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GSD: 11/PHIL-05 - STORIA DELLA FILOSOFIA

SSD: PHIL-05/C - Storia della filosofia medievale

Curriculum Vitae (as of July 2025)

Current Position

From 01.10.2025	Full Professor at the University of Milan , Dipartimento di Studi Filosofia 'P. Martinetti' [GSD: 11/PHIL-05 – Storia della filosofia SSD: PHIL-05/C – Storia della filosofia medievale]	
From 01.10.2019 to 30.09.2025	Full Professor at the University of Turin , Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici [StudiUm] [GSD: 11/PHIL-05 – Storia della filosofia SSD: PHIL-05/C – Storia della filosofia medievale]	Courses: • Storia della metafisica [History of Metaphysics] • Filosofia e storia delle idee [Philosophy and History of Ideas] • Filosofia dantesca e pensiero medievale [Dante's Philosophy and Medieval Thought]
From 01.11.2024 to 31.10.2027	Secondment to the Accademia dei Lincei ('Beniamino Segre' Interdepartmental Centre)	

Previous Positions

01.09.2013 – 31.08.2019	Professeur de Classe Exceptionnelle at Sorbonne Université (formerly: Paris IV-Sorbonne), Paris	Courses: • History of Medieval philosophy • Philosophical Texts in Latin
01.11.2002 – 30.09.2019	Full Professor at the University of the Aldo	Courses: • History of Medieval philosophy

	Moro University of Bari [ssd: M-FIL/08 – Storia della filosofia medievale]	• Greek, Arabic and Latin Philosophy
16.03.2000 – 31.10.2002	Associate Professor at the University of the Aldo Moro University of Bari [ssd: M-FIL/08 – Storia della filosofia medievale]	Courses: • History of Medieval philosophy • History of Late Antique Philosophy
15.06.1992 – 15.03.2000	Tenured research fellow at the University of the Aldo Moro University of Bari [ssd: M-FIL/08 – Storia della filosofia medievale]	Courses: • History of Medieval Philosophy • History of Modern Philosophy

Appointments as visiting professor

AY 2023-2024	Centre for Medieval Studies / PIMS, Toronto ('W. John Bennett' Distinguished Professorship)	Themes in Medieval Philosophy
AY 2022-2023	Universität Luzern [Master in Philosophy, Theology and Religions]	God in the History of Philosophy: the Middle Ages
AY 2020-2021	Università della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano [Master in Philosophy]	Medieval Philosophy
AY 2019-2020	Università della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano [Master in Philosophy]	Ancient Philosophy
AY 2019-2020	Facoltà Teologica di Lugano, Svizzera [BA in Philosophy]	Medieval Philosophy
AY 2018-2019	Università della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano [Master in Philosophy]	Medieval Philosophy
AY 2018-2019	Facoltà Teologica di Lugano, Svizzera [BA in Philosophy]	• Medieval Philosophy • Ancient Philosophy

AY 2017-2018	Facoltà Teologica di Lugano, Svizzera [BA in Philosophy]	Medieval Philosophy
AY 2015-2016	PSUAD [Paris Sorbonne Université Abu Dhabi]	• Philosophie arabe • Philosophie ancienne
AY 2014-2015	Universidad Sedes Sapientiae, Lima, Peru	Filosofía medieval
AY 2014-2015	PSUAD [Paris Sorbonne Université Abu Dhabi]	Philosophie médiévale
AY 2013-2014	Universidad Sedes Sapientiae, Lima, Peru	Filosofía medieval
AY 2011-2012	Università di Roma La Sapienza	Storia della filosofia medievale [LM]
AY 2007-2008 [Sommersemester]	Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany	• Antike Philosophie • Theoretische Philosophie

In 2008 he held the Chair “Pierre Abélard” at Sorbonne Université, Paris.

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He completed his studies at the University of Bari, and the University of Rome *La Sapienza* where he attained a PhD in 1994 under the supervision of Prof. Alfonso Maierù. He has held several research fellowships at different European universities and research centres, including the De Wulf-Mansioncentrum of the K.U. Leuven (Belgium), where he spent two academic years (1989-1990 and 1991-1992) in addition to other shorter periods.

