***Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum* of**

**Davide Tacchini**

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**Education**

-2006 Ph.D. in Religious Studies at the Catholic University, Milan, Italy. I completed my course and passed the final examination on March 21, 2006. The title of my thesis is: *Radical Islamic Views of Christianity and the Western World in Early 20th Century Polemic Literature*.

-1998 Degree in Arabic Language and Literature (*Dottore in Lingua e Letteratura Araba*) [equivalent to M.A. Hons.], First Class (*110/110 magna cum laude*) obtained at the Department of Oriental Languages, Università *Ca’ Foscari*, Venice, Italy. Second Oriental Language: *Farsi*; complementary Western language: English. Total examinations passed 22, among which Arabic Language (4 annual examinations, written and oral, MSA and Lebanese colloquial), Islamic Studies (3 annual examinations), History of Near and Middle East, Islamic Philosophy, Semitic Philology, Italian Literature etc.

**Other Courses and Certificates**

*Cultural Facilitator* professional course (800 hours) at the Catholic University, Milan. Final exam evaluation 100/100 (Year 2000)**,**

*DITALS-2* Certificate for Teaching Italian as a Foreign Language. University of Siena (2017).

**Languages**

Italian (mother tongue)

English (fluent, read, written and spoken), I obtained a standard qualification: *I.E.L.T.S. British Council* Certificate of Proficiency.

Arabic (M.S.A.: fluent, read and spoken, Egyptian Colloquial, Good, Lebanese Colloquial, Basic).

French (very good, read and spoken, good, written)

German (Basic, read and spoken -in development-)

Spanish (Good, read and spoken)

Persian-*Farsi*- (basic, read and spoken)

Latin (Good working knowledge)

**Teaching and Working Experience**

Current positions:

-Coordinator of the Ph.D. Program “Religion, Conflict, Reconciliation”, at the Jena Center for Reconciliation Studies, Friedrich-Schiller University, Jena, Germany ,

-Research Associate, “Academic Alliance for Reconciliation in the Middle East and North Africa” PhD program, Friedrich-Schiller Universität, Jena, Germany.

-Member of the Scientific Committee: “I.A.R.S., International Association for Reconciliation Studies”

-Editor in Chief and Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal: “Reconciliation Studies”

-Adjunct Professor of Arabic Language, University of Parma, Italy.

-2021, January-2022, October: Associate Coordinator of the Ph.D. Program “Religion, Conflict, Reconciliation”, at the Jena Center for Reconciliation Studies, Friedrich-Schiller University, Jena, Germany and Research Associate, “Academic Alliance for Reconciliation in the Middle East and North Africa” PhD program, Friedrich-Schiller Universität, Jena, Germany.

-2018, January-2020, December, Research Fellow & Project Coordinator at the Jena Center for Reconciliation Studies, Friedrich-Schiller University, Jena, Germany (Graduate courses taught: *Reconciliation in the different religious traditions* -teaching coordinator-, *Reconciliation Case Studies* -teaching coordinator- Undergraduate Courses Taught: *Introduction to Islam*, *Religion and Violence*, *Arabic for Beginners*).

-2017, April-current position, Adjunct Professor of Arabic Language and Literature ,University of Parma, Italy,

-Since 2009: *Cultore della Materia*, (Ph.D. Candidates Supervision, MA Theses reviews, Exams), the Catholic University, Milan, Italy -currently inactive-.

-Since 2005, *L’Ippogrifo, Soc. Coop. Sociale*, President*. L’Ippogrifo* is a Co-operative Ngo which has been active in the welcoming of refugees and asylum seekers and in the field of inter-cultural facilitation for the past 20 years in Northern Italy.

-2015-2019: Sometimes Lecturer (Islam, Modernity and National Security), The State Correction Officers National Schools, Cairo Montenotte, Parma, Sassari, Nuoro, Italy.

-2011-2017: SPRAR-SIPROIMI project Coordinator. SPRAR-SIPROIMI is a National project for the reception of Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Northern Italy (after I moved to Germany I have maintained the role of “supervisor”).

-2008-2009: Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT, USA. Visiting Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations (Courses Taught: “Islam in Contemporary Western Europe”, ”Modern and Contemporary Islamic Thought”, “Introduction to the study of Religion”)

-2008, Winter-Spring Semester: Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT, USA. Visiting Scholar (Islamic Studies).

