of Research) in which the University of Turin, Faculty of Jurisprudence and the Department of Oriental Studies, were leader (2011-2012).
- **March- May 2011**, Ifpo, Institut Francais d'Etudés Arabes, Damascus, Syria, Research work to edit academic articles and conference papers.
- **November – December 2007**, P.I.S.A.I. (Pontificio Istituto di Studi Arabi e Islamistica), Rome, Italy, Research work for PhD dissertation.
- **May- July 2017**, Ifpo, Institut Francais d'Etudés Arabes, Damascus, Syria, Research work for PhD dissertation.
- **June – July 2002**, Michigan State University, (East Lansing, MI, USA), University main library, Research into primary and secondary sources for my graduation thesis.

Publication/ Conference Papers

A) Books/ Monographs/ Edited essays

1. *L'Islam contemporaneo. Sfide e Riflessioni tra modernità e modernismo* (Islam in the contemporary. Challenges and reflections between modernity and modernism). Torino: Anankelab, 2016.
2. *Etica Islamica. Ragione e Responsabilità* (Islamic Ethics. Reason and Responsibility), Torino: Edizioni Paoline, 2016. (forthcoming)
3. *The Struggle to Define a Nation. Rethinking Religious Nationalism in the Contemporary Islamic World*, Piscataway NJ: Gorgias Press (Editorially accepted, forthcoming 2016). Edited with Dr. Paolo Maggiolini.
4. *Al - Fanā' al-Nār fī al-Kalām wa al-Falsafa. A study on the Annihilation of Hell within Early Islamic Thought.* Habilitation essay, Piscataway NJ: Gorgias Press (Editorially accepted, forthcoming 2016).
5. *Storia dei Popoli Arabi. Dal Profeta Muhammad alle Primavere del Vicino Oriente*, (History of the Arab Peoples. From the Prophet Muhammad to the Springs of the Near East), Torino: Anankelab editore, 2013, 2ed. 2015.
6. Paolo Branca, Marco Demichelis, *Memorie con-divise. Popoli, Stati e Nazioni nel Mediterraneo e nel Medio- Oriente* (Shared memories. Peoples, States and Nations in the Mediterranean and Middle East), edited with Prof. Paolo Branca, Milano: Leggere Leggere editore, 2013.
7. *Il pensiero mu'tazilita. Ragione e fede tra Basra e Baghdad nei primi secoli dell'Islam*, (The mu'tazilite thought. Reason and Faith between Basra and Baghdad in Early Islamic History), Paris/Torino: Harmattan, 2011.

