

Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum

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CURRENT POSITION

2019–

Permanent Appointment as Associate Professor in Indian and Central Asian philosophy, religions and history (ASIA-01/B) at Università di Napoli L'Orientale, Dipartimento Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

2017–2019

3-year appointment as a Research Fellow in Indian and Central Asian philosophy, religions and history (ASIA-01/B) at Università di Napoli L'Orientale, Dipartimento Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo

2014–2017

Postdoctoral Fellow (Assegnista di Ricerca) in the project: 'Political Power and Religious Groups in Early Medieval India: A study of epigraphic materials and unpublished manuscripts concerning the Śaiva traditions (VI-XII cent.)' at the Università di Napoli L'Orientale. Dipartimento Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo

2015–2017

Adjunct Professor (Professore a contratto) for the Ancient and Medieval History of India at the Università di Napoli L'Orientale. Dipartimento Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo

2015–2016

Petra-Kappert-Fellow at the Universität Hamburg, Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures

2013–2015

Adjunct Professor (Professore a contratto) for the Medieval History of India at the Università di Napoli L'Orientale. Dipartimento Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo

2013–2014

Postdoctoral Fellow supported by the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (Research scholarship B1) at the Universität Hamburg, Abteilung für Kultur und Geschichte Indiens und Tibets

2013

Postdoctoral Fellow supported by the Jan Gonda Fund Foundation (Amsterdam), at the International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden

RESEARCH GRANTS

2018–2025

Principal Investigator of the ERC-2018-Starting Grant Project no. 803624: 'Translocal Identities. The Śivadharma and the Making of Regional Religious Traditions in Premodern South Asia' (SHIVADHARMA) at the Università di Napoli L'Orientale, Dipartimento Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo, Host Institution of the Project

Total amount of the grant: 1.500.000 euros

2019–2026

Scientific Coordinator for the Naples unit of the ERC-2018-Synergy Grant Project no. 809994 'The Domestication of Hindu Asceticism and the Religious Making of South and South-East Asia' (DHARMA), at the Università di Napoli L'Orientale, Dipartimento Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo, Partner Institution of the Project

Total amount of the grant: 9.820.868 euros

Amount assigned to the Naples unit: 425.228 euros

2020–2025

Principal Investigator of the Project 'Digital Tools and Language Resources for Writing the History of South Asia', financed by the Italian Ministry for University and Research within the 'FARE ricerca' framework

Total amount of the grant: 299.869 euros

FIELDS OF RESEARCH

- Political, social and doctrinal history of the religious traditions of ancient and medieval South Asia through textual and material evidence
- History of Śaivism
- Philology
- Sanskrit literature on law, society and religion
- Cultural and material aspects of the production and transmission of handwritten documents in South Asia from the early Middle Ages up to the introduction of print
- Epigraphy in Sanskrit and Kannada
- Contemporary reception of South Asian religions

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025–

Epigraphy in the Sanskrit Cosmopolis

(MA, 36 hours yearly, language of instruction: English)

History of Hinduism in South-Asian Transregional Networks

(MA, 36 hours yearly, language of instruction: English)

Storia dell'India Antica e Medievale

(BA, 54 hours yearly, language of instruction: Italian)

2022–

Doctoral seminars (*Digital tools for philologists*, overviews on grant applications, grant writing)

2020–2025*

Storia dell'India Antica e Medievale (BA, 48 hours yearly)

*During this period, I had a lower teaching load to fulfil my obligations in the management of the ERC and MUR projects

- 2017–2020** *Storia dell’India Antica e Medievale* (BA, 48 hours yearly)
Religioni e Filosofie dell’India (MA, 48 hours yearly)
Seminario di Epigrafia Indiana (BA and MA, 12 hours yearly)
- 2015–2017** *Storia dell’India Antica e Medievale* (BA, 48 hours yearly)
- 2013–2015** *Storia dell’India Medievale* (BA, 48 hours yearly)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2023–** Evaluator of research proposals for the European Research Council and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft
- 2022–** Member of the Board of the Doctoral Programme at the Dipartimento Asia Africa e Mediterraneo, Università di Napoli L’Orientale
- 2020–** Founder and Editor-in-chief of the peer-reviewed, open access monograph series *Studies on the History of Śaivism*, published by UniorPress at the Dipartimento Asia Africa e Mediterraneo, Università di Napoli L’Orientale

Supervision of doctoral students:

2024–2027 Luca Piscopo, *Microcosm and Macrocosm: Individual Action and Universal Suffering in South Asian Religious Traditions. With a critical edition and annotated translation of Śivadharmottara chapter 8, ‘On saṃsāra’*. Università di Napoli L’Orientale

2022–2026 Antonella Santoro, *Study of the epigraphic material on the relationships between Brahmanical religious institutions and political power in medieval Karnataka (10th–13th century)*. Università di Napoli L’Orientale

Co-supervision of doctoral students:

2019–2023 Dorotea Operato, *The Role of Śaivasiddhānta in the Construction of Tamil Cultural and Ethno-Linguistic Identity in the Twentieth Century Tamil Nadu with a Focus on Mu. Aruṇācalam’s Caiva Camayam*. Università di Napoli L’Orientale. Supervisor: Prof. Francesco Sferra

2018–2021 Giulia Buriola, *Rāmāyaṇa Inscribed. Tracing Vālmīki’s Epic in South Indian Inscriptions*. Sapienza Università di Roma. Supervisor: Prof. Raffaele Torella

