

Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum of **Davide Tacchini**¹

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Education

-2002-2006 Ph.D. in Religious Studies at the Catholic University, Milan, Italy. I completed my course and passed the final examination on March 21, 2006. The title of my thesis is: *Radical Islamic Views of Christianity and the Western World in Early 20th Century Polemic Literature*.

-1998 Degree in Arabic Language and Literature (*Dottore in Lingua e Letteratura Araba*) [equivalent to M.A. Hons.], First Class (*110/110 magna cum laude*) obtained at the Department of Oriental Languages, Università Ca' Foscari, Venice, Italy. Second Oriental Language: *Farsi*; complementary Western language: English. Total examinations passed 22, among which Arabic Language (4 annual examinations, written and oral, MSA and Lebanese colloquial), Islamic Studies (3 annual examinations), History of Near and Middle East, Islamic Philosophy, Semitic Philology, Italian Literature etc.

-1993 *Maturità Scientifica* after 5 years at 'Liceo Scientifico' (High School Diploma), grade A. Main subjects: Mathematics and Physics, Italian Literature, Latin Language and Literature, English, History, Philosophy.

Languages

Italian (mother tongue)

English (fluent, read, written and spoken), I obtained a standard qualification: *I.E.L.T.S. British Council Certificate of Proficiency*.

Arabic (M.S.A.: fluent, read and spoken, Egyptian Colloquial, Good, Lebanese Colloquial, Basic).

French (Good, read, written and spoken)

Spanish (Good, read and spoken)

Persian-Farsi- (basic, read and spoken)

German (Basic, read and spoken -in development-)

Latin (Good working knowledge)

Teaching and Working Experience

-**2018, January-current position**, Research Fellow & Project Coordinator at the Jena Center for Reconciliation Studies, Friedrich-Schiller University, Jena, Germany.

-**2017, April-current position**, University of Parma, Italy, DUSIC Dipartimento di Discipline Umanistiche, Sociali e delle Imprese Visiting Professor of Arabic Language and Literature, Università degli Studi di Parma.

-**Since 2009**: *Cultore della Materia*, (Ph.D. Candidates Supervision and MA Theses reviews).

-**Since 2015**: Sometimes Lecturer (Islam, Modernity and National Security), The State Correction Officers National Schools, Cairo Montenotte, Parma, Sassari, Nuoro, Italy.

-**2011-2017**: SPRAR project Coordinator. SPRAR is a National project for the reception of Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Northern Italy (after I moved to Germany I have maintained the role of "supervisor").

-**2008-2009**: Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT, USA. Visiting Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations (graduate courses taught: *Islam in Contemporary Western Europe* and *Modern and Contemporary Islamic Thought*, Ph.D. Courses taught: *Methodology of the Study of Religion*).

-**2008, Winter-Spring Semester**: Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT, USA. Visiting Scholar (Islamic Studies).

-**2004-2008**: Lecturer of Islamic Studies at the Faculty of Theology at *Collegio Alberoni, Pontifical University of S. Thomas*, (100 hours per year, undergraduate courses usually taught: *Introduction to Islam/History of Islam, Qur'anic Studies, History of Christian-Muslim Relations, History of the Church -with Dr. Donata Horak-*).

-**2005-2008**: Arabic Language Teacher at *Centro Studi Orientali* (Oriental Studies Center) in Cremona, Italy. Beginner and Advanced Levels (60 hours per level).

-**2001-2008**: Intercultural Facilitator (with teaching activity required -more than 50 hours per year-) at the Municipality of Piacenza, Italy, at the municipal centre for immigrants.

1999-2008, Arabic language Teacher at *C.T.P. Calvino* [Centre run by Public Education Authority]. Teaching mainly at beginners' level (40 hours per annum).

1999-2002 Teacher of Italian as a Foreign Language at various institutions and schools in Northern Italy, specifically oriented to students whose mother tongue was Arabic. (*ECAP, ECIPAR, ITARD, IAL*, etc., more than 100 hours per year).

-During the 2003-2004, 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 academic years, I taught Arab Culture, History of Islam and Arabic Language and Literature at the Catholic University in Milan, Italy, as a substitute for Prof. Paolo Branca, my Ph.D. supervisor.

¹ Member of the American Academy of Religion, membership number, Z33542.

Conferences and Public Events Organized:

-June 20, 2018: *Srebrenica Refugees, Never Forget*, International Conference organized on the UN World Refugee Day. Participants: H.E. The Grand Mufti Emeritus of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mustafa Cerić, Lara J. Nettelfield (Columbia University), Semso Osmanovic (Univ. of Trieste) and myself.