B) Academic articles in peer-reviewed Journals/ Book contributions

8. The Oromo and the historical process of Islamization in Ethiopia: Habashah vs. Argobba on the “Acrocoro, in A.C.S. Peacock Ed. *Islamisation: Comparative Perspectives from History*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, (forthcoming 2017).
9. The Other in the Qur’ān. The *Khātim an-Nabiyyīn* (The Seal of Prophets) and its inclusive-exclusive proclivity, *Journal of Values and Beliefs*, Routledge, (forthcoming 2016).
10. *Fanā’ al-Nār* within early Kalām and Mysticism. An analysis covering the Eighth and Ninth Centuries, in *Archiv Orientalni*, the Oriental Institute of Praha, 2015, Vol. 83.3, pp. 385-410.
11. Il Califfato Islamico. Propaganda e sostanza all’origine dell’ISIS (*The Islamic Caliphate. Propaganda in substance at the origin of Daesh*), in *Il Tablet e la Mezzaluna. Islam e Media ai tempi del meticcio*, Venice. Marsilio Editore, 2016, pp. 44-53.
12. Islamizzare la Secolarizzazione per laicizzare l’Islam (*Islamize Secularization to secularize Islam*), in *Troppo Religione o Troppo poca?: Cristiani e Musulmani alla prova della Secolarizzazione*, Venice: Marsilio Editore, 2015, pp. 25-36.
13. L’Involuzione Wahhabita. Dalle Origini al Neo-Salafismo (*The Wahhabi involution. From the Origins to the Neo-Salafism*), in *La Galassia Fondamentalista tra Jihad Armato e Partecipazione Politica*, Venice: Marsilio Editore, 2015, pp. 83-94.
14. From Nahda to Nakba: the Governmental Arab College of Jerusalem and the Palestinian historical heritage in the first half of the XX century, in *Arab Studies Quarterly*, vol. 37.3, 2015, pp.264-281.
15. Citizenship and equity. An excursus within the Nahda between Islamic Pluralism and Religious exclusivism, in volume ed. by *Asia Major 2*, Roma: Viella Editore, 2015, pp. 15-31.
16. Kalām viewpoints present within the debate on secularisation between F. Anṭūn and M. ‘Abduh. God’s absolutism and Islām’s irrationality as cornerstones of Orientalist Arab-Christian thought during the Nahḍa, in *Aram*, 25 1&2, 2016, Peeters Publishing, pp. 335-348.
17. The Apocatastasis will save us all. The transition towards a shared ethical approach from Christian Patristic to Early Islamic theology and philosophy, *Parole de l’ Orient*, Saint Joseph University, n.1/ 2014, pp. 385-422.
18. Kharijites and Qarmatians; the Islamic pre- democratic thought. A political-theological analysis, *Religions and Representation: Islam and Democracy* ed. by Ingrid Mattson, Paul Nesbitt Larking and Nawaz Tahir, Cambridge Publishing Press, 2015, p. 101-127.
19. Islamic Liberation Theology, An inter-religious reflection between Gustavo Gutierrez, Farid Esack and Hamid Dabashi, *Oriente Moderno*, (Leiden: Brill), 94 (2014), pp. 125-147.
20. The Miḥna. Deconstruction and reconsideration of the Mu‘tazilite role in the Inquisition, ed. Brepols, *Annali di Scienze Religiose*, Catholic University of Milan, 5/2012, pp. 236-266.
21. *The Ethiopian studies in Italy, between afro- Orientalism and colonialism*, in: *Italian Orientalism*, Antares, Alba, 2011, pp. 90- 107.
22. Sayyid Qutb, the theorist of Political Islam. The long road to Islamic radicalism, *al-Hiwar*, 4/2011 (monographic work on the Muslim Brotherhood), pp. 23- 32.

23. Basra, the cradle of Islamic culture. A reasoned analysis of the urban area that was the early home of Islamic Studies, as conference proceedings: Le vie del sapere nell'area siro-mesopotamica tra III e IX secolo, Roma, 12-13 may 2011, on *Orientalia Christiana Analecta*, n. 293, 2013, pp. 191-220.
24. Between mu'tazilism and syncretism: a reappraisal of the behaviour of the caliphate of al-Ma'mun, *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* (JNES), University of Chicago, 2/2012, pp. 257-273.
25. New-Mu'tazilite theology in the contemporary age. The relationship between Reason, History and Tradition, *Oriente Moderno*, Nallino Centre for Middle Eastern Studies, Rome, 2/2010, pp. 411-426.
26. The Mihna. The violence of the political language and the exhibition of death. The image of an historical event perceived as paradigmatic, *Archivio Teologico Torinese*, Turin, Italy (Journal of the Faculty of Theology, University of Turin), Vol. I, 2010, pp. 170- 187.
27. Consensus and equality within Arab-Islamic thought of the VII-VIII century CE, in *Freedom and Democracy in the History of Political Thought*, Rubettino Università ed., Catanzaro, 2008, pp. 197- 205.
28. Il razionalismo islamico, la scuola mu'tazilita, tra Corano creato e lotta al determinismo divino, *Archivio Teologico Torinese*, (Journal of the Faculty of Theology, University of Turin), entitled: (*Islamic Rationalism: the Mu'tazila school, between created Koran and the struggle on divine determinism*) Vol. II, 2008, pp. 453- 469.
29. The relation between Faith and Reason, a Christian and Islamic parallelism, *Quaderno 4, Balducci Foundation*, Florence, Italy, 2007, pp. 101- 117

