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## Areas of expertise

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I study the history of premodern South Asia with a focus on philosophical, religious and intellectual traditions, primarily working on Sanskrit sources. In engaging with these works, my concerns are both historical and philosophical. In this latter case, I am also interested in a comparative, cross-cultural approach. My research concentrates on the following:

1. Philosophy of language and epistemology in premodern South Asia (Vyākaraṇa –especially the work of Bhartṛhari– Nyāya, Mīmāṃsā).
2. Metaphysics in premodern South Asia with a focus on anti-realist Hindu traditions (Advaita Vedānta, Pratyabhijñā).
3. Textual criticism concerning South Asian texts.
4. Comparative and cross-cultural philosophy, especially in epistemology and philosophy of mind.

## Education and Qualifications

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- **6 September 2018.** Italian ‘Habilitation’ as Associate Professor (Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale), valid until 2029.
- **12 June 2013.** Ph.D. in Civilisations of Asia and Africa. Title of the Thesis: “Vṛṣabhadeva’s *Sphuṭākṣarā*: an alternative perspective on Bhartṛhari’s metaphysics”. Supervisor: Prof. Raffaele Torella. Sapienza University of Rome.
- **22 July 2008.** MA in Oriental Languages and Cultures. Sapienza University of Rome.
- **19 July 2005.** BA in Oriental Languages and Cultures. Sapienza University of Rome.
- **9 July 1999.** Diploma di Liceo Classico (five-year study of Latin and ancient Greek, three-year study of philosophy)

## Academic appointments

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- **1 October 2021–30 September 2024.** *Austrian Academy of Sciences*, Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia, Principal investigator of the project “Universals in Indian Philosophy of Language”, funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF).
- **1 September 2020–ongoing.** *University of Vienna*, Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, Lecturer.
- **1 May 2020– 30 September 2021.** *Austrian Academy of Sciences*, Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia, Research Fellow in the project “Reasoning Tools for Deontic logic and Applications to Indian Sacred Texts”. Leaders: Agata Ciabattoni, Elisa Freschi. Project funded by Vienna Technology and Science Fund. <https://www.oeaw.ac.at/en/ikga-research/indology/third-partyfunded/deontic-logic/>
- **1 March 2018–29 February 2020.** *University of Oxford*, Berggruen Fellow in Comparative Philosophy, Wolfson College.
- **1 September 2017–31 March 2018.** *University of Vienna*, Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies, Lecturer.
- **19 August 2015–28 February 2018.** *Austrian Academy of Sciences*, Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia, Research Fellow in the project “A Śaiva interpretation of the Buddhist theory of exclusion”. Project funded by the Austrian Science Fund. Leader: Doz. Dr. Marion Rastelli, <http://www.ikga.oeaw.ac.at/Pratyabhijñā>
- **1 November 2013–31 March 2015.** *Austrian Academy of Sciences*, Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia, Research Fellow in the project “Language and action in early Brahmanical philosophy.” Project funded by the Austrian Science Fund. Leader: Prof. Vincent Eltschinger, <http://www.ikga.oeaw.ac.at/EarlyBrahmanicalPhilosophy>

## Teaching experience

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- **University of Vienna/ Austrian Academy of Sciences.** Lecture and Reading of original Sanskrit texts within the framework of the *Vienna Summer School on the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia*. “An Introduction to Indian Epistemology’. With select readings from the *Vākyapadīya* of Bhartṛhari. 03 July 2023. 8 hours.
- **University of Vienna/ Austrian Academy of Sciences.** Lecture and Reading of original Sanskrit texts within the framework of the *Vienna Summer School on the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia*. “The meanings of words”. With select readings from the *Nyāyasūtra* with *Bhāṣya*. 19 July 2022. 8 hours.
- **University of Vienna/ Austrian Academy of Sciences.** Lecture and Reading of original Sanskrit texts within the framework of the *Vienna Summer School on the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia*. “The meaning of the sentence”. With select readings from Bhartṛhari’s *Vākyapadīya*. 20 July 2022. 8 hours.
- **University of Vienna.** “An introduction to Bhartṛhari in his own words: reading of select passages from the *Vākyapadīya*”. Seminar for MA and Ph.D students. Summer semester 2022. 22 hours.

