

CURRICULUM VITAE ET STUDIORUM

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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CURRENT POSITION

FWO-PhD fellow fundamental research (Nov. 2022 – present) in History at the Ghent University (Department of History). Project title: *Thomas of Marga and the Book of Superiors: texts, formation and socio-cultural context of an East-Syrian bishop in the mid-ninth century* (supervisors Peter Van Nuffelen (University of Ghent) and Vittorio Berti (University of Padua), members of the doctoral committee Flavia Ruani (IRHT-CNRS, Paris) and Michael P. Forness (KU Leuven)).

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Summer School of Classical Arabic of the Belgian Academy for the Study of Ancient and Oriental Languages (ABELAO), attended in Louvaine-la-Neuve from the 1st to 11th August 2023, with Prof. Abderrahim Hmami.

Summer School of Advanced Syriac of the University of Frankfurt and the University of Jena, attended in Frankfurt from 24th to 27th July 2023, with Prof. Harmut Leppin, Prof. Christa Müller-Kessler and Prof. Matthias Perkams.

Summer School of Classical Armenian of the University of Lausanne, attended in the International University of Venice from 6th to 15th July 2023, with Prof. Paolo Lucca.

Autumn School of Classical Armenian and Sogdian of the University of Lille, attended in Lille from 31st October to 6th November 2022, with Prof. Federico Alpi (Classical Armenian) and Prof. Antje Wentland (Sogdian).

“Herman & Mary K. Seibel” Fellow in Digital Humanities at the Beth Mardutho Syriac Institute (Princeton, New Jersey, US) from August 2022 to December 2022. I have worked under the supervision of prof. George A. Kiraz for the *thesaurus* Simtho, on building of metadata and OCR machine learning.

Exchange program Erasmus + Internship Post Lauream at the Institut de la recherche et d’histoire des textes (IRHT-CNRS Paris) from January 2022 to July 2022. I have worked inside a project of codicology, palaeography and cataloguing of Syriac manuscripts (EKTOBE Project), with Prof. André Binggeli and Flavia Ruani).

Stage d’initiation au manuscrit médiévale of the Institut de la recherche et d’histoire des textes (IRHT-CNRS Paris), with a focus on the codicological and paleographical analysis of Greek, Coptic and Syriac manuscripts, from 14th to 18th march 2022.

Master Degree in Historical Sciences (2019-2021), obtained (02/12/2021) at the Department of Historical, Geographical and Antiquity Sciences of the University of Padua, with a final score of 110/110 *cum laude*. Master’s thesis: “Thomas of Marga and the *Book of Superiors*. Historiography, agiography and historical research in the Eastern Monasticism of the 9th century” (supervisors Prof. Vittorio Berti and Prof. Fabrizio Ferrari).

Summer School of Advanced Syriac of the University of Lausanne, attended in the International University of Venice from 1st to 10th July 2021, with Prof. George Bohas.

Exchange program Erasmus + at the University of Vienna (Austria) from February 2021 to June 2021, inside the MA of Classical Philology.

Bachelor Degree in History (2016-2019), obtained (17/04/2019) at the Department of Historical, Geographical and Antiquity Sciences of the University of Padua, with a final score of 110/110 *cum laude*. Bachelor’s thesis: “The fortune of the wise Ahiqar from the Assyrian world to monotheistic civilizations. A status quaestionis of the research (2005-2018)” (supervisor Prof. Vittorio Berti).

Summer School of Advanced Syriac of the University of Lausanne, attended in the International University of Venice from 4th to 13th July 2019, with Prof. George Bohas.

High School diploma (2011-2016) obtained at Liceo Classico “Alvise Lollino” in Belluno (Italy); high school focused on humanistic subjects (Greek, Latin).

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Native Language: Italian

MODERN LANGUAGES

ENGLISH (professional); FRENCH (intermediate); GERMAN (intermediate); DUTCH (starter).

ANCIENT LANGUAGES

SYRIAC (advanced); LATIN (advanced); GREEK (advanced); CLASSICAL ARMENIAN (good); COPTIC (good); ARABIC (basic); SOGDIAN (basic).