C) Encyclopedia entries and book reviews

1. The Oxford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Science and Technology in Islam, entries: al-Jahiz, Universities and University (addendum) Classical Islamic Age, Major Discoveries and Inventions, Institution of Science Education, contemporary, Oxford University Press, 2014.
22. [Book Review](#): M. Hassan Khalil, *Islam and the Fate of Others*, Oxford University Press, 2012; *Between Heaven and Hell: Islam, Salvation and the Fate of Others*, Oxford University Press, 2013, on *The Marginalia Review of Books*.
33. [Book Review](#): Albrecht Fuess, Jan- Peter Hartung, *Court Cultures in the Muslim World. Seventh to nineteenth centuries*. London, Soas/Routledge Studies on the Middle East, 2011, per *Storia del Pensiero Politico*, il Mulino editore, n.2, 2013.
4. Fitzpatrick, C. & Walker, A. (Eds.), *Muhammad in History, Thought, and Culture; An Encyclopedia of the Prophet of God*, Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, (forthcoming, September 2013). Specific Entries: Predestination, Ijtihad, Apocalyptic and Messianic, Governance, Shura, Caliphate and Imamate, John of Damascus.
55. Mesa Verde Publishing, entries for the Native Peoples of the World Encyclopedia, ed. Steven Danver, New York: Sharpe Reference, 2013, 3 Vols. Titles: Ahmara (Vol. 1, pp. 15-16); Oromo (Vol. 1, pp. 69-72), Siria (Vol. 3, pp. 680-682); Morocco (Vol. 3, pp. 642-644).
66. Translation: Françoise Jaquin, ««Louis Massignon et Jean Mohammed Abd al-Jalil », *Humanitas*, Morcelliana Editore, 2013, special issue on Louis Massignon.
77. Sage publications Inc, *The Cultural Sociology of Middle East, Asia and Africa*, an Encyclopedia, (Vols. 4, 2012) entries: Fatimids, Vol. 1, pp. 147-149; Mamluk Dynasty, Vol. 1., pp. 157-158; Safavid and Shi'I Iran, Vol. 1, pp. 199-201; Saladin, Vol. 1, pp. 96-97; Suleyman the Magnificent, Vol. 1, pp. 217-219; Jamal ad-din al-Afghani, Vol. 1, pp. 126-127; St. Augustine of Hippo, Vol. 2, pp. 79-81; Islamic Conquests, Vol. 2, pp. 56-57; Islam in Sub-Saharan Africa, Vol. 2, pp. 54-55; Italo-Ethiopian war 1895, Vol. 2, pp. 155-156; Italo- Ethiopian war, 1935-1936, Vol. 2., pp. 308- 310; Italo- Ottoman War (Lybia), Vol. 2, pp. 310-311; Selassie, Haile, Vol. 2, pp. 373-375.
88. ABC-Clio, entries for the World Historical Project, a new historical encyclopedia for undergraduate students. Title: Slave Soldiers in Early Medieval Dar al-Islam – 632-1000 CE, Part II, p. 109.; Alp Arslan: The Brave Lion of Manzikert (1071), Part II, p. 305; Ethiopian Resistance to Muslim Encroachment (XV-XVI centuries), Part II, p. 276.

99. Book Review: Massimo Campanini, Averroes', Il Mulino editore, 2008, Journal: Il Pensiero Politico, Vol. II, 2008, pp. 288.
100. Book Review: Rashid Benzine, Les nouveaux penseurs de l'islam, Albin Michel, 2004, Journal: Il Pensiero Politico, Vol. I, 2009, pp. 290.
111. Book Review: Ignazio de Francesco, La ricerca del Dio interiore nei detti dei precursori del sufismo islamico, Torino, Ed. Paoline, 2008, Journal: *Archivio Teologico Torinese*, Vol. II, 2009.

