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Academic Position

Pontifical Gregorian University (Faculty of Theology), Professor of Systems of Thought - Arabic, Oriental and Islamic Civilizations - Muslim-Christian Dialogue (from 2011, promotion to Associate 2014, promotion to Professor 2018), Director of the Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies (2015-2021)

Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome (adjunct professor, 2011-2014)

Facultés Loyola Paris - Centre Sèvres (assistant professor, 2008; visiting professor, 2011-2014)

Academy of Paris, France (classroom teacher of Mathematics and Physics, 1996-1997)

Academy of Marseilles, France (trainee teacher of Mathematics and Physics, 1995-1996)

Education

Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes – Sorbonne University (2007-2010), Paris

Doctorate in Arabic Studies, Oriental and Islamic Civilizations (Religious Sciences and Systems of Thought), Apr. 2011, *Très honorable avec félicitations*

Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies (2004-2006, 2007-2010), Rome

Canonical Doctorate in Arabic and Islamic Studies, Nov. 2010, *Summa cum laude*

Centre Sèvres – Facultés jésuites de Paris (1999-2003, 2006-2007)

Canonical License in Theology (2007)

Canonical Baccalaureate in Philosophy (2003)

Dar Comboni for Arabic Studies (2003-2004), Cairo, Egypt

Certificate of Arabic Studies and Islamology (2004)

Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Mécanique et d'Aérotechnique (1990-1993), Poitiers, France

Master of Science in Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering (1993)

Languages

French, Italian, English, Arabic, Spanish

Publications

***Authored Books**

Epitome de l'Institut de la Compagnie de Jésus. Traduction française intégrale du texte latin (édition 1962), avec LAURAS Antoine, S.J., Rome, Pontifical Gregorian University, Ignaziana (Supplément 1), 2015, 338 pages.

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Religioni in Asia – Uno sguardo contestuale (Eds. Laurent BASANESE, Paolo TRIANNI), Roma, Gregorian & Biblical Press (Interreligious and Intercultural Investigations, 13), 2021.

Educare a un'umanità più fraterna: il contributo delle religioni (Ed. Laurent BASANESE), Roma, Gregorian & Biblical Press (Interreligious and Intercultural Investigations, 11), 2020.

Islam et appartenances (Eds. Michel YOUNÈS, Anna HAGER, Laurent BASANESE, Diego SARRIÓ CUCARELLA), Paris, L'Harmattan, 2020.

Le sfide delle religioni oggi – 2018, Roma, Gregorian & Biblical Press (Interreligious and Intercultural Investigations, 10), 2019.

Anaphorae Orientales: WINKLER Gabriele, Die Jakobus-Liturgie In Ihren Überlieferungssträngen, Roma, Pontificio Istituto Orientale (Anaphorae Orientales 4 – Anaphorae Armeniaca 4), 2013.

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Refereed Articles

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“The Concept of Education in Christianity”, *Pro Dialogo*, January – December 2024, 178 (2024/3), 496-503.

« 50° Anniversaire de la création du SNRM - Service National pour les Relations avec les Musulmans », *Pro Dialogo*, January – December 2024, 178 (2024/3), 387-388.

« Les défis de la fraternité universelle », *Pro Dialogo*, January – December 2023, 175 (2023/3), 638-643.

“Gli orizzonti del dialogo islamocristiano: Papa Francesco e il contesto musulmano”, *Pro Dialogo*, January – December 2023, 175 (2023/3), 627-633.

« Les religions et la réconciliation », *Pro Dialogo*, January – December 2022, 172 (2022/3), 448-457.

“Religions and Secularism in Europe”, *Pro Dialogo*, January – December 2022, 172 (2022/3), 442-447.

“Human Fraternity and the Middle Path as the Pillars for a Peaceful, Just and Prosperous World”, *Pro Dialogo*, January – December 2022, 172 (2022/3), 482-484.

“L'apertura di nuovi percorsi nella formazione al dialogo interreligioso”, *Pro Dialogo*, January – December 2022, 172 (2022/3), 437-441.

