

Biography

Peter Lah S.J. (Ph.D. in Communication Studies, Northwestern University, 2004) is associate professor (professore straordinario) at the Pontifical Gregorian University where, since 2011, he has been teaching courses in media studies and journalism at the Faculty of Social Sciences. In recent years his interest expanded to questions of media literacy and organizational communication which he has been teaching both at the University and to interested groups outside. Between 2008 and 2011 he held teaching and administrative positions at the Faculty of Media in Ljubljana and at Faculty of applied social sciences in Nova Gorica, Slovenia. From 2004 to 2007 he was assistant professor at Saint Louis University, Missouri.

His professional interest revolves around issues of media ethics, social media, and media regulation. In addition to regular teaching at the Gregorian University, he offers conferences and seminars for both professional journalists and ecclesial collaborators. On two occasions he was member of the Advisory Commission on Media Pluralism, established by the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia. In 2007 and 2008, he briefly worked for the public broadcasting company Radiotelevizija Slovenija. In the 1990s and again in recent years he participated in small on-line media projects.

He is a regular contributor to several general-interest and educational media, both Catholic in orientation and secular. In recent years, he published several scholarly articles.

Fr. Lah is member of the Society of Jesus. Having completed the novitiate in 1988, he studied in Ljubljana (Slovenia) and in Frankfurt am Main (Germany) and was ordained priest in 1995. His pastoral experience includes working as assistant pastor in a small inner-city parish in Ljubljana and, more recently, serving as associate rector at Višarje – Monte santo di Lussari, a popular pilgrimage destination for Catholics from Slovenia, Austria and Italy. Between 1998 and 2007 he was active in several parishes in the Chicago, Saint Louis and San Francisco areas as well as in campus ministry at Saint Louis University.

Curriculum vitae

Formazione accademica

1998 –2004 Graduate studies in communication (Northwestern University, U.S.A.). Degrees obtained: M.A. in Communication (2000); Master's certificate in Telecommunication Science, Management and Policy (2000); Ph.D. in Communication (2004).

1992 –1995 Theology studies (Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule St. Georgen, Frankfurt am Main, Germany). Degree obtained: Diplom Theologe (B.A. in Theology)

1988 –1990 Philosophy studies (Teološka fakulteta v Ljubljani, Slovenia). Took courses in philosophy and theology

1981 –1985 High school (Srednja verska šola, Vipava, Slovenia)

Posizioni accademiche

2011–2012 Docente incaricato associato (Faculty of Social Sciences, PUG, Rome). Teaching B.A. level: Introduction to mass media, Media education; Teaching M.A. level: Etica dei media (2nd cycle); Service: Consiglio Decano.

2009–2010 Dean (Fakulteta za medije–Faculty of media, Ljubljana, Slovenia). Organizing and overseeing the pedagogical process; Overseeing 2nd and 3rd cycle programs for accreditation by the national accrediting agency.

2009–2011 Assistant professor (Fakulteta za medije–Faculty of media, Ljubljana, Slovenia). Teaching M.A. level: Media theory, Global media.

2008–2010 Instructor (Fakulteta za uporabne družbene študije–Faculty for advanced social studies), Nova Gorica, Slovenia). Teaching M.A. level: Global media.

2004–2007 Tenure track Assistant professor (Saint Louis University, U.S.A.). Teaching B.A. level: Introduction to communication, Research methods in communication, Media ethics, Global media; Teaching M.A. level: Theories of mass communication; Service: Department undergraduate curriculum committee, Department graduate curriculum committee, College of Arts and Sciences committee on intellectual honesty.

2003–2004 Jesuit doctoral fellow (Loyola University Chicago). Teaching Introduction to communication, Media Ethics, Research in communication.

2001–2003 Fellow: Promotionskolleg Ost-West (Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany). Research, Conference presentations, Writing articles.

2003 Professore invitato (Interdisciplinary center for social communication, PUG, Rome). Co-teaching with Prof. Robert White S.J.: Teoria dei media.

2000–2002 Graduate Assistant (Northwestern University, U.S.A.). Teaching assistant and instructor of courses Communication and democracy, Introduction to communication.