Supervision of MA students:

2022 Antonella Santoro, *Fonti epigrafiche sulle dinastie del Karnataka medievale (X-XIII sec.)*. Università di Napoli L’Orientale

2021 Caterina Berliri, *Il culto delle dieci mahāvidyā nello śāktismo orientale e il caso-studio della mahāvidyā Tārā*. Università di Napoli L’Orientale

2020 Maria Casadei, *Studio del movimento Vīraśaiva in Karnataka e Andhra Pradesh*. Università di Napoli L’Orientale

External supervision: 2022 Alessandro Giudice, *La procedura giudiziaria del diritto indiano antico. Uno studio comparato della Vyavahāra-smṛti e dei capitoli sul vyavahāra dei Purāṇa*. Università di Pisa. Supervisor: Prof. Maria Piera Candotti

EDUCATION

- 2013** PhD program in Eurasian Studies, Specialization in Indic and Tibetan Studies (Dottorato di ricerca in Studi Euroasiatici, indirizzo in Studi Indologici e Tibetologici), University of Turin, Dipartimento di Studi Orientali, Turin (Italy). Fully funded by a scholarship of the Italian Ministry for Education Thesis defended on May 29, 2013 Title: 'Ritual Aspects of Manuscript Transmission in Premodern India: A Historical Study of Vidyādāna Through Textual Sources. With A First Critical Edition and English Translation of Śivadhamottara's Chapter Two' Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Francesco Sferra, Università di Napoli L'Orientale Co-supervisor: Prof. Dr. Peter C. Bisschop, Universiteit Leiden
- 2012 (Summer term)** Short-term research stay with scholarship (Kurzstipendium) Universität Hamburg, Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures
- 2011 (Winter term)** Short-term research stay with scholarship (Kurzstipendium) Universität Hamburg, Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures
- 2008** MA in Classics (Laurea Specialistica in Studi Classici) Università di Napoli L'Orientale Study of Classics, Indology, Sanskrit and Indo-Iranian Linguistics Thesis in Sanskrit Literature: 'Introduzione all'ermeneutica testuale. Aspetti tecnici e storico-culturali della trasmissione manoscritta nelle fonti indiane' Supervisor: Prof. Francesco Sferra, Università di Napoli L'Orientale Co-supervisor: Dr. Gérard Colas, Collège de France Final mark: Summa cum Laude
- 2004** BA in Classics (Laurea Triennale in Lettere Classiche) Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II Thesis in Ancient Greek Literature: 'Caratterizzazione mistica ed estetica del paesaggio nella poesia teocritea' Supervisor: Prof. Gioia Maria Rispoli Final Mark: Summa cum Laude

FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue	Italian	
European languages	English	Mastery of proficiency (spoken and written)
	German	Advanced operational proficiency (spoken and written)
	French	Good understanding (spoken and written)
	Latin	Highly proficient (written)
	Ancient Greek	Highly proficient (written)
South Asian languages	Sanskrit	Highly proficient
	Prakrits	Good
	Kannada	Intermediate working knowledge

COLLABORATIONS IN
SCIENTIFIC PROJECTS

2024–2030

Member of the advisory board of the ERC-2023-Synergy Grant project no. 101118934, “Mantras in Religion, Media, and Society in Global Southern Asia” (MANTRAMS). Principal Investigators: Carola Lorea (Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen), Borayin Larios (Universität Wien), Finnian M. Moore Gerety (University of Oxford)

2024–2030

External collaborator of the ERC-2023-Synergy Grant project no. 101118558, ‘Geology of Texts, Genealogy of Concepts, Intellectual Ecosystems: Mapping the Indic and Tibetan Buddhist Text Corpora’ (INTELLEXUS). Principal Investigators: Orna Almogi (Universität Hamburg), Harunaga Isaacson (Universität Hamburg), Dorji Wangchuk (Universität Hamburg), Shai Fine (Reichman University)

2019–2025

Scientific collaborator and coordinator for L’Orientale as official partner institution of the ERC-2018-Synergy Grant project no. 809994, ‘The Domestication of Hindu Asceticism and the Religious Making of South and South-East Asia’ (DHARMA). Principal Investigators: Emmanuel Francis (CNRS-CEIAS, Paris), Arlo Griffiths (EFEO, Paris), Annette Schmiedchen (Humboldt Universität, Berlin)

2018–2021

External collaborator of the ERC-2016-Advanced Grant project no. 742635, ‘The Arabic Anonymous in a World Classic’ (AnonymClassic), Freie Universität Berlin. Principal Investigator: Beatrice Gründler

2013–2016

Contributor of the *Encyclopaedia of Manuscript Cultures in Asia and Africa*, Universität Hamburg, Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures/South-Asian Group. Section editors: Dominic Godall and Harunaga Isaacson

2013–2018

Member of the Department Project ‘Edizione critica e studio di opere inedite śivaite e buddhiste in sanscrito’ Università di Napoli L’Orientale, Dipartimento Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo. Project coordinator: Francesco Sferra

2013–2017

Atelier lexicographique international *Les mots de la paix*. Project Coordinators: Sylvie Denoix (CNRS, Paris) and Michele Bernardini (Università di Napoli L’Orientale)