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His publication record includes more than 230 titles. His main research fields are: Henry of Ghent, on whom he has published a monograph (1990), as well as numerous articles and bibliographies; Thomas Aquinas (on whom he has published the companion *Tommaso d'Aquino. Un profilo storico-filosofico*, Carocci, Rome 2012 – already translated and published in English, Portuguese and Spanish; a French translation is currently in the press –, together with several articles) and the first Thomistic school; the German Dominican School (especially John Picardi of Lichtenberg, John of Naples and Dietrich of Freiberg); the medieval concept of time, on which he has published, amongst other things, a monograph (Leuven University Press, 1996), a volume of collected essays (E.J. Brill, Leiden, 2001) and the entry “Zeit. Mittelalter” for the *Historisches Wörterbuch der Philosophie*; the history of the concept of causality (on which he has also published an entry for the *Historisches Wörterbuch der Philosophie*); the status of metaphysics in the 13th and 14th centuries, and the

reception of Avicenna and Averroes in the Latin West. He has translated into Italian, with an introduction and commentary, *De ente et essentia*, *Super Boethium De Trinitate*, *Expositio libri Boethii De hebdomadibus* by Thomas Aquinas, and *Tractatus de primo principio* by John Duns Scotus. Together with Olga Lizzini, he has published the first Italian translation (with the Arabic and Latin texts) of Avicenna's *al-Ilāhiyyāt* (*Metaphysics*) of the *Kitāb al-Šifā'* (*Book of the Cure*). Together with M. Bettetini, L. Bianchi and C. Marmo he has published an anthology, with introduction and commentary, of medieval philosophical texts (*Filosofia medievale*). He has written entries not only for the *Historisches Wörterbuch der Philosophie*, but also for the *Dictionnaire du Moyen Age*, for the new edition of the *Enciclopedia filosofica*, for the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* and for the *Encyclopedia of Medieval Philosophy*. He published the critical edition of a few questions on Aristotle's *Metaphysics* attributed to Henry of Ghent, and he is currently preparing the critical edition of John Picardi of Lichtenberg's *Quaestiones disputatae* 19-38, of John of Naples' *Quodlibeta* (together with F. Canaccini) and, together with Marialucrezia Leone, of Henry of Ghent's *Quodlibet VIII*. Forthcoming is a volume on the history of Thomism.

Together with Costantino Esposito, he is author and editor of three different sets of handbooks (*Filosofia*, Laterza, Roma-Bari 2009; *Le avventure della ragione*, Laterza, Roma-Bari 2012; *I mondi della filosofia*, Laterza, Roma-Bari 2016) of History of Philosophy, each of which is composed of three volumes.

More recently, his research has focused on medieval debates about determinism and contingency, the philosophy of Dante Alighieri, the reception of Averroes in the Latin West, the conflict between epistemic evidentialism and doxastic voluntarism, and the idea of epistemic authority in the Middle Ages. Two new volumes (both published by Edizioni di Pagina, Bari) are currently in print: *Una scienza in penombra. Lo statuto epistemologico della teologia tra la fine del XIII secolo e gli inizi del XIV*, and *Come muore un filosofo. Sigieri di Brabante e Dante in una luce diversa*.

Finally, he has opened two further lines of research, each supported by a highly competitive excellence grant:

1. *'For an Archaeology of Conspiracy Theories: The Ethics of Belief from the Middle Ages to Fake News'* (**ArCoTh, FIS1 Advanced Grant**, MUR project code FIS00001721; Principal Investigator, 2024-2029).
2. *'Between Fixism and Evolutionism: The Origin of Species in Medieval Thought'* (**SPECIES, ERC Advanced Grant 2024**, proposal ID 101201479; Principal Investigator, 2025-2030).

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He is founder and co-editor, together with Costantino Esposito, of the international journal *Quaestio* (Brepols, Turnhout / Pagina, Bari) as well as two series related to the journal (*Biblioteca filosofica di Quaestio* and *Ad Argumenta. Quaestio Special Issues*). He is co-editor of the series *Conférences Pierre Abélard* (Vrin, Paris), *History of Metaphysics: Ancient, Medieval, Modern* (Brill, Leiden), and *Studia Classica et Mediaevalia* (Bautz Verlag, Nordhausen), and member of the editorial board of the series *Ancient and Medieval Philosophy* and *Henrici de Gandavo Opera Omnia* (De Wulf-Mansioncentrum, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven), *Collationes, Institutiones e Traditiones* (Città Nuova, Roma), *Minima mediaevalia* (ETS, Pisa). He is a member of the advisory board of the journals *Recherches de Théologie et Philosophie Médiévales*, *Revue des Sciences Philosophiques et Théologiques*, *Les études philosophiques*, *Archiv für mittelalterliche Philosophie und Kultur*, *Documenti e studi sulla tradizione filosofica medievale*, *Medioevo*, *Noctua*, *Analecta Augustiniana*, *Alvearium* and *Elementa*.

He is a board member of the *Corpus Philosophorum Medii Aevi* of the *Unione Accademica Nazionale*.

He is a member of the Editorial Board currently preparing the critical edition of Henry of Ghent's *Opera Omnia* (De Wulf-Mansioncentrum, K.U. Leuven).