-2004-2008: Lecturer of Islamic Studies at the Faculty of Theology at *Collegio Alberoni*, *Pontifical University of S. Thomas*, (100 hours per year, undergraduate courses taught: *Introduction to Islam/History of Islam, Qur’anic Studies, History of Christian-Muslim Relations*).

-2005-2008: Arabic Language Teacher at *Centro Studi Orientali* (Oriental Studies Center) in Cremona, Italy. Beginner and Advanced Levels (60 hours per level).

-2001-2008: Intercultural Facilitator (with teaching activity required -more than 50 hours per year-) at the Municipality of Piacenza, Italy, at the municipal centre for immigrants.

1999-2008, Arabic language Teacher at *C.T.P. Calvino* [Centre run by Public Education Authority]. Teaching mainly at beginners’ level (40 hours per annum).

1999-2002 Teacher of Italian as a Foreign Language at various institutions and schools in Northern Italy, specifically oriented to students whose mother tongue was Arabic. (*ECAP*, *ECIPAR*, *ITARD*, *IAL*, etc., more than 100 hours per year).

**Publications**

**Books**

-Tacchini, D. - Turner, A., *Islam and Democracy, Muslim Voices Amongst Us*, Milan-London, Mimesis International, 2019, pp. 214.

-Tacchini, D., *Radicalismo islamico, Il diario del soggiorno di Sayyid Qutb, negli Stati Uniti dal 1948 al 1950*, Milano, Obarrao Editore, 2015, pp. 162.

*-*Tacchini, D., *Sharh al-luġa al-‘arabiyya li’l-ītāliyyīn*, *Guida alla comprensione dei fondamenti della lingua araba con suggerimenti per migliorare la didattica dell’italiano agli studenti arabofoni* (Introduction to Arabic Language, how to teach Italian to Arabic native speakers), in “Quaderni del Centro Studi”, ed. Comune di Cremona, Associazione Centro Studi e Ricerche Sociali, 2006, pp. 97.

**Edited Books**

-Tacchini, D., Barakat, Z., Leiner, M., Dajani, I. (eds), *Reconciliation and Refugees*, *the Academic Alliance for Reconciliation Studies in the Middle East and North Africa I*, RIPAR (Research in Peace and Reconciliation) Series, Göttingen/Germany, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht , 2022.

-Tacchini, D., Angelucci, A., Bombardieri, M., Cuciniello, A. (eds), *Chiesa e Islam in Italia, Incontro e Dialogo*, EDB Editore, Bologna 2019, pp. 184.

-Tacchini, D., Angelucci, A., Bombardieri, M. (eds), *Islam e Integrazione in Italia*. (Islam and Integration in Italy), Milan-Venice, Marsilio Editore, 2014, pp. 166.

**Peer Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters**

Tacchini, D.-Turner, A., *Islam and Democracy: The Voice of Western Muslims*, in Barakat, Z.-Münchov, T, Wüstenberg, R. (eds), “Islam and Democracy: Law, Gender and the West”, Darmstadt, WBG Academic, 2022, pp. 133-148.

# -Tacchini, D., *Heritage, Social Inclusion, Refugees and Reconciliation with your Past: a Multidisciplinary Approach*, in Dajani, I. – Leiner, M. (eds),“Reconciliation, Heritage and Social Inclusion in the Middle East and North Africa”, New York, Springer Cham, 2022, pp. 155-171.

-Tacchini, D., *Migration and the Need for Reconciliation in Contemporary Europe*, in Tacchini, D., Barakat, Z., Leiner, M., Dajani, I.,(eds) “Reconciliation and Refugees, the Academic Alliance for Reconciliation Studies in the Middle East and North Africa I”, RIPAR (Research in Peace and Reconciliation) Series, Göttingen/Germany, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht , 2022.

-Tacchini, D., Barakat, Z., Leiner, M., Dajani, I., *Introduction*, in Tacchini, D., Barakat, Z., Leiner, M., Dajani, I.,(eds) “Reconciliation and Refugees, the Academic Alliance for Reconciliation Studies in the Middle East and North Africa I”, RIPAR (Research in Peace and Reconciliation) Series,Göttingen/Germany. Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht , 2022.

-Tacchini, D., *Migration and Reconciliation in the 21st Century*, in “Annali di Scienze Religiose” (ASR 13) 2020, Brepols Publishers, pp. 159-180, 10.1484/J.ASR.5.121726.