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« Le dialogue interreligieux peut-il s'inspirer de Charles de Foucauld ? », *Prions en Eglise - Les Pieux Établissements de la France à Rome et à Lorette*, mai 2022, 22-23.

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- “Serving Together the Family and the Education of the Youth: Christian and Muslim Perspectives – Learning to Live in a United and Plural World”, *Pro Dialogo*, January – December 2019, 163 (2019/3), 228-238.
- “La recepción del *Documento sobre la Fraternidad*”, *Pastoral Ecueménica*, Vol. XXXVIII n. 108, abril, (2020), 75-85.
- “Our Concern for the Future: One Year on from the Signing of the Human Fraternity Document”, *La Civiltà Cattolica, English Edition*, vol. 4, n. 3 (2020), 40-49.
- « Réflexions conclusives – Islam et appartenance(s) : De l’appartenance aux frontières », in YOUNÈS Michel, HAGER Anna, BASANESE Laurent, SARRIÓ CUCARELLA Diego (sous la direction de), *Islam et appartenances*, Paris, L’Harmattan, 2020, 255-260.
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- “Dialogo interreligioso e risoluzione dei conflitti – Quale ruolo per i cristiani?”, in *Interreligious and Intercultural Investigations* (n° 10), Roma, Pontificio Istituto Biblico – Gregorian & Biblical Press, 2019, 5-8.
- “Controversies on Recent Reforms in Islam”, *Islamochristiana* 44 (2018), 227-236.
- “Il "dialogo degli scambi teologici" tra cristiani e musulmani – Pertinenza e metodo”, *Synaxis* XXXIV/2 (2016), 99-107.
- “A propósito de los orígenes religiosos de la violencia en el islam”, *Spiritus* (n° 222, 03/2016), trad. Soledad Oviedo C., 24-35.
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- « Louis Massignon et le dialogue interreligieux », in KERYELL Jacques (Ed.), *Personne et altérité – L’hospitalité au cœur de la rencontre*, Paris, Cerf-Geuthner, 2013, 207-218.

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- “Zouari Fawzia (ed.), *Douze musulmans parlent de Jésus, Témoignages*, Paris, Desclée de Brouwer, 2017,” *Gregorianum* (n° 99/1, 2018), 219.
- “Laurent Annie, *L’Islam pour tous ceux qui veulent en parler (mais ne le connaissent pas encore)*, Paris, Artège, 2017,” *Gregorianum* (n° 99/1, 2018), 216.
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- “Meyer David, Simoens Yves, Bencheikh Soheib, *Les Versets douloureux - Bible, Evangile et Coran entre conflit et dialogue*, Bruxelles, Editions Lessius, 2007,” *Études* (n° 409, 2008/7), 140.