ONGOING PROJECTS

- **Inventory Project** of the manuscripts' microfilms of the late *René Draguet* discovered and conserved in the library of the Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve (BE). I discovered in August 2023 this massive microfilms collection (more than 1300 microfilms), and together with Andrea B. Schmidt (UCL Louvain), Carlo E. Biuzzi (Universiteit Gent) and Nicolas Atas (KU Leuven), we are preparing a complete description of the contents of this collection, to be published in 2024.
- **Cataloguing Project** of the Syriac Manuscripts of the Collection of the "Antonian Order of Saint Hormisd of the Chaldeans (O.A.O.C.)", in collaboration with the E-Ktobe project of the IRHT-CNRS, Paris. The cataloguing research mission (21.11.2023 to 09.12.2023), mainly devoted to manuscripts related with East-Syrian Monastic Hagiography and Historiography, has been organized by me together with the support of fr. Samer Soreshow Yohanna (OAOC). Marco Pavan (Roma3) and Nicolas Atas (KU Leuven) will also participate to this project.
- **Cataloguing Project** of the Syriac Manuscripts of the Collection of the "Antonian Order of Saint Hormisd of the Chaldeans (O.A.O.C.)", inside the E-Ktobe project of the IRHT-CNRS, Paris. I went in a research mission in Erbil from the 29.01.2023 to 05.02.2023 with the French team of the IRHT (head of the mission prof. André Binggeli).
- **Critical Edition in progress** of the "Book of Chastity" attributed to Isho'dnah of Basra (9th century), for Brill Publisher (Eastern Christian Text), a three-year project (2022-2025). I am the team leader of the research group composed by Carlo E. Biuzzi, Christelle Jullien (CeRMI-CNRS, Paris), Florence Jullien (CeRMI-CNRS, Paris), Giorgia Nicosia (UGent), supervised by Sabino Chialà (Monastic Community of Bose, Italy), prof. Vittorio Berti (University of Padua) and prof. Emiliano Fiori (Ca' Foscari University of Venice).

- **Member of the Geographical project “Quante Padova?”** supervised by prof. Andrea Pasa (University of Padua) and prof. Silvia Piovan (University of Padua), on the study and the editing of volumes on the geography of the city of Padua. I am writing some chapters and editing the volume with Francesco Vezzani (University of Udine).
- **Publishing Project of a volume on East Syrian Monasticism** related to Thomas of Marga and the Church of the East in the 9th century, to be published for the series of Ca’Foscari University of Venice, under the supervision of prof. Vittorio Berti (University of Padua) and prof. Emiliano Fiori (Ca’Foscari University of Venice). I am the team leader of a research group of students and junior scholars composed by Carlo E. Biuzzi, Michael D. Ethington (University of Padua), Anna Giaconia (University of Padua) and Alessandro Zampieri.

PRIZES AND GRANTS

Grant for a Short Stay Abroad, assigned by FWO for my research mission in Erbil (Iraq), between November and December 2023.

Mary K. Seibel Fellowship, awarded by the Beth Marduto Syriac Institute (New Jersey, US), to work inside the Simtho Project (August-November 2022).

Mille e una Lode, merit scholarship awarded by the University of Padua to the students with the top grades in the whole university (obtained 2019 for the academic year 2017-2018).

Mille e una Lode, merit scholarship awarded by the University of Padua to the students with the top grades in the whole university (obtained 2018 for the academic year 2016-2017).

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

2023

- Didactic tutor of the Syriac Basic and Intermediate Course of the University of Ghent (ongoing course inside the Ghent Centre of Late Antiquity GCLA)
- Research period as Cataloguer of Syriac Manuscript in Ankawa (Erbil, Iraq), working on the Collection of the “Antonian Order of Saint Hormizd of the Chaldeans (O.A.O.C.)”, inside the E-Ktobe project of the IRHT-CNRS, Paris (29.01.2023 to 05.02.2023 with the French team of the IRHT, directed by prof. André Binggeli).
- Lexical Taggers of the Sedra Project (The Beth Marduto Syriac Institute, New Jersey US), under the supervision of prof. George A. Kiraz, from April 2022;

2022

- Collaboration with the Organizing Committee of the 13th Symposium Syriacum and the 11th Congress of Christian Arabic Studies (Paris, INALCO, July 2022);

- Didactic tutor of the Syriac Basic and Intermediate Course of the University of Padua and Ca'Foscari University of Venice, under the supervision of Vittorio Berti and Emiliano Fiori (20 hours of teaching activity between March and April 2022);
- Codicological and Palaeographical analysis project at IRHT-CNRS Paris of the Syriac manuscripts of the BnF (E-Ktobe), from January to July 2022;
- Content Reviewer and Linguistic Analyst for Peeters Publishers (Leuven, BE), in cooperation with the GREgORI Project (UCLouvain, BE), for the analysis of the Ephrem's yriac corpus, from May 2022 to December 2022;
- Machine Learning Supervisor and Digital Humanities for Syriac Studies in the Beth Mardutho Institute (New Jersey, US), inside the Simtho Project (an online *thesaurus* of the Syriac texts and works), under the supervision of George A. Kiraz, from August 2022 to December 2022.

