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PhD Student

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Education

- 2020-present PhD program in History (Ghent University) – Religions and Thought Systems (EPHE)
Research topic: History and authority in Syriac excerpt collections.
Supervisors: Prof. P. Van Nuffelen (Ghent University), Prof. M. Debié (EPHE, Paris).
Co-advisors: Dr. A. Hilkens, Dr. M. Mazzola.
- 2017-2019 M.A. in Classical Languages and Literatures and Ancient History, Padua University
Final grade: 110/110 cum laude (summa cum laude).
Dissertation: “Le Profezie dei filosofi pagani in forma abbreviate. Ḥarrān tra tradizione greca e cristianesimo siriano”. Tutor: Prof. M. Zago. Co-advisor: Prof. V. Berti.
- 2014-2017 B.A. in Studies in Literature and Philosophy – curriculum: Classics, University of Siena
Final grade: 110/110 cum laude (summa cum laude).
Dissertation: “Aristarco e i poemi del Ciclo epico: *Aethiopsis* e *Iliou Persis*”. Tutor: Prof. C. Brillante.
- 2009-2014 High School Diploma in Classical Studies, Liceo Classico Mario Cutelli, Catania
Final grade: 100/100 cum laude (summa cum laude).

Publications

- 2021 ‘Prophecies of the Pagans about Christ’, *Le Muséon*, 134, 2–3, 2021, pp. 235–81.
- Accepted *Profezie dei filosofi pagani su Cristo: le collezioni siriane. Traduzione, introduzione e note a cura di Giorgia Nicosia*, Claudiana (Testi del Vicino Oriente Antico).

Presentations and lectures

- 17.02.2023 *Excerpting and Edifying. An overview of Syriac Historiographical Miaphysite Florilegia*. Paper delivered for the *Medieval Seminar Series Lunch Lectures* of the Henri Pirrenne Institute for Medieval Studies (Ghent).
- 02.12.2022 *Forgiven but not forgotten. How historiographical excerpt collections helped shape the Miaphysite identity*. Paper for the conference: *Diesseits und jenseits der Imperien*, Bielefeld, 01-02 December 2023.
- 27.08.2022 *Some Syriac excerpts of Theodoret’s Ecclesiastical History: composition and peculiarities of the collection transmitted in ms. Vat. Syr. 145*. Paper for the 24th International Conference of Byzantine Studies, Venice-Padua, 22-27 August 2022.
- 07.07.2022 *A survey of Theodoret’s Ecclesiastical History in Syriac: testimonies, features, and aims*. Paper for the *XIII Symposium Syriacum*, Paris, 4-8 July 2022.

- 17.06.2022 *'In how many ways the heretics inflicted torments to the orthodox'. Historiography and hagiography in ms. Deir al-Surian, Syr. 28A.* Paper for the conference: *Historiography and Life Writing in the Late Antique World*, London, 15-17 June 2022.
- 18.03.2022 *Defending Orthodoxy: the historiographical excerpts of ms. BL Add. 12,154.* Paper for the conference: *Documenter les défis de l'Église miaphysite tardo-antique*, Angers, 17-18 March 2022.
- 16.02.2022 *Les collections d'extraits historiographiques en syriaque. Composition, objectifs et transmission des extraits de Socrate et Théodoret.* Seminar for the course *Christianismes orientaux 2021-2022*, EPHE.
- 25.06.2021 *Stories of Piety and Resistance: Composition, Transmission, and Narrative of the Historiographical Excerpts in Ms. Deir al-Surian 28A.* FLOS Lectures Series (University of Venice).
- 27.04.2020 *Religious beliefs and cultural practices in Harrān. From Greek rule to the Islamic conquest.* Guest lecture for the course *Capita Selecta 2019/2020- 'Eastern Christianity'*, Ghent University.
- 21.04.2020 *Syriac collections of Greek Prophecies about Christ, Text and Transmissions* Joint Research Seminar (Ghent-Leuven Universities).
- 25.11.2019 *Profezie greche in versione siriana: connessioni e tradizioni testuali*, University of Naples 'L'Orientale'.

Organized seminars & workshops

- 27.08.2022 Co-organizer of the Thematic Session *Historiographical excerpt collections in Greek, Syriac, Ethiopian, and Coptic-Arabic traditions* for the 24th International Congress of Byzantine Studies.
- 2021-present Co-convenor of the semimonthly *Text and Transmission Joint Research Seminar (TeTra)* (https://theo.kuleuven.be/en/research/research_units/ru_bible/tetra-seminar/home).

Teaching experience

- 2022-2023 Teaching assistant at Ghent University; subject: Byzantine History.
- 2020-2021 Teaching assistant at Ghent University; subject: Byzantine History.

External collaboration

- May 2022-present Collaboration with the GREgORI Project (Peeters Publishers).

Professional Affiliations

- Member of *Syriaca* - Associazione Italiana di Studi Siriaci.
- Member of the *Société d'études syriaques*.
- Member of the *Société Belge d'Études Byzantines*.
- Member of OIKOS-Onderzoeks Instituut Klassieke Oudheidstudies (National Research School in Classical Studies in the Netherlands).

Grants

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| 2022 | AIEB Grant for junior scholars to participate at the 24th International Congress of Byzantine Studies, 22-27 August 2022 Venice/Padua. |
| 2020 | Premio di laurea "Anna De Sio" 2019
(https://www.associazioneannadesio.it/hp/post.asp?r=87353772M0J35MGT4ONS) |

Stay abroad

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| 26.09-
17.10.2020 | Institut français d'archéologie orientale du Caire (IFAO). |
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Language Skills

MODERN LANGUAGES

Advanced command: English.

Good command: French, German, Dutch.

Basic command: Arabic, Spanish.

MOTHER TONGUE: Italian.

ANCIENT LANGUAGES

Advanced knowledge: Greek, Latin, Syriac.