-December 15, 2012: *Rethinking Asylum in the 21st Century* (www.rethinking-asylum.net) In collaboration with the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees). Participants: Matthew Gibney (Oxford Centre for Refugee Studies), Anna Rowlands (King's College, London), Juergen Humburg (UNHCR), Daniela di Capua (SPRAR Italy National Director) and myself.

-April 10, 2010, International Conference: *Ecumenical Perspectives of the Dialogue with Islam*, in partnership with the Milan Catholic University, and the *Scuola di Formazione Teologica* (National Theological Formation Institute). Participants: Prof. Radko Popov (University of Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria), Rev. Nicolas Mumejian (Duke University, USA), Prof. Paolo Branca (Milan Catholic University), Prof. Paolo Nicelli (PIME, Milan) and myself.

-April 21, 2007, International Conference: *Western Islam, "New" Muslims Between Tradition and Modernity*, in partnership with the Milan Catholic University and the *Provincial Commission for Inter-Religious Dialogue*. Participants: Gamal al-Banna (Cairo University), Wa'il Faruq (American University in Cairo), Senad Bajramovic (University of Zagreb), Paolo Branca (Milan Catholic University), Stefano Allievi (University of Padua) and myself.

-2005 and 2006, Series of Lectures: *Islam and Christianity: Mutual Knowledge for a Deeper Dialogue*, promoted by the *Provincial Commission for Inter-Religious Dialogue*. Participants: Paolo Branca (Milan Catholic University). Francesco Zannini (P.I.S.A.I., Rome), Ida Zilio-Grandi (University of Genoa), Angelo Scarabel (University of Venice) and myself.

Other Related Activities

2012-2017: the CMR1900 Project

I have been part of the *Christian-Muslim Relations: a Bibliographical History* project as the person in Charge of Italy, Papal State and Malta.

The project is hosted in the Department of Theology and Religion at the University of Birmingham, it is funded by the Arts & Humanities Research Council (AHRC) and the results are being published by Brill as part of the *Christian-Muslim Relations. A Bibliographical History* series edited by Professor David Thomas.

CMR1900 will bring together the known writings by Christians and Muslims about one another and against one another in the period 1500-1900. Its scope is global, aiming to identify and analyze these works in the different areas of the world

(see:

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/ptr/departments/theologyandreligion/research/projects/CMR1900/index.aspx>).

-2009-present, I am currently part of the scientific committee of the *Inter-University Center for Cultures, Law and Religion* (the Former *International Forum for Democracy and Religion*, FIDR, see below), which has set up the first experimental formation course for Muslim Religious Leaders ever organized in Italy. Among the promoters of this unique initiative are the Italian Ministry of Interior, the American Consulate in Milan, the FIDR (International Forum for Democracy and Religion), the Catholic University and the State University of Milan, the universities of Padua and the one of Eastern Piedmont. Furthermore I have translated into English and I am currently updating the FIDR website www.fidr.it, one of the most complete sources of information on this topic in Europe.

2009-2011, member of the team of scholars which has organized the so called *Qur'anic-Biblical Atelier* (Atelier Biblico Coranico, ABC, in Italian). This project involved young Italian Catholics, Muslims and Jews in an academic and practical interaction on the example of the so called *B.A.P. (Building Abrahamic Partnerships)* at Hartford Seminary (www.hartsem.edu/ACADEMIC/bap/bap.htm) or of some of the activities organized by the IFYC (www.ifyc.org) in Chicago, IL.

At intervals I am still acting as a consultant and scientific advisor for the Municipality of Piacenza, Italy on the situation of Islam and Muslim communities in the area. I have been involved in the process of establishing a new Islamic Center and Mosque in town. In 2009-2010 I had been working at the local Public Library to create a catalogue of Arabic manuscripts.

-I have acted as a consultant on numerous projects concerning language learning and introductory courses on Italian culture for Arab-speaking immigrants in the past 15 years and as an interpreter and translator in Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Egypt, Kuwait, collaborating with a team of exporters in my hometown's area.

-I used to work frequently as official interpreter for the local court of justice (translating printed material, too) and for my hometown's hospital, acting as interpreter and translating from and into Arabic, English and French, documents and informative publications, too.