- **University of Vienna.** “Hindu Tantra: an overview of rituals and philosophies based on original sources”. Proseminar for BA students. Summer semester 2022. 22 hours.
- **University of Vienna.** “Śaivism in Kashmir: religious practices and philosophical trends”. Standard Course (Vorlesung) for BA and MA students. Winter semester 2021. 22 hours.
- **University of Vienna.** “Cosmic Order, Moral Duty, Religious Practice: Ancient Indian sources on the notion of *dharma*”. Standard course (Vorlesung) for BA and MA students. Summer semester 2021. 22 hours.
- **University of Vienna.** “Introduction to Śaivism: from Veda to Tantra”. Standard course (Vorlesung) for BA and MA students. Winter semester 2020. 22 hours.
- **University of Vienna.** “Introduction to Hindu Tantrism: History, Rituals and Philosophy”. Standard course (Vorlesung) for BA and MA students. Winter semester 2017. 22 hours.
- **Sapienza Università di Roma.** “Bhartṛhari’s *Vākyapadīya* and Vṛṣabhadeva’s *Sphuṭākṣarā*. Part II”. Seminar for MA and Ph.D students. Summer semester 2013.
- **Sapienza Università di Roma.** “Sanskrit Grammar (1st to 4th semester)” for BA Students, 2011–2012.
- **Sapienza Università di Roma.** “Bhartṛhari’s *Vākyapadīya* and Vṛṣabhadeva’s *Sphuṭākṣarā*. Part I”. Seminar for MA and Ph.D students. Summer semester 2011.
- **University of Cambridge.** *Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies.* Vṛṣabhadeva’s *Sphuṭākṣarā*, the opening stanzas. Seminar for MA and PhD students. Winter semester 2010. 16 hours.

## Major grants obtained

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1. Principal investigator of the project “Universals in Indian Philosophy of Language”, stand-alone project: funded by **Austrian Science Fund (FWF)**, *Austrian Academy of Sciences*, October 2021-September 2024, Budget: 404.689,11 euro.
2. Principal investigator of the project “Cultural innovation and attempts to resist it: the case of the Pratyabhijñā” **Berggruen Fellowship in Comparative Philosophy**. Wolfson College, *University of Oxford*. March 2018-February 2020. Budget: 85.000,00 GBP.

## Publications

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### Books

1. *Indian Perspectives on Consciousness, Language and Self. The School of Recognition on Linguistics and Philosophy of Mind*. New York: Routledge, 2021. Reviewed by Mrinal Kaul (2022). *Philosophy East and West* 72 (1), 1-6. doi:10.1353/pew.2022.0018.
2. *The Fabric of Reality. Śrīvṛṣabha’s Sphuṭākṣarā and Bhartṛhari’s Metaphysics*. In preparation.