Lectures

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- 21 Mar 2025, “The Experience of the Universal Church in Dialogue - Dialogue as a Contribution to World Peace”, Interfaith Dialogue Roundtable: “Interfaith Dialogue According to the Albanian Model” organized by Fondacioni Drita (Pristina, Kosovo).
- 30 Nov 2024, “Interreligious Dialogue and Collaboration: A Pathway to Peace”, International Interreligious Conference “Religions Together for a better Humanity - Promoting Unity and Peace amidst Diversity and Despite Differences” on the occasion of the first “All Religious Conference” organized by Sree Narayana Guru (1856-1928), Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue (Augustinianum, Rome).
- 19 Nov 2024, “The Concept of Education in Christianity”, XII Colloquium “The Education of Youth especially in the Family: A Challenge for Christians and Muslims”, Center for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue - Islamic Culture and Relations Organization (I.C.R.O.) of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue (Vatican City, D.I.D.).
- 03 Oct 2024, “Le religioni nel mondo e la Chiesa di Cristo – *Nostra aetate*”, Lecture, Online formation, Webinar Forma Ecclesia.
- 16 May 2024, “Inclusive Cities”, KAICIID Global Dialogue Forum (14-16 May 2024) on “Transformative Dialogue: Building Alliances for Peace in a Rapidly Changing World” (Lisbon, Portugal).
- 14 May 2024, “Quels efforts mutuels les responsables religieux peuvent-ils entreprendre pour aider à lutter contre le recul de la démocratie visible aujourd’hui partout en Europe ?”, Conference on “How can interreligious engagement help to re-invigorate the European democracies?”, Second International Conference on Religion and Peace and Religion and Human Rights, The Council of Europe and The Liechtenstein’s Presidency of the Committee of Ministers (Berlin, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development).
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- 12 Dec 2023, “The Challenge of Fraternity: The Imagination and Construction of another Possible World”, Conference and Debate, Congress “The Hermeneutics of Change in the Abrahamic Traditions” (11-12 Dec 2023), Pontifical Gregorian University (Faculty of Philosophy) - The Catholic University of America (McLean Center for the Study of Culture and Values) - Council for Research in Values and Philosophy - The Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities (Rome, Italy).
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- 14 Apr 2023, “La Chiesa e le altre tradizioni religiose: il dialogo interreligioso”, Conference, X Corso di specializzazione in informazione religiosa - Pontificia Università della Santa Croce (Facoltà di Comunicazione Sociale Istituzionale, ISCOM, Giornalisti Accreditati in Vaticano) (Rome, Italy).
- 08 Mar 2023, “تلبية تحديات القدس من أجل الفائدة، وعلى وجه الخصوص، للأجيال القادمة” (Meeting Jerusalem’s Challenges for the Benefit in Particular of Future Generations), Joint Colloquium (March 8-9, 2023) between the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue (D.I.D.) and the Palestinian Commission for Interreligious Dialogue (State of Palestine) on “The Holy City of Jerusalem: Spiritual Significance and Special Vocation” (Vatican City, D.I.D.).
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- 19 Jan 2023, “*Fratelli tutti*: Un mondo più umano è possibile”, Videoconferencing, Blanquerna Observatory on Media, Religion and Culture (Barcelona, Spain).
- 18 Jan 2023, “Spazio e tempo propri al *Mare Nostrum*”, Conference and Debate, Research Group PLURIEL (University Platform for Research on Islam in Europe and Lebanon), Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies and Pontifical Gregorian University on “Per un nuovo Mediterraneo. Spazio di dialogo e profezie di pace” (Rome, Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Italy).
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- 10 Jun 2022, “Religiões e laicismo na Europa”, Conference, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross (Rome) - Seminar addressed to Portuguese-speaking journalists and communicators (Iscom Association).
- 14 May 2022, “L’apertura di nuovi percorsi nella formazione al dialogo interreligioso”, Conference, Pontificia Facoltà Teologica di Sicilia - Conferenza Episcopale Siciliana (Ufficio Regionale per l’Ecumenismo e il Dialogo Interreligioso) - Università degli Studi di Palermo (Dipartimento Culture e Società), Symposium on the Encyclical *Fratelli tutti* “Per un Dialogo tra le culture e le religioni” (Palermo, Pontificia Facoltà Teologica di Sicilia, Italy).
- 13 Sep 2021, “Teaching a New Culture of Brotherhood for a Complex World”, Conference and Debate, Expert Seminar “Inter-Worldview Competences in Worldview Education” (Leuven, KU-Leuven, Belgium).