D) Attendance at national and international conferences

1. *How do we see each other? The Abrahamic Religions and Interreligious relations in the past and present*, Universidad de Navarra, Pamplona, 10-11 March 2016, Conference paper: "The Other in the Qur'ān. The *Khātim an-Nabiyyīn* (The Seal of Prophecy) and its inclusive-exclusive proclivity".
2. *Islamisation: Comparative perspectives from History*, St. Andrews University, 20-21 March 2015, Conference paper: "Habashah Vs. Argobba on the "Acrocoro". The historicized Islamisation process of the Horn of Africa."
3. XI Sesamo Conference, *Doing Citizenship. Practises of exclusions, demands of inclusions and new subjectivities in the Middle East and Europe*, 17-19 September 2013, University of Pavia. Conference paper: "Citizenship and equity between Islamic Pluralism and Religious exclusivism. An excursus within the Nahḍa, from Sayyīd Aḥmad Khan (1817 - 1898) to Maḥmūd M. Ṭaha (1909 - 1985)."
4. *Aram Society for Syro-Mesopotamian studies*, XXXVIII Conference on *The Modern Arab Renaissance*, University of Oxford, 15-17 July 2013, conference paper: " Kalām viewpoints in F. Anṭūn vs. M. 'Abduh's debate on Secularization. God's absolutism and Islām irrationality as cornerstones of the Orientalist Arab-Christian thought during the Nahḍa."
5. *IX International Christian-Arabic Conference, 19-21 July 2012*, University of Malta (Valletta), conference paper: The Apocatastasis will save us all. The transition for a shared ethical approach from Christian Patristic to Early Islamic theology and philosophy.
6. *The Week of Politics. Agorà*. Turin, 21-25 May, 2012, University of Turin, Department of Political Studies. Marco Demichelis, Damascus' Spring and the deflagration of the Syrian society, 23 May 2012.
7. *Beyond the Veil: Islam visionary and apocalyptic*, Gorizia, May 17-20, 2012, èStoria: International Festival of History in Gorizia.
8. *Islam and Democracy*, Western Ontario University, London, March 23-25, 2012, conference paper: Kharijites and Qarmatians; the Islamic pre- democratic thought. A political- theological analysis.
9. *XVIII Davo Congress*, 6-8 October 2011 in Free University of Berlin. Panel: Reason and Islam, a difficult relationship. Analysis of rational thought within some contemporary authors. Paper: "The reason of theodicy in Islām as emancipation from cultural, economic and political 'slavery'. A twin-track investigation leading from Farid Esack and Hamid Dabashi's reflection on Islamic liberation theology."
10. X Sesamo conference, *Uniformed memories. Peoples, States and Nations in the Mediterranean and Middle East*, Milan, 9-11 June 2011, conference paper: The Ethiopian studies in Italy, between afro-Orientalism and colonialism.
11. *Le vie del Sapere nell'area siro- mesopotamica dal III al IX secolo*, Roma, 12-13 May 2011, PIO, Pontificio Istituto Orientale- Roma Tre, conference paper: Basra, the cradle of Islamic culture. A reasoned analysis of the urban area that was the early home of Islamic Studies.
12. *Il Marocco tra trono e moschea*, Torino, 25 February 2011, Centro Federico Peirone – Provincia di Torino.
13. *Eight Nordic Conference of Middle Eastern Studies*, 24th -26th September 2010, Bergen (Norway), conference paper: Reason in Islam as Manifesto of Critical Exegesis.
14. *Wocmes 2010, World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies*, 19th -24th July 2010, Barcelona, conference paper: The Mihna. Deconstruction and reconsideration of the Mu'tazilite role in the Inquisition.
15. *16th Davo Kongress*, 8- 10 October 2009, Bonn Universitat, conference paper: New- Mu'tazilite theology in the contemporary age. The Relationship between Reason, History and Tradition.
16. *Reunion Group Conference on Mu'tazilism in Islam and Judaism*, July 12-13, 2009, The Institute for advanced studies, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, conference paper Al-Ma'mun caliphate, between Mu'tazilism and Syncretism, under evaluation by the British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies.

17. *Middle East History and Theory Conference*, May 8th & 9th 2009, University of Chicago, conference paper: Al-Ma'mun and the Mu'tazila: Analysis of the Religious and Political relationships based on the last recovered sources.
18. IX Sesamo conference (Italian Institute for Middle East Studies), *The past and the present of violence in Middle East: reality and representation*, University of Turin, 16-18 October, 2008.
19. National Conference: *Freedom and Democracy in the History of Political Thought*, 12-13 June, 2008, University of Parma.
20. International Conference: *The Town: a Cross-Road for travellers in the Mediterranean Area*, University of Palermo, 31-October 2007 – 3 November 2007