2012–2014

External contributor to the project ‘The intellectual and religious traditions of South Asia as seen through the Sanskrit manuscript collections of the University Library, Cambridge’. Project Coordinator: Vincenzo Vergiani

2011–2012

Member of the Department project ‘Edizione critica e studio di opere inedite buddhiste in sanscrito.’ Università di Napoli L’Orientale, Dipartimento di Studi Asiatici. Project Coordinator: Francesco Sferra

EDITORIAL BOARDS

- 2020–** Editor-in-chief of the monograph series ‘Studies on the History of Śaivism,’ published by UniorPress at the Dipartimento Asia Africa e Mediterraneo, Università di Napoli L’Orientale
- 2025–** Member of the board of the monograph series ‘Corpus Iuris Sanscriticum et Fontes Iuris Asiae Meridiana et Centralis,’ Università degli Studi di Cagliari

EXPERIENCE OF ARCHIVAL RESEARCH AND FIELDWORK

I have conducted manuscript research in person at the following institutions:

The British Library (**London**); Library of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland (**London**); Library of the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine (**London**); Cambridge University Library (**Cambridge**); Bodleian Library (**Oxford**); Bibliothèque Nationale de France (**Paris**); Archaeological Survey of India (**Delhi**); Library of the Asiatic Society (**Calcutta**); Library of the Sanskrit College (**Calcutta**); Library of the Banaras Hindu University (**Varanasi**); Government Oriental Manuscript Library (**Chennai**); Adyar Library and Research Centre (**Chennai**); Library of the Institut Français de Pondichéry (**Pondicherry**); Library of the Tiruvavaduthurai Adheenam (**Kumbakonam**); Saraswathi Mahal Library (**Thanjavur**); Indian Council of Historical Research (**Bangalore**); Oriental Research Library (**Mysore**); Library of the Kuvempu Institute for Kannada Studies (**Mysore**); Library of the Vadakke Madham Brahmaswam, Vedic Research Centre (**Thrissur**); Library of the Tantravidyāpīṭha (**Kochi**)

During my extensive research travels in India, I have conducted fieldwork for the study and documentation of inscriptions and iconography at Śaiva sites across central and northern Karnataka (areas of Shimoga, Balligavi, Badami), Tamil Nadu (areas of Pondicherry, Tiruchirappalli, Kumbakonam, and Mayiladuthurai), and Maharashtra.

LECTURES ON INVITATION

- 11/2/2026** University of Virginia, Department of Religious Studies
‘The blurred boundaries of traditions. New materials on the early history of organized religion in South Asia’
- 10/12/2025** Universität Heidelberg, South Asia Institute, lecture series *Sacred Spaces, Living Traditions: Visual and Oral Cultures of South Indian Temples*
‘Temple and Maṭha Management in Early South Asia’
- 24/2/2025** Ambasciata dell’India, Roma. *The 3rd Kashi Tamil Sangamam*
‘Agastya’s Journey: bridging North and South India’ [with Dorotea Operato]
- 5/12/2024** University of Oxford, *Boden lecture series*
‘Om namaḥ śivāya. History of a mantra’
- 6/11/2024** Universität Hamburg, Asien-Afrika-Institut. *Intellexus Guest Lecture Series*
‘Śaiva Literature: Stratigraphic Layers and Genealogical Trees’
- 5/11/2024** Universität Hamburg, Asien-Afrika-Institut. *Intellexus Guest Reading Session*

‘Mantras in the Śivadharma Universe: Readings from the *Śivadharmaśāstra*, the *Śivadharmottara* (with the commentary *Śivadharmavivarāṇa*) and the *Vāyavīyasamhitā*’

- 29/4/2024** École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Centre d’études de l’Inde et de l’Asie du Sud, Paris
‘The *Śivadharmottara* as a source for the history of Śaiva monasticism’
- 1/12/2023** École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Centre d’études de l’Inde et de l’Asie du Sud, Paris
‘Fall, Punishment, Redemption: exploring human transgressions and their ramifications in Early Śaivism’
- 26/10/2023** University of Chicago, Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations
‘Who are the Śivayogins? An answer from early Śaiva sources’
- 24/10/2023** University of Chicago, Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations [with Margherita Trento] ‘Feeding devotion. Readings from *Śivadharmottara/Civatarumōttaram 4*’
- 13/10/2023** University of Toronto, Department of Religious Studies
‘Fall, Punishment, Redemption: exploring human transgressions and their ramifications in Early Śaivism’
- 28/4/2023** Alma Mater Studiorum, Università di Bologna, Dipartimento Storia Culture Civiltà
‘The Ways of the Śivadharma. Regional Śaiva Traditions in South Asia’
- 26/4/2023** Ghent University, Faculty of Arts and Philosophy
‘Śivadharma and Early Śaivism’
- 20/2/2023** International Institute of Technology, Mumbai
‘A Place for the Śivadharma in the History of Śaivism’
- 5/12/2022** École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Centre d’études de l’Inde et de l’Asie du Sud, Paris
‘A Place for the Śivadharma in the History of Śaivism’
- 3/11/2022** Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago de Chile, *Seminario del Centro UC Estudios Asiáticos*
(online) ‘The Ways of the Śivadharma. Regional Śaiva Traditions in South Asia’
- 24/2/2022** University of Chicago, Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations
(online) ‘Gifts of Dharma. Shaping Śaiva Communities between Tradition and Innovations’
- 7/12/2021** Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna, Dipartimento Storia Culture Civiltà [with Martina Dello Buono and Chiara Livio]
‘Digital editions and the Shivadharmā: A work in progress’
- 6/12/2021** Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna, Dipartimento Storia Culture Civiltà
‘Comunità religiose e identità politiche: prospettive diacroniche dall’Asia Meridionale’

