

Curriculum Vitæ

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PROFILE

Citizen of the Republic of Malta, with university formation in Malta, Italy, Great Britain, France, Spain and the USA, mainly in Biology, Philosophy and Theology. Year of Birth: 1975

Religious, member of the Society of Jesus since October 1997. Roman Catholic priest and confessor since 3rd July, 2008.

Holder of Teacher’s Warrant no. 8478, issued by the Ministry of Education, Malta (April 3rd, 2003).

EDUCATION

BOSTON COLLEGE – School of Theology and Ministry, USA **2013**
S.T.D. in Moral Theology
Dissertation: *Gates Fair on All Sides. Christian Reflections on Establishing Ethical and Sustainable Border Policies and Citizenship Laws in a “Globalized” World.*
Advisor: David Hollenbach
Comprehensive doctoral exams passed in October 2010. Cumulative GPA = 4.0.
Dissertation defended in July 2013 and published online (ProQuest) in August 2013

UNIVERSIDAD PONTIFICIA COMILLAS, Madrid, Spain **2009**
S.T.L. in Moral Theology
Dissertation: *La tradición de la ley natural y su contribución a la fundamentación transcultural y cosmopolita de la ética contemporánea.*
Advisor: Julio Luis Martínez Martínez
Honours: Degree passed with grade “sobresaliente” (summa cum laude), with Special Price of the Board (Best STL Thesis of the year 2009).

- HEYTHROP COLLEGE, University of London, London, U.K. **2002**
M.A. in Philosophy
 Dissertation: *The Relativist and Perspectivist Challenge to MacIntyre's Meta-Ethics*
 Advisor: Michael Lacewing
 Honours: Degree passed "with distinction".
- CENTRE SEVRES – FACULTES JESUITES DE PARIS, Paris, France **2007**
S.T.B. (Canonical Bachelor's degree in Theology)
 Dissertation: *La foi comme « Œuvre ». Les dimensions historique et eschatologique du péché et de la justification dans l'exégèse de Rm 8 de Juan Luis Segundo.*
 Advisor: Étienne Grieu
- ISTITUTO FILOSOFICO "ALOISIANUM", Padua, Italy (affiliated to the Pontifical Gregorian University) **2001**
Certificate of completion of 2 years of undergraduate studies in Philosophy
 Results average at the end of the 2nd year: 9.5/10
- UNIVERSITY OF MALTA, Msida, Malta **1997**
B.Sc. in Biology and Chemistry
 Dissertation: *Application of multivariate and other statistical methods to the analysis of marine communities from the Maltese Islands.*
 Advisor: Patrick Schembri
 Honours: Degree passed "with grade IIA" (second upper, or "magna cum laude")

LANGUAGES

- Maltese** – native language.
English – second "native" language (official language for secondary and higher education in Malta).
French, Spanish, Italian – can speak fluently and read/write with high proficiency.
German – intermediate level.
Biblical Greek, Classical Latin, Biblical Hebrew – each studied for four semesters.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Lecturer at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Faculty of Theology | <i>Lottare per la pace, proteggere gli innocenti. La morale cristiana in un mondo di conflitti asimmetrici, droni, terrorismo e aggressioni cibernetiche</i> (seminar) | 2017, 2019 |
| | <i>Come usare la Bibbia nella riflessione morale e sociale?</i> (course) | 2015, 2017, 2019 |

	<i>Introduzione alla Teologia morale</i> (seminar)	2013*, 2014*, 2015*, 2016, 2018*
	<i>Teologia Morale Fondamentale</i> (course)	2015-2016*, 2018-2020
	<i>La tradizione della legge naturale in dialogo con l'etica contemporanea</i> (course)	2014, 2016, 2018
	<i>Etica delle politiche dell'immigrazione</i> (course)	2013, 2016, 2018*, 2020*
	<i>Evangelii gaudium: facciamoci interrogare dal testo</i> (course)	2014*
	<i>Fare teologia oggi A / B</i> (course)	2016*, 2018*, 2019*
	<i>Il ministero ordinato tra crisi e speranze: sfide e prospettive</i> (course)	2017*
	<i>Settimana propedeutica per gli studenti di licenza in teologia morale</i> (methodology course)	2015-2019*
Lecturer at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Faculty of Social Sciences	<i>Il futuro dei diritti umani</i> (series of conferences)	2018-2019*
	<i>I rifugiati: una sfida per la Chiesa e per la società</i> (course)	2019*
	<i>Filosofia e teologia della pace</i> (course)	2014
Lecturer at the Accademia Alfonsiana (Pontifical Lateran University)	<i>Etica delle politiche per l'immigrazione</i> (course)	2020
Teaching assistant at Boston College	<i>Ethics, Religion and International Politics</i> (course taught by Erik Owens)	2011*
	<i>Introduction to Catholic Social Ethics</i> (course taught by Thomas Massaro)	2011*
Lecturer at St. Aloysius' College Sixth Form (Malta)	<i>Ancient Greek Philosophy</i> (course)	2002-2004
Pastoral assistant and religious formation coordinator at Collège-Lycée Franklin – Saint Louis de Gonzague, Paris, France	Coordinated the development of a series of workshops providing religious education to the students. Organized extracurricular chaplaincy activities and provided spiritual accompaniment.	2004-2007