Teaching and Tutorship Experience

1. Teaching Assistant on Democracy and Theology in the Early centuries of Islam, Faculty of Political Science, University of Turin, 2007-2008, 4 hours, Fall semester.
2. Teaching Assistant on History of Modern Middle East, Faculty of Political Thought, University of Genoa, 2008-2009, 4 hours, Fall semester.
3. Teaching Assistant on Islamic Theology, Faculty of Foreign Languages, University of Turin, 2008-2009, 4 hours, Fall semester.
4. Teaching Assistant, Faculty of Political Science, University of Genoa, *History of Modern Middle East*, (36 hours), Fall Semester, 2009- 2010.
5. Teaching Assistant, Fall Semester (2009 -2010), Faculty of Theology, University of Turin, *Introduction to Islamic History* (36 hours).
6. Adjunct Prof. in History of Middle East, Fall Semester (2010), Faculty of Foreign Languages, Department of Oriental Studies, University of Turin, *Islam and the West, an historical excursus* (54 hours).
7. Adjunct Prof. in History of Middle East, Spring Semester (2011), Faculty of Foreign Languages, Department of Oriental Studies, University of Turin, *History of the Arab World, from the Prophet Muhammad to the contemporary age* (54 hours).
8. Adjunct Prof. in History of the Islamic World, Fall Semester (2011), Faculty of Foreign Languages, Department of Oriental Studies, University of Turin, *Introduction to Islamic Studies* (54 hours).
9. M.A. in Mediterranean Studies, faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures, University of Turin, 12 hours of lessons on *Maghreb and Mashrek history from decolonization to contemporary decades* (2011).
10. Adjunct Prof. in History of the Islamic World, Spring Semester (2012), Faculty of Foreign Languages, Department of Oriental Studies, University of Turin, *Introduction to Islamic Studies* (54 hours).
11. Adjunct Prof. in History of Islamic World, Fall Semester (2012), Faculty of Foreign Languages, Department of Oriental Studies, University of Turin, *History of the Gunpowder Empires* (54 hours).
12. Lecture on *The 'Abbasid History. Rise and Decline*, 13 February 2013, Polytechnic Turin University.
13. Research Fellow in Islamic Studies and History of Middle East (Spring Semester 2013), Faculty of Literature and Philosophy, Department of Religious Studies, Catholic University of Milan, *History of Modern Middle East* (32 hours).

14. Lecture, titled: *From the Ottoman Empire to Contemporary Turkey. From being the Sick man of Europe to economic "Tiger" of the Mediterranean*, MAO, Turin's Museum of Oriental Arts, 11 of July 2013.

15. Lectures, UNIT V. War and Trade in the Medieval Period: Levant, Sicily, Spain 6/11/2014; UNIT XIII. Modernism and Nahda in the XIX century 6/20/2014; UNIT XI. Orientalism, an international debate in the XX century 6/27/2014, in the Summer Course, *Islam and the West*, Yale University.

16. Lecture, *Historical peculiarities, achievements and failures of Italian Orientalism. A debated itinerary from Michele Amari (b. 1806) to Francesco Gabrieli (d. 1996)*, 09/10/2014, Yale University, Colloquium of the Council of Middle Eastern Studies.

17. Research Fellow in Islamic Studies and History of Middle East (Fall Semester 2014), Faculty of Literature and Philosophy, Department of Religious Studies, Catholic University of Milan: "*History of Islamic Political Thought*." (32 hours).

18. Research Fellow in Islamic Studies and History of Middle East (Spring Semester 2015), Faculty of Literature and Philosophy, Department of Religious Studies, Catholic University of Milan: "*Introduction to History of Islamo- Christiana dialogue*" (32 hours).

19. Lecture, *The end of the Humanities. The Arab world and the historical-Identity problem*, PhD candidate Workshop for Historical research, Dept. of History, Catholic University of Milan, 16 December 2015.

20. Lecture, *Islam and Democracy, oxymoron or opportunity*, Undergraduate and post-graduate students, University Carlo Bo' of Urbino, 25 February 2016.

21. Lecture, *The Weight of religion in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict*, Undergraduate and post- graduate students, University of Palermo, Faculty of Political Science, 18 march 2016.