- 30 Mag 2021, “Sulla fratellanza accademica”, Conference and Debate, Research Group PLURIEL (University Platform for Research on Islam in Europe and Lebanon) Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies and Pontifical Gregorian University on “Il Documento sulla Fratellanza umana: riflessioni e sviluppi teologici, filosofici e sociali” (Rome, Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Italy).
- 28 Jan 2021, « Les traditions au risque de la modernité », Round table “La nuit des idées”, Consulate General of France in Jerusalem – French Institute of Jerusalem – Embassy of France to the Holy See – Institut Français Centre Saint-Louis, with Luc Pareydt S.J., Jean-Jacques Pérennes O.P., Ghaleb Bencheikh et Pauline Bebe (Webinar, Rome, Institut Français Centre Saint-Louis, Italy).
- 13 Oct 2020, “Il nuovo Patto educativo globale”, Conference, LUMSA – Department of Law, Economics, Politics and Modern Languages, with Nader Akkad (Great Mosque of Rome) and Gigi di Palo (President of the Family Forum), in collaboration with the Pontifical Academy of Mary, the patronage of the Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies, the Regional Council of Lazio, Rome Capital, the Union of Young Jews of Italy (Rome, Pontifical Academy of Mary, Italy).
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- 11 Nov 2019, “‘Learning to Live in a United and Plural World’: Christians and Muslims. Serving Humanity Together”, Conference, XI Colloquium between the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and the Center for Interreligious Dialogue – Islamic Culture and Relations Organization (Teheran, Iran).
- 17-18 May 2019, « La foi chrétienne interpellée par les musulmans – Réflexions et attitudes pastorales », Public Lectures, Catholic University of Lyon (France).
- 8 Apr 2019, “Il Documento di Abu Dhabi sulla fratellanza umana: Un nuovo orizzonte per il dialogo islamo-cristiano?”, Conference, Forum of the Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies with the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies (Rome, Italy).
- 11 Dec 2018, “Il futuro delle minoranze religiose in Medio Oriente – Dialogo interreligioso e risoluzione dei conflitti: Quale ruolo per i cristiani?”, Conference, Embassy of Italy in the Holy See, co-organized with CEMO (*Centro de Estudios Oriente Medio*), the *Fundación Promoción Social*, and the RSC (Religion and Security Council) (Rome, Palazzo Borromeo, Italy).
- 9 Nov 2018, “Quale missione per l’Università oggi? Formazione, ricerca, innovazione, lavoro, sapienza – Culture e cultura. L’Università come discernimento”, Conference with Prof. Mauro Mantovani, Magnificent Rector of the Pontifical Salesian University, XV International Symposium of University Professors, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR) and the Committee of Rectors of the Pontifical Universities of Rome (CRUPR) (Rome, Apostolic Palace of the Lateran, Italy).
- 6 Nov 2018, “Controversies on Recent Reforms in Islam”, Conference, Sts Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology, Palacký University (Olomouc, Czech Republic).
- 26-28 Jun 2018, Synthesis of the Congress “Islam and Belongings”, co-organized by PLURIEL (University Platform for Research on Islam in Europe and Lebanon), the FUCE (European Federation of Catholic Universities), the Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies, and the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies (Rome, Pontifical Gregorian University, Italy).
- 25 May 2018, “Alcuni dibattiti recenti sulle riforme dell’islam”, Conference, Arab-Christian Heritage and Islamic-Christian Dialogue Symposium – Academic Act in honor of Fr. Samir Khalil S.J. on the occasion of his 80th birthday (Rome, Pontifical Oriental Institute, Italy).