-In 2002 I have founded a small company of which I am still president. *L'ippogrifo Soc. Coop. Sociale* has been running the Municipal center for Immigrants for 8 years, now, and manages the team of Intercultural Facilitators in the Local Health Administration since 2005.

Publications

Books:

- 1- **Tacchini, D., *Radicalismo islamico, Il diario del soggiorno di Sayyid Qutb, negli Stati Uniti dal 1948 al 1950***, (Radical Islamism, the diary of Sayyid Qutb's trip to the US from 1948 to 1950), Milan, Obarrao Editore, 2015, pp. 162. ISBN.978-8897332-75-6 (in Italian).
(In this book I have translated Sayyid Qutb's *Amrikā allatī ra'aytu -America I have seen-*, and it is the first full translation into Italian of the "book").
- 2- **Tacchini, D., Angelucci, A., Bombardieri, M., Cuciniello, A. (eds) *Chiesa e Islam in Italia: Incontro e Dialogo*** (the Church and Islam in Italy, Encounters and Dialogue), EDB Editore, Bologna, 2019, pp. 184 (in Italian).
- 3- **Tacchini, D., Angelucci, A., Bombardieri, M. (eds), *Islam e Integrazione in Italia***. (Islam and Integration in Italy), Milan-Venice, Marsilio Editore, 2015, pp. 166.
- 4- **Tacchini, D., *Sharh al-luġa al-'arabiyya li'l-itāliyyīn***, Guida alla comprensione dei fondamenti della lingua araba con suggerimenti per migliorare la didattica dell'italiano agli studenti arabofoni (Introduction to Arabic Language, how to teach Italian to Arabic native speakers), in "Quaderni del Centro Studi", ed. Comune di Cremona, Associazione Centro Studi e Ricerche Sociali, 2006 pp. 97 (in Italian).

Peer Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

- 5- **Tacchini, D., *La figura dell'Imam dall'Islam classico alla situazione italiana contemporanea***, (The figure of Imam from Classical Islam to Contemporary Italian Situation) in **Tacchini, D., Angelucci, A., Bombardieri, M., Cuciniello, A., *Chiesa e Islam in Italia: Incontro e Dialogo*** (the Church and Islam in Italy, Encounters and Dialogue), EDB Editore, Bologna, 2019, pp. 43-60.
- 6- **Tacchini, D., *Italy***, in "Yearbook of Muslims in Europe" Vol. 10, Leiden-Boston, Brill, 2018, pp. 360-378.
- 7- **Tacchini, D., *L'Imam***, in "Schede per l'Islam in Italia", September 2016, available online at http://www.chiesacattolica.it/ecumenismo/siti_di_uffici_e_servizi/ufficio_nazionale_per_l_ecumenismo_e_il_dialogo_inderreligioso/00071150_Schede_per_una_conoscenza_piu_approfondita_dell_Islam.html
- 8- **Tacchini, D., *Italian Islam, Imam and Mosque Today***, in D. Pratt, J. Hoover, J. Davies, J. Chesworth (eds), *The Character of Christian-Muslim Encounter, Essays in Honour of David Thomas*, Leiden, Brill, 2015. (In English)
- 9- **Tacchini, D., Turner, A., *Islam and Democracy: Voices of Muslims Amongst Us*** in Mattson, I., Nesbitt-Larkin, P. e Nawaz, T. (ed.), *Religion and Representation: Islam and Democracy*, Cambridge, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2015. Pp. 228-242.
- 10- **Tacchini, D., *L'Imam, questo sconosciuto. Chi è e cosa fa***, (Imam, the unknown. Who he is and what he does) in Angelucci, A., Bombardieri, M., Tacchini, D., *Islam e Integrazione in Italia*. (Islam and Integration in Italy), Milan-Venice 2014, Marsilio Editore, pp. 115-131. (In Italian)
- 11- **Tacchini, D., *Islam, Mosques and Islamic Centers in the United States of America***, in Allievi, S. (Ed.) *Mosques in Europe. Why a solution has become a problem*. London, Alliance Publishing Trust, 2011 pp. 373-381. In English.
- 12- **Tacchini, D., *Paul, the One Whom Christians Call Apostle. A Journey Through Muslim Anti-Pauline Polemic***, in B. Pirone, E. Bolognesi (eds), *San Paolo letto da Oriente*, (an Eastern reading of St. Paul), Studia Orientalia Christiana Monographiae 18, The Franciscan Centre of Christian Oriental Studies, Musky, Cairo / Edizioni Terra Santa, Milano, 2010, pp. 219-236. In English.
- 13- **Tacchini, D., *Paul the Forgerer, Classical and Modern Radical Muslim Views of the Apostle of Tarsus***, in "Islamochristiana", 34, (2008), pp. 129-147. In English.
- 14- **Tacchini, D., *Islam and Christianity: Prospects of Dialogue in the West, (with Select Bibliography)*** In "Proceedings of the International Conference *Western Islam, "New" Muslims Between Tradition and Modernity*", held in Piacenza, Italy on April 21, 2007, "Annali di Scienze Religiose", December (2) 2009. In English,
- 15- **Tacchini, D., Busnelli, P. *Commented translation from Arabic into Italian of: Farouk, W., Kayfa Yumârisu al-Muslimûna al-Ĥadâtha wa yarfudûnahâ fî nafs al-waqt*** (How Muslims Practice Modernity and Refuse it at the Same Time), In "Proceedings of the International Conference *Western Islam, "New" Muslims Between Tradition and Modernity*", held in Piacenza, Italy on April 21, 2007, Annali di Scienze Religiose, December (2) 2009.
- 16- **Tacchini, D., *Paolo il falsificatore, visioni islamiche radicali dell'Apostolo di Tarso, (Paul the Forgerer, Radical Islamic Views of the Apostle of Tarsus)***, in "Annali di scienze religiose", 10/2005, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milano. (In Italian)