## Articles and Book Chapters

3. “Bhartṛhari on linguistic universals and the problem of regress”. In preparation.
4. “Was Bhartṛhari a nondualist thinker?” in J. Duquette and J. Madaio (eds.) *The Bloomsbury Research Handbook of Non-duality in Indian Thought*, London: Bloomsbury. Accepted for publication.
5. “The principle of suspension (*bādhā*) in early Mīmāṃsā: the case of *prāpta*- and *aprāpta*-*abādhā*. [with Elisa Freschi]. Accepted for publication in the *Journal of South Asian Intellectual History*.
6. “Pratyabhijñā” in *Oxford Bibliographies in Hinduism*. Ed. Tracy Coleman. New York: Oxford University Press. DOI: 10.1093/OBO/9780195399318-0252, 2022.
7. “The Pratyabhijñā on Consciousness and Self-consciousness: A Comparative Perspective”. In F. Sferra–V. Vergiani (eds.), *Verità e Bellezza. Essays in Honour of Raffaele Torella*, Unior Press, Vol. XCVII.1–2, Napoli, pp. 375–389, 2022.
8. “The Place of Language in the Philosophy of the Recognition” in A. Graheli (ed.), *The Bloomsbury Research Handbook of Indian Philosophy of Language*. Bloomsbury: London, pp. 135–149, 2020.
9. “Studies on Bhartṛhari and the Pratyabhijñā: Language, Knowledge and Consciousness”. *Journal of Indian Philosophy*, 48(2): 147–159, 2020. Reprinted in R. Torella (ed.) *Italian Scholars on India. Vol. I: Classical Indology*, Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi 2021.
10. “Bhartṛhari and verbal testimony. A hyper-antireductionist approach?” in D. Cuneo–E. Freschi–C. Formigatti (eds.), *Not Far Afield: Asian Perspectives on Sexuality, Testimony and Print Culture. A Coffee Break Project. Kervan* 21: 227–246, 2018.
11. “Studies on Bhartṛhari and the Pratyabhijñā: the case of *svasaṃvedana*”. *Proceedings of the Conference of the Society for the Tantric Studies. Religions* 2017 8, 145, 2017.
12. “On ṛṣis and yogins: Immediate and Mediate Extraordinary Cognitions in Early Brahmanical Thought” in R. Torella, M. Franceschini, T. Pontillo, C. Pieruccini, A. Rigopoulos, F. Sferra (eds.), *Proceedings of the Meeting of the Italian Association of Sanskrit Studies. Rivista degli Studi Orientali. Supplemento* 2, vol. LXXXIX, pp. 41–62, 2016.
13. “Vṛṣabhadeva on the status of ordinary phenomena: between Bhartṛhari and Advaita Vedānta”. *Journal of Indian Philosophy* 43(1): 61–83, 2015.
14. “General introduction” in A. Keidan (ed.), *The Study of South Asia between Antiquity and Modernity. Parallels and Comparisons. Rivista degli Studi Orientali. Supplemento* 2: 9–11. DOI: 10.1400/ 234721, 2014.
15. “Language as a way of Salvation. An Introduction” in A. Keidan (ed.), *The Study of South Asia between Antiquity and Modernity. Parallels and Comparisons. Rivista degli Studi Orientali. Supplemento* 2: 113–116. DOI: 10.1400/234726, 2014.
16. “How to obtain salvation through Language? Bhartṛhari on *śabdapūrvavayoga*” in A. Keidan (ed.), *The Study of South Asia between Antiquity and Modernity. Parallels and Comparisons. Rivista degli Studi Orientali. Supplemento* 2: 161–176. DOI: 10.1400/234729, 2014.

17. “Vṛṣabhadeva’s *Sphuṭākṣarā* on Bhartṛhari’s metaphysics: commentarial strategy and new interpretations”. *Journal of Indian Philosophy* 41(2): 133-149, 2013.

### **Encyclopedia entries**

18. “Yogic Perception”. In: Stewart Goetz, Charles Taliaferro (eds.), *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2021.

### **Book Reviews**

19. Review of A. Graheli, *History and Transmission of the Nyāyamañjarī. Critical edition of the Section on the Sphuṭa*. Verlag der Österreichischer Akademie der Wissenschaften, 2015. In *Rivista degli Studi Orientali*, vol. LXXXIX, 1-4: 105-109, 2017.
20. Review of E. Freschi–P. Maas (eds.), *Adaptive Reuse. Aspects of Creativity in South Asian Cultural History*. Harassowitz, 2017. In *Rivista degli Studi Orientali*, vol. XC 1-4: 191-195, 2018.
21. Review of E. Franco–I. Ratié (eds.), *Around Abhinavagupta. Aspects of the Intellectual History of Kashmir from the Ninth to the Eleventh Century*. Zurich LIT Verlag, 2016. In *Rivista degli Studi Orientali*, vol. XCII 1-2: 201-205, 2019.
22. Review of V. Eltschinger– I. Ratié, *Qu’ est-ce que la philosophie indienne?* Gallimard, Paris, 2023. Accepted for publication in the *Indo-Iranian Journal*.

