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### PERSONAL DETAILS

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### EDUCATION AND DEGREES

- 1984-1991 Study of Indology, Tibetology, Philosophy, Latin Philology, Classical Greek Philology and Diplomatics, at the Università “La Sapienza”, Rome. Bachelor of Arts (110/110 *cum laude*), with a thesis on “Il concetto di metafora nella filosofia buddhista”. Thesis advisor: Prof. Raniero Gnoli.
- 1992-1993 Study of Buddhist Philosophy at, Delhi University, Buddhist Studies Department. M.A. in Buddhist Studies.
- 1994-1995 Study of Linguistics, Italian Philology and Language Education at the Università per Stranieri, Perugia (Italy). Postgraduate diploma in “Teaching Italian as a Second Language”.
- 1999–2003 Doctoral Studies in Classical and Medieval Indological Studies at the Università “La Sapienza”, Rome.
- 10/2000-02/2002 Research stay at the University of Vienna, Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, with a Socrates/Erasmus scholarship.
- 30/06/2003 PhD in Classical and Medieval Indological Studies, Università “La Sapienza”, Rome, with a dissertation on “Suffering is not definite. An annotated translation of Dharmakīrti’s *Pramāṇavārttika* II.190-240 together with Manorathanandin’s *Pramāṇavārttikavṛtti* and Vibhūticandra’s notes”. Dissertation advisor: Prof. Raffaele Torella.

## LANGUAGES

- Italian (native speaker), English, German, French, Classical and Medieval Latin, Classical Greek
- research languages: Sanskrit, Classical Tibetan, Pāli

## EMPLOYMENT RECORD AND SCHOLARSHIPS

10/1992-02/1994

Scholarship of the Italian Foreign Office for postgraduate studies at the Buddhist Studies Department, Delhi University.

10/1992-11/1993

Italian Cultural Institute of New Delhi: teacher of Italian as a second language.

1996-2004

Università per Stranieri, Perugia: sessional teacher of Italian as a second language.

11/1999-10/2002

Scholarship of the Italian Government for PhD studies in Indology.

2000

Istituto della Enciclopedia Italiana, Rome: Editing and indexing for *Scienza dell'India*, Vol. III of *Storia della scienza* (articles on medicine, grammar, astronomy, mathematics, architecture).

2002-2003

Faculty of Oriental Studies, Università “La Sapienza”, Rome: sessional teacher of Sanskrit.

2004

Indian Logic Knowledge Base (ILKB), in the context of the project “Development of an Intelligent Cognitive System for Sanskrit”: work contract for preparing digital texts by comparing them with printed editions and adding information for further digital processing.

11/2004-05/2005

Faculty of Social Sciences, Università “La Sapienza”, Rome: assistant lecturer in Sociology of Religions for a course on “The sacred in ancient Indian religious-philosophical traditions”.

2005

Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia: work contracts for proof-reading the manuscript collation in the project “Philosophy and Medicine in Early Classical India I”, financed by the Austrian Science Fund (Project P17300 – GO3).

01/01/2006-31/07/2007

Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia: Full-time researcher in the project “Philosophy and Medicine in Early Classical India I”, financed by the Austrian Science Fund (Project P17300-GO3).

01/08/2007-30/09/2010

University of Vienna, Department of South Asian, Tibetan & Buddhist Studies: Full-time researcher in the project

“Philosophy and Medicine in Early Classical India II”, financed by the Austrian Science Fund (Project P19866-G15).

25/08-19/09/2008

One-month research mission in India on behalf of the project “Philosophy and Medicine in Early Classical India II”: Bikaner, Anup Library, collation of manuscripts of the *Carakasamhitā*; Varanasi search for manuscripts in a private family collection.

18/07/2011-17/10/2012 University of Vienna, Department of South Asian, Tibetan & Buddhist Studies: Full-time researcher in the project “Philosophy and Medicine in Early Classical India III”, financed by the Austrian Science Fund (Project P23330-G15).

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

since 2006 Member of the Classical Ayurveda Text Study Group

2011 Member of the International Association of Buddhist Studies

#### **EDITORIAL COLLABORATION**

2008-2010 *Rivista di Studi Sudasiatici* (RiSS)

#### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Buddhist philosophy and religion, especially the logical-epistemological tradition
- Cultural and philosophical aspects of Classical Āyurveda literature
- Methodology of textual criticism and history of the textual transmission applied to Classical Sanskrit literature
- Codicology applied to Indian manuscript books

#### **LECTURES AND PARTICIPATION IN WORKSHOPS**

8-11 Sep. 2011 “*Yama* and *niyama*”. Seminar in three sessions at the annual meeting of the Istituto Internazionale Ricerche Yoga, held in Tabiano (Italy)