Other Publications

- 17- ***Perché il Belgio? (why Belgium?)*** In *Piacenzasera.it*, March 23, 2016, available online: http://piacenzasera.it/editoriali/perche-belgio-come-reagire-ora-intervento.jspurl?IdC=1093&IdS=1093&tipo_padre=0&tipo_cliccato=0&id_prodotto=66633&css=homepage.css
- 18- ***Rifugiati, Richiedenti Asilo, Migranti, l'importanza dei termini*** (Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Migrants. The Importance of Language), in "Libertà", October 10, 2015, pp. 51.
- 19- ***Insieme con i musulmani europei possiamo sconfiggere il terrorismo*** (together with European Muslims we can beat terror), in *piacenzasera.it* January 8, 2015, available online www.piacenzasera.it.
- 20- ***Quale futuro per l'Egitto? I Fratelli Musulmani sono incompatibili con il potere*** (Which Future for Egypt? The Muslim Brothers and their Incompatibility with Power), in *Libertà*, September 1, 2013, p. 1 and 7.
- 21- ***Ripensare il Diritto d'Asilo, un'occasione importante per Piacenza*** (Rethinking Asylum, an Important Occasion

for Piacenza), in "Libertà", December 15, 2012, pp. 1 and 7.

22-La Democrazia di Ramadan (The Democracy of Ramadan), in "Libertà", August 21, 2012 pp. 1 and 6.

23-La Primavera del Cairo (Cairo's Spring), in "Dialogo", XX, 3-4, April-May, 2011, pp. 4-5.

24-Dall'accoglienza al dialogo. L'omelia del Card. Carlo Maria Martini vent'anni dopo (From welcome to Dialogue, Card. Martini's homily 20 years later), in Libertà, January 5, 2011, pp. 10-11.

25-The World is on the Move (il mondo è in movimento), le sfide della scuola italiana in occasione della giornata europea del dialogo interculturale (The challenges of the Italian School System in Occasion of the European Day of Intercultural Dialogue), in "Libertà", October 7, 2010, p. 1-7.

26-Integrazione: bisogna meritarsela (Integration Should Be Deserved), In "Libertà", Sept. 20, 2009, pp. 1 and 6.

27-Moschee in Città, Islam Nuovo (Urban Mosques, the New Challenge of Islam) in "Libertà", Sept. 17, 2009, p. 16.

28-L'efficacia della comunicazione interculturale in una società multi-etnica (the effectiveness of intercultural communication in a multi-ethnic society), with Martino Pillitteri, available on line. <http://212.239.18.53/DotNetNuke/Portals/12/materiali/Report%20seminario%20sulla%20comunicazione%20interculturale.pdf>, 2008.

29-L'islam fra tradizione e modernità (Islam between tradition and modernity), in "Libertà", April 21, 2007.

30-Translation from French into Italian of 40 terms of the Dictionnaire du Coran (ed. Laffont), *Dizionario del Corano*, Milano 2007, Arnoldo Mondadori Editore. Among the terms I have translated: *Allâh, Connaissance, Création, Ka'ba, Prière Canonique, Pilliers de l'Islam, Résurrection*.

