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### I. SHORT BIO

Born in Saluzzo (Italy) on 28 May 1968, living in Istanbul since the beginning 2004. President of URT (Union of Religious in Turkey) 2008-2011, member of CRME (Ecumenical Committee of CCEE and CEC for Islam in Europe) 2005-2010, Member of Dominican General Secretary for Interfaith Dialogue since 2001, Invited Professor of Theology of Religions in Fribourg University (Switzerland) 2007-2014, and Invited Professor to Bologna Theological Faculty (Italy) since 2007. Visiting Professor at Toronto University – Ontario – Canada, October 2013-February 2014. Visiting Professor at The Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sur (PUCRS) in Porto Alegre (Brazil) – November 2015. Since April 2014 Consultant to the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.

### II. EDUCATION AND DEGREES<sup>1</sup>

- December 2006 - PhD in Comparative Theology of Religions at Strasbourg Catholic University (France). Title of the Dissertation: « Dieu hôte. Enquête sur l'hospitalité en histoire et en théologie comparées des religions à la lumière de Gn.18 » [“God guest and host. Survey on Hospitality in History and in Comparative theology of religions in the light of Genesis 18”]
- June 2003 – Master Degree in Ottoman – Turkish language and Civilization at Strasbourg March Bloch University, Oriental Languages Department. Title of Dissertation: « Les relations des opposants réformistes turcs avec la culture française post-révolutionnaire à l'époque du déclin de l'Empire ottoman (1794-1902) » [“The Turkish Reformist Relationships with the Opponents of Post-revolutionary French Culture at the Time of the Decline of the Ottoman Empire (1794-1902)】
- October 1999 – Bachelor's Degree in Catholic Theology at Pontifical University S. Thomas Aquinas (PUST) in Rome. Title of Dissertation: « Fondamentalismo religioso e modernità : il complesso rapporto tra fede e politica nelle grandi religioni monoteiste, per una comprensione del fondamentalismo islamico contemporaneo » [“Religious Fundamentalism and Modernity: the Relationship Between Faith and Politics in the

<sup>1</sup> An English translation of the article's original title is given in brackets.

*Monotheistic Religions, for an Better Understanding of Contemporary Islamic Fundamentalism”]*

- **February 1997 – Bachelor’s Degree in Philosophy** at Pontifical University S. Thomas Aquinas (PUST) in Rome. Thesis: «L’agire come essere nel mondo : uno sguardo al pensiero politico di Annah Arendt nel contesto della riabilitazione della filosofia pratica» [*“Acting as Being in the World: a Look to Annah Arendt’s Political Thought for a the Rehabilitation of Practical Philosophy”*]
- **July 1987 – Maturità scientifica** in Saluzzo (CN) Italy

### **III. MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS**

#### **- THEOLOGY AND HISTORY OF RELIGIONS**

- \* Speciality: the three Abrahamic Religions (the monotheistic faiths)
- \* Questions in Comparative Theology
- \* Dialogue and Conversion
- \* Christian Practices and Other Religions
- \* Pluralistic Theologies of Religions
- \* Theology of Hospitality and Interreligious Practices

#### **- BIBLICAL THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

- \* The Sacred Hospitality
- \* The Stranger and the Strangeness
- \* God and His Images: Iconography and Theologies

#### **- PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS WITH THEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS**

- \* On “otherness”
- \* Forgiveness and Forgetfulness
- \* History and Memory

#### **- SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGIONS**

- \* Religious Fundamentalism
- \* Religions and States
- \* A Ritual Approach to Religious Diversity
- \* Islam in Western Countries

#### **- ISLAMIC STUDIES**

- \* Ottoman and Turkish Islam
- \* New Turkish Muslim Movements

#### **- ISLAM/CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE**

- \* History of a Contested Dialogue: the Magisterium of the Catholic Church
- \* Ecclesial Practices and the Hospitality of God
- \* Together to Pray or Praying Together?

