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PONTIFICIO ISTITUTO BIBLICO (PIB), Facoltà orientalistica, Rome

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UFFICIO NAZIONALE PER L'ECUMENISMO E IL DIALOGO INTERRELIGIOSO (UNEDI), Conferenza
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EDUCATION

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, Washington, D.C., 2009-2013

Ph.D. in Theological & Religious Studies, awarded with Distinction, January 2014.

Dissertation: "The Mirror of the Other: Shihāb al-Dīn al-Qarāfī's *Splendid Replies*."

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A. Lamm. Published Ann-Arbor: U.M.I., 2014

Masters of Arts in Theological & Religious Studies, awarded January 2012

- PONTIFICIO ISTITUTO DI STUDI ARABI E D'ISLAMISTICA (PISAI), Rome, 2004-2006
Licentia (Licentiate) in Arabic and Islamic Studies with the distinction *summa cum laude*,
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- UNIVERSITÉ DE LA SORBONNE NOUVELLE – PARIS III, INSTITUT D'ÉTUDES ARABES ET ISLAMIQUES
Brevet d'Arabe littéral, October 2006
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- DAR COMBONI FOR ARABIC STUDIES, Cairo, 2003-2004
Baccalaureate in Arabic Studies, June 2004
- CENTRE CULTUREL ET DE DOCUMENTATION SAHARIENNE (CCDS), Ghardaïa, Algeria, 2002-2003
Studies in Colloquial Algerian Arabic
- THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN AFRICA (CUEA), Nairobi, 1997-2001
Bachelor of Arts with First Class Honours in Religious Studies, October 2001
- TANGAZA COLLEGE, Nairobi, 1997-2001
Diploma in Theology, March 2001
Diploma in Mission Studies, March 2001
- PONTIFICAL URBANIANA UNIVERSITY, Rome
Bachelor of Sacred Theology with the distinction *summa cum laude probatus*, May 2001
- CATHOLIC LANGUAGE INSTITUTE OF KHARTOUM (CLIK), Khartoum, Sudan, 1995-1996
Studies in Colloquial Sudanese Arabic
- FACULTAD DE TEOLOGÍA SAN DÁMASO, Madrid, 1992-1994
Studies in Philosophy
- INSTITUTO SUPERIOR DE CIENCIAS RELIGIOSAS Y CATEQUÉTICAS SAN PIO X, Madrid, 1992-1993
Studies in Missiology

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

TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- PONTIFICIO ISTITUTO DI STUDI ARABI E D'ISLAMISTICA, Rome, 2006-2013
Visiting Lecturer. Lectures: Islamic History; Islamic Theology
- GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY, Washington, D.C., 2009-2013
Research & Teaching Assistant
- GROUPE DES RECHERCHES ISLAMO-CHRÉTIEN (GRIC), Tunis, 2006-2009
Member
- CENTRE CULTUREL ET DE DOCUMENTATION SAHARIENNE, Ghardaïa, Algeria, 2001-2003
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PUBLICATIONS

AUTHORED BOOKS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Review by Maurice BORRMANS, in *Islamochristiana* 40 (2014) 360-364 (in English)

EDITED BOOKS:

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

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

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

ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS:

Foreword to *A Call to Dialogue. Christians in dialogue with Muslims. Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Islamic Studies Association*, edited by Ambrogio Bongiovanni and Victor Edwin SJ, Aracne, Roma 2021, forthcoming.

"In margine a un'affermazione del Documento sulla Fratellanza umana", forthcoming.

"Christian Apologetics with regard to Islam: A Demonstration of the Truth of the Gospel by Yaḥyā ibn 'Adī", *Le Muséon: Revue d'études orientales* 134 (2021) 373-388.

"The Letter of al-Qūṭī", in *The Bloomsbury Reader in Christian-Muslim Relations, 600-1500*, edited by David Thomas, Bloomsbury, London 2022, 115-118.

"Charles Lavigerie" in *Christian-Muslim Relations. A Bibliographical History. Volume 18: Ottoman empire (1800-1914)*, edited by David Thomas and John Chesworth, Brill, Leiden-Boston 2021, 934-958.

"That the Law of Christ Abrogates but Cannot Be Abrogated", by Yaḥyā b. Ḡarīr al-Takrītī. A Text and Translation with an Introduction", *Journal of Eastern Christian Studies* 73 (2021) 57-78.

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

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

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

“Lavigerie and Islam: An Ambiguous Legacy”, *Islamochristiana* 46 (2020) 141-156.

“Serving together in the international community: Muslim and Christian perspectives”, *Pro Dialogo*, January – December 2019, Bulletin 163 (2019/3), 249-256.

“‘On How to Discern the Truth of Religion’, by Ḥunayn b. Ishāq. The Impersonal Recension”, *Islamochristiana* 45 (2019) 155-163.

“The Law of Justice (ṣarī‘at al-‘adl) and the Law of Grace (ṣarī‘at al-faḍl) in Medieval Muslim-Christian Polemics”, in *Intolerance, Polemics, and Debate in Antiquity: Politico-Cultural, Philosophical, and Religious Forms of Critical Conversation*, ed. G. van Kooten and J. van Ruiten (Leiden: Brill, 2019) [Themes in Biblical Narrative, 25], 504-529.

“El diálogo como exigencia para experimentar juntos la alegría de la Verdad”, *Educatio catholica* Anno IV 2 (2018) 103-106.

“Corresponding across Religious Borders: The *Letter of al-Qūṭī*”, *Islamochristiana* 43 (2017) 149-171.