Professional experience in the area of mass media

2012 Chair of the expert commission on pluralism in the media (Ministry of culture, Republic of Slovenia). Evaluation of applications for state subsidies

2007 –2008 Reporter (Televizija Slovenija). Producing short news items for the Program on Religions.

2006 –2008 Member of the expert commission on pluralism in the media (Ministry of culture, Republic of Slovenia). Evaluation of applications for state subsidies.

1995 –1998 VRNET electronic mailing system and publisher of www.rkc.si Catholic Internet site.
Responsibilities: Director, member of management team, subscriber relations.

1991 –1992 Internship (Radio Vatican, Slovenian program). Responsibilities: Writing and reading news reports.

1990 –1991 Internship (Kristjanova obzorja journal, Ljubljana, Slovenia). Responsibilities included layout editing, subscriber management and writing.

Recent bibliography

Lah, Peter. 2020. "The scandal of secrecy." *Gregorianum* 101(2): 405-425

Lah, Peter (Ed.). 2019. *Talitha Kum 2009-2019: Analysis of the Structure and Activities of the International Network of Consecrated Life Against Trafficking in Persons. A research report.* GBP.

Lah, Peter, Diego Meza and Doramiène Djarba. 2019. "Part I: Census 2015". In Peter Lah (Ed.). 2019. *Talitha Kum 2009-2019: Analysis of the Structure and Activities of the International Network of Consecrated Life Against Trafficking in Persons. A research report.* GBP. Pp. 17-34.

Lah, Peter, Diego Meza and Mayra Daniela Cuellar Rojas. 2019. "Part II: Census 2018". In Peter Lah (Ed.). 2019. *Talitha Kum 2009-2019: Analysis of the Structure and Activities of the International Network of Consecrated Life Against Trafficking in Persons. A research report.* GBP. Pp. 35-44.

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Lah, Peter. 2018. "Le condizioni normative per una comunicazione democratica." in R.D'Ambrosio e Carlotta Venturi (Eds.), *La democrazia: voci a confronto.* GBP. Pp. 55-64.

Lah, Peter. 2016. "Blasphemous Speech in a Secular Society: An Anachronism?" in Guido Preparata (Ed.), *New Directions for Catholic Social and Political Research.* Palgrave. Pp. 15-34.

Lah, Peter. 2014. "Die Katolische Kirche in Slowenien in Der Krise." *Religion & Gesellschaft in Ost und West* 42(7):6–9.

Lah, Peter. 2013. "Koncil in Mediji: Kontinuiteta ali prelom?" *Bogoslovni vestnik* 73(2): 297–306.

Lah, Peter and Suzana Žilič-Fišer. 2013. "Journalism in Slovenia." In David H. Weaver and Lars Willnat (Eds.). *The global journalist in the 21st century.* Routledge. Pp. 283–94.

Other activities

Conferenza "Meeting Virtually, Loving Virtually: the Paradoxes of a Disembodied Life" (in collaborazione con Filipe Domingues). Ciclo di conferenze *Welcoming the Stranger - Vincent Pallotti Institute Spring Lecture Series*. The Lay Centre, Roma, 9 marzo 2017.

Conferenza "Thinking critically in the age of fake news". Webinar *Communicating the mission – Comunicare la missione*. Unione Internazionale delle superiori generali (UISG), Roma, 20 novembre 2017

Conferenza "Fake news: che cosa sono e come ci si può difendere da esse." (Fake news: Kdo jih ustvarja, kako jih prepoznati in kako se zaščititi pred njimi) *Večerna akademija*. Jezuitski kolegij v Ljubljani. 13 febbraio 2018

Ciclo di 4 conferenze »Comunicazione e leadership.« Il corso di formazione per i leader della rete Talitha Kum. La Unione Internazionale delle Superiori Generali (UISG) in collaborazione con l'Università Pontificia Antonianum. Roma, 2018.

Il ciclo di conferenze per i giornalisti diocesani e regionali Friuli – Venezia Giulia. In collaborazione con Dino Boffo. Ho tenuto due di cinque conferenze per circa 25 partecipanti. Autunno 2018.

Il corso di media literacy per i novizi del noviziato internazionale della Società San Paolo. In collaborazione con dr. Antonio Iannaccone. Primavera 2019.

Pastoral service

Responsible for the pastoral programs in Monte Santo di Lussari www.lussari.eu