- 13/4/2021** Università di Napoli L'Orientale. *The Śivadharma Project Lecture Series*
'Purāṇic Retellings of the Śivadharmottara: The Vāyaviyasaṃhitā of the Śivapurāṇa'
- 28/1/2021** (online) Freie Universität, Berlin. Institut für Arabistik, *AnonymClassic Project Lecture Series*
'Tracing Kalīla wa-Dimna Narratives in the Indian Traditions'
- 16/11/2019** Stanford University, Center for South Asia, *Age of Vedānta Conference*
'The Many Lives of an Early Sanskrit Text'
- 16/9/2019** Humboldt Universität zu Berlin. *Dharma Project Kickoff Meeting* (16–20 September)
'Introduction to the Śivadharma Project'
- 25/10/2018** Freie Universität, Berlin. *Kalīla and Dimna – AnonymClassic Project Opening: Iterative Translation, Indirect Transmission, and IT*
'Translated Sources: The Mahābhārata Tales of Kalīla and Dimna'
- 2/5/2018** Università di Napoli L'Orientale, Dipartimento Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo.
Seminario: *La Metropoli in Asia*
'Urbanesimo e Città nell'India Antica'
- 4/8/2018** Università di Napoli L'Orientale. Ciclo di conferenze *Religioni e Identità*
'Le Radici dell'Hinduismo'
- 24/11/2017** Alma Mater Studiorum, Università di Bologna, Dipartimento Storia Culture Civiltà
'Testo, potere e fonte storica nella cultura materiale dell'India Antica'
- 24/7/2017** Tokyo, Taishō University, Department of Buddhist Studies
'The Śivadharma in the Religious Landscape of Early Medieval India'
- 17/7/2017** Kyoto, Ryukoku University. *RINDAS 1st Traditional Indian Thought Seminar*
'Teachings on Yoga in the Śivadharma Corpus'
- 6/4/2017** Università La Sapienza, Roma, Dipartimento Istituto Italiano di Studi Orientali
'Of Gods and Books, with introduction by Raffaele Torella'
- 29/9/2016** Universiteit Leiden, *Śivadharma Workshop: Manuscripts, Editions, Perspectives* (26–30 September)
'The Jñānayoga in the Śivadharmottara'
- 19/5/2015** Università di Napoli L'Orientale, Dipartimento Asia Africa e Mediterraneo
'Rivelazione divina e critica testuale nei testi religiosi in sanscrito'
- 7/5/2015** Università La Sapienza, Roma, Dipartimento Istituto Italiano di Studi Orientali
'«Il libro di Śiva». Usi e funzioni del manoscritto nel rituale tantrico śivaita e viṣṇuita'
- 10/4/2015** Universität Hamburg, Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures
'The Throne of Knowledge. Manuscripts in Medieval Tantric Ritual'
- 5/3/2015** Università La Sapienza, Roma, Dipartimento Istituto Italiano di Studi Orientali
'Il dono della conoscenza. Storia e aspetti del culto e dono rituale dei manoscritti nell'India medievale e premoderna'

- 16/12/2013** Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna, Institut für Kultur und Geschichte Asiens
'The Magic of the Books: Manuscripts in Apotropaic and Divinatory Rites According to Purāṇas'
- 19/4/2013** Universiteit Leiden, Leiden Institute for Area Studies, SAS India en Tibet
'«Knowledge resides in books»: Writing as Means of Salvation in Hindu Medieval Sources'
- 24/5/2012** University of Cambridge, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
'Preliminary Observations on a Critical Edition of the «Śivadharma Corpus»: The Nepalese tradition'
- 22/5/2012** University of Cambridge, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
'Religious Environments and the Use of Manuscripts: A Case Study from Indian Religious Traditions'
- 18/4/2012** Università di Napoli L'Orientale, Centro di Studi sul Buddhismo
'La comprensione del buddhismo nella cultura europea e americana in età moderna: una prospettiva storica'
- 1/12/2011** Universität Hamburg, Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures
'«Treasures of Knowledge»: Manuscripts in Pre-Modern India According to Sanskrit Literary Sources'
- 16/4/2010** Università di Napoli L'Orientale, Dipartimento di Studi Comparati
'Prosodia e metrica del sanscrito classico'
- 6/4/2009** Università di Napoli L'Orientale, Dipartimento di Studi Comparati
'La parola nel pensiero indiano'

PRESENTATIONS
IN CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 9–18/12/2025** Universität Heidelberg, South Asia Institute, *Intensive reading seminar on the Kāñcīmāhātmya and Kāñcippurāṇam*
'Readings from the Kāñcīmāhātmya'
- 27/11/2025** Università di Napoli L'Orientale, Dipartimento di Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo, *Progetti d'Europa in Italia. Le linee di ricerca SH (Social Sciences and Humanities: 5–6) ed il finanziamento dello European Research Council (ERC) (27–28 November)*
'Translocal Identities. The Śivadharma and the Making of Regional Religious Traditions in Premodern South Asia'
- 22/3/2025** École française d'Extrême-Orient, Trawas Training Centre, East Java. Dharma Project Workshop: *Land Transactions and Archival Practices in the 'Hindu' World of South and Southeast Asia*. (17–22 March)
'Land Grants in and around Balligavi, Shimoga District, Karnataka'
- 4/3/2025** Università di Napoli L'Orientale, Dipartimento Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo. Conference: *Mondi Magici/Magic Worlds* (3–4 March)
'Magia e miracoli come strumento di conversione nell'India antica'