-Tacchini, D., *La figura dell’Imam dall’Islam classico alla situazione italiana contemporanea*, inTacchini, D., Angelucci, A., Bombardieri, M., Cuciniello, A. (eds), *Chiesa e Islam in Italia, Incontro e Dialogo*, EDB Editore, Bologna 2019, pp. 43-60.

-Tacchini, D., *Italy*, in “Yearbook of Muslims in Europe” Vol. 12, Leiden-Boston, Brill, 2021, pp. 376-392.

-Tacchini, D., *Italy*, in “Yearbook of Muslims in Europe” Vol. 11, Leiden-Boston, Brill, 2020, pp. 360-378.

-Tacchini, D., *Italy*, in “Yearbook of Muslims in Europe” Vol. 10, Leiden-Boston, Brill, 2019, pp. 360-377.

-Tacchini, D., *Italian Islam, Imam and Mosque Today*, in D. Pratt, J. Hoover, J. Davies, J. Chesworth (eds), *The Character of Christian-Muslim Encounter, Essays in Honour of David Thomas*, Leiden, Brill, 2015.

-Tacchini, D., *L’Imam*, in “Schede per l’islam in Italia”, September 2016, available online at

(http://www.chiesacattolica.it/ecumenismo/siti\_di\_uffici\_e\_servizi/ufficio\_nazionale\_per\_l\_ecumenismo\_e\_il\_dialogo\_interreligioso/00071150\_Schede\_per\_una\_conoscenza\_piu\_approfondita\_dell\_Islam.html

-Tacchini, D., Turner, A., *Islam and Democracy: Voices of Muslims Amongst Us* in Mattson, I., Nesbitt-Larkin, P. and Nawaz, T. (ed.), *Religion and Representation: Islam and Democracy*, Cambridge, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2015. pp. 228-242.

-Tacchini, D., *L’Imam, questo sconosciuto. Chi è e cosa fa*, in Angelucci, A., Bombardieri, M., Tacchini, D., *Islam e Integrazione in Italia*, Milan-Venice 2014, Marsilio Editore, pp. 115-131.

-Tacchini, D., *Islam, Mosques and Islamic Centers in the United States of America*, in Allievi, S. (Ed.) Mosques in Europe. Why a solution has become a problem. London, Alliance Publishing Trust, 2011 pp. 373-381.

-Tacchini, D., *Paul, the One Whom Christians Call Apostle. A Journey Through Muslim Anti-Pauline Polemic*, in B. Pirone, E. Bolognesi (ed), *San Paolo letto da Oriente*, Studia Orientalia Christiana Monographiae 18, The Franciscan Centre of Christian Oriental Studies, Musky, Cairo / Edizioni Terra Santa, Milano, 2010, pp. 219-236.

-Tacchini, D., *Paul the Forgerer, Classical and Modern Radical Muslim Views of the Apostle of Tarsus*, in “Islamochristiana”, 34, (2008), pp. 129-147.

-Tacchini, D., *Islamic Apologetic and Polemic Against the West, Prospects of Dialogue*, in “Proceedings of the International Conference *Western Islam, “New” Muslims Between Tradition and Modernity”*,held in Piacenza, Italy on April 21, 2007, “Annali di Scienze Religiose”, December (2) 2009.

*-*Tacchini, D., *Islam and Christianity: Prospects of Dialogue in the West*, *(with Select Bibliography)* In “Proceedings of the International Conference *Western Islam, “New” Muslims Between Tradition and Modernity”*,held in Piacenza, Italy on April 21, 2007, “Annali di Scienze Religiose”, December (2) 2009.

-Tacchini, D., Busnelli, P. *Commented Translation from Arabic to Italian:* Farouk, W., *Kayfa Yumārisu al-Muslimūna al-Ḥadātha wa yarfuḍūnahā fī nafs al-waqt* (How Muslims live modernity and refuse to accept it at the same time), in “Proceedings of the International Conference *Western Islam, “New” Muslims Between Tradition and Modernity”*,Piacenza, 21 Aprile 2007, Annali di Scienze Religiose, December (2) 2009.

*-*Tacchini, D., *Paolo il falsificatore, visioni islamiche radicali dell’Apostolo di Tarso*, in “Annali di scienze religiose”, 10/2005, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milano.