#### IV. RECENT GRANTS, TEACHINGS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- **Since March 2017**, Contributor in the interdisciplinary and interreligious research program «Religion – Modernité – Monde», run by SNRM (Service National pour les Relation avec les Musulmans) Paris.
- **Since September 2016**, Contributor in the interdisciplinary research program « Progetto di ricerca sull’ospitalità » [A research project on hospitality], at Istituto di Studi Ecumenici “San Bernardino” in Venezia (Italy), and Visiting Professor to the same Institute.
- **In March 2015**, Visiting Professor at Dominican University College (DUC) in Ottawa (Canada)
- **In November 2015**, Visiting Professor at The Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS) in Porto Alegre (Brazil)
- **In December 2014**, Visiting Professor at Cracow Theological University
- **Since May 2014**, Consultor of the *Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue*.
- **Between October 2013 and February 2014**, Visiting Professor at Toronto’s University – Ontario - Canada
- **Since September 2011**, External research assistant at Fribourg’s University (Switzerland)
- **Since 2010**, Member of the Scientific Committee in CEDOMEI (Centro Documentazione Ecumenico Movimento Italiano) and for *Oecumenica Civitas* Journal
- **Since 2009** – Contributor in the interdisciplinary research program “Dialogue & Conversion”: Judaism, Christianity and Islam interaction in the Mediterranean area, at the Université Catholique of Paris.
- **Since 2005** – Corresponding member of the *Dominikanische Institut für Christlich – islamische Geschichte* - Hamburg.
- **Since 2001** – Corresponding member of the *Institut Dominicain d’Etudes Orientales* (IDEO) in Cairo

#### V. SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS<sup>2</sup>

##### V.1 Books

- 2019, In collaboration with Cortesi, Mp Giovannoni, PD Giovannoni, **Mediterraneo. Il dramma dei “senza diritti”** [Mediterranean sea. The drama of “without rights”], Firenze, Nerbini
- 2019, In collaboration with Gilles ROUTHIER, **Oser l’ospitalité** [Daring hospitality], Paris, Bayard.
- 2018, In collaboration with Gilles ROUTHIER, **Il martirio dell’ospitalità. La testimonianza di Christian De Chergé e Pierre Claverie** [The Martyrdom of Hospitality. The Christian de Chergé and Pierre Claverie testimony], Bologna : EDB.
- 2016, **Taizé. La speranza condivisa** (Taizé. The shared hope), Bologna: EDB
- 2015, **Taizé: l’Esperance indivise** (Taizé: the undivided hope), Paris: Cerf.
- 2013, **Stranieri con Dio. L’ospitalità nelle tradizioni dei tre monoteismi abramitici** (Foreigners with God. Hospitality’ Practices in the three monotheistic religions), Milan: Edizioni Terra Santa.
- 2008, **Dieu hôte. Recherche historique et théologique sur les rituels de l’ospitalité** (God Guest and Host. An Historical and Theological research on the rituals of hospitality), Bucharest: Zetabooks.

<sup>2</sup> An English translation of the article’s original title is given in brackets.

2002, *Sguardo all'universo islamico* (*A look at the Islamic universe*), Pistoia: Quaderni di Koinonia.

## V.2 Directed Publications

2017, In collaborazione con S. Pedone, *Domenicani a Costantinopoli – Istanbul prima e dopo l'impero ottomano. Storie, immagini e documenti dall'archivio* [*Dominicans in Constantinople - Istanbul before and after the Ottoman Empire. Stories, images and documents from archives*], collana *Memorie Domenicane*, Firenze, Nerbini.

2017, In collaboration with Cortesi, *Linee di frattura: sfide e frontiere* [*Lines of Fractures: Challenges and Frontiers*], Firenze: Nerbini (in Italian, French, English and Spanish)

2015, *Stranierità, nomadismo dell'anima* (*Foreignness, a spiritual nomadism*), *Sacra Doctrina* monographic, Milano: EDB

2011, In collaboration with Cortesi, *Dio e i suoi colori. Arte, fedi, teologia* (*The God' Colors. Art, Beliefs, Theology*), Firenze: Nerbini

2009, *Paolo di Tarso: testimone del Vangelo in missione « fuori le mura »* (*Paul of Tarsus: witnessing to the Gospel in mission "outside the walls"*), Firenze: Nerbini

## V.3 Book chapters

2019, «L'ospitalità come paradigma. Note di una teologia del pluralismo religioso» [*Hospitality as a paradigm. Notes of a theology of religious pluralism*], in M. dal Corso (ed.), *Teologia dell'ospitalità*, Brescia, Queriniana, BTC 196, pp. 145-158.