He is a member of the Advisory Board for the *Nuova Edizione Commentata delle Opere di Dante* (NECOD). Together with C. Ossola, J.-P. Ferrini et L. Fiorentini he has published the new French edition of Dante's *Commedia* for the Bibliothèque de la Pléiade.

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He has organised several International Colloquia, including "The Medieval Concept of Time" (Bari 2001), "*Metaphysica – sapientia – scientia divina*. Soggetto e statuto della filosofia prima nel Medioevo" (Bari 2004), "L'ontologie de la relation" (Caen 2012), "Dante et l'averroïsme" (Paris 2015, with A. de Libera, J.-B. Brenet, I. Rosier-Catach), "Les Éléments de théologie et le Livre des causes du V^e au XVII^e siècle" (Paris 2016, with M. Geoffroy and D. Calma), "Le stelle, i regni, le credenze, le masse. L'astrologia politica nel Mediterraneo fra Medioevo e Rinascimento" (Bari 2016, with M. Benedetto and P. Arfé), "Una nuova metafisica per una nuova teologia. Giovanni Duns Scoto a 750 anni dalla nascita (Rome 2016, Chair of the organising committee), "Doctor fundatissimus. Giles of Rome, His Thought, His Influence" (Bari 2016, with M. Benedetto and F. Marrone), "William of Alnwick and the Early Scotistic Tradition" (Giovinazzo 2023, with M. Leone, M.E. Malgieri, M. Benedetto, F. Fiorentino, F. Marrone), the EGSAMP Summer School "Dark Ages and Fake News. Beliefs, Impostures and Debunking *in* and *about* Medieval Thought" (Morimondo 2023, with A. Speer, F. Retucci and M.E. Malgieri), the International Colloquium "Averroism.

History, Developments and Implications of a Cross-cultural Tradition" (Turin, January 2024)

He was also a member of the Organising Committee of the 12th World Congress of the SIEPM (Société Internationale pour l'Étude de la Philosophie Médiévale), Palermo 2007.

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From November 2009 to June 2011 he was Head of the *Dipartimento di Scienze Filosofiche* at the Aldo Moro University of Bari, and from June 2011 to August 2013 he acted as Coordinator of the Doctoral Research Programme in Philosophy and History of Philosophy at the same University.

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Direction/management of national or international research projects [as Principal Investigator or Head of Local Unit]:

• **ERC-2024-ADG** • Project: SPECIES. Between Fixism and Evolutionism: The Origin of Species in Medieval Thought; funded, to be initiated (duration: 60 months)

Budget: € 2,442,936.00

• **FIS 2021 Advanced Grant** • Project: *ArCoTh - For an Archaeology of Conspiracy Theories. The Ethics of Belief from the Middle Ages to Fake News*; ongoing (duration: 60 months)

Budget € 996,263.00

Role: Principal Investigator.

• **PRIN 2022** • Project: *Believing without Evidence? The Ethics of Belief and Doxastic Control from Augustine to Fake News [BELIEVIDENCE]*; ongoing (duration: 24 months, from 12.12.2023 to 11.12.2025).

Participating Universities: Torino, Lecce, Milano, Bari, Pavia.

Budget: € 235,739.00

Role: Principal Investigator.

• **GRANT FOR INTERNATIONALIZATION (University of Turin)** • Project: *Dark Ages and Fake News. Beliefs, Impostures and Debunking in and about Medieval Thought*; duration: 12 months (from 19/11/2022 to 22/12/2023).

Budget: € 25,797.89

Role: Principal Investigator.

• PRIN 2017 • Project: *Averroism. History, Developments and Implications of a Cross-cultural Tradition*; duration: 54 months (from 20/01/2020 to 20/07/2024).

Participating Universities: Bari (then Torino), Lecce, Milano, Udine.

Budget: € 678,836.00

Role: Principal Investigator.

• PRIN 2012 • Project: *L'universalità e i suoi limiti: meccanismi di inclusione ed esclusione nella storia della filosofia e nei dibattiti filosofici contemporanei*; duration: 36 months (from 08-03-2014 to 08/09/2017).

Budget: € 100,850.57

Role: Head of the University of Bari Research Unit.

• FONDAZIONE CASSA DI RISPARMIO DI PUGLIA 2011 • Project: *L'eredità culturale dei Francescani in Puglia. Per una ricognizione del patrimonio librario di matrice francescana nelle biblioteche pugliesi (manoscritti ed edizioni antiche, XIV-XVII secolo)*; duration: 15 months (from 25-06-2012 to 27-09-2013).

Budget: € 30,000.00

Role: Principal Investigator.