- 7 Dec 2017, “The Role of Religion in the European Integration Process: Expectations, Potentials, Limits – New challenges”, Conference on the occasion of 20 years of EPP (European People’s Party) Group Intercultural Dialogue with Churches and Religious Institutions (Zagreb, Croatia).
- 20-25 Nov 2017, « Islam et christianisme dans le monde d’aujourd’hui – Les défis moraux, juridiques et théologico-politiques que pose l’islam aux sociétés du XXI. », Public Lectures with Fr. Samir Khalil, S.J. (Rome, Pontifical Gregorian University, Italy).
- 6 Nov 2017, « Introduction au christianisme », Public Lecture, NATO Regional Cooperation Course for Military Officers and Government Officials from NATO’s Mediterranean Dialogue and from the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative, with Imam Isa Benassi and Rabbi Hillel Newman (Rome, NATO Defense College’s Middle East Faculty, Italy).
- 22 Sep 2017, “Europe’s Hope is Religious – European Integration Through Spirituality and Faith – Religions United against Terror and Injustice”, Conference, International Experts Symposium, KAICIID with the European Academy of Science and Arts (Rome, Italy).
- 25 May 2017, “Jihad, crociate e guerra giusta”, Conference (Rome, Villa Nazareth, Italy).
- 17 Feb 2017, “Islam, Corano e Jihad: Che sta succedendo?” Public Lecture, Facoltà Teologica dell’Emilia-Romagna e Istituto di Scienze Religiose (Bologna, Italy).
- 5-10 Feb 2017, “Islam e cristianesimo nel mondo di oggi – Le sfide morali, giuridiche e teologico-politiche che pone l’islam alle società del XXI s.”, Public Lectures with Fr. Samir Khalil, S.J. (Rome, Pontifical Gregorian University, Italy).
- 4 Feb 2017, « Comment préparer convenablement les chrétiens qui vivent au contact quotidien des musulmans à connaître l’islam de manière objective et à savoir s’y confronter ? », Vidéoconférence, Forum *Jésus le Messie* « Se former pour annoncer » (Rome-Lyon, Pontifical Gregorian University, Italy-France).
- 16 Jan 2017, “Regensburg, 10 years later – Debated by a Theologian and an Islamologist”, Conference, Forum of the Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies with Fr. James Corkery, S.J. (Rome, Italy).
- 5 Dec 2016, “Riflessione su un incontro interreligioso: *The Fourth Christian Summit – Tehran, Iran (6-9 Nov 2016)*”, Conference, Forum of the Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies (Rome, Italy).
- 21-26 Nov 2016, « Islam et christianisme dans le monde d’aujourd’hui – Les défis moraux, juridiques et théologico-politiques que pose l’islam aux sociétés du XXI. », Public Lectures with Fr. Samir Khalil, S.J. (Rome, Pontifical Gregorian University, Italy).
- 6-9 Nov 2016, “‘The Role of Cooperation Between Religious Leaders and Scholars to Achieve a World of Peace Free from Extremism and Violence’: Respect for Human Dignity – The Foundation of Peace and Security”, Conference, Fourth Summit Meeting between Christians and Muslims (Teheran, Iran).
- 28 Oct 2016, “*Il dialogo dello scambio teologico* tra cristiani e musulmani – Pertinenza e metodo”, Opening Speech of the Academic Year of the *Studio Teologico di San Paolo* (Catania, Italy).
- 27 Oct 2016, “Pluralismo religioso e libertà di espressione”, Conference, State University (Department of Law) and *Studio Teologico di San Paolo*, with Prof. Paolo Branca (Catholic University of Milan) and Mons. Maurizio Aliotta (Catania, Italy).
- 1 Apr 2016, “Esiste un dialogo islamo-cristiano?”, Conference with Card. Jean-Louis Tauran, Sapienza University of Rome – Italian Catholic Federation of University Students (Rome, Italy).
- 29 Feb 2016, “Fondamentalismo islamico contemporaneo”, Conference, Cultural Center of the Parish of Santa Maria ai Monti (Rome, Italy).
- 22-26 Feb 2016, Presentation of the film “Iranian” (2013) by Mehran Tamadon in the presence of the Director, and “Khamosh Pani” (2003) by Sabiha Muhar, Film Festival 2016 of the Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies (Rome, Italy).
- 1-6 Feb 2016, “Islam e cristianesimo nel mondo di oggi – Le sfide morali, giuridiche e teologico-politiche che pone l’islam alle società del XXI s.”, Public Lectures with Fr. Samir Khalil, S.J. (Rome, Pontifical Gregorian University, Italy).