### **Invited Lectures**

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1. “Bhartṛhari’s View of Universals: Exploring South Asian and Euro-American Philosophical Resonances”. University of Warsaw, Warsaw, April 2024.
2. “Language is Reality, Reality is Language: some thoughts on Bhartṛhari’s most controversial tenet”. Research colloquium of the *Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia*. Vienna. 12.03.2024.
3. “A critical edition of Bhartṛhari’s *Jāṭisamuddeśa*: universals and word’s denotation”. Scientific Advisory Board Meeting of the *Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia*. Vienna. 30.6.2023.
4. “Bhartṛhari on word-universals and object-universals”, invited lecture at the *University of Naples, L’Orientale*, 21 December 2022.
5. “On language and consciousness: Bhartṛhari’s impact on the Pratyabhijñā”, invited lecture at the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, *Beijing University*. 12.11 2021. [online]
6. “Universals in Indian Philosophy of Language. Towards a critical edition of Bhartṛhari’s *Jāṭisamuddeśa*”. Research colloquium of the *Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia*. Vienna. 05.10.2021.
7. “An introduction to the philosophy of Bhartṛhari: main features and open questions”, invited lecture at the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, *Beijing University*. 07.07 2021. [online]

8. “Reading *Vākyapadīya* 1.13”, invited lecture at the Faculty of Oriental Studies, *University of Oxford*. Trinity Term 2020. 02.06.2020. [online]
9. “Is Language Necessary to Consciousness? An Ancient Indian Approach”, invited lecture at Wolfson College, *University of Oxford*. 21.11.2019.
10. “What is the meaning of a word?”, invited lecture for the Sanskrit Reading Room. Worcester College. *University of Oxford*. 14.11.2019.
11. “Knowledge, consciousness and language: a dialogue between Bhartṛhari and the Pratyabhijñā”, invited lecture for the Sanskrit Reading Room. *School of Oriental and African Studies*, London. 23.5.2018.
12. “The role of language in the thought of the Pratyabhijñā”. Saphala Workshop. *Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia*, Vienna. 20.12.2017.
13. “To omniscience through language: Bhartṛhari on epistemology, soteriology and grammar”, invited lecture at *The Van Leer Institute Jerusalem / Hebrew University of Jerusalem*. Discusant: Prof. Yigal Bronner. Jerusalem. 10.5.2017.
14. “Bhartṛhari’s legacy within the Pratyabhijñā”, Research colloquium of the *Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia*. Vienna. 06.9.2016.
15. “A Śaiva interpretation of the Buddhist Theory of Exclusion”,
16. “Language and Action in Early Brahmanical Philosophy”, *Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia*. Vienna. 04.2.2014.
17. Vṛṣabhadeva on Bhartṛhari’s metaphysics: an evaluation”, invited lecture at *Universität Leipzig*. Leipzig. 08.5.2013.

## Conference Papers

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15. “Words and Universals – Problems and Solutions from a Bhartṛharian Perspective”. International conference on ‘Indian Theories of Meaning and Grammar – Novel Perspectives’. Paris, INALCO, 8.6.2023.
16. “Conceptuality in Perceptual Knowledge: an introduction”. *11th Coffee Break Conference*. Vienna, 16.12.2021
17. “I speak therefore (I know that) I am: the Pratyabhijñā on language and self-consciousness”. 17th World Sanskrit Conference. *University of British Columbia*. Vancouver. 10.7.2018.
18. “For the sake of another. Altruism in South Asian Religions and Philosophies: an Introduction”. 2018 Coffee Break Conference. *Universität Tübingen*. 10.4.2018.
19. “Between Language and Being: Bhartṛhari on reality and appearance”, Spalding Symposium on Indian Religions. *University of Oxford*. Oxford. 08.4.2017.
20. “Bhartṛhari and the Pratyabhijñā: the case of self-awareness”, *Conference of the Society for the Tantric Studies*. Northern Arizona University. Flagstaff. 24.9.2016.