- 30/9–5/10 2024** Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest. *The Śivadharma Project Reading Workshop* (30 September–5 October)
'Readings on *Śivadharmaśāstra* 7 and its Sanskrit commentary'
- 21/10/2023** Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison (18–21 October)
'The Śivadharma as a source for the early history of Śaiva institutions.'
Panel: *Restructuring Śaivism: The Śivadharma and its Tamil Transmission*
- 12/10/2023** University of Toronto, Department of Religious Studies, *Śivadharmottara Workshop* [with Jesse Pruitt] 'Transmigratory traces: how the present body swept up the debris from your past life. Readings from *Śivadharmottara/Civatarumōttaram* chapter 9'
- 11/10/2023** University of Toronto, Department of Religious Studies, *Śivadharmottara Workshop* [with Jesse Pruitt] 'Tales of divine dismay: Readings from the *Śivadharmottara/Civatarumōttaram* chapter 8'
- 17/7/2023** The University of Tokyo, *The Conference of Heavens and Hells* (17–18 July)
'The Road to Hell: Sinners and Sins in Early Śaivism and the Dharmaśāstra'
- 10–14/7/2023** Kyoto University, *The Śivadharma Project Workshop* (10–14 July)
[with Yuko Yokochi] 'Readings from *Śivadharmottara* 12 with its Sanskrit commentary'
- 6–10/2/2023** École française d'Extrême-Orient, Pondicherry, *The Śivadharma Project Reading Workshop* (6–10 February)
'Readings from *Śivadharmottara* chapter 1 and its Sanskrit commentary'
- 3/2/2023** École française d'Extrême-Orient, Pondicherry, Dharma Project Workshop: *Education and Centres of Learning in Medieval South Asia* (30 January–3 February)
'Descriptions of educational institutions in the Śivadharma corpus and their relationship to epigraphical sources from the Deccan'
- 17/9/2022** Freie Universität, Berlin. *Deutscher Orientalistentag* (12–17 September)
'The Śivadharms of the Vāyavīyasamhitā. Texts, Doctrines, and Adaptive Strategies'
Panel: *The History of Śaivism through Textual and Material Evidence*
- 4–22/7/2022** École française d'Extrême-Orient, Pondicherry, *The Śivadharma Project Reading Workshop*
[with Margherita Trento] 'Readings from *Śivadharmottara* and *Civatarumōttaram* chapter 1'
- 27/4/2022** Università di Napoli L'Orientale, Dipartimento di Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo. *Studies on Dharma in the Himalayan Region* (27–29 April)
'Reading Dharmaśāstra in Early Śaiva Communities'
- 4/3/2022** Humboldt Universität, Berlin. Dharma Project Workshop *Institutionalised Religion and Asceticism in South and Southeast Asia in the Pre-Modern Period* (1–4 March)
'The Domestication of Hindu Asceticism in the Shivadharmā'
- 8/10/2021** University of Lausanne, Workshop *Regional Histories of South Asia in Light of Archaeological and Textual Sources* (7–8 October)
'History of the Śivadharma in Transregional Networks'

- 27/1–8/2/2020** École française d'Extrême-Orient, Pondicherry. *The Śivadharma Project Reading Workshop* (J27 anuary–8 February)
[with Margherita Trento] 'Readings from the critical edition of *Śivadharmottara / Civatarumōttaram* chapter 2'
- 5/10/2019** Università degli Studi di Torino. *18th Conference of the Associazione Italiana di Studi Sanscriti* (4–6 October)
'Transregional Śaiva Networks from South Asia. Source Materials and Research Perspectives'
Panel: *Śivadharmajñānakośa: The Śivadharma and Dharma Projects*
- 2/10/2019** Università di Napoli L'Orientale, Dipartimento di Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo. *The Śivadharma Project Kickoff Workshop* (30 September–2 October)
'Making Ends Meet. Readings from the *Devīpurāṇa*, chapter 127'
- 22–31/7/2019** École française d'Extrême-Orient, Pondicherry. *The Śivadharma Project Reading Workshop* (22–31 July)
'Readings from the *Śivadharmottara* and the *Brhatkālottara*'
- 8/4/2019** Universität Hamburg, Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures. *Texts Surrounding Texts (TST): Kickoff Workshop* (8 –10 April)
'The Transmission of the Śivadharma in South India: An overview'
- 3–6/4/2019** Freie Universität, Berlin. *Kalīla and Dimna – AnonymClassic Project Readings*
'Readings from *Mahābhārata*'s *Śāntiparvan*'
- 17/10/2018** Università di Napoli L'Orientale. Seminario *Filologie del Mediterraneo* (16–17 October)
'Studi filologici sull'epica indiana: tradizioni, ecdotica e recensioni locali nello *Śāntiparvan* del *Mahābhārata*'
- 11/7/2018** University of British Columbia, Vancouver. *17th World Sanskrit Conference* (9–13 July)
'Early Śaivism and the Brahmanical Tradition'
- 19/10/2017** Universität Hamburg, Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures. *Manuscripts East and West – Towards Comparative and General Codicology: A Conference in Honour of Malachi Beit-Arié* (17–19 October)
'Manuscript Cultures from South Asia and the Creation of Regional Identities'
- 16/10/2017** Cairo, Institut français d'archéologie orientale. Atelier lexicographique international *Les mots de la paix/Textes fondateurs: spiritualité vs éthique politique* (16–17 October).
'Peace, Appeasement, Pacification: Words for peace in the Sanskrit epics'
- 22/9/2017** Friedrich-Schiller-Universität zu Jena, *33. Deutscher Orientalistentag* (18–22 September 2017)
'A Śaiva *Lalitavistara* and its Vaiṣṇava Authors'
- 14–17/7/2017** University of Kyoto. *Early Yoga-Sāṃkhya Seminar* (14–17 July)
'Reading Session on *Śivadharmottara*'s Chapters 10 and 3, *on yoga*'