2020 to the present

- Co-founder of the Student Initiative "Archetypon Project", actively engaged in the study of the notion of Archetype between literature and philosophy, in cooperation with the Department of Linguistic and Literary Studies of the University of Padua.

2020-2021

- University tutor for the Bachelor Degree in History and for the Master Degree in Historical Sciences;
- Member of the Guaranty Central Committee of the University of Padua for the promotion of its communication with students and its presence on social networks.

2018-2021

- Student representative at the Academic Senate of the University of Padua, also participating at the Constituent Assembly of the University of Padua in 2020;
- Student representative at the Department of History and Historical Sciences' council;
- Student representative at the Students' Council;
- Student representative at the Didactic Commission;
- Member of the work group "Nova Didaxis" focused on innovation in didactic and financed by the University of Padua;
- University tutor, being awarded of the "Mille e una lode" scholarship.

2018 to the present

- Co-founder of the Student Initiative "Ars Militaris", actively engaged in the study of the History of Conflicts, Violence and War, in cooperation with the Department of Historical, Geographical and Antiquity Sciences of the University of Padua.

2016 to the present

- Member of the Organizing Committee of the Student Initiative "Incontrando Dante", actively engaged in the study of Dante Alighieri and the Divine Comedy, in cooperation with the Department of Linguistic and Literary Studies of the University of Padua.

SOFT SKILLS

Open Badge Unipd for Student Representative by the University of Padua (after three years of student representative activity) certifies:

- teamwork;
- critical analysis of a problem or a situation;
- overview of the organization and how the university works;
- interpersonal communication;
- public speaking and drawing up documents relevant to the role of student representative (public speaking and writing);
- awareness of the importance of the role of student representative;
- how to be a responsible student representative;

ASSOCIATIONS

Member of the Associazione Italiana di Studi Siriaci – Syriaca from 2021.

Member of the Société d'études syriaques (SES) from 2022.

PUBLICATIONS

Edited-published

2023

Giovanni Gomiero, Carlo E. Biuzzi, “Répertoire des manuscrits de droit en syriaque”, in V. Berti, M. Debié, *Le droit en monde syriaque*, Études Syriaques 18 (Paris : Geuthner, 2023), 415-490.

Giovanni Gomiero, Francesco Vezzani, “Una breve storia della mobilità in territorio patavino dall’Antichità all’Ancien Régime”, in A. Pase, P. Giaretta, *Quante Padova? Un viaggio nello spazio e nel tempo tra i quartieri di Padova* (Padova: Edizioni Bette, 2023), 219-255.

Francesco Vezzani, Giovanni Gomiero, “La mobilità patavina in Età Contemporanea”, in A. Pase, P. Giaretta, *Quante Padova? Un viaggio nello spazio e nel tempo tra i quartieri di Padova* (Padova: Edizioni Bette, 2023), 257-293.

2022

M. Marciak, P. Głogowski, B. Szypuła, T. Pirowski, G. Gomiero, *Gaugamela in the Plains of Nineveh? The Southern Location of the Battle of Gaugamela Reconsidered*, *Anabasis. Studia Classica et Orientalia* 11 (Rzeszów: Rzeszów University Press, 2022), 60-110.

2021

Chiara Barbati, Vittorio Berti (eds.), *Iraniate and Syriac Christianity (5th-11th Centuries) in late antiquity and the early Islamic period*, Veröffentlichungen zur Iranistik 87 (Wien: Verlag der österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften 2021). (I have edited the index at the end of the volume).

Submitted-forthcoming

Vittorio Berti, Giovanni Gomiero, *A (Christian) Land behind Mosul, according to Syriac Sources*, Land of Nineveh Project (submitted / forthcoming).

Carlo E. Biuzzi, Giovanni Gomiero, *Bibliographie des sources du droit en syriaque*, for the volume *Le droit en syriaque*, in the collection of Etudes Syriaques, Geuthner, Paris, 2023 (submitted / forthcoming).

Giovanni Gomiero, "Writing an East-Syrian monastic history through an abbot and his successors: the Historical Memra on the Monastery of Bet Qoqa (early 9th century)", in J. Verheyden and S. Inowlocki, *Cambridge Handbook for Collective Biography* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2024) (submitted).