**Other Publications**

-Tacchini, D., *Perchè il Belgio?* (why Belgium?) In *Piacenzasera.it,* March 23, 2016, available online:   
[http://piacenzasera.it/editoriali/perche-belgio-come-reagire-ora-](http://piacenzasera.it/editoriali/perche-belgio-come-reagire-ora-/)intervento.jspurl?IdC=1093&IdS=1093&tipo\_padre=0&tipo\_cliccato=0&id\_prodotto=66633&css=homepage.css

-Tacchini, D., *Rifugiati, Richiedenti Asilo, Migranti, l’importanza dei termini* (Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Migrants. The Importance of Language), in “Libertà”, October 10, 2015, p. 51.

-Tacchini, D., *Insieme con i musulmani europei possiamo sconfiggere il terrorismo* (together with European Muslims we can beat terror), in *piacenzasera.it* , January 8, 2015, available online [www.piacenzasera.it.](http://www.piacenzasera.it./)

-Tacchini, D., *Quale futuro per l’Egitto? I Fratelli Musulmani sono incompatibili con il potere* (Which Future for Egypt? The Muslim Brothers and their Incompatibility with Power), in Libertà, September 1, 2013, p. 1 n 7.   
-Tacchini, D., *Ripensare il Diritto d’Asilo, un’occasione importante per Piacenza* (Rethinking Asylum, an Important Occasion for for Piacenza), in “Libertà”, December 15, 2012, p. 1 and 7.

-Tacchini, D., *La Democrazia di Ramadan* (The Democracy of Ramadan), in “Libertà”, August 21, 2012 p. 1 and 6.

-Tacchini, D., *La Primavera del Cairo* (Cairo’s Spring), in “Dialogo”, XX, 3-4, April-May, 2011, p. 4-5.

-Tacchini, D., *Dall’accoglienza al dialogo. L’omelia del Card. Carlo Maria Martini vent’anni dopo* (From Welcome to Dialogue, Card. Martini’s homily 20 years later), in Libertà, January 5, 2011, p. 10-11.

-Tacchini, D., *The World is on the Move (il mondo è in movimento), le sfide della scuola italiana in occasione della giornata europea del dialogo interculturale* (The Challenges of the Italian School System in Occasion of the European Day of Intercultural Dialogue), in *“*Libertà”, October 7, 2010, p. 1-7.

-Tacchini, D., *Integrazione: bisogna meritarla* (Integration Should Be Deserved), In “Libertà”, Sept. 20, 2009, p. 1-6.

-Tacchini, D., *Moschee in Città, Islam “Nuovo”* (Urban Mosques, ta “new” Islam) in “Libertà”, Sept. 17, 2009, p. 16.

-Tacchini, D., *L’efficacia della comunicazione interculturale in una società multietnica* (the effectiveness of intercultural communication in a multi-ethnic society), with Martino Pillitteri, available on line.

http://212.239.18.53/DotNetNuke/Portals/12/materiali/Report%20seminario%20sulla%20comunicazione%20interculturale.pdf , 2008.

-Tacchini, D., *L’islam fra tradizione e modernità* (Islam, tradition and modernity), in “Libertà”, April 21, 2007.

-Tacchini, D., Translation from French into Italian of 40 terms of the *Dictionnaire du Coran* (ed. Laffont), *Dizionario del Corano*, Milano 2007, Arnoldo Mondadori Editore. Among the terms I have translated: *Allāh*, *Connaissance*, *Création*, *Ka‘ba*, *Prière Canonique*, *Pilliers de l’Islam*, *Résurrection*.

-Tacchini, D., *Storie di donne che hanno detto no* (Stories of women who said no), interview, in “Il nuovo Giornale”, September 2006.

-Tacchini, D., *L’islam di oggi fra religione e impegno politico* (Present-day Islam between Religion and Politics), in “Libertà”, February 2, 2006.

-About 20 Book Reviews between 2008 and 2020, published by *The Muslim World, Annali di Scienze Religiose*, and others.

**Forthcoming Publications**

-Tacchini, D., “Reconciliation in the Qur’ān and the Muslim Tradition, an Underestimated Resource”, in Dajani, M. et al., *Conflict Resolution Approaches*, Jerusalem, Wasatia Publishing, 2022, currently being printed.

-Tacchini, D., Ferrari, F., Gurstein, B. (eds), *Reconciliation, Ethics, Religion Festschrift for Martin Leiner‘s 60th Birthday*, accepted for Publication, due to appear in late 2023.

-Tacchini, D., Celik, N., *Italy and Turkey, Compared Approaches to the Pandemic*, P.A.R.C. Think Tank Paris Publications.