- 26/5/2017** Università degli Studi di Milano. Workshop *Navigating the House of Wisdom: How to write good book in the medieval Middle East* (25–26 May)
‘Navigating the Ocean of Dharma. History, Authorship, and Tradition in a Sanskrit Work from Medieval Bengal’
- 18/3/2017** Los Angeles, *227th Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society* (17–20 March)
‘The Śivadharma and its Buddhist Audience’
- 6/10/2016** Università di Napoli L’Orientale. International Workshop: *Textual and Material Craftsmanship: What Does Copying a Manuscript Mean?* (6–8 October)
‘Manuscript Production and Monarchical Authority in Early India: The Case of Śaivism’
- 26–30/9/2016** Universiteit Leiden, *Śivadharma Workshop: Manuscripts, Editions, Perspectives* (26–30 September)
‘Reading Sessions of *Śivadharmottara*’s Chapter 3, *On jñānayoga*’
- 22/9/2016** Universität Hamburg, *51. Deutscher Historikertag*
‘Götter und Bücher: Verehrung und Ikonizität der heiligen Schriften im Hinduismus’
- 23/6/2016** Universität Hamburg, Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures.
Workshop: *Śivajñānapustakāni — Manuscripts of Śaiva Knowledge*
‘The ‘Corpus’ of the Śivadharma: Ritual, Politics and Scribal Interventions’
- 17/6/2016** Universität Hamburg, Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures. Workshop *Tracing Evidence for Manuscripts in Rituals* (17–19 June)
‘Of Gods and Books: Manuscripts in the Indian Ritual’
- 17-24/2/2016** Hua Hin, University of Mahidol, International Sanskrit Retreat (17–24 February)
‘Reading Sessions of *Śivadharmottara*’s Chapter 3, *On jñānayoga*’
- 30/6/2015** Bangkok, Silpakorn University. *16th World Sanskrit Conference* (28 June–2 July 2015)
‘When Lachmann’s Method Meets the Dharma of Śiva. Reflections on Critically Editing the Śivadharma Corpus’
- 30/6/2015** Bangkok, Silpakorn University. *16th World Sanskrit Conference* (28 June–2 July 2015)
‘The Great Observance of Lay Śaivas’
- 27/3/2015** Università di Bologna. *16th Conference of the Associazione Italiana di Studi Sanscriti* (27–28 March)
‘Il «Trono della Conoscenza» nella pratica rituale delle tradizioni religiose indiane’
- 5/2/2015** Vienna, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Institut für Kultur und Geschichte Asiens. Symposium: *Tantric Communities in Context. Secret Secrets and Public Rites* (5–7 February)
‘Aspects of the Cult of the Book in the Śaiva and Vaiṣṇava Tantric Traditions’
- 30/10/2014** Università di Napoli L’Orientale. *Atelier lexicographique international Les mots de la paix* (29–30 October)
‘War and Peace. A Study in Medieval Indian Statecraft’
- 27/3/2014** Paris, Centre d’Études de l’Inde et de l’Asie du Sud/École française d’Extrême-Orient. Workshop *History of Śaivism: Readings in Inscriptions and Early Manuscripts*

(24–28 March)
'A Bilingual (Sanskrit-Kannada) Śaiva Inscription from the Praṇaveśvara Temple in Tālagunda (1157 AD)'

- 24/1/2014** Universität Hamburg, Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures. Workshop *Multiple-text Manuscripts in Multiple Manuscript Cultures* (24–25 January)
'Śivadharma Manuscripts from Nepal and the Making of a Śaiva Corpus'
- 14/11/2013** Paris, Collège de France. *Atelier lexicographique international Les mots de la paix* (14–15 November)
'Peace in Sanskrit Religious Literature'
- 22/12/2012** Università La Sapienza, Roma. Dipartimento Istituto Italiano di Studi Orientali. *A Coffee Break Conference on Quotations and Re-use of Texts in Sanskrit Philosophical Literature* (21–22 December)
'Thinking Through Quotations. The case of the medieval Dharmanibandhas'
- 16/6/2012** Cagliari, Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia. *15th Conference of the Associazione Italiana di Studi Sanscriti* (15–16 June)
'L'esercizio della regalità e la pratica del *dāna*. Osservazioni sulla base delle fonti letterarie in sanscrito'
- 8/1/2012** New Delhi, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts. *15th World Sanskrit Conference* (5–10 January)
'The Ritual of Vidyādāna in Its Upapurāṇic and Āgamic Sources'

ORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC EVENTS

Organization of Special Panels

- 21/10/2023** *Restructuring Śaivism: The Śivadharma and its Tamil Transmission*. [co-organized with Eric Steinschneider] Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison (18–21 October)
- 17/9/2022** *The History of Śaivism through Textual and Material Evidence*. Freie Universität, Berlin. Deutscher Orientalistentag (12–17 September)
- 5/10/2019** *Śivadharmajñānaśoṣa: The Śivadharma and Dharma Projects*. Università degli Studi di Torino. Convegno dell'Associazione Italiana di Studi Sanscriti (4–6 October)
- 11/7/2018** *The Viṣṇu- and Śivadharma: Early medieval lay religion in a socio-religious and historical perspective*. [co-organized with Nina Mirnig] University of British Columbia, Vancouver. 17th World Sanskrit Conference (9–13 July)
- 22/9/2017** *The Viṣṇudharma and the Śivadharma: Points of influence and divergence*. [co-organized with Nina Mirnig] Friedrich-Schiller-Universität zu Jena, 33. Deutscher Orientalistentag (18–22 September)
- 18/3/2017** *The Śivadharma and the Formation of Lay Śaivism*. [co-organized with Timothy Lubin and Nina Mirnig] Los Angeles, 227th Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society (17–20 March)

Organization of Conferences and Workshops

* From October 2020 to June 2025, the *Śivadharma Reading Group* met regularly multiple times a week to read critical editions in preparation for the *Śivadharma and Dharma ERC Projects**

- 3–6 June 2026** *Dharma Project Grand Finale*, [co-organized with Antonella Santoro] Università di Napoli L'Orientale
- 27–28 November 2025** *Progetti d'Europa in Italia. Le linee di ricerca SH (Social Sciences and Humanities: 5–6) ed il finanziamento dello European Research Council (ERC)* [co-organized with Maria Chiara Scappaticcio], Università di Napoli L'Orientale, Dipartimento Asia Africa e Mediterraneo/Università di Napoli Federico II, Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici
- 10 May 2025** *Tamil: History, Echoes and Translations*, [co-organized with Margherita Trento and Dorotea Operato] Università di Napoli L'Orientale
- 5–16 May 2025** *The Śivadharma Project Workshop*, [co-organized with Margherita Trento and Dorotea Operato] Università di Napoli L'Orientale
- 30 September –5 October 2024** *The Śivadharma Project Reading Workshop*, [co-organized with Csaba Dezsö] Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest
- May–June 2024** *Reading seminar on the Bālarāmāyaṇa*, Università di Napoli L'Orientale
- 20–21 July 2023** *Reading Workshop on Śivadharmottara chapter 7* [co-organized with Satoshi Ogura], Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
- 17–18 July 2023** *The Conference of Heavens and Hells* [co-organized with Kenji Takahashi], The University of Tokyo,
- 29 May–2 June 2023** *Readings from Haracaritacintāmaṇi chapter 29*, Università di Napoli L'Orientale
- May–June 2023** *Reading seminar on the Bālarāmāyaṇa*, Università di Napoli L'Orientale
- 12–14 December 2022** *Critical edition and translation of Śivadharmottara chapter 12*, Università di Napoli L'Orientale
- 19–30 September 2022** *Tamil Śaivism Summer School* [co-organized with Margherita Trento]
- 27–29 April 2022** *Studies on Dharma in the Himalayan Region*. Conference co-organized with the South Asia Institute (Heidelberg University) and the Asia Institute (University of Turin)
- 22–31 January 2022** *Bhaviṣyapurāṇa Workshop*, Università di Napoli L'Orientale
- 18 October–5 November 2021** *Haracaritacintāmaṇi Workshop*, Università di Napoli L'Orientale

- 27 January–8 February 2020** *The Śivadharma Project Reading Workshop*, École française d'Extrême-Orient, Pondicherry.
- 30 September–2 October 2019** *The Śivadharma Project Kickoff Workshop*, Università di Napoli L'Orientale
- 6–7 December 2018** *Inaugural Meeting of the Śivadharma Project*, Università di Napoli L'Orientale
- 13–20 September 2018** *Haṭha Yoga Project Workshop: The Amrtasiddhi*, Procida (Napoli), Università di Napoli L'Orientale. Main organizer: SOAS University of London, ERC 647963
- 6–8 October 2016** *Textual and Material Craftsmanship: What Does Copying a Manuscript Mean?* [co-organized with Antonella Brita, Giovanni Ciotti, and Amneris Roselli] Università di Napoli L'Orientale. Workshop co-financed by the University of Hamburg, Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures
- 23 June 2016** 'Śivajñānapustakāni - Books of Śaiva Knowledge', Universität Hamburg, Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures.
- 2–7 October 2012** *Vedica Neapolitana*, Procida (Napoli), Università di Napoli 'L'Orientale'