2019, «Una semantica dell'ospitalità» [*Hospitality's Semantic*], in M. dal Corso (ed.), *Teologia dell'ospitalità*, Brescia, Queriniana, BTC 196, pp. 21-36.

2018, «Pierre Claverie, une source d'inspiration pour les jeunes religieux» [*Pierre Claverie, a source of inspiration for young religious*], in J-J Pérennès (dir.), *Pierre Claverie. La fécondité d'une vie donnée*, Paris, Cerf, pp. 165-184.

2017, In collaboration with Claire MALIGOT, « Bruno Hussar, il Concilio Vaticano II e la Nostra Aetate » [*Bruno Hussar, the Second Vatican Council and Nostra Aetate*], in Bruno SALVARANI (ed.), *Bruno Hussar e il villaggio della Pace*, Milan: Terra Santa, forthcoming.

2016, « L'incontro di Mambré nella prospettiva cristiana » [*The hospitality at Mamre in the Christian perspective*], in C. MONGE, G. LUZZATO, S. MOUELHI, R. ARMENI, *L'Ospitalità*, Padova: Messaggero, pp. 53-66 (in Italian and Arabic)

2015, « Verso una convivenza plurale » [*Towards a plural coexistence*], in Alessandro CORTESI (ed.), *Islam. Popoli in movimento, democrazia*, Florence: Nerbini, pp. 105-120.

2015, « La dimension théologale de l'hospitalité. Que signifie penser le dialogue à la lumière de l'hospitalité ? » [*The theological dimension of hospitality. What does it mean to think interfaith dialogue in the light of hospitality?*], in Aa.Vv., *De l'altérité et des impartageables. Entre accueil, conversion et confrontation*, Paris, DDB, coll. Theologicum, pp. 63-78.

2015, « Migrazioni – territori – democrazia » [*Migration - territories – democracy*], in Alessandro CORTESI (ed.), *Islam. Popoli in movimento, democrazia*, Florence: Nerbini, pp. 83-104.

2015, « Mediterraneo-Europa: uno sguardo al futuro nei rinvoltimenti del presente dall'osservatorio turco » [*Europe – Mediterranean Sea : a look to the future through the present time upheavals, from the turkish observatory* ], in Alessandro Cortesi (ed.), *Europa in discussione*, Florence: Nerbini, pp. 65-86.

**2013**, « Repenser le dialogue à la lumière de l'hospitalité sacrée » [*Rethinking the dialogue in the light of sacred hospitality*], in Jacques KERYELL (ed.) *Personne et altérité. L'hospitalité au cœur*, Editions Geuthner, Paris, p. 181-197.

**2012**, « Uno sguardo dalla Turchia: un “modello ambiguo” » [*A look from Turkey: a "model ambiguous"*], in Cortesi-Paci (cur.), *Primavere arabe in questione. Un tentativo di lettura storica e di interpretazione*, Firenze: Nerbini, pp. 83-97.

**2007**, « Pierre Claverie: un algerino d'adozione » [*Pierre Claverie: an Algerian by adoption*], in P Claverie. *Un vescovo racconta l'Islam*, Bologna: ESD, pp. 9-36.

#### **V.4 Articles in peer-reviewed journals**

**2019**, «Nominare l'Ineffabile: il problema del nome di Dio nei testi sacri delle religioni abramitiche» [*Name the Ineffable: the problem of God's name in the sacred texts of Abrahamic religions*], in *Sacra Doctrina*, anno 64 / 1, pp.184-213.

**2019**, «Le dialogue interreligieux en tant que dominicains, avec les musulmans, aujourd’hui» [*"Interreligious dialogue with Muslims, as Dominicans, today"*], in ZMR, anno 103 / n.1-2, pp.118-126.

**2018**, «L'ospitalità come paradigma: note di una teologia del pluralismo religioso» [*Hospitality as a paradigm. Notes of a theology of religious pluralism*], in *Studi Ecumenici*, anno XXVI / n.1-2, pp. 323-337.

**2018**, «Una liturgia giovane: il caso Taizé» [*A young liturgy: the Taizé case*], in *Giovani, riti e liturgie*, Rivista di Pastorale Liturgica, 1/2018, pp. 21-25.