31-Storie di donne che hanno detto no (Stories of women who said no), interview, in "Il nuovo Giornale", September 2006 (in Italian).

32-L'islam di oggi fra religione e impegno politico (Present-day Islam between religion and politics), in "Libertà", February 2, 2006 (in Italian).

-About 20 Book Reviews between 2008 and 2017, published by *The Muslim World, Annali di Scienze Religiose*, and others.

Forthcoming Publications

BOOK: Tacchini, D., Leiner, M., Barakat, Z., Dajani, A. (eds), *Reconciliation in the Middle East and Northern Africa – an Interdisciplinary Research with Special Respect to Refugees*. Accepted for Publication, RIPAR (Research in Peace and Reconciliation) Series, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, Göttingen/Germany. Due to appear in the spring of 2019.

BOOK: Tacchini, D., Turner, A., *Voices of Muslims Amongst Us*, Edited by Davide Tacchini and Amédée Turner. This book includes the commented full text of the survey conducted by A. Turner *Muslim Grassroots in the West discuss Democracy*, already available online, with no comments at <http://www.muslim-grass-roots-discuss-democracy.com>, and a collection of unpublished one-to-one interviews with Muslims (professionals, students, workers, community leaders etc.) who live in the West (USA, UK, Germany, France, Spain and Italy), conducted by Davide Tacchini. Accepted for Publication by Mimesis International. In English. Accepted for Publication by Mimesis International, due to appear in the fall of 2019.

BOOK: Tacchini, D., Bombardieri, M., Angelucci (ed.), *Italy and Islam. The Challenge of Inte(g)ration*. Accepted for Publication, Marsilio Editore, due to appear in the fall of 2019 (In English).

BOOK CHAPTER: *Reflections on the Hermeneutics of the Other and the Idea of Reconciliation*, in Tacchini, D., Leiner, M., Barakat, Z., Dajani, A., *Reconciliation in the Middle East and Northern Africa – an Interdisciplinary Research with Special Respect to Refugees*. Accepted for Publication, RIPAR (Research in Peace and Reconciliation) Series, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, Göttingen/Germany. Due to appear in the spring of 2019.

BOOK CHAPTER: *Italy*, in *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe*, Leiden, Brill, 2019. Due to Appear in the fall 2019.

Main Lectures (selection among more than 150 lectures given).

-**December 29, 2018, Rome, Italy, Rosselli Center**, National Winter School *School Religioni e Politica nel Mondo Contemporaneo* (Religion and Politics in the Contemporary World), my lecture: Religious Extremisms (Muslim and American Christian) in the 21st century.

-**August 12, 2018, Jena, Germany, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität**, International Conference, *Reconciliation in the Middle East & North Africa: An Interdisciplinary Research*. My Lecture: *Reflections on the Hermeneutics of the Other and the Idea of Reconciliation*. In English and Arabic.

-**June 30, 2018, Toronto, ON, Canada, International Conference**, the Church and Migration, Global (in) difference? My lecture: *Religion as a consequence of (Forced) migrations from Africa: the reshaping of religious geography in Europe*.

-**June 20, 2018, Piacenza, Italy**, International Conference: "Srebrenica Refugees, Never Forget". My Lecture: *The first Refugees in Europe and Current Asylum Seekers from Africa: Similarities and Differences*. (in English).

-**June 6, 2018, Jena, Germany, Schumpeter Center**, Public Lecture: *Voices of European Muslims*, with the Hon. Amédée Turner (in English).

-**May 9, 2018, Jena, Germany, Jena Center for Reconciliation Studies**, Public lecture and Ph.D. Students Seminar, *Focus on Yemen, the Forgotten War*, with Laura Silvia Battaglia. (in English).

-**March 7, 2018, Bologna, Italy**, European Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, *Muslim Leaders' Training and Muslim Inmates in Italy and the USA. Any possible Comparison?* In English

-**May 30, 2017, Jena, Germany, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität**, International Conference, "Reformation and Global Reconciliation". My lecture: *Radical Muslim Views of Reformed Christianity, a new perspective for Muslim-Christian*

Relations. In English.