**Organized Conferences and Public Events**

-March 18, 2022, *Ucraina 2022, La Guerra in Europa* (Ukraine 2022, the War in Europe), with Giorgio Cella (the Catholic Univ. of Milan), Sergio Ferri (Photographer), Paolo Rebecchi (ANPAS NGO Coordinator)

-October 2, 2021, *Afghanistan 20 Years Later, the Reasons for the New Rise of the Talibans*, Public Lecture organized after the new power change in Afghanistan and the recent forced migration of Afghani Citizens towards Europe. Participants. Heela Najibullah (Univ. of Zürich), Ghulam Raza Ramazani (Piacenza) and Myself.

-June 20, 2018: *Srebrenica Refugees, Never Forget*, International Conference organized on the UN World Refugee Day. Participants: H.E. The Grand Mufti Emeritus of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mustafa Cerić, Lara J. Nettelfield (Columbia University), Šemso Osmanović (Univ. of Trieste) and myself.

-December 15, 2012: *Rethinking Asylum in the 21st Century* ([www.rethinking-asylum.net](http://www.rethinking-asylum.net/)) In collaboration with the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees). Participants: Matthew Gibney (Oxford Centre for Refugee Studies), Anna Rowlands (King’s College, London), Juergen Humburg (UNHCR), Daniela di Capua (SPRAR Italy National Director) and myself.

-April 10, 2010, International Conference: *Ecumenical Perspectives of the Dialogue with Islam*, in partnership with the Milan Catholic University, and the *Scuola di Formazione Teologica* (National Theological Formation Institute). Participants: Radko Popov (University of Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria), Nicolas Mumejian (Duke University, USA), Paolo Branca (Milan Catholic University), Paolo Nicelli (PIME, Milan) and myself.

-April 21, 2007, International Conference: *Western Islam, “New” Muslims Between Tradition and Modernity*, in partnership with the Milan Catholic University and the *Provincial Commission for Inter-Religious Dialogue.* Participants: Gamal al-Banna (Cairo University), Wa’il Faruq (American University in Cairo), Senad Bajramović (University of Zagreb), Paolo Branca (Milan Catholic University), Stefano Allievi (University of Padua) and myself.

-2005 and 2006, Series of Lectures: *Islam and Christianity: Mutual Knowledge for a Deeper Dialogue*, promoted by the *Provincial Commission for Inter-Religious Dialogue*. Participants: Paolo Branca (Milan Catholic University). Francesco Zannini (P.I.S.A.I., Rome), Ida Zilio-Grandi (University of Genoa), Angelo Scarabel (University of Venice) and myself.

**Other Related Activities**

-2019 June – September: coordination of the writing of a funding proposal for the foundation of a Maria-Sibylla Merian Center for Advanced Studies in the Middle East with the *Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung*. The project involved German institutions (DAI Berlin, IMW Fraunhofer Leipzig, Tx Architekten, Berlin), the University of Jordan, Amman, Petra University, Amman, OIB Beirut, the University of Tunis, University Tunis El-Manar, Université de la Manouba and Az-Zaytuna University.

-2012-2017, *CMR1900 Project*: I have been part of the *Christian-Muslim Relations: a Bibliographical History* project as the person in Charge of Italy, Papal State and Malta. The project was based at the Department of Theology and Religion at the University of Birmingham, and was funded by the Arts & Humanities Research Council (AHRC). Its results are being published by Brill as part of the *Christian-Muslim Relations. A Bibliographical History* series edited by David Thomas and John Chesworth. CMR1900 brought together the known writings by Christians and Muslims about one another and against one another in the period 1500-1900. Its scope is global, aiming to identify and analyze these works in the different areas of the world.

-2009-present, I am currently part of the scientific committee of the *Inter-University Center for Cultures, Law and Religion* (the Former *International Forum for Democracy and Religion*, FIDR, see below), which has set up the first experimental formation course for Muslim Religious Leaders ever organized in Italy. Among the promoters of this unique initiative are the Italian Ministry of Interior, the American Consulate in Milan, the FIDR (International Forum for Democracy and Religion), the Catholic University and the State University of Milan, the universities of Padua and the one of Eastern Piedmont.