**2018**, «Jalons pour une pensée théologique à partir de la condition d'étrangeté ontologique» [*Milestones for a theological thought based on the condition of ontological strangeness*], in *Théologiques*, Montréal, vol 25, 2, pp. 37-60.

**2017**, « Una semantica dell'ospitalità » [*Hospitality's Semantic*], in *Studi Ecumenici*, anno XXXV / n.3-4, pp. 549-567.

**2017**, « La città, realtà multiculturale » [*The City, a Multicultural reality*], in *Città e periferie*, Credere Oggi- Padova: Messaggero, n°217 gen/feb 2017, pp. 95-106.

**2013**, « Petite histoire de la genèse de l'Islam turc et de son rapport au politique » [*A brief history of Turkish Islam genesis and its relationship to politics*], in *Revue des Sciences Religieuses* 87 n°1 (2013), pp. 219-237.

**2013**, « Life Together: Lessons in Hospitality from Mamre », in *Toronto Journal of Theology* 29/1, pp. 101–110.

**2012**, « La dialectique dialogue et conversion au cœur de la complexe histoire turco-ottomane: le regard d'un théologien catholique en terre d'islam » (*The dialogue and conversion dialectic in the heart of the complex Ottoman-Turkish history: the Analysis of a Catholic Theologian in the Land of Islam*), in Henri de LA HOUQUE et Anne-Sophie VIVIER-MURESAN (dir.), *Missions, conversions et dialogues : questions, dilemmes et choix Histoire et Missions Chrétiennes* N-023, Karthala, p. 59-85.

**2008**, « Believing in God as Christians in an Islamic Setting », in *Spirituality*, vol. XIV, July-August 2008, n. 79, p. 250-253.

## V.5 Conference proceedings

2018, «Il Dio ospitale: accoglienza e dialogo tra le religioni abramitiche» [*The hospitable God: welcome and dialogue between Abrahamic religions*], in d'Ayala Valva - Cremaschi - Mainardi (dir.), *Il dono dell'ospitalità. Atti del XXV Convegno ecumenico internazionale di spiritualità ortodossa*, Qiqajon Bose, pp. 287-302.

2018, «Hospitality Towards Migrants and Strangers as Locus Theologicus», in Mannion-Dias-Attridge (ed.), *The Church and Migration: Global In-Difference?*, Toronto University of St Michael's Publishing, (forthcoming).

2018, «Patrimonio cristiano in Turchia: dalla conservazione dei monumenti alla rivitalizzazione di una presenza» [*Christian heritage in Turkey: from vestiges' conservation to the revitalization of a presence*], in Po'-Niglio-Lauritzen (ed.), ARTE, FEDE, MEMORIA DEI LUOGHI STORICO-RELIGIOSI. *Missione tra Origine e Rigenerazione*, Venezia, Scuola Grande San Marco,

2017, «Domenicani a Costantinopoli-Istanbul: continuità ed evoluzione di una missione» [*Dominicans in Constantinople-Istanbul: continuity and evolution of a mission*] in C. Monge - S. Pedone (ed.), *Domenicani a Costantinopoli – Istanbul prima e dopo l'impero ottomano. Storie, immagini e documenti dall'archivio*, collana Memorie Domenicane, Firenze, Nerbini, pp. 21-32.

2017, «Père Bruno Hussar : un Prophète du Dialogue Judéo-chrétien et un des pères du quatrième paragraphe de *Nostra Aetate*» [*Father Bruno Hussar : A Prophet of the Judeo-Christian Dialogue and one of the Fathers of *Nostra Aetate*'s Fourth Paragraph*], in Olkovich - Attridge - Dias -Eaton (ed.) *The Promise of A Renewal. Dominicans and Vatican II*, Adelaide : ATF Theology, pp. 285-301.

2015, «La dimension théologale de l'hospitalité. Que signifie penser le dialogue à la lumière de l'hospitalité ?» [*The theological dimension of hospitality. What does it mean to think interfaith dialogue in the light of hospitality?*], in H. de LA HOUQUE-A.-S. VIVIER-MURESAN (ed.), *A l'écoute de l'autre. Penser l'altérité au cœur du dialogue interreligieux*, coll. Theologicum, Paris : DDB, pp.63-78.