Organization of Lecture Series

- April–June 2021** *The Śivadharma Project Lecture Series*. Università di Napoli L'Orientale. Dipartimento Asia Africa e Mediterraneo
- May–June 2019** *World Philologies 3* [co-organized with Antonio Manieri] Università di Napoli L'Orientale. Dipartimento Asia Africa e Mediterraneo
- a.y. 2017–2018** *India Classica e Moderna* [co-organized with Stefania Cavaliere and Francesco Sferra] Università di Napoli L'Orientale. Dipartimento Asia Africa e Mediterraneo
- a.y. 2016–2017** *India Classica e Moderna* [co-organized with Stefania Cavaliere and Francesco Sferra] Università di Napoli L'Orientale. Dipartimento Asia Africa e Mediterraneo
- April–June 2016** *World Philologies 2. Ricerche sulla prassi filologica in Asia, Africa ed Europa*, Università di Napoli L'Orientale. Dipartimento Asia Africa e Mediterraneo
- a.y. 2015–2016** *India Classica e Moderna* [co-organized with Stefania Cavaliere and Francesco Sferra] Università di Napoli L'Orientale. Dipartimento Asia Africa e Mediterraneo
- May–June 2015** *World Philologies. Ricerche sulla prassi filologica nelle tradizioni intellettuali dell'Asia e dell'Africa* [co-organized with Antonio Manieri, Raffaele Esposito, and Serena Saccone] Università di Napoli L'Orientale. Dipartimento Asia Africa e Mediterraneo
- a.y. 2014–2015** *India Classica e Moderna* [co-organized with Stefania Cavaliere and Francesco Sferra] Università di Napoli L'Orientale. Dipartimento Asia Africa e Mediterraneo

ATTENDANCE IN READING WORKSHOPS AND POSTGRADUATE COURSES

- 19–23 January 2026** *Tantric reading workshop*, École française d'Extrême-Orient, Pondicherry
- 25–26 November 2024** *Conversations on Digital Scholarly Editing. Case studies from current research projects*. Università di Napoli L'Orientale, Dipartimento Asia Africa e Mediterraneo
- 19–23 October 2020** *Classical Kannada Winter School*. Universität Würzburg, Lehrstuhl für Indologie, Institut für Kulturwissenschaften Ost- und Südasiens
- April–May 2020** *Tamil reading seminar*. Università di Napoli L'Orientale, Dipartimento Asia Africa e Mediterraneo
- March–April 2020** *Being a Humanist in the Digital Age*. Università di Napoli L'Orientale, Dipartimento Asia Africa e Mediterraneo
- 20–26 January 2020** *Networks of Temples and Networks of Texts in South India*. École française d'Extrême-Orient, Pondicherry
- 3–17 January 2019** *Tenth International Intensive Sanskrit Reading Retreat*. École française d'Extrême-Orient, Siem Reap
- 13–20 September 2018** *Haṭhayoga Project Workshop: The Amṛtasiddhi*. Università di Napoli L'Orientale (Procida, Naples)
- March–May 2018** *Introduzione alla lingua Tamil*. Università di Napoli 'L'Orientale'
- 12 February–9 March 2018** *Classical Tamil Winter School, Beginner's Class*. École française d'Extrême-Orient, Pondicherry
- 9–10 October 2017** *Interactions among Śaivas, Vaiṣṇavas and other religious and philosophical schools. The religious debate in the early second millennium in South India*. Vienna, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Institut für Kultur und Geistesgeschichte Asiens
- 23–27 February 2017** *International Tantra Workshop*. Manipal, Manipal University
- 7–13 September 2016** *Workshop Manuscripta Buddhica 4*. Università di Napoli L'Orientale (Procida, Naples)
- 1–26 August 2016** *Classical Tamil Summer Seminar, Beginner's Class*. École française d'Extrême-Orient, Pondicherry
- 17–24 February 2016** *International Sanskrit Retreat*. Hua Hin (Thailand), Mahidol University, Faculty of Humanities
- 4–9 July 2015** *International Sanskrit Retreat*. Salaya (Thailand), Mahidol University, Faculty of Humanities
- 10–22 February 2014** *Kannada Winter School 2014 (kannaḍa cāḷigāḷada śībira 2014)*. Universität Würzburg, Lehrstuhl für Indologie, Institut für Kulturwissenschaften Ost- und Südasiens

- 29–30 October 2013** *Latex/XML for Indologists: Input, Management, Presentation*. Universität Hamburg, Numata Zentrum für Buddhismuskunde
- 8–11 September 2013** Workshop *Manuscripta Buddhica* 3. Università di Napoli L’Orientale (Procida, Naples)
- 2–9 September 2013** *When Buddhists Argue Against a Hindu God. New Approaches to Dialogical Logic in Interdisciplinary Perspective*. Università di Napoli L’Orientale (Procida, Naples)
- 15–26 July 2013** 8th *Leiden Summer School in Languages and Linguistics*. Universiteit Leiden, Faculty of Humanities
- 18–29 July 2011** 6th *Leiden Summer School in Languages and Linguistics*. Universiteit Leiden, Faculty of Humanities
- 2–6 May 2011** Workshop *Manuscripta Buddhica* 1. Università di Napoli L’Orientale (Procida, Naples)
- September–October 2010** *Intensivkurs Vedisch*. Halle an der Saale, Martin-Luther-Universität
- 19–30 July 2010** 5th *Leiden Summer School in Languages and Linguistics*. Universiteit Leiden, Faculty of Humanities
- 30 July–10 August 2007** 2nd *Leiden Summer School at the Faculty of Arts*. Universiteit Leiden