Foreign Languages

1. **Italian:** Mother tongue
2. **Latin:** Advanced Level
3. **English:** Fluent (written, spoken, comprehension)
 - Exam of English Language at University of Turin (30/30)
4. **French:** Fluent (written, spoken, comprehension)
 - Summer School, College International de Cannes, July 2000, Advanced level
 - Exam of French Language at University of Turin (28/30)
5. **Arabic:** Advanced level (written, spoken, comprehension)
 - Seminar in Arabic at the Arab-Italian cultural Center, "Petra", Turin, Italy, 2002
 - Seminar in Moroccan dialect, Turin University, faculty of Foreign Language with Prof. Moktary of the University of Rabat, (2002-2003)
 - Arabic I, Foreign Language Faculty, Turin University, 2002/03 with Dr. Claudia Tresso
 - Summer School in Arabic, Moroccan dialect, and Maghreb culture at Rabat University, Faculty of Foreign Language, July 2003
 - Summer school in Arabic at Yemen Language Center, Sana'a, July 2004
 - Private lessons (60 hours) with a native language university professor during my stay in Damascus, Syria, June and July 2007

- Spring Semester of Modern Standard Arabic at Birzeit University, West Bank, Palestine, January 2008- April 2008. Upper intermediate level.
 - Spring Semester of Modern Standard Arabic at Birzeit University, West Bank, Palestine, January 2009-April 2009. Advanced level.
 - Private lessons (40 hours) with a native language university professor during my stay in Damascus Syria, April-May 2011.
6. **German:** Elementary (written, spoken, comprehension, level A2)
- Academic course at the UNITRE (30 hours, 2014-2015).
 - Academic course at the UNITRE (30 hours, 2015-2016).

Other Information

- Member of the Editorial Board (since January 2015): *Ijazah*, Ananke ed. Academic Value. An academic book series entirely devoted to the Islamic world (Islamic Studies, History of the Islamic World, Early Islamic History, Modern and Contemporary studies).
- Junior Researcher within Oasis Foundation (Milan). Project Title: *Knowing the Hybrid society; govern change. A public understanding of religion and religiosity in the contemporary western world.* Working issues on: 1) Secularization and new forms of religiosity; 2) Religious Fundamentalism and Violence; 3) Religions, media and communication; 4) Freedom of Speech and expression; 5) Islamo-Christiana Dialogue; 6) The European's Idea and the Islamic World. The Project started in Fall 2014 and will end in December 2015. <http://www.conoscereilmeticciato.it/>
- Member of Pluriel, an European University Platform on Islam in Europe. <http://pluriel.fuce.eu/thematique/begin-with-islam-for-a-preventive-islamic-de-radicalization-the-re-configuration-of-the-humanities-within-an-inter-religious-approach/?lang=en>
- Minority city councilman of Candiolo from 11th June 2009, after the administrative elections of 6th-7th June 2009. Councilmen experience ended in February 2014.
- Secretary of the Italian Academic Association on Middle Eastern Studies "SeSaMO" from 10th September 2012, until 31 December 2013.
- As competent in the Middle East contemporary history and Islamic Studies, my specific expertise has been requested from the following Italian network channels: Telesubalpina, Studio 1; radio station: Radio d'Onda d'Urto, Radio 101, Radio Blackout.
- Membership of Davo (German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation, 2009-2015), SeSaMO (Italian Association of Middle Eastern Studies, 2008- 2015), Nordic Society of Middle Eastern Studies (2009-2010), Aram (Association for Syrian Mesopotamian Studies, University of Oxford 2011-2012), MESA (since 2015 Usa); Member of the Scientific Committee of IMESI (Institute of Mediterranean and International Studies), University of Palermo.

References:

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- Ass. Prof. Paolo Branca, Ass. Prof. in Arabic and Islamic Studies, Department of Religious Studies, Catholic University of Milan, Italy (branca.unicatt@gmail.com). Research Fellowship Supervisor.
- Dr. Adam Walker, Gorgias Press Acquisitions Editor (Islamic Studies) adam@gorgiaspress.com/79awalk@gmail.com