Tutor at Centro “Pueblos Unidos”, Madrid, Spain	Collaborated in a project providing formal and non-formal afterschool education to immigrant children (ages 12-15)	2007-2008
Volunteer teacher at Jesuit Refugee Service, Kampala, Uganda	Taught English grammar to refugees, mainly from South Sudan and the DR Congo	2017

(* In collaboration with other lecturers)

OTHER WORK PLACEMENTS AND MINISTRY

Ecclesiastical assistant	Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice Foundation: Roman Group	2016-2017
Volunteer Spanish-language chaplain	Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Norfolk (MA): Catholic Volunteer Programme	2009-2013
Member of the Chaplaincy Team	San Massimo University Chaplaincy, Padua, Italy (Catholic Chaplaincy at the University of Padua)	1999-2001
Catechist	St. Ignatius’ Parish, Stamford Hill, London, U.K.	2001-2002
Teacher and organizer of non-formal education programmes	Paulo Freire Institute, Zejtun, Malta	1997-1997, 2004

EVENTS ORGANIZED AND HOSTED

Seminar at the Pontifical Gregorian university, Rome	<i>The Amazon and Beyond: Integral Ecology, Multiple Vulnerabilities and Youthful Commitments</i> (as part of the <i>Laudato si’</i> Observatory core team)	18-19/10/2019
Half-day seminar at the Pontifical Gregorian university, Rome	<i>Immigrati: accoglienza e imprenditoria</i> (in collaboration with the Centro Studi e Ricerca IDOS)	11/05/2018
International Conference at Manhattan College, New York	<i>Global Initiatives in Refugee and Migrant Education</i> (as part of the Refugee and Migrant Education Network leadership team)	15-17/11/2018
International Conference at the Pontifical Gregorian university, Rome	<i>Refugees and Migrants in a Globalized World: Responsibility and Responses of Universities</i> (as part of the International Federation of Catholic Universities conference committee)	1-4/11/2017

Half-day seminar at the Pontifical Gregorian university, Rome	<i>L'insostenibile leggerezza della percezione: L'urgenza di un approccio etico al fenomeno della mobilità umana</i> (in collaboration with the Scalabrini International Migration Institute)	27/04/2016
Seminar with viewing of documentary at the Pontifical Gregorian university, Rome	<i>Las Patronas: L'impegno sociale come testimonianza di fede</i> (in collaboration with Mexican human rights activists)	13/05/2014

MEMBERSHIP IN ACADEMIC TEAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Laudato si' Observatory at the Pontifical Gregorian University	<i>Core team: member</i>	2018-
Refugee and Migrant Education Network	<i>Leadership team and founding committee: member</i>	2017-
Pontifical Gregorian University and Politecnico di Milano	<i>Italian Social Housing Interuniversity Research Team: coordinator</i>	2019-
Paulist Press	<i>Theology At The Frontiers: book series board member</i>	2017-

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Christian Ethics (USA)
 Associazione Teologica Italiana per lo Studio della Morale (Italy)
 Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church (International)
 Malta Chamber of Scientists (Malta, formerly)

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

Micallef, René M. 2013. *Gates Fair on All Sides. Christian Reflections on Establishing Ethical and Sustainable Border Policies and Citizenship Laws in a "Globalised" World.* (UMI/ProQuest Online Dissertation Service: ID 3592980: <http://dissexpress.umi.com/dxweb/results.html?QryTxt=&By=&Title=&pubnum=3592980>)

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES & BOOK SECTIONS

Azétso, Jacquineau, René M. Micallef, Diego I. Meza, and Paul Tang Abomo. 'Hervé Carrier's Thought on Tertiary Education Applied to Contemporary Pontifical Universities in Rome'. *Gregorianum* 100, no. 4 (2019): 889-916

Conversi, Paolo, Fernando De la Iglesia Viguristi, and René M. Micallef. 'Quello che sta accadendo alla nostra casa'. In *Approfondimenti e riflessioni sulla Laudato si'*, edited by Emilia Palladino, 11–35. Roma: Gregorian & Biblical Press, 2017.