Giovanni Gomiero, "Evagrius in Thomas of Marga: an annotated analysis of the evagrian quotations in the Book of Superiors (850 ca.)", in D. Michelson, M. Poiani, *Evagre en Orient* (Turnhout: Brepols, 2024) (submitted).

Giovanni Gomiero, "Riflessioni ed esperimenti di metodo storiografico nelle opere di Tommaso di Marga: annotazioni sull'utilizzo e sulla traduzione del termine šarba", *Annali di Scienze Religiose* (submitted, 2024).

Giovanni Gomiero, "The most ancient manuscript witness to the *Paradise of the Fathers* (CPB 464, olim Mosul 810 and Scher Mosul 94): a new description and some preliminary remarks", *Hugoye* (submitted, 2024).

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

2023

Giovanni Gomiero, *The Greek-Egyptian "reading revolution" within East-Syrian Monasticism (6-7th c.). The longue durée of an intellectual reform as told by Thomas of Marga (9th c.)*, Translating Byzantium and Byzantium Translating (2-3 June 2023, Wien AU).

Giovanni Gomiero, "While one brother was a writer, the other was a bookbinder": literary activity and East Syrian monks in Thomas of Marga's works (9th c.), TETRA Seminars (28 August 2023, online, organized by KU Leuven and Universiteit Gent BE).

2022

Giovanni Gomiero, *The 'Book of Superiors' by Thomas of Marga: historiographic and hagiographic needs in IX century Eastern monasticism*, 13th Symposium Syriacum (4-8th July 2022, Paris FR).

Giovanni Gomiero, *A "strong" Christian community in the 8th century Northern Iraq? Clashes between religions and institutions in the 'History of Rabban Cyprian and Rabban Gabriel' of Thomas of Marga (9th century)*, Christians Group Formation under the Abbasid 750-1000 (27-28th September 2022, Cambridge UK).

Giovanni Gomiero, *Un'agiografia monastica siro-orientale dal IX secolo: la 'Storia di Cipriano e Gabriele' di Tommaso di Marga*, Giornata di Studi dell'Associazione Italiana di Studi Siriaca (Syriaca) (19th November 2022, Padua IT).

Carlo E. Biuzzi – Michael D. Ethington – Anna Giaconia – Giovanni Gomiero – Alessandro Zampieri, *La perfezione monastica nel 'Libro dei Superiori': traduzione e commento collettivi della vita di Elia del Muqan (810 ca.)*, Giornata di Studi dell'Associazione Italiana di Studi Siriaca (Syriaca) (19th November 2022, Padua IT).

Giovanni Gomiero, *A monastic history through the list of miracles of the abbots: the Northern Iraq between 7th and 9th century in the 'History of the Monastery of Sabrisho of Bet Qoqa'*, Collective Biographies from Antiquity to the Early Medieval Times (12-14th December 2022, Leuven BE).

Attended conference (not as speaker)

"Documenter les défis du miaphysisme tardo-antique" (17-18 March 2022, organized by Philippe Blaudeau, Angers FR), **"Historiography and Life Writing in the Late Antique World"** (15-17 June 2022, organized by Karl Dahm, London UK), **"Évagre en orient. Novae a(m)bitiones"** (22-23 June 2022, organized by Michele Cutino and Matteo Poiani, Strasbourg FR), **"24th International Congress of Byzantine Studies"** (22-27th August, Padua and Venice IT), **"XXVIII Convegno ecumenico internazionale di spiritualità ortodossa. S. Isacco di Ninive e il suo insegnamento spirituale"** (6-9 September 2022, Monastic Community of Bose, Magnano IT), **"All Who Encounter This Book': The Transmission and Reception of Late Antique and Medieval Texts in Syriac Manuscripts"** (14-16 December 2022, organized by Marion Pragt and Joseph Verheyden, Leuven BE), **"Exploring Late Antiquity, OIKOS Workshop"** (10 and 24 May 2022, organized by Daniëlle Sloopjes, Amsterdam NL and Gent BE), **"The Greek Sources of East-Syriac Mysticism: a Journey through Texts and Thoughts"** (26-28 June 2023, organized by Valentina Duca and Joseph Verheyden, Leuven BE), **"XXIX Convegno ecumenico internazionale di spiritualità ortodossa. La Sapienza del deserto: i Detti dei Padri e delle Madri"** (5-8 September 2022, Monastic Community of Bose, Magnano IT), **"19^e Table Ronde des Études Syriaques"** (10 November 2023, organized by Alice Croq and Sergej Minov, Paris FR).