21 June 2011 “Causation and selflessness in view of liberation”, XVIth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies (20-25 June 2011), Dharma Drum College, Jinshan (Taiwan)

7-9 Dec. 2010 Workshop: “Information Technology applied to the Critical Edition of the *Kāśikāvṛtti*”, together with Vincenzo Vergiani (University of Cambridge) and Philipp A. Maas (University of Vienna), held at the University of Vienna

- 13 Nov. 2010 “Modalities of the diachronic migration of ancient medical literature: the textual witnesses of the *Carakasamhitā*”, International Conference ‘Asian Diversity in a Global Context’ (11-13 November 2010), Panel on ‘The Transmission of Sanskrit Medical Literature in India’, University of Copenhagen (Denmark)
- 12 Nov. 2010 Workshop: “The Transmission of Sanskrit Medical Literature in India: Master Class in Sanskrit Textual Readings” within the International Conference ‘Asian Diversity in a Global Context’ (11-13 November 2010), University of Copenhagen
- 4 Sept. 2009 “A note on *sambhavānumāna* in the writings of Dharmakīrti”, 14<sup>th</sup> World Sanskrit Conference (1-5 September 2009), Section: Philosophy, University of Kyoto, Kyoto (Japan)
- 1 Sep. 2009 “Treating diseases by knowing health: patients and physicians in dialogue”, 14<sup>th</sup> World Sanskrit Conference (1-5 September 2009), Section: Scientific Literature, Panel “Physicians and Patients – Textual Representations in Pre-Modern South Asia”, University of Kyoto, Kyoto
- 9 April 2009 “Verità sulla liberazione: la tradizione logico-epistemologica buddhista. [Truth(s) about liberation: The Buddhist logical-epistemological tradition], University of Florence (Italy)
- 26-28 March 2009 Workshop: “Towards a Critical Edition of Jejjāta’s Commentary on the *Carakasamhitā*” (convened by Karin Preisendanz, with Tsutomu Yamashita and Kenneth Zysk), held at the University of Vienna
- 22 Aug. 2008 “Transmitting the *Carakasamhitā*: Notes for a history of the tradition”, Conference on ‘The History of Medicine in India – Past and Present Theories and Practices in the Light of the Classical Textual Sources’, within the ‘International Grand Centennial Convention and Arogya Ayurveda Expo 2008’, 21-24 August, Coimbatore (India)
- 19-20 Aug. 2008 Workshop: “Textual Traditions”, within the ‘International Grand Centennial Convention and Arogya Ayurveda Expo 2008’, 21-24 August, Coimbatore
- 5 March 2008 “La logica buddhista” [Buddhist logic], Conferenze del Centro di Studi sul Buddhismo, Quinto Ciclo, Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale” (Italy)  
A written version has been submitted for publication on the website of the University
- 25 Sept. 2007 “(In)utile manuscripts in a contaminated tradition: samples from the *Carakasamhitā*”, 30. Deutscher Orientalistentag (24-28 September 2007), Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Freiburg im Breisgau (Germany)

- 20-22 Sept. 2007 1st lecture: “Lo yoga come tecnica spirituale” [Yoga as spiritual technique]; 2nd lecture: “Il cammino di liberazione nella tradizione buddhista indiana” [The path to liberation in the Indian Buddhist tradition], at the annual meeting of the Istituto Internazionale Ricerche Yoga, held in Camaldoli (Italy)
- 18-19 Jan. 2007 Workshop: “Textual Tradition of Āyurveda”, within the ‘International Seminar on the Textual Tradition of Āyurveda’ (15-19 January 2007), Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady (India)
- 16 Jan. 2007 “On the means to acquire medical knowledge”, International Seminar on the Textual Tradition of Āyurveda (15-19 January 2007), Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady
- Other lectures held at the Napoli (2002 and 2004), Firenze (2002), Hamburg (2003), University of Roma (2004); at the “Salone per la Pace” in Venezia (2004) and at the annual meeting of the Istituto Internazionale Ricerche Yoga from 2004 to 2006

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles

- 2011 “Transmitting the *Carakasamhitā*. Notes for a History of the Tradition”, revised version, in: Karin Preisendanz, Anthony Cerulli and Dominik Wujastyk (eds), *Medical Texts and Manuscripts in Indian Cultural History*. Delhi 2011: 34-61 (in print).
- 2010 “Contradictions on the Way to Liberation: Dharmakīrti’s Discussion”, *Buddhist Asia* 2. Papers from the Second Conference of Buddhist Studies held in Naples in June 2004. Edited by Giacomella Orofino and Silvio Vita. Italian School of East Asian Studies, Kyoto 2010: 47-67.
- 2010 “Transmission-specific (In)utility, or Dealing with Contamination: Samples from the Textual Tradition of the *Carakasamhitā*”, *Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde Südasiens* 52-53 (2009-2010), 2010: 121-159.
- 2009 “Transmitting the *Carakasamhitā*. Notes for a History of the Tradition”, *Indian Journal of History of Science* 44, 2009: 141-161. (A corrected version is available at: <http://www.istb.univie.ac.at/caraka/Results/117>)
- 2008 “Is the Buddha like “a Man in the Street”? Dharmakīrti’s Answer”, *Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde Südasiens* 51 (2007-2008), 2008: 163-192.