- 30 Jan 2016, « Islam et modernité – Dialogue islamo-chrétien – Présence de l'islam dans l'Europe sécularisée », Conference, Jesuit Alumni Association (Lyon, Centre Jean Bosco, France).
- 28 Jan 2016, “La libertà cristiana e l’Islam”, Conference, Formation for catechists of catechumens (Rome, Vicariate, Italy).
- 14 Dec 2015, “Le complessità e le conflittualità nell’Algeria del 1998”, Presentation of the Film *Profumi d’Algeri* by Rachid Benhadj (2015), Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies in collaboration with the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage of the Church, in the presence of the Director Rachid Benhadj, the film photographer Vittorio Storaro, and the leading actress Monica Guerritore (Rome, Pontifical Gregorian University, Italy).
- 30 Nov 2015, “Quale misericordia vogliamo per il nostro mondo?”, Conference, Forum of the Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies with Prof. Adnane Mokrani (Rome, Italy).
- 27 Oct 2014, “The Latest Developments of the Catholic Church in the Theology of Religions and the Inter-religious Dialogue”, Public Lecture, DANMISSION (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark) (Rome, Italy).
- 20 Oct 2014, “Islam – Fede cristiana: L'impegno dei Gesuiti nel dialogo interreligioso”, Conference, Pontifical Gregorian University and Massimiliano Massimo Institute, with Fr. Claudio Pera (Rome, Italy).
- 20 Sep 2014, « Mission et dialogue : quelles perspectives ? », Opening Speech of the Academic Year of the *Institut Catholique de la Méditerranée* – Department of Theology (Marseille, France).
- 5 Jun 2014, « Elie de Nisibe: Un évêque syro-oriental expose sa foi à un lettré musulman – Analyse et prospective », Public Lecture, Bernard Heyberger’s Seminary, IISMM-EHESS-Sorbonne University (Paris, France).
- 5 May 2014, “Rapporti tra cristiani e musulmani”, Conference, Parish S. Gabriele Archangelo (Rome, Italy).
- 29 Jan 2013, « Islam et laïcité », Conference, *Centre Culturel Franklin* with Prof. Rémi Brague (Paris, France).
- 23 Nov 2012, “Una lettura cristiana delle primavere arabe: tra fiducia e paura”, Conference, *Istituto di Formazione Politica Pedro Arrupe* (Palermo, Italy).
- 21-25 Nov 2012, ““Introduzione alle letture mistiche islamiche’. Il dialogo possibile: le religioni e il Mediterraneo – SPONDE 2012”, Public Lectures, Pontifical Oriental Institute and Faculty of Theology of Palermo (Mazara del Vallo, Italy).
- 6 Jun 2012, “Christians in the Middle East – A Discussion on the Book *Il Medio Oriente Cristiano* by Antonio Picasso; Moderator: Valentina Colombo”, Conference, Guarini Institute for Public Affairs – John Cabot University (Rome, Italy).
- 2 Dec 2011, « Les chrétiens d’Orient dans le dialogue islamochrétien », Conference, *Institut français – Centre Saint Louis* (Rome, Italy).
- 21 Nov 2011, « Louis Massignon et le dialogue interreligieux – A proposito della lavoro antropologico di Manoël Pénicaud sui Sette Dormienti di Efeso », Conference, *Institut français – Centre Saint Louis* (Rome, Italy).
- 18 Sep 2011, “How can Arabic Theology Face Muslims Questions? Elias of Nisibis and his *modus procedendi* Towards Muslims”, Conference, Jesuits Among Muslims Congress (Rome, Italy).

Activities

- Member of the Board of Directors of the King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue - KAICIID Dialogue Centre (2024-Present).
- Official of the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue (from 2021, appointed Head of Office by Pope Leo XIV 2025).
- Consultor of the Commission for Religious Relations with Muslims, Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue (2020-2021).
- Scientific Expert of the National Fund for Scientific Research, Belgium (2020-Present).

Member of the Scientific Committee of the Journal *Warszawskie Studia Teologiczne – Warsaw Theological Studies* (2020-Present).
Director of the Series *Interreligious and Intercultural Investigations*, Pontifical Gregorian University (2018-2021).
Member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts – Class World Religions (2018-Present).
Member of the Coordinating and Scientific Committee of PLURIEL (University Platform for Research on Islam) (2017-2024).
Co-Founder and Co-Leader of the Research Group PLURIEL (University Platform for Research on Islam) in Rome (2019-Present).
Member of the Senate of the Pontifical Gregorian University (2016-2021).
Coordinator of the Forum of the Gregorian Centre for Interreligious Studies (2015-2021).
Director of the Series *Anaphorae Orientales*, Pontifical Oriental Institute (2012-2014).