[Co-authored with Marek NAPIEŃSKI] “Medieval Muslim Polemics against the Christian Creed: The Critique of Ṣāliḥ b. al-Ḥusayn al-Ġa‘farī (d. 668/1270)”, *Islamochristiana* 42 (2016) 71-102.

[Co-authored with Daniel A. MADIGAN] “Thinking Outside the Box: Developments in Catholic Understandings of Salvation”, in *Religious Perspectives on Religious Diversity*, ed. Robert McKim (Leiden: Brill, 2016) 63-119. Series: Philosophy of Religion – World Religions, 6.

Review by Francis X. CLOONEY, *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations* 12 (2017) 1-3.

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“Carta de Ibn Taymiyya a un cruzado en Chipre”, *Collectanea Christiana Orientalia* 8 (2011) 109-164.

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BOOK REVIEWS:

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

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

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

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

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

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- Rémi CAUCANAS. *Chrétiens et musulmans en Méditerranée: Ombres et lumières de l'entre-deux-guerres (1919 – 1939)* (Marseille: Publications Chemins de Dialogue, 2017). *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 29 (2018) 107-108.
- Christian S. KROKUS. *The Theology of Louis Massignon: Islam, Christ, and the Church* (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2017). *Islamochristiana* 43 (2017) 435-438.
- Daniel J. JANOSIK. *John of Damascus, First Apologist to the Muslims: The Trinity and Christian Apologetics in the Early Islamic Period* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2016). *Islamochristiana* 43 (2017) 430-432.
- J. Scott BRIDGER. *Christian Exegesis of the Qur'ān: A Critical Analysis of the Apologetic Use of the Qur'ān in Select Medieval and Contemporary Arabic Texts* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2015) [American Society of Missiology Monograph Series, 23]. *Islamochristiana* 42 (2016) 324-326.
- Dominique VALÉRIAN, ed. *Islamisation et arabisation de l'Occident musulman médiéval (VIIe–XIIIe siècle)* (Paris: Publications de la Sorbonne, 2011). *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 23 (2012) 555-556.
- David M. FREIDENREICH and Miriam GOLDSTEIN, eds. *Beyond Religious Borders: Interaction and Intellectual Exchange in the Medieval Islamic World* (Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2012) [Jewish Culture and Contexts]. *Islamochristiana* 38 (2012) 341-344.
- Michelina DI CESARE. *The Pseudo-Historical Image of the Prophet Muḥammad in Medieval Latin Literature: A Repertory* (Berlin; Boston: De Gruyter, 2011) [Studien zur Geschichte und Kultur des islamischen Orients, 26]. *Islamochristiana* 38 (2012) 338-341.
- Fred M. DONNER. *Muhammad and the Believers: At the Origins of Islam* (Cambridge, MA; London: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2010). *Islamochristiana* 37 (2011) 310-312.
- David THOMAS and Alex MALLET, with Juan Pedro MONFERRER SALA... [et al.], eds. *Christian–Muslim Relations. A Bibliographical History. Volume 2 (900–1050)* (Leiden: Brill, 2010) [The History of Christian-Muslim Relations, 14]. *Islamochristiana* 37 (2011) 358-359.
- José Luis SÁNCHEZ NOGALES, José Serafín BÉJAR BACAS, and Pablo RUIZ LOZANO sj, eds. *Cristianismo, Islam y Modernidad: II Congreso de Teología de la Facultad de Teología de Granada (10–12 de febrero de 2010)* (Granada: Facultad de Teología de Granada, 2011). *Islamochristiana* 37 (2011) 349-350.
- James HOWARD-JOHNSTON. *Witnesses to a World Crisis: Historians and Histories of the Middle East in the Seventh Century* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010). *Collectanea Christiana Orientalia* 8 (2011) 360-365.
- Marlies ter BORG. *Sharing Mary: Bible and Qur'an side by side* (Lexington, KY: CreateSpace, 2010). *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 22 (2011) 108-109.
- Paul L. HECK. *Islam, Christianity, and Religious Pluralism* (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2009). *Islamochristiana* 36 (2010) 386-387.
- Abdullahi Ahmed AN-NA'IM. *Islam and the Secular State: Negotiating the Future of Shari'a* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2008). *Islamochristiana* 35 (2009) 324-325.
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Jerrilynn D. DODDS, Maria Rosa MENOCA and Abigail K. BALBALE. *The Arts of Intimacy: Christians, Jews, and Muslims in the Making of Castilian Culture* (New Haven; London: Yale University Press, 2008). *Islamochristiana* 34 (2008) 295-296.

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

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES, MEETINGS & SEMINARS

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

Scientific organization - Moderator

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

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

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

Panelist

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

Respondent

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

Introduzione all’Islam e al dialogo tra cattolici e musulmani

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

Closing remarks

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

Speaker

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

Scientific organization - Moderator

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

Scientific organization - Moderator

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

Member of the Catholic delegation - Speaker

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

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

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

Speaker

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

Speaker

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

Speaker

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

Speaker

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

Moderator

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

Scientific organization

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

Speaker

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

Moderator

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

Speaker

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

Speaker

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

Panel Chair

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

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

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

Session moderator

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

Scientific organization and session moderator

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

Speaker

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

Speaker

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

Speaker

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

Speaker

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

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

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

Speaker

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

Speaker

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

Scientific organization and moderator

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

Member of the Catholic delegation

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

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

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

Scientific organization and panel moderator

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

Speaker

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

Scientific organization and moderator

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

Speaker

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Guest speaker

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