2013, «Les relations islamо-chrétiennes en Turquie : premiers pas vers un dialogue véritable ?» [*Muslim-Christian relations in Turkey: first steps towards a genuine dialogue?*], in Aa. Vv., *L'islam en Europe : entre peur et dialogue*, Merseille: Chrétiens de la Méditerranée, pp. 38-46.

2012, «Martirio e redenzione: la scandalosa via maestra al Paradiso islamico» (*Martyrdom and Redemption: the Scandalous Royal Road to the Islamic Paradise*), in *Paradiso, Giardini di Speranza*, Roma: Borla, p. 93-107.

2011, «Plaidoyer en faveur de l'hospitalité sacrée. L'autre, en tant que fin» (*Advocacy of sacred hospitality. The other, as an end*), in *Appartenances. Partir. Partager. Demeurer*, Juan MATAS, Gilbert VINCENT (ed), Strasbourg : Presses Universitaires, p. 223-234 ;

2011, «Odissee e esodo» (*Odysseys and exodus*), in A. Cortesi - S. Nerozzi (éd.), *Migrazioni, incontro con l'altro. Identità, alterità, accoglienza*, Firenze: Nerbini, pp. 61-76;

2009, «Il caso della Turchia: implicazioni politico-culturali e religiose di un'integrazione che fa discutere», (*The case of Turkey: political, cultural and religious implications about an integration that does discuss*) in Cortesi-Tarquini (cur.), *Mediterraneo: crocevia di popoli e religioni*, Firenze: Nerbini, p. 81-96;

2009, «Il Mediterraneo: il vecchio cuore di un'Europa a geometria variabile» (*The Mediterranean: the old heart of a Europe of variable geometry*), in Cortesi-Tarquini (cur.), *Mediterraneo: crocevia di popoli e religioni*, Firenze: Nerbini, p. 27-45.

2008, «Pierre Claverie: un cosmopolita alla ricerca delle radici del cuore» (*Pierre Claverie: a cosmopolite in search for the roots of the heart*), in Cortesi-Tarquini (cur.), *Europa e Mediterraneo. Politica, economia e religioni*, Firenze: Nerbini, p. 187-206.

**2007**, « Teologia dell'incarnazione e scontro delle culture » (*Theology of the Incarnation and the Clash of Cultures*), in Cortesi-Tarquini (ed.), *Teologia dell'incarnazione oggi. Dio dell'umanità, umanità di Dio*, Firenze: Nerbini, p. 231-243;

**2006**, « Littérature biblique et altérité: de l'exil à l'alliance comme intermédiaire entre "l'autre" et le "même" » (*Biblical Literature and otherness: the exile alliance as an intermediary between the "other" and the "same"*), in Ulağlı, S. (ed.), *Les Modalités de la perception dans les représentations de l'altérité*, Actes Symposium International d'Imagologie, Muğla Üniversitesi Yayınları, 76, 2006, p. 59-67

**2006**, « Les relations islamo-chrétiennes en Turquie : premier pas vers un dialogue véritable ? » (*Muslim-Christian relations in Turkey: the first step towards a genuine dialogue?*), in UNESCO (ed.), *Culture du dialogue en France et en Turquie : quels projets pour aujourd'hui ?*, Paris : UNESCO, p. 49-54.

## VI. LANGUAGE SKILLS

**Italian** native speaker

**French** fluent (reading, writing, speaking)

**English** fluent (reading, writing, speaking)

**Turkish** independent user

**Spanish** independent user

**Portuguese** reading proficiency for academic use only

**Arab** beginner skills

**Ancient Latin** fluent

**Ancient Greek** reading proficiency for academic use only

## VII. AFFILIATIONS

- Coordinator appointed by the Master of the Order for Interreligious Dialogue of Black Friars, since 2019
- Consultor of the *Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue*, since 2014
- Member of the Scientific Committee in CEDOMEI (Centro Documentazione Ecumenico Movimento Italiano) and for *Oecumenica Civitas* Journal
- Corresponding member of the *Dominikanische Institut für Christlich – islamische Geschichte – Hamburg*, since 2005
- Corresponding member of the *Institut Dominicain d'Etudes Orientales* (IDEO) in Cairo, since 2001