21. “Knowing the unknown: extraordinary cognitions in Brahmanical philosophies: an introduction”, 6th Coffee Break Conference, *Sapienza University of Rome*. Rome. 18.9.2015.
22. “Bhartṛhari on the *śiṣṭas* as omniscient persons”, *16th World Sanskrit Conference*. Bangkok. 29.6.2015.
23. “Cognizioni straordinarie e onniscienza nella speculazione brahmanica antica”, *Sedicesimo Convegno Associazione Italiana di Studi Sanscriti*. Università di Bologna. Bologna. 27.3.2015.
24. “A city ruled by a villain or by a lawful king? A short note on the description of Laṅkā in Rāmāyaṇa’s *Sundarakāṇḍa*”, 8th South Asian Studies Association Conference, *Westminster College*. Salt Lake City. 12.4.2014.
25. “*Vākyapadīya* 1.13: Bhartṛhari on the ‘true activation’ of meaning”, 5th International Indo-logical Graduate Research Symposium. *Ruhr Universität*. Bochum. 17.10.2013.
26. “Between the Scylla of reason and the Charybdis of testimony. Bhartṛhari on epistemological problems”, *4th Coffee Break Conference*. *University of Turin*. Turin. 04.9.2013.
27. “How can we get salvation through language? Bhartṛhari on the concept of *śabdapūrvayoga*”, 3rd International Indological Graduate Research Symposium. *Université Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris 3*. Paris. 29.9.2011.
28. “Language, Salvation and their Relation: the Soteriological Goal according to the Ancient Indian Grammarians”, *2nd Coffee Break Conference*. *Sapienza University of Rome*. Rome. 08.9.2011.
29. “Language as a Way of Salvation. An Introduction”, 2nd Coffee Break Conference. *Sapienza University of Rome*. Rome. 08.9.2011.

## Workshops and Seminars (with active participation)

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1. Reading of Kumāṛila’s *Ślokavārttika*, the *Śūnyavāda* section, part II (with Kei Kataoka, Birgit Kellner, John Taber), *Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia*. Vienna, 13-24.03.2023.
2. Reading of Kumāṛila’s *Ślokavārttika*, the *Śūnyavāda* section, part I (with Kei Kataoka, Birgit Kellner, John Taber), *Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia*. Vienna, 28.9- 11.10.2022.
3. Saphala Workshop– South Asian Philosophy and Language. *Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia*. Vienna, 18-20.12.2017.
4. “What is the sentence meaning? Sucarita’s developments of Kumāṛila’s theories”. *Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia*. Vienna, 29.5-2.6.2017.
5. “What is the sentence meaning? Kumāṛila’s *Ślokavārttika*”. *Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia*. Vienna, 13-17.6.2016.
6. “Language as an independent means of knowledge in Kumāṛila’s *Ślokavārttika*”. *Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia*. Vienna, 1-5.6.2015.

## Organisation of Academic Events

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1. Head organiser of the *2023 Vienna Summer School on the Intellectual and Cultural History of Asia*. “Classical Sanskrit Texts on Epistemology”. *Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia/ University of Vienna*, Vienna. 03-08 July 2023
2. Convenor of the Workshop ‘Bharṭṛhari and the *Jāṭisamuddeśa*’, *Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia*, Vienna, 30 May-2 June 2023.
3. Head organiser of the *2022 Vienna Summer School on the Intellectual and Cultural History of Asia*. “Theory of Knowledge in Premodern South-Asia”. *Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia/ University of Vienna*, Vienna. 18-23 July 2022.
4. Co-organiser of the Lecture Series “Method and Region”, for the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the *Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia*, Vienna, March–November 2021.
5. Co-organiser of the *11th Coffee Break Conference*. International conference on Asian Studies. Universität Wien/Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna. Convenor of the panel: “Conceptuality in Perceptual Knowledge: Philosophical and Philological Perspectives”. 16-18.12.2021.
6. Co-organiser of the *8th Coffee Break Conference*. International conference on Asian Studies. Universität Tübingen. Convenor of the panel: “For the sake of another. Altruism in South Asian Religions and Philosophies”. Tübingen, 9-11.4.2018.
7. Convenor of the lecture by Vincenzo Vergiani (University of Cambridge). “Reflecting on the limit of the sentence: Some linguistic insights of Bharṭṛhari in the second book of the *Vākyapadīya*”. *Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia*. Vienna, 7.12.2016.
8. Convenor of the workshop: “Bharṭṛhari and self-awareness of cognitions”. *Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia*. Vienna, 5-6.12.2016.
9. Convenor of the lecture by Anna Bajželj (The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute). Title: “Hemacandra on Omniscience: Analysis of *Pramāṇamīmāṃsā* with *Svopajñavṛtti*”. *Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia*. Vienna, 15.7.2016.
10. Co-organiser of the 6th Coffee Break Conference. International conference on Asian Studies. Convenor of the panel “Knowing the unknown: extraordinary cognitions in Brahmanical philosophies”. Sapienza University. Rome, 17-19.9.2015.
11. Co-organiser of the 2nd Coffee Break Conference. International conference on Asian Studies. Convenor of the panel “Language as a way of salvation”. Sapienza University. Rome, 8-10.9.2011.