Micallef, René M. 'Das katholische Sozialdenken zur Mobilität der Menschen im 20. und 21. Jahrhundert: Kontinuität und Aggiornamento'. In *Aggiornamento - damals und heute: Perspektiven für die Zukunft*, edited by Annette Schavan and Hans Zollner, 86–121. Freiburg i.B.: Herder Verlag, 2017.

———. 'Il Nuovo Della Multiculturalità: Le Isole Culturali e Le Tensioni Generazionali Nelle Famiglie Migranti o "Miste"'. In *La Famiglia a Cinquant'anni Da 'Humanae Vitae'*, edited by Emilia Palladino and Humberto Miguel Yáñez, 75–97. Roma: Studium, 2018.

———. 'Laudato si' e la sua metodologia: un critico ascolto delle scienze empiriche?' In *Laudato si'. Linee di lettura interdisciplinari per la cura della casa comune*, edited by Humberto Miguel Yáñez, 13–48. Rome: Gregorian & Biblical Press, 2017.

———. 'Laudato si' si basa su una vera scienza? Trasmettere un messaggio etico nell'era della manipolazione e della polarizzazione commerciale dell'opinione pubblica'. In *Laudato si'. Linee di lettura interdisciplinari per la cura della casa comune*, edited by Humberto Miguel Yáñez, 141–70. Rome: Gregorian & Biblical Press, 2017.

———. 'Malta and Its European Neighbours as Havens for Migrants'. *Melita Theologica* 67, no. 1 (2017): 11–35.

———. 'Migrazione "Cattiva"? Migrazione Di "Gente Cattiva"? Introduzione al Dossier "La Sfida Dell'immigrazione Irregolare"'. *Gregorianum* 99, no. 4 (n.d.): 811–26.

———. 'Terrorism and Migration. Two "New" Chapters in a Social Ethics Textbook'. *Archivio Teologico Torinese*, no. 2 (2019): 69–90.

———. 'Tra Caino il vagabondo omicida e Caino il fondatore di città. Fraternità e immigrazione nel discorso politico di Papa Francesco'. *Gregorianum* 96, no. 1 (2015): 99–121.

———. 'Weapons Having Uncontainable Effects in Vatican II and in the Age of Cyberwarfare'. *Gregorianum* 97, no. 3 (2016): 517–41.

Micallef, René M., and Patrick J. Schembri. 'The Application of Multivariate Analytical Techniques to the Study of Marine Benthic Assemblages: A Review with Special Reference to the Maltese Islands'. *Xjenza* 3, no. 2 (1998): 9–28.

Venturi, Carlotta, and René M. Micallef. 'Gli sfollati ambientali alla luce di "Laudato si"'. In *Laudato si'. Linee di lettura interdisciplinari per la cura della casa comune*, edited by Humberto Miguel Yáñez, 193–221. Roma: Gregorian & Biblical Press, 2017.

EDUCATIONAL PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES & BOOK SECTIONS

Joblin, Joseph, and René M. Micallef. 'Réflexion Sur Un Siècle d'histoire Sociale. Entretien Avec Un Observateur'. *Gregorianum* 100, no. 4 (2019): 935–57.

Marcantonio, Chiara, Gianmaria Alessandro Ruscitti, René M. Micallef, Francesco Capograssi, Giulio Elefante, Guglielmo Gattamelata, Leonardo Gulino, et al. 'Law: The Challenge of Integration'. In *Immigration. Understanding and Proposals*, edited by Samuele Sangalli, 235–76. Roma: G&B Press, 2018.

Micallef, René M. 'Il fatto migratorio: sfida culturale nella Pontificia Università Gregoriana'. In *La sfida delle migrazioni: rischi e opportunità: Convegno internazionale, Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Roma, 27-28 ottobre 2014*, edited by Giulio Cipollone. Quaderni del Seminario Giuseppe Vedovato sull'etica nelle relazioni internazionali 5. Roma: Gangemi, 2015.

———. 'Il Ritorno Del Linguaggio Profetico Sul Tema Dell'immigrazione'. In *Evangelii Gaudium: Il Testo Ci Interroga. Chiavi Di Lettura, Testimonianze e Prospettive*, edited by Humberto Miguel Yáñez, 235–47. Theologia. Roma: Gregorian & Biblical Press, 2014. <http://oseegenius.unigre.it:80/pug/resource?uri=415228>.