- May 10, 2017, Pisa, Italy, University of Pisa**, Dept. of Political Science, Public Lecture. *Pensiero Islamico Radicale, la Figura di Sayyid Qutb* (Radical Islamic Thought, the Figure of Sayyid Qutb). In Italian.
- March 26, 2017, Milan, Italy. MUDEC** – Bookpride. Public Lecture in one of Italy's most important bookfairs. *Radicalismo e Martirio nell'Islam moderno* (Radicalism and Martyrdom in Modern Islam), With Prof. Paolo Branca.
- October 12, 2016, Milan, Italy Toniolo** Institute, Invitational National Workshop, *Young Italians and Religion*.
- July 24, 2016, Hong Kong**, Ming Hua College / Chinese University Hong Kong, International Conference "Faith in China". My Lecture *Chinese Muslim Communities in the Image of the Western Press*. In English.
- January 25, 2016, Cairo Montenotte, Italy**, The State Correction Officers National School, Public Lecture, School Plenary Session: *The current situation of Muslims in Italian prisons compared to the one of other European Countries and the USA: The Dangers of Radicalization*.
- September 21, 2015, Birmingham, UK, Univ. of Birmingham**, Lecture within the Christian-Muslim Relations, a Bibliographical History Team. *Editing a book Chapter in Christian-Muslim Relations in the 21st Century. The highest Academic Standards*.
- May 22, 2015, Washington, DC, USA, Georgetown University**. International Conference. *Training Muslims Religious Leaders in 21st Century Italy. The FIDR project* (In English).
- April 13, 2015, University of London, London, UK**. International Conference, BRAIS Annual Conference. *Muslim Voices Amongst Us*, with the Hon. Amédée Turner, (In English).
- December 8, 2014, Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT, USA**. Public Lecture, *Islam and Integration in Italy* (in English).
- November 6, 2014, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome, Italy**, International Conference "Imams in the West". *The FIDR, New Religious Presences in Italy Program*, With Paolo Branca (The Catholic Univ. Milan) and Imam Yahya S. Y. Pallavicini (COREIS Italy). In English.
- May 4, 2014, Piacenza, Italy**, International Conference: *Muslimū Ūrūbā: Hiwār, Tu'āysh wa Salām* (Muslims of Europe, Dialogue, Coexistence and Peace). My lecture, *Al-Islām fi Ūrūbā aw al-Islām al-Ūrūbī?* (Islam in Europe or European Islam?). In Arabic.
- April 10, 2014, Ripon College, Oxford University, Oxford, UK**. Ecclesiological Investigations Annual Meeting. *Islam and Democracy as a Method of Inter-religious Understanding*, with the Hon. Amédée Turner, QC. (in English).
- April 2, 2014, Salahuddin University, Erbil, Iraq**. International Conference on Islam and Modernity. *Al-Islam wa 'd-Dimuqratiya: aswat al-Muslimin fi 'l-Gharb*. (Islam and Democracy, Voices of Muslims in the West) in Arabic.
- October 3, 2013, University of Padua, Padua, Italy, Interfaith Dialogue and Peace**. Public Conference organized by the US Dept. of State (the US Consulate in Milan). With Imam M. Bashar Arafat (CECF, Notre Dame of Maryland University), Stefano Allievi and Adone Brandalise (University of Padua). In English and Italian.
- April 30, 2013. Bologna, Italy, Confederazione Islamica Italiana** (Italian National Islamic Federation), National Conference. *La diversità nell'islam e il Dialogo Interreligioso* (Diversity in Islam and Interreligious Dialogue), with I.U. Yahya S. Y. Pallavicini, the Hon. Khalid Chaouki and S.I. Taher Tujkani (European Council of *Ulamā*), in Italian and Arabic.
- December 15, 2012, Piacenza, Italy**, International Conference *Rethinking Asylum in the 21st Century, Theory and Practice*. My Lecture: *The World is on the Move: Migration as the Human Face of Globalization*. In English.
- June 27, 2012, Florence, Italy**, Istituto Superiore di Scienze Umane, European Doctoral Programme. *Understanding Contemporary Societies: Change, Diversity, Social Movements and Religions*. My Lecture: *Islam in Europe*. In English.
- **March 27, 2012, Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT, USA**, Public Lecture. *Islam and Democracy in the 21st Century*. ([youtube.com/watch?v=8sDSRK-Bnfs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8sDSRK-Bnfs)), in English.
- March 25, 2012, London, ON, Canada**. University of Western Ontario / Huron University College. International Conference: "Islam and Democracy, Potentials and Possibilities". My lecture, with the Hon. Amédée Turner. *Voices of Muslims amongst Us*, Official presentation of the Research "Muslim Grassroots Discuss Democracy", (In English).
- January 28, 2012, Pisa, Italy**, Scuola Superiore Universitaria di S. Anna, International Conference: Giornate di Diritto Islamico (Islamic Law Days). *Primavera Araba, inverno Musulmano? Le recenti Rivolte in Nord Africa e Medio Oriente sotto la lente del pensiero islamico moderno. (Arab Spring, Muslim Winter? The recent revolts in North Africa in the mirror of Modern Islamic Thought)*. In Italian.
- September 23, 2011, St. Mary's College of Maryland**, CESPEC Summer School, Alba Campus, Alba, Cuneo. *Religious Freedom, a Comparison among Different Cultural Perspectives*. with Bjorn Krondorfer (St. Mary's College of Maryland). My Lecture: *Mosques and Islamic Centers in the USA and Europe: the Physical Representation of a New Muslim Identity*. (In English).
- September 21, 2011, Cuneo, Italy**, Public Lecture. *Cosa succede sull'altra sponda del Mediterraneo? Religioni, democrazia e trasformazioni nel mondo arabo-mediterraneo* (What is going on on the other side of the Mediterranean Sea? Religions, Democracy and Major Changes in the Arab-Mediterranean World), With G.L. Parolin (American University in Cairo). In Italian.
- May 5, 2011, Lugano, Switzerland**. SUPSI, Scuola Superiore di Studi Universitari / Scuola Universitaria Professionale della Svizzera italiana, Dipartimento Scienze Aziendali e Sociali, Centro di Documentazione e Ricerca sulle Migrazioni. With Aldo Sofia and Elisa Pelizzari. *The So called Arab Spring, what may Tunis and Cairo teach us?* (In Italian)
- February 9, 2011, Milan, Italy**. Public Lecture at the Catholic University. *America Barbara e Infedele. L'America che ho visto di Sayyid Qutb e le origini dell'anti-americanismo islamista* (Barbarian and Infidel America, Sayyid Qutb's "America I have seen" and the origins of Muslim anti-Americanism). In Italian.

