

Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of interest

- Logic, Indian and Western.
- Textual criticism
- Aesthetics, Indian and Western.
- Linguistics, Indian and Western.
- Theory of knowledge, Indian and Western.
- History of Indian religions, philosophy of religion.

Education in India (July 1989 – September 1998)

- Sanskrit grammar. Vṛndāvana, 1991–1997. *Samkṣepaharināmāmṛtavyākaraṇa* and *Harināmāmṛtavyākaraṇa* of Jīva Gosvāmin, under the tutorship of Śrī Satya Nārāyaṇa and Śrī Haridāsa Śāstrī; *Laghusiddhāntakaumudī* of Varadarāja and parts of Pāṇini's *Aṣṭādhyāyī*, under the tutorship of Nyāyācārya Śrī Śyāmaśaraṇa Svāmī.

- Sanskrit poetics and metrics. Vṛndāvana, 1994–1997. *Alaṅkāraustubha* of Kavikarṇa-pura (partial), under the tutorship of Śrī Satya Nārāyaṇa; *Amarakośa* of Ama-rasiṃha, *Sāhityadarpaṇa* of Viśvanātha, and *Vṛttaratnākara* of Kedārabhaṭṭa, un-der the tutorship of Śrī Sadānanda Sāhityācārya.
- Indian logic (Navyanyāya). Vṛndāvana, 1994–1998. *Tarkasaṃgraha* of Annamb-haṭṭa, with *Padakṛtya* and *Nyāyabodhinī* commentaries (partial), under the tu-torship of Nyāyācārya Śrī Śyāmaśaraṇa Svāmī; *Tarkasaṃgraha* of Annambhaṭṭa, with *Tarkadīpikā* commentary, under the tutorship of Śrī Sadānanda Sāhityācārya; *Tarkasaṃgraha* of Annambhaṭṭa, with *Nyāyabodhinī* commentary, under the tu-torship of Śrī Haridāsa Śāstrī.

Education and degrees in Italy (November 1999 – July 2006)

- 1st November 1999 – July 2003. Italian *Laurea* (MA) in “Lingua e Letteratura Sanscrita”, summa cum laude. University “Sapienza”, Faculty of Oriental Studies, Rome, Italy. MA thesis on “Teoria dello *sphoṭa* nel sesto *āhnika* della *Nyāyamañ-jarī* di Jayanta Bhaṭṭa”. Study of Sanskrit language and literature (Introductory section of Patañjali’s *Mahābhāṣya* by Prof. Raffaele Torella; *Sādhanaśamuddeśa* of Bhartṛhari’s *Vākyapadīya* by Dr. Vincenzo Vergiani), Hindi language and liter-ature, History of India, Religions and philosophies of India, Logic (medieval logic, propositional calculus), Philosophy of language (Wittgenstein), Linguistics (pho-netics, de Saussure), History of religion (Dumezil, Brelich, Kerenyi), Philosophy of religion (Kant), Analytical philosophy (modern theories of knowledge), at the University of Rome “Sapienza”. Attended reading classes of the *Pramāṇavārttika* and the *Nyāyabhāṣya* delivered by Prof. Raniero Gnoli.
- 1st November 2003 – 30 October 2006. Dottorato di ricerca (PhD) in Indologia e Tibetologia, Dipartimento di Orientalistica, Università degli Studi di Torino. Dis-sertation on “Phases of bhakti in Rūpa Gosvāmin’s *Bhaktirasāmṛtasindhu*, with collation of printed editions and manuscripts, translation, and study of the first section of the text”, under the tutorship of Prof. Giuliano Boccali, Università di Milano (defense held on the 9th of March, 2007).

Employment and scholarships

- 1st November 1999 – 30 October 2003. Full scholarship for outstanding grades from the University of Rome, “Sapienza”.
- Chief redactor (project contract) of the sociological journal *Religioni e Società*, 42, 43, 44 (2002).
- Chief redactor (project contract) at the Carocci Editore S.P.A., Rome, from Septem-ber 2002 to May 2006 (supervisor of the production, from author to press, of about 150 volumes, 30.000 pages, including editorial and typographical aspects).

- Chief redactor of the Indological journal *Rivista di Studi Sudasiatici* (RiSS) 1 and 2 (2006–2007).
- Gonda Fellow at the IAS in Leiden, the Netherlands, November 2007 to February 2008.
- Director of the FWF project M1160 G-15, “Semantics in Indian Philosophy” (Critical edition of the sixth *āhnika* of Jayanta Bhaṭṭa’s *Nyāyamañjarī*) based at the ISTB, University of Vienna, July 2009 to June 2011 (Co-Applicant: Prof. K. Preisen-danz).
- Collaborator of the FWF project P19328, “Metaphysics and Epistemology of the Nyāya Tradition II” based at the ISTB, University of Vienna, July 2009 – August 2011
- Research Assistant of the FWF project P24388, “Metaphysics and Epistemology of the Nyāya Tradition III” based at the ISTB, University of Vienna, May 2012 – current.