## Research Travels

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1. Cambridge, UK, *University of Cambridge*. Visiting student at the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (April–June 2012) .



2. Cambridge, UK, *University of Cambridge*. Visiting student at the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (September–December 2010).
3. Pune, Maharashtra, India. Reading and research on Bhartṛhari’s Vākyapadīya with Prof. Saroja Bhate, former head of the *Sanskrit Department of the University of Pune* (January–April 2009).

## Mentoring experience

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1. College supervisor of MA students, Wolfson College, University of Oxford (2018-2020).

## Awards and Minor Grants

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1. ‘Seal of Excellence’ of the European Commission for a MSCA proposal that has not been funded for budgetary reasons. 2020
2. Gonda Fellowship. International Institute for Asian Studies, *Leiden University* (May–November 2020). *Declined*.
3. “Lorne Thyssen Research Fund for Ancient World Topics”, Wolfson College, *University of Oxford* 980 GBP Travel Grant, 2018.
4. “Research Fellow Academic Fund”, Wolfson College, *University of Oxford*. 545 GBP Travel Grant, 2018.
5. Ph.D. program, full scholarship awarded by *Sapienza University of Rome* after public competition. (November 2009 – October 2012).

## Media Coverage/ Diffusion of Knowledge

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1. Book launch: “Italian Scholars on India, vol. I: Classical Indology”, edited by Raffaele Torella. Embassy of Italy in New Delhi, 2 February 2023.
2. Article in the Austrian newspaper “Die Presse” reporting on the above mentioned project, “A Śaiva interpretation of the Buddhist theory of exclusion”. Title: “Die innere Dynamik Südasiatischer Philosophie”, published on 09 March 2018.
3. Web Interview with Malcom Keating for The New Book Network about the book *Indian Perspectives on Consciousness, Language and Self*. 05.11. 2020.

## Other Academic Activities

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1. Spoken Sanskrit Summer School. University of Heidelberg (August 2009).

## Peer-Reviewing

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1. European Commission (Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowships)
2. Bloomsbury Publishing

3. The Journal of Religion (University of Chicago)
4. Synthese (Springer)
5. Philosophy East and West (University of Hawaii)
6. Journal of Consciousness Studies
7. Puspikā, Proceedings of the International Indology Graduate Research Symposium
8. Religions (MDPI)
9. The Journal of Spirituality in Mental Health
10. American Philosophical Association: Newsletter on Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies.

## Languages

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1. *European Languages*: Italian: native. English: fluent. German: intermediate (B1/B2 CEF). French: basic. Latin: good (8 years study). Ancient Greek: good (5 years).
2. *Asian Languages*: Sanskrit: excellent. Vedic Sanskrit: good. Pāli: basic. Tibetan: basic. Hindi: intermediate (4 semesters). Arabic: basic (6 semesters).

## Areas of Teaching

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1. Indian Epistemology: general and specialised courses on the traditions of Mīmāṃsā, Nyāya, Vyākaraṇa, Vedānta, Pramāṇavāda Buddhism.
2. Indian Metaphysics: general and specialised courses on the traditions of Mīmāṃsā, Nyāya, Vyākaraṇa, Vedānta and Pramāṇavāda Buddhism, Pratyabhijñā.
3. Indian Philosophy of Language and Mind: general and specialised courses on the traditions of Mīmāṃsā, Nyāya, Vyākaraṇa, Vedānta, Pramāṇavāda Buddhism, Pratyabhijñā.
4. Sanskrit grammar and literature.
5. Hinduism: general and specialised courses.
6. Indian Buddhism: general and specialised courses.
7. South Asian History from prehistory to the modern period