-December 13, 2010, Madrid, Spain, International Conference of Junior Researchers in Mediterranean and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (Comisión Jóvenes Investigadores ILC CCHS CSIC).

Do Muslims Refuse Modernity? How European Islam May Help Moving Forward (In English and Spanish).

-December 7, 2010, Washington, DC, USA, The Catholic University of America, School of Theology and Religious Studies, *The Hermeneutics of the Other and the "Reification" of Christian-Muslim Relations* (In English).

-November 24, 2010, Granada, Spain, *Ibadah*, Reunion des Experts sur el papel de las Universidades Occidentales sobre la imagen del Islam y de los Musulmanes en Europa (International Conference for Experts on the Role of Western Universities about the image of Islam and Muslims in Europe). *Dawr al-Jāmi'āt al-ġarbiyya fī taṭawwur al-Islām fī ūrubbā: ta'wīl al-akhar* (The Role of Western Universities in the Development of the Image of Islam in Europe: the Hermeneutics of the Other). In Arabic.

-July 25-31, 2010, Chianciano Terme (SI), Italy, SAE (National Secretariat for Ecumenical Activities) National Conference. *Muslim-Christian, Jewish-Christian and Jewish-Muslim dialogues: obstacles and opportunities.* (In Italian) With Bruno Segre and Adnane Mokrani (Graegoriana University, Rome). In Italian.

-April 10, 2010, Milan, Italy, International Conference "Ecumenical Approaches of the Dialogue with Islam". *Islam, a Helping Hand for Ecumenical Dialogue* (In English).

-June 26, 2009, Balliol College, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, International Conference "Law and Religion in Contemporary Europe". *Muslim Places of Worship in Europe and the U.S.A.* (In English)

-May 6, 2009, Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT, USA, Public Lecture.

Paul Whom the Christians Call Apostle (In English). With Kelton Cobb, Mahmoud Ayoub and Yahya M. Michot.

-February 25, 2009, Milan Catholic University, Milan, Italy, International Conference *Religion in the Public Space. Hartford Seminary, from the Missionary to the Imam.* (In Italian)

-November 18, 2008, Hartford, CT, USA, Connecticut Council for Religious Understanding, Public Lecture: *What a Billion Muslims Think.* With Mahmoud Ayoub and Yahya M. Michot.