2009-2011, member of the team of scholars which has organized the so called *Qur’anic-Biblical Atélier* (Atélier Biblico Coranico, ABC, in Italian). This project involved young Italian Catholics, Muslims and Jews in an academic and practical interaction on the example of the so called *B.A.P. (Building Abrahamic Partnerships)* at Hartford Seminary ([www.hartsem.edu/ACADEMIC/bap/bap.htm](http://www.hartsem.edu/academic/bap/bap.htm)) or of some of the activities organized by the IFYC ([www.ifyc.org](http://www.ifyc.org/)) in Chicago, IL.

-I have acted as a consultant on numerous projects concerning language learning and introductory courses on Italian culture for Arab-speaking immigrants in the past 15 years and as an interpreter and translator in Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Egypt, Kuwait, collaborating with a team of exporters in my hometown’s area.

**Main Lectures** (selection among over 200)

-16 February 2023, Hartford, CT (Hartford International University for Religion and Peace), Public Lecture / Book Talk: *Reconciliation and Refugees*.

-28 September 2022, Paris, France, PARC (Paris Advanced Research Center), Public Lecture: *The New Italian Government: Center-Right or Far-Right? Is Italy in need of Reconciliation?*

-18 August 2022, Washington, DC (Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University). I.A.R.S. International Association for Reconciliation Studies Annual Meeting, My lecture: *Human Mobility, Forced Migration and Reconciliation in the 21st Century.*

-8 April 2022, Jena, Germany, Book Launch “Reconciliation and Refugees” (Tacchini-Barakat-Leiner-Dajani, Vandenhoek & Ruprecht, 2022), My Lecture: *Forced Migration in the 20s of the 21st Century: an Overview*.

# -1 March 2022, London, UK (online), *ImpeTUM* Conference, *Careers, Skills and Lessons Learnt*, organized by Imperial College London and Max Planck Institute Berlin. My Lecture: *A Career in Islamic Studies, Reconciliation and Migration.*

# -21 December, 2021, Rabat, Morocco (hybrid, both online and onsite), *Al-Hokama* Center for Peace Research, International Workshop: *Idārat as-Sira‘āt wa Hall an-Nizā‘āt* (Conflict Management and Conflict Resolution), My lecture: *Reconciliation and Islam, Reflections on Cor. 49:9*, In Arabic and English.

# -12 November 2021, Jena Germany (hybrid, online and onsite), International Conference: “Interdisziplinäres Kolloquium Versöhnungsforschung 2021”, My Lecture: *New Perspectives on Reconciliation and Islam*.

-2 October 2021, Piacenza, Italy, *Afghanistan 20 Years Later*, Public Lecture with Heela Najibullah (Univ. of Zürich), and G. Raza Ramazani, my talk: *The Recent Afghani Refugees in Italy, an Unprecedented Opportunity.*

-30 Aug. 2021, Münster, Germany, European Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Panel: “Reconciliation Studies as a New Perspective in Religion and Change in Present Times”, My lecture: *Reconciliation in the Qur’an and the Muslim Tradition, an Underestimated Resource*.

-24 March 2021, Paris, France (online), PARC (Paris Advanced Research Center), Public Lecture, *Italy and COVID-19,* *A Strong Start with No Happy Ending*.

-17 November 2020, Amman, Jordan (online), “Protracted Displacement: Hopes, Perspectives and Solutions” Conference, day 4, Section 1: “Conflict and Protected Uncertainty”. My Lecture (with Martin Leiner): *Introduction to Reconciliation Studies: Alternative Approaches to Conflict Resolution.*

-24 June 2020, Jena, Germany, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität, Public Lecture (mixed format Online/Onsite), *Migration and Reconciliation in the 21st century*.

-9 October 2019, Milan, Italy, The Catholic University, International Conference: “Religious Traditions in the Face of the Crisis of Liberal System: the Case of Islam”. My lecture: *Human Mobility, Refugees and Reconciliation in the MENA Region*.

-12 June 2019, Flensburg, Germany, Europa Universität Flensburg, International Conference and Summer School: “Islam and Democracy”, my lecture: *Islam and Democracy, Muslim Voices amongst Us*.

-12 August 2018, Jena, Germany, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität, International Conference, “Reconciliation in the Middle East & North Africa: An Interdisciplinary Research”. My Lecture: *Reflections on the Hermeneutics of the Other and the Idea of Reconciliation*.

-30 June 2018, Toronto, ON, Canada, International Conference, “The Church and Migration, Global (in)difference?” My lecture: *Religion as a Consequence of (Forced) Migrations from Africa: the Reshaping of Religious Geography in Europe*.