Research

2022-2025 “Per un nuovo Mediterraneo. Spazio di dialogo e profezie di pace”, Research Group PLURIEL (University Platform for Research on Islam).
2019-2021 “Il documento della Fratellanza umana: riflessioni e sviluppi teologici, filosofici e sociali”, following the Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together of February, signed by Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of al-Azhar, Ahmad al-Tayyeb, 4 Feb 2019, Research Group PLURIEL (University Platform for Research on Islam).
2016-2017 “The Documentation of the Missionary Prince Baldassarre Loyola Mandes S.J. (1631-1667)” with the Historical Archives of the Pontifical Gregorian University (Federico Stella), Director of Research:
<https://archiviopug.org/2017/05/18/la-documentazione-del-principe-missionario-baldassarre-loyola-mandes-in-gate/>.

Teaching

Courses taught at the Pontifical Gregorian University (Collegium Maximum and Pontifical Oriental Institute)

L'annuncio della fede in un mondo plurale e multireligioso (2022-2023)
Introduzione all' Islam, Induismo, Buddhismo (with two other professors) (2020-2021)
Europa, terra di missione? Testi e domande per oggi (2020-2021, 2023-2024)
Seminario di preparazione all'Esame di sintesi (2019-2020, 2020-2021)
Il dialogo interreligioso: Questioni per la teologia (2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022)
Introduction to Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism in dialogue with Christianity (with two other professors) (2019-2020, 2020-2021)
La “rivelazione” in Islam, Cristianesimo e Induismo (with two other professors) (2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2020-2021)
I presupposti cristologici e trinitari dell' Islam verso il Cristianesimo (2012-2013, 2019-2020, 2020-2021)
Fede e deriva fondamentalista alla luce dell' Islam contemporaneo (2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2019-2020)
I “Libri Sacri”: Bibbia, Corano, Bhagavadgita (with two other professors), (2015-2016, 2018-2019, 2021-2022)
Il politico secondo il Cristianesimo e l' Islam (2015-2016, 2018-2019)
Apologetica islamocristiana araba attraverso i testi (2017-2018)
Introduzione al Cristianesimo in un mondo pluralistico (2014-2015)
Teologia cristiana nell' incontro con l' Islam: dialogo e annuncio (2014-2015)
Introduzione alla teologia arabo-cristiana (2012-2013)
L' opera sapienziale e teologica di Mar Elia, metropolita siro-orientale di Nisibi (2012-2013, 2013-2014)
Thomas Aquinas and Averroes – Philosophy and Religion (2011-2012)
Islam e ragione (2011-2012)

Alle origini del fondamentalismo islamico: Ibn Taymiyya (XIII-XIV sec.) e la sua influenza (2011-2012, 2013-2014))

Courses taught at Facultés Loyola Paris (Centre Sèvres)

Chrétiens et musulmans ont-ils le même Dieu ? (2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2014-2015)

Frères Musulmans, salafistes et Wahhabites – Qui sont-ils, d'où viennent-ils ? (2014-2015)

Le fondamentalisme musulman : Origine et développements modernes (2013-2014)

Ph.D. Theses

*Director

Antonio Gilberto Marqueses (current), “‘Into the Waters for the Soul’, The Metaphor of Eternal Life in the *Hanunuo-Mangyan Ambahan* Scripts as a Paradigm for Dialogue and Mission”

Livia Passalacqua (current), “Il Ribât es-Salâm 1996-2016: originalità dialogica e prospettive di incontri islamocristiani”.

Bernard N'Gbin (current), « Le dynamisme de la mission de l'Église dans un contexte musulman: le cas de l'Algérie. Une lecture missiologique de Mgr Pierre Claverie ».

Stefano Luca (2023), “L'‘integrazione integrale’ tra giovani cattolici e giovani musulmani: Via francescana di ri-evangelizzazione, categoria innovativa per l'attuale missione della Chiesa in Italia”.

Antonio Navarro Carmona (2019), “Diálogo y relaciones islamo-cristianas en Mohamed Talbi. Recepción y crítica del Magisterio de la Iglesia sobre la Misión en un pensador musulmán”.

