

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION AND DEGREES

- 1984–1991 Università di Roma “La Sapienza” (Italy) – Studies in Indology, Tibetan studies, and Philosophy of Language. Additional subjects: Ancient Greek and Latin Philology, Italian Literature and Philology, and Archivistcs and Library Science. Master’s thesis: *Il concetto di metafora nella filosofia buddhista*. Advisor: Prof. Raniero Gnoli
- 1992–1993 Delhi University (India), M.A. in Buddhist Studies
- 1994–1995 Università per Stranieri, Perugia (Italy), M.A. in “Teaching Italian as Second Language”
- 10/2000–02/2002 Universität Wien (Austria), Doctoral studies at the Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies
- 1999–2003 Università di Roma “La Sapienza”, Doctoral studies in Indology at the Dipartimento di Studi Orientali. D. Phil., *Suffering is not definite. An annotated translation of Dharmakīrti’s Pramāṇavārttika II.190–240 together with Manorathanandin’s Pramāṇavārttikavṛtti and Vibhūticandra’s notes*. Supervisor: Prof. Raffaele Torella
- 2020–2029 Habilitation for full professor position in Cultures of Central and Oriental Asia, Ministry of University and Research, Italy (10/N3 – Culture dell’Asia Centrale e Orientale)

MAIN AREAS OF RESEARCH AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

- ▶ South Asian and Buddhist studies, in particular Buddhist epistemological tradition
- ▶ Ayurvedic tradition in the cultural and intellectual history of South Asia
- ▶ Methodology of textual criticism and manuscript studies
- ▶ History of philology in South Asia
- ▶ History of the book in South Asia

My research languages are Sanskrit and Classical Tibetan. I studied Latin and Ancient Greek literature at MA level. I am Italian native speaker, I fluently speak and write English and German, and my competence in reading French is very good.

EMPLOYMENT

Research

- 01/2018–12/2021 Research fellow at the IKGA, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna. Austrian Science Fund (FWF) stand-alone project, “The Nobles’ Truths in Indian Buddhist epistemology” [P 30710-G24] – project leader
- 04–12/2017 Research fellow at the IKGA, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna. Project title: “A study of the discussion concerning the Buddha’s omniscience, as reflected in Dharmakīrti’s work and related Indian texts from the fifth to the seventh century” – project leader
- 08/2013–09/2016 Research fellow at the IKGA, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna. Austrian Science Fund (FWF) stand-alone project, “Indian Buddhist epistemology and the path to liberation” [P 26120–G15] – project leader
- 09–12/2012 Research fellow at the International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden (the Netherlands), Jan Gonda Foundation Fellowship UPS/BP/5191
- 07/2011–09/2012 and 12/2012–01/2013 Research fellow (Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin) at the Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies (ISTB), University of Vienna. Austrian Science Fund (FWF) project, “Philosophy and medicine in early classical India III” [P 23330–G15] (project leader: Karin Preisendanz)
- 08/2007–09/2010 Research fellow (Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin) at the ISTB, University of Vienna. Austrian Science Fund (FWF) project, “Philosophy and medicine in early classical India II” [P 19866–