———. 'Migrazioni'. In *Teologia Morale*, edited by Paolo Benanti, Francesco Compagnoni, Aristide Fumagalli, and Giannino Piana, 447–58. Dizionari San Paolo. Cinisello Balsamo (MI): San Paolo, 2019.

———. 'Porous Borders, Priority Rules and the Virtue of Hospitality'. In *Public Theology and the Global Common Good: The Contribution of David Hollenbach*, edited by Kevin Ahern, Meghan J. Clark, Kristin E. Heyer, and Laurie Johnston, 51–61. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 2016.

———. 'Teaching About Human Mobility: How to Respond to Pope Francis' Request to Universities and NGOs'. *Jeevadhara* 47 (2017): 60–80.

EDITORIAL PROJECTS

Dossier editor: "La sfida dell'immigrazione irregolare" (published in *Gregorianum* 99, no. 4 (2018): 811-919) **2017-2018**

Book co-editor: *Diritti umani: un'eredità viva. Piccolo lessico per l'etica pubblica* (forthcoming: Gregorian & Biblical Press) **2019-2020**

PAPERS DELIVERED AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES (EXAMPLES ONLY)

Inaugural lecture: "Abitare insieme il Mediterraneo" **2017-2018**

Event: Opening of the academic year of Studio Teologico *San Gregorio Agrigentino* (held in Agrigento, Italy)

Paper: "La mobilità umana oggi: criteri morali per un discernimento" **28/03/2019**

Conference: *Immigrazioni, oltre gli slogan. Criteri morali per discernere sul fenomeno* (held at the Istituto Superiore di Scienze Religiose, Turin)

Paper: "Malta and its European Neighbours as Havens for Migrants". **06/06/2016**

Symposium: *Mercy towards Immigrants: Theology and Society in Dialogue* (organized by the Faculty of Theology of the University of Malta, and held at Villa Francia Prime Minister's Residence, Lija, Malta)

- Paper:** “La responsabilità di proteggere le persone”. **11/03/2015**
Dies Academicus: *La pace: dono di Dio, responsabilità umana, impegno cristiano* (held at the Pontifical Gregorian University)
- Paper:** “Il fatto migratorio: sfida culturale nella Pontificia Università Gregoriana”. **28/10/2014**
International conference: *La sfida culturale delle migrazioni: rischi e opportunità*, (organized by Faculty of Social Sciences of the Pontifical Gregorian University and the “Giuseppe Vedovato” permanent seminar on Ethics in International Relations, and held at the Pontifical Gregorian University)
- Paper:** “Porous Borders, Priority Rules, and the Virtue of Hospitality”. **9/05/2014**
International Conference: *Migration – Faith & Action: Shifting the Discourse* (held at the University of Oxford)
- Paper:** “Catholic Social Teaching on Migration: Strengths and Shortcomings”. **23/03/2012**
Symposium: *Borders and Transnationalism: Religious Perspectives* (held at the Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, MA)

CREATIVE WRITING, WEBSITE DESIGN AND COMPUTER PROGRAMMES (EXAMPLES ONLY)

- Blog contributions to *Moralia - il Regno Blog (Italian Moral Theology Association)* on social ethics and human rights (<http://www.ilregno.it/moralia/blog>) **2017-**
- Qorq il-Pellegrin (The Pilgrim’s Sandals)* **2013**
 A 324-page book on Ignatian Spirituality for young people, in Maltese and English, (including the translation of texts from various languages, and composition of original texts) edited by R. Micallef, and published online (Lulu/Google Books/Scribd)
- Philosophy at Hal-Hsieb* (<http://sites.google.com/site/philosophyath/>) **2002-2004**
 A series of lecture notes in Ancient Greek Philosophy, in dialogue form, in Maltese.
- Kant għall-Liturgija* (<http://sites.google.com/site/kantqhalliturgija/>) **2002-2009**
 A collection of scripture-based liturgical hymns in Maltese, most of which were written and set to music by R. Micallef.
- “Malta – pajjiz tal-missjoni?” **2008**
 A long article, outlining the concept of “mission” in post-Vatican II Theology, published in three instalments in *Malta Missjunarja* (September, October and November issues).
- Oecostat* **1997**
 MS Windows-based statistical data analysis programme, used by researchers at the Biology Department, University of Malta, coded using Delphi (Object Pascal).