Bitrus Teneu Maigamo (2019), “Islamic Extremism and its Challenges to Catholic Missionary Activity in Northern Nigeria since 1999: A Missiological Study” (Vedovato Award 2020 for the best dissertation of the University in the field of ethics and international relations).

Celina Kimaro (2019), “The Assessment of Christian and Muslim Family Discourse for Interreligious Dialogue: a Case Study of Tanzania”.

*Committee Member (Second Reader)

Romain Louge (Université Catholique de Lyon, 2025), “L'apologétique arabe chrétienne à l'épreuve du Kalam naissant”.

Mervat Kelli (Pontifical Oriental Institute, 2020), “Kitāb Uṣūl al-Dīn – ‘Il Libro di fondamenti della religione’ di Dānyāl ibn al-Hattāb – Studio, edizione critica e traduzione”.

Anna Maria Sgaramella (Pontifical Gregorian University, 2020), “The One and Triune God in Jewish-Christian-Muslim Interfaith Dialogue”.

Farman Ali (UMT, Lahore, Pakistan, 2020), “Contemporizing Christian Theological Trends in Pakistan: An Analytical Critique of Christian Theological Discourses Since 1970s”.

Guy Raymond Sarkis (Pontifical Gregorian University, 2017), « Pour un islam arabe réconcilié avec les chrétiens du Moyen-Orient. Propositions herméneutiques et théologiques de Mgr Khodr, théologien chrétien arabe ».

Samira Youssef Sidarous (Pontifical Oriental Institute, 2016), “L'esegesi biblico-patristico di Rm 8, 1-39 di Ibn Kātib Qayṣar – Descrizione dei codici A e Ω, edizione critica e traduzione dell'interpretazione della pericope”.

John Christian Young (Pontifical Gregorian University, 2015), “Dialogue at the Margins: A Study of Popular Religiosity in Mindanao as an Approach to Interreligious Dialogue”.

Salar Kajo (Pontifical Oriental Institute, 2015), “Lo statuto personale islamico dell'Iraq – Analisi, commenti e suggerimenti”.

Bishara Ebeid (Pontifical Oriental Institute, 2014), “La cristologia delle grandi confessioni cristiane dell'Oriente nel X° e XI° secolo – Studio comparativo delle polemiche del mechita Sa‘īd Ibn Baṭrīq e le risposte del copto Sawīrus Ibn al-Muqaffa‘ e del nestoriano Elia di Nisibi”.

Ronney El-Gemayel (Pontifical Oriental Institute, 2014), “Hasiyat Wagizat of ‘Ilyas Fahr. An Arabic Byzantine Antiochian Ecclesiology Responding to Uniatism”.

Elie Nakhoul (Pontifical Oriental Institute, 2013), « L’inculturation de la foi dans le contexte moyen-oriental islamo-chrétien ».

Joseph Jabbour (Pontifical Oriental Institute, 2012), “Giovanni Damasceno – Omelia sulla Trasfigurazione. Edizione critica, studio teologico e traduzione della versione araba del Ms 510 Biblioteca Orientale – Beirut”.

Elie Dannaoui (Pontifical Oriental Institute, 2012), « Voyage du Patriarche Macaire d'Antioche en Ukraine. Text arabe et traduction française ».

Religious Commitments

Society of Jesus (from 1997, priestly ordination 2008, final vows 2017).

Select Pastoral Services

Member of the Rectorate Pastoral Team of the Gesù of Rome, Italy (2024-Present)

Chaplain of the Pontifical Gregorian University (2016-2019).

Confessor at the church of the Gesù of Rome, Italy (2011-2013, 2014-2018).

Pastoral Services with the Missionaries of Charity in India and Nepal (2013-2014).

Pastoral Services with the Jesuit Refugee Service and the Churches of Aleppo, Syria (2011).

Pastoral Services at the Saint-Ignace church of Paris, France (2007-2010).

Regular stays in the Middle-East, Asia and North-Africa (2003-Present).

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