-20 June 2018, Piacenza, Italy, International Conference: “Srebrenica Refugees, Never Forget”. With H.E. the Grand Mufti Emeritus of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mustafa Ćerić and Lara J. Nettelfield (Columbia University, NY): My Lecture: *The First Refugees in Europe and Current Asylum Seekers from Africa: Similarities and Differences*.

-7 March 2018, Bologna, Italy, European Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, My Lecture: *Muslim Leaders’ Training and Muslim Inmates in Italy and the USA. Any possible Comparison?*

-30 May 2017, Jena, Germany, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität, International Conference, “Reformation and Global Reconciliation”. My lecture: *Radical Muslim Views of Reformed Christianity, a New Perspective for Muslim-Christian Relations*.

-24 July, 2016, Hong Kong, Ming Hua College & Chinese University of Hong Kong, International Conference “Faith in China”. My Lecture: *Chinese Muslim Communities in the View of Western Mainstream Press*.

-22 May 2015, Washington, DC, USA, Georgetown University, International Conference “Theology without Borders, Celebrating the Legacy of Peter C. Phan”, My Lecture: *Training Muslims Religious Leaders in 21st Century Italy. The FIDR project.*

-13 April 2015, London, UK, University of London, BRAIS (British Association for Islamic Studies) Annual Meeting: My Lecture, together with the Hon. Amédée Turner: *Muslim Voices Amongst Us.*

-10 April 2014, Oxford, UK, Ripon College, International Conference “Hope in the Ecumenical Future”, My Lecture (together with the Hon. Amédée Turner): *Islam and Democracy as a Method of Inter-Religious Understanding.*

-2 April 2014, Erbil, Iraq, Salahuddin University, International Conference “al-Islām, al-Hadhātha wa ’s-Salām” (Islam, Modernity and Peace): My Lecture: *Al-Islām wa ’d-Dimūqrātiya: Aswāt al-Muslimīn fī ’l-Gharb*. (Islam and Democracy, Muslim Voices in the West), In Arabic.

-3 October 2013, Padua, Italy, University of Padua, *Interfaith Dialogue and Peace*. Public Lecture organized by the US Consulate in Milan in occasion of the visit of Imam M. Bashar Arafat (CECF, Notre Dame of Maryland University). My Lecture: *Introduction to Italian Islam*.

-15 December 2012, Piacenza, Italy, International Conference “Rethinking Asylum in the 21st Century, Theory and Practice”. My Lecture: *The World is on the Move: Migration as the Human Face of Globalization*.

-25 March 2012, London, ON, Canada. University of Western Ontario – Huron University College. International Conference: “Islam and Democracy, Potentials and Possibilities”. My Lecture (together with the Hon. Amédée Turner) *Voices of Muslims amongst Us*, First official presentation of our research: “Muslim Grassroots Discuss Democracy”.

-5 May 2011, Lugano, Switzerland, SUPSI, University of Italian Switzerland, Public Panel (Broadcasted on the Swiss National Television). My Lecture: *The Arab Spring, what May Cairo and Tunis Teach Us?*

-3 December, 2010, Madrid, Spain, International Conference: “Junior Researchers in Mediterranean and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures” (*Comisión jóvenes investigadores ILC CCHS CSIC*). My Lecture: *Do Muslims Refuse Modernity? How European Islam May Help Moving Forward*.

-7 December 2010, Washington, DC, USA, The Catholic University of America, Public Lecture: *The Hermeneutics of the Other and the Reification of Christian-Muslim Relations*.

-24 November 2010, Granada, Spain, International Conference, “*Ibadah*, reunion des expertos sur el papel de las universidades Occidentales sobre la imagen del Islam y de los Musulmanes en Europa”. My lecture: *Dawr al-Jāmi‘āt al-ġarbiyya fī taṭawwur al-Islām fī ūrūbbā: ta’wīl al-akhar* (The role of Western Universities in Islamic Reformation, the hermeneutics of the other). -In Arabic and Spanish-

-26 June 2009, Oxford, UK, Balliol College, Oxford University. International Conference: “Current Trends in Legal Protection of Freedom of Religion or Belief - National and International Perspectives”, My Lecture: *Muslim Places of Worship in Europe and the U.S.A.*

-6 May 2009, Hartford, CT, USA, Hartford Seminary. Public Panel: “Paulinism and the 21st Century”, My lecture: *Paul Whom the Christians Call Apostle.*