-October 31, 2008, Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT. Public Lecture given in occasion of the visit to the Seminary of a delegation of Muslim Leaders from Indonesia and the Philippines. *Hartford Seminary in a World of Difference.*

-June 6, 2008, Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey, International Conference "Istanbul Seminars 2008".

Hartford Seminary, Exploring Differences, Deepening Faith: from the Missionary to the Islamic Chaplain. Panel with Andrew March (Yale University) and Carlos Thiebaut (University Carlos III, Madrid, Spain). In English.

-April 22, 2008, Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT, USA. Public Lecture.

Young, Italians, Muslims (during my lecture I showed a new video about young Muslims in Italy). In English.

-March 12, 2008, Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT, USA, lecture given in occasion of the visit of a group of religious leaders from Kosovo and Macedonia. *Muslim-Christian Relations in Italy.* (In English)

-February 28, 2008, Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT, USA, Public Lecture.

Sayyid Qutb's America I have seen, Mere Polemic or Something Deeper? (In English).

-May 14, 2007, Brescia, Italy, *Islam e modernità* (Islam and Modernity). I acted as translator of the lecture given by Naṣr Ḥāmid Abū Zayd.

-April 21, 2007, Piacenza, Italy, International Conference "Western Islam: New Muslims between Tradition and Modernity". Organizer and Discussant of the afternoon session and the final discussion.

-March 4, 2007, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Dhaka University, Dept. of World Religions, *Christian-Muslim Dialogue in Europe* (In English), with Dr. F. Francesco Rapacioli

-December 1, 2005, Piacenza, Italy, Series of lectures "Islam, una testa molte facce: introduzione all'Islam classico e particolare nel Magreb", (Islam, One Head but Many Faces, Introduction to "Orthodox" and Popular Islam in Maghreb) with Noredidine 'Anbaoui. My lecture: *Introduzione all'Islam* (Introduction to Islam), In Italian.

Attended Arabic Language Courses

-2006 (May-July) Advanced Intensive Arabic Language Courses (Modern Standard Arabic), *International Language Institute*, Cairo, Egypt and *al-Fajr Institute*, Cairo, Egypt.

-2003 (March-April) Advanced Intensive Arabic Language Course (Modern Standard and Egyptian Colloquial), *International Language Institute*, Cairo, Egypt.

-2002 (June-September), Advanced Intensive Arabic Language Course (Modern Standard and Egyptian Colloquial), *International Language Institute*, Cairo, Egypt.

-1998 (July-August), Intermediate Arabic Language Course (Modern Standard and Egyptian Colloquial), *International Language Institute*, Cairo, Egypt.

-1996 (August), Arabic Language Course, *Arabic Language Centre*, Cairo, Egypt.

Other Courses and Certificates

-2000, May-December (600 hours of tuition, 200 hours of stage). *Cultural Facilitator* professional course at *Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore*, Milano. Final exam evaluation 100/100.

-2014, *DITALS-2* Certificate for Teaching Italian as a Foreign Language. University of Siena.

Memberships:

- AARMENA, Academic Alliance of Reconciliation Studies in the Middle East and North Africa (Founding member)
- University Center for Culture, Law and Religions –FIDR- (the former International Forum Democracy and Religion), Alessandria, Italy (www.fidr.it).
- AAR, American Academy of Religion
- EuAre, European Academy of Religion
- CEI (Conferenza Episcopale Italiana), Commissione per l'Ecumenismo e il Dialogo Interreligioso, Gruppo di Riflessione sull'Islam in Italia.

Other Activities

I have been part of a boy scout group of the Italian Catholic Scout Association (*AGESCI*) for 20 years, 6 of which as a troop leader (until 2001). I took part in the 19th *World Scout Jamboree* in Chile in 1999 with the *International Service Group*, acting as a translator (Italian-English-Arabic-French and Spanish) and hike guide.

I participate in the Inline downhill (downhill competitions with inline skates) World Cup Circuit since 2000 winning

-A Bronze Medal in the 2003, 2007, 2010 and 2013 World Cup Overall ranking,

-Various podiums in international competitions (in Austria, USA, France, Italy, Germany and Switzerland), and

-I have been Italian National Champion in 2013 and vice-national Champion in 2005, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2017 and 2018.

-From 2005 to 2012 I have been President of the *IIDA* (International Inline Downhill Association), the sanctioning body of the World Cup and association of the athletes of the discipline.

-Other than sport, I love photography. I have organized local exhibitions and have taken part in some contests at the regional level. My favorite subject is water, but I enjoy taking sport pictures, too.