• PRIN 2009 • Project: *Filosofia e teologia nel Medioevo: modelli epistemologici e implicazioni antropologiche*; duration: 24 months (from 17-10-2011 to 17-10-2013).

Budget: € 45,308.78

Role: Head of the University of Bari Research Unit.

• PRIN 2007 • Project: *Le trasformazioni delle pratiche filosofiche nel Medioevo: edizioni di testi e prospettive storiografiche*; duration: 24 months (from 22-09-2008 to 22-09-2010).

Budget: € 41,429.00

Role: Head of the University of Bari Research Unit.

• FIRB Programmi Strategici 2006 • Project: *Bibliotheca Manuscripta Philosophorum Teutonicorum ac Nederlandicorum Medii Aevi. – Repertorio dei manoscritti delle opere filosofiche medievali ascrivibili ad autori di area germanica, fiamminga e neerlandese, con edizione critica di opere scelte*; duration: 39 mesi (from 15-10-2008 to 15-01-2012).

Budget: € 193,920.00

Role: Head of the University of Bari Research Unit.

• INTERLINK [Programmi per l'incentivazione del processo di internazionalizzazione del sistema universitario – Bando 2004-2006] • project: *Soggetto e statuto della filosofia nel Medioevo. Nuove prospettive di ricerca nell'edizione critica dei testi e nelle metodologie di indagine storiografica*; duration: 58 months (from 15-12-2005 to 31-10-2010).

Participating Universities: Bari, KU Leuven, Köln, Paris Sorbonne, Sofia.

Budget: € 152,686.00

Role: Principal Investigator.

• PRIN 2004 • Project: *Soggetto e statuto della filosofia nel Medioevo. Edizioni critiche, traduzioni commentate e studi storico-dottrinali*; duration: 24 months (from 30-11-2004 to 30-11-2006).

Budget: € 35,800.00

Role: Head of the University of Bari Research Unit.

• PRIN 2002 • Project: *La metafisica nel Medioevo: edizioni critiche di testi, traduzioni commentate e studi storico-dottrinali*; duration: 24 months (from 16-12-2002 to 16-12-2004).

Budget: € 40,300.00

Role: Head of the University of Bari Research Unit.

• PRIN 1999 • Project: *Giovanni di Lichtenberg e Enrico di Gand: edizioni di testi e studi critici sul rapporto metafisica-teologia tra la fine del XIII secolo e gli inizi del XIV*; duration: 24 months (from 26-11-1999 to 26-11-2001).

Budget: Lit. 54,000,000.00 [€ 27,889.00]

Role: Head of the University of Bari Research Unit.

• PRIN [Progetti di Rilevante Interesse Nazionale] 1997 • Project: *Le questioni universitarie di Enrico di Gand e di Giovanni di Lichtenberg. Edizioni di testi e studi critici su teologia e filosofia tra la fine del Duecento e gli inizi del Trecento*; duration: 24 months (from 15-02-1998 to 15-02-2000)

Budget: Lit. 23,486,000.00 [€ 12,130.00]

Role: Head of the University of Bari Research Unit.

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He served or has been serving as referee for many international assessment and/or funding agencies (ERC; FWO, Belgium; NWO, The Netherlands; ANVUR, Italy; Swiss National Science Foundation, Switzerland; Royal Society, United

Kingdom; UEFISCDI, Romania) and Universities (among which Fordham, New York; Toronto; Göteborg).

From November 2020 to July 2021, he was member of the ANVUR Working Group for the Classification of Academic Journals.

From July 2021 he has been chairman of the committee for the national scientific qualification [ASN] in History of Philosophy (11/C5).

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He has been promoter and supervisor of 16 PhD candidates (to which must be added four ongoing supervisions) in Italy, and doctorate examiner in different Italian and European Universities (23 committees in the last eight years, plus 4 committees of HDR – Habilitation à Diriger des Recherches – in France).

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From August 2012 to July 2017 he was **Vice Chair** of the *Société Internationale pour l'Étude de la Philosophie Médiévale* (SIEPM), of which he has been a member since 1990 and was an **Assessor** from 2007 to 2012.

He has been a member, since its foundation, of the *Società Italiana per lo Studio del Pensiero Medievale* (SISPM), for which he was **Secretary** up to 2003 and **Assessor** up to 2005.

Since 2003 has been a member of the *Pontificia Academia Sancti Thomae Aquinatis*.

Since 2023 has been a member of the Accademia delle Scienze, Istituto di Bologna.

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He was awarded the 'Thomas Aquinas International Prize' in 2015, and an **honorary doctorate** by the Pontifical University of St. Thomas (PUST, Angelicum) on March 7, 2024.