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I am a Catholic diocesan priest, scientist, theologian, dogmatist, Arabist, Islamologist, massignonologist, iconographer-mosaicist, didactician. I am the author and co-author of: 5 books, 4 scientific articles, 6 book chapters. I am also the author of artistic works (mosaics) published in several exhibitions. I have participated in many scientific conferences, giving papers mostly on topics related to the relations between Christianity and Islam, theology of religion, religiology, and interreligious dialogue. I speak english, italian and also french. I like mountain climbing, cinematography and cats.

Work History

- 2023-05 - present **Membership**
Friends of Deir Mar Musa (الخليل دير مار موسى الحبشي, Al-ḥalīl Dayr Mār Mūsā al-Ḥabašī)
Association
www.amicideirmarmusa.it
- 2022-04 - present **Responsible**
Polish section of the "Badaliya" Prayer Association
<https://badaliya.pl/>
- 2020-05 - present **Chairman**
Audit Committee of the Institute for Research on Theology and Spirituality of the Far East, Arabic section
<https://shenxue.org/>
- 2020-03 - present **Co-founder and Curator**
International Think Tank "Catechetical Definitions"
<https://definicjekatechetyczne.edu.pl/>
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv9jsPzFZ_8_eKGk1NbMj8A
- 2019-09 - present **Membership**
Society of Polish Dogmatists Theologians
<http://dogmatyka.pl/>
- 2015-10 - present **Director**
SEKO Publishing House
<https://seko.edu.pl/>
- 2023-10 - present **Membership**
Association of Students of Roman Pontifical Universities and Institutions (ASUIPRO)

- 2015-10 - present **Dean**
Mosaic Department of the "Life-giving Tree of the Holy Cross", Silesian School of Iconography
<https://ssi.edu.pl/>
- 2014-06 - 2016-08 **National responsible**
Gioventù Studentesca of the Comunione e Liberazione movement
<https://pl.clonline.org/>
- 2014-05 - present **Membership**
International Michał Boym's, SJ "Sinicum" Association
<https://sinicum.pl/>

Education

- 2022-10 - present **Arabic and islamic, Licentiate**
Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome
- 2020-02 - 2021-06 **Philosophy and ethics, Postgraduate degree**
Higher School of Professional Education, Przemyśl
- 2018-10 - 2019-06 **Theological sciences, Licentiate in Sacred Theology (specialization: dogmatic theology)**
University of Opole, Opole
- 2019-10 - 2021-12 **Theological sciences, Doctorate (specialization: dogmatic theology, religiology and interreligious dialogue)**
University of Opole, Opole
- 2010-10 - 2011-06 **Theological sciences, Scholarship**
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan
- 2007-10 - 2014-06 **Theological sciences , Master (specialization: patristic theology)**
University of Opole, Opole
- 2024-07 - present **French language**
Institut Catholique de Lyon, Lyon, France
- 2023-08 **Arabic language**
Dominican Institute for Oriental Studies (IDEO), Cairo, Egypt
- 2023-08 **Arabic language**
Pontifical Dar Comboni Institute for Arabic Studies, Cairo, Egypt
- 2023-07 **French language, Scholarship**
Institut Catholique de Paris, Paris, France

Projects

Books

- Arabic Christology. The first synthesis of post-chalcedonian confessions (Gliwice: SEKO, 2016);
- The Cross of Jesus Christ: the story of the Tree of Life (Gliwice: SEKO, 2016);
- Catechetical definitions. Secondary school. Class 1(9) (Gliwice: SEKO, 2020);
- Jesus Christ Mountains. Biblical Peaks of Love (Gliwice: SEKO, 2022);
- Louis Massignon's Christian Theology of Islam (Gliwice-Rome: SEKO, 2024).

Book chapters

- Torture in China (Zabrze: Stowarzyszenie Sinicum im. Michała Boyma - Śląska Szkoła Ikonograficzna, 2012);
- Sufism. The mystical dimension of Islam as a possible meeting place with Christianity (Opole: Instytut Badań nad Teologią i Duchowością Dalekiego Wschodu. Redakcja Wydawnictw Wydziału Teologicznego Uniwersytetu Opolskiego, 2021);
- The moment (Opole, 2013);
- On the paths of conversion. Considerations of the Way of the Cross (Opole, 2012);
- The entry "Abrahamic religions" in the Catechetical Lexicon (Kielce: Jedność, 2022);
- The Historical Influence of Islam on Christianity in the Teachings of Louis Massignon (Redakcja Wydawnictw Wydziału Teologicznego Uniwersytetu Opolskiego, 2022).

Articles

- The life and work of 'Ammār al-Baṣrī (Przegląd Piśmiennictwa Teologicznego 23, nr 43 (2016): 45–62);
- Louis Massignon as a precursor of Christian-Islamic dialogue (Studia Bobolanum 1, nr 33 (2022): 149–62), <https://doi.org/10.5604/01.3001.0015.8696>);
- L'Editto Iconoclasta di Yazīd II (690–724). Autore, contesto di creazione, contenuto e significato (Opolska Biblioteka Teologiczna 181 (2023), 473-492);
- Spiritual pilgrimage as locus theologicus in the life and thought of Louis Massignon (Etudes Arabes 120 (2023), 77-96).

Artistic works

- Icon of St. Gregory the Great, tempera on board, Opole 2007, private collection;
- Tree of Life, mosaic, ceramics, 34x36 cm, Ponurzyca 2016, private collection;
- Sycamore tree, mosaic, smalt, 34x36 cm, Sośnicowice 2016, private collection;
- Almond tree, mosaic, smalt, 34x36 cm, Sośnicowice 2017, private collection;
- Manna tamarisk tree, mosaic, smalt, 34x36 cm, Sośnicowice 2017, private collection;
- Terebint tree, mosaic, chinese ceramics, 34x36 cm, Tworóg 2020, private collection;
- La melagrana, mosaic, marble, 19x13 cm, Rome 2024, private collection.