- 2006 “Scegliere il Buddha come maestro”, in: Michele Colafato (a cura di), *Maestri. Leadership spirituali: vie, modelli, metodi*. Franco Angeli, Milano 2006, pp. 213-220.
- 2004 “La scuola logico-epistemologica buddhista”, in: Raniero Gnoli (a cura di), *La rivelazione del Buddha. Il Grande veicolo. Introduzione ai testi tradotti*. Arnoldo Mondadori Editore, Milano 2004, pp. cxxxix-clii.
- 2004 “Mokṣākaragupta, *Tarkabhāṣā*. Manuale di logica (capitolo primo)”, in: Raniero Gnoli (a cura di), *La rivelazione del Buddha. Il Grande veicolo. Introduzione ai testi tradotti*. Arnoldo Mondadori Editore, Milano 2004, pp. 1103-1153.

### Book Reviews

- forthcoming Jean Papin, *Caraka Samhita*. Traité fondamental de la médecine ayurvédique. Vol. 2. Les thérapeutiques. Avant-propos de Guy et Sylvain Mazars. Introduction, traduction et notes de Jean Papin. Éditions Almora, Paris 2009. In: *Indo-Iranian Journal*
- 2010 Johannes Bronkhorst (ed.), *Mīmāṃsā and Vedānta*. Interaction and Continuity. [Papers of the 12th World Sanskrit Conference held in Helsinki, Finland, 13-18 July 2003. Vol. 10.3]. Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi 2007. In: *Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde Südasiens* 52-53 (2009-2010), 2010: 315-317.
- 2010 “The Art of Beginning”. Book review: Walter Slaje (ed.), *Śāstrārambha*. Inquiries into the Preamble in Sanskrit. [Abhandlungen für die Kunde des Morgenlandes 62] Harrassowitz Verlag, Wiesbaden 2008. In: *Rivista di Studi Sudasiatici* 4 (2009), 2010: 169-172.
- 2009 Seminar report: “14<sup>th</sup> World Sanskrit Conference: Section on the Scientific Literature – A Report”, *Indian Journal of History of Science* 44.4, 2009: 616-619.
- 1999 Jitendra Bajāj and Maṇḍayam Doḍḍamane Śrīnivās, *Annam bahu kurvīta*. Centre for Policy Studies Madras, Madras 1996. In: *Rivista degli Studi Orientali* 73, 1999: 344-346.

### Translations from English into Italian

- 2001 B. V. Subbarayappa, *Hinduism*. For *Il Libro dell'Anno 2001*. Istituto della Enciclopedia Italiana, Rome.
- 1998 Śāntideva, *The Bodhicaryāvatāra*. Translation, introduction and notes by K. Crosby and A. Skilton. With a general Introduction by P. Williams, Oxford University Press, Oxford 1996. For Casa Editrice Ubaldini, Rome.

- 1997 R. H. Robinson and W. L. Johnson, *The Buddhist Religion: A Historical Introduction*, Wadsworth Publishing Company, USA 1997. For Casa Editrice Ubaldini, Rome.

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## WORK IN PROGRESS

### Books

- Publication of the PhD dissertation.
- Together with Karin Preisendanz and Philipp A. Maas: Critical edition of *Carakasamhitā*, *Vimānasthāna* 8.

### Articles

- From the paper presented in Kyoto, at the 14<sup>th</sup> World Sanskrit Conference: “A note on *saṃbhavānumāna* in the writings of Dharmakīrti”.
- From the paper presented in Kyoto, at the 14<sup>th</sup> World Sanskrit Conference: “Treating diseases by knowing health: patients and physicians in dialogue”.
- “Use and Abuse of alcohol in ancient India, especially as it emerges from the ancient āyurvedic literature”.
- From the paper presented at the University of Copenhagen in 2010: “Modalities of the diachronic migration of ancient medical literature: the textual witnesses of the *Carakasamhitā*”.

### Book reviews

- Alex Watson, *The Self's Awareness of Itself. Bhaṭṭa Rāmakaṇṭha's Arguments against the Buddhist Doctrine of No-Self*, Publications of the De Nobili Research Library, Wien 2006. To be published in *Indo-Iranian Journal*.
- Christopher G. Framarin, *Desire and Motivation in Indian Philosophy*. [Routledge Hindu Studies Series 12] Routledge, London and New York 2009. To be published in *Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde Südasiens*.