-25 February 2009, Milan, Italy, The Catholic University. International Conference: “Religion in the Public Space”, My Lecture: *Hartford Seminary, from the Missionary to the Imam.*

-12 December 2008, New Britain, CT, USA, Huseyn Center. Public Panel: my lecture delivered together with Prof. Mahmoud Ayoub: *Jesus in the Qur’ān and the Gospels.*

-18 November 2008, Hartford, CT, USA Connecticut Council For Religious Understanding. Public Panel “Islam in the 21st Century, My Lecture: *What a Billion Muslims Think.*

-6 June 2008, Istanbul, Turkey, Bilgi University, International Conference *Istanbul Seminars 2008,* My Lecture: *Hartford Seminary, Exploring Differences, Deepening Faith: from the Missionary to the Islamic Chaplain*.

-28 February 2008, Hartford, CT, USA, Hartford Seminary, Public Lecture, *Sayyid Qutb’s* America I have seen*, Mere Polemic or Something Deeper?*

-4 March 2007, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Department of World Religions, University of Dhaka. Public Lecture, delivered together with Francesco Rapacioli, O.P.: *Christian-Muslim Dialogue in Europe: an overview.*

**Memberships**

*-I.A.R.S.* International Association for Reconciliation Studies, Member of the Scientific Committee, Washington, DC, 2022. Editor in Chief of the Journal “Reconciliation Studies”. Washington, DC, 2022.

*-A.A.R.M.E.N.A*., Academic Alliance of Reconciliation Studies in the Middle East and North Africa (Founding Member), Jena, Germany, 2018.

*-Verein zur Förderung der Versöhnungsforschung und Praxis e.V*., Regular member, Jena, Germany, 2018.

## *-PL.U.R.I.E.L.* (Plateforme Universitaire de Recherche sur L’Islam en Europe et au Liban), University Research Network on Islam in Europe and Lebanon (<https://pluriel.fuce.eu/chercheur/tacchini-davide/>), Milan 2017.

## *-E.I.* Ecclesiological Investigations International Research Network, Full member (<https://ei-research.net>), Assisi 2012.

*-University Center for Culture, Law and Religions* (former International Forum Democracy and Religion), Alessandria, Italy 2009. [www.fidr.it](http://www.fidr.it)

*-A.A.R.,* American Academy of Religion, Regular member, Atlanta 2010.

<https://www.aarweb.org/AARMBR/My_Account/AAR-Member-Profile-Page/AccountPage.aspx?hkey=7a81031a-5781-440c-bc09-7d8abbf1bea1>

*-Eu.A.Re.,* European Academy of Religion, Regular member, Bologna, Italy 2018.

<https://www.europeanacademyofreligion.org>

*-C.E.I.,* Conferenza Episcopale Italiana, Commissione per l’Ecumenismo e il Dialogo Interreligioso, Gruppo di Riflessione sull’Islam in Italia. (Conference of Italian Bishops, Commission for Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue, Islam in Italy Reflection Group), Rome 2015.

<https://ecumenismo.chiesacattolica.it/category/documenti/schede-sullislam/>

*Se.Sa.Mo.* Società per gli Studi sul Medio Oriente (Society of Middle Eastern Studies), Milan 2014, [www.sesamoitalia.it](http://www.sesamoitalia.it).

**Other Activities**

I have been part of a boy scout group of the Italian Catholic Scout Association (*AGESCI*), until 2001, for 20 years, 6 of which as a troop leader. I took part in the 19th *World Scout Jamboree* in Chile in 1999 with the *International Service Group*, acting as a translator (Italian-English-Arabic-French and Spanish) and hike guide.

I participate in the Inline downhill (downhill competitions with inline skates) World Cup Circuit since 2000 winning

-A Bronze Medal in the 2003, 2007, 2010 and 2013 World Cup Overall ranking,

-Various podiums in international competitions (in Austria, USA, France, Italy, Germany and Switzerland), and

-I have been Italian National Champion in 2013 and vice-national Champion in 2005, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

I have been chosen as a member of the Italian National Team in 2012-2013-2014-2016-2018, 2019 and 2021.

-From 2005 to 2012 I have been President of *IIDA* (International Inline Downhill Association), the sanctioning body of the World Cup and association of the athletes of the discipline.

I am currently Worldskate™ Inline Downhill Chairman of the European Commission of the Discipline.

-Other than sport, I love photography. I have organized local exhibitions and have taken part in some contests at the regional level. My favorite subject is water, but I enjoy taking sport pictures, too.