International research

- December 2004 and July 2006. London, British Library, and Oxford, Bodleian Library: Manuscript research on the *Bhaktirasāmṛtasindhu* of Rūpa Gosvāmin and *Durgasaṅgamanī* commentary of Jīva Gosvāmin.
- September 2006. Vṛndāvana, Vrindaban Research Institute: Manuscript research on *Bhaktirasāmṛtasindhu* of Rūpa Gosvāmin and *Durgasaṅgamanī* commentary of Jīva Gosvāmin.
- June–August 2007. Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA. Workshop on Prābhākara Mīmāṃsā: theory of Vedic language in Rāmānujācārya’s *Tantrarahasya*, with Prof. John Taber and Dr. Elisa Freschi.
- November 2007 – March 2008. Leiden, The Netherlands. Research on the *Bhaktirasāmṛtasindhu* of Rūpa Gosvāmin and *Durgasaṅgamanī* commentary of Jīva Gosvāmin.
- May 2008. Vadodara, Jaipur and Vrindavan, India. Manuscript research on the *Bhaktirasāmṛtasindhu* of Rūpa Gosvāmin and *Durgasaṅgamanī* commentary of Jīva Gosvāmin.

Teaching

- October 18–25, 2007. Course “Man and Nature”, Department of Political Sciences, Università of Rome “Sapienza”, Italy.

- March–June 2012. “Theory of Rasa. Aesthetics in Religious Practice in Precolonial India”, BA Pro-Seminar, ISTB, Universität Wien
- October 2012 – January 2013. “The General Characteristics of Bhakti – The First Chapter of Rūpa Gosvāmin’s Bhaktirasāmṛtasindhu”, MA Workshop, ISTB, Universität Wien.

Conferences

- January 26, 2007. L’autore e le sue radici: strumenti per una storiografia autoc-tona nel Vaiṣṇavismo bengalese. Tredicesimo convegno nazionale di studi sans-criti, Roma, Italy.
- September 22–23, 2007. “The Sannyāsin and the King”. Seminar “Kings and Aes-thetics”, Università Statale di Milano, Italy.
- September 5, 2009. On Lists and Catalogues of Manuscripts. Concordance of the *Nyāyamañjarī* Sources. Panel “Manuscripts: fieldwork, conservation, digitiza-tion”, World Sanskrit Conference, Kyoto, Japan.
- June 10–12, 2010. The choice of the best reading in Jayanta Bhaṭṭa’s *Nyāyamañ-jarī*. “Manuscript sources between textual criticism and codicology”, panel of the 1st Coffee Break Conference, “The Study of Asia between Antiquity and Moder-nity”. Università di Roma “Sapienza”, Italy.
- December 21–22, 2012. Types of quotations connected to types of *siddhānta* in the *Nyāyamañjarī*. 3rd Coffee Break Conference: “Quotations and Re-Use of Texts in Sanskrit Philosophical Literature”. Università di Roma “Sapienza”, Italy.
- June 7–10, 2013. Bhaṭṭa Jayanta and Abhinavagupta on the Contextual Principle of Tātparya. Conference “Around Abhinavagupta: Aspects of the Intellectual History of Kashmir from the 9th to the 11th Centuries”, Institute of Indology and Central Asian Studies, Leipzig University
- June 17–21, 2013. Conference “Shaping the sciences of the ancient world. Text criticism, critical editions and translations of ancient and medieval scholarly Texts (18th–20th centuries)” organized by the ERC Research Project “Mathematical sci-ences in the ancient world” (SAW), Université Paris Diderot, Paris, France
- September 4–7, 2013. Comprehension, Knowledge, and the Reduction of Śabda to Inference. 4th Coffee Break Conference: “The Study of Asia between Antiquity and Modernity: Parallels and Comparisons”, University of Turin, Italy
- December 5–7, 2013. Freedom and Predestination of Devotion: Rūpa Gosvāmin’s System of Bhaktirasa. Workshop “Aspects of Fate and Freedom in Indian Tradi-tions”. Organized by the International Consortium for Research in the Humaniti-es “Fate, Freedom and Prognostication. Strategies for Coping with the Future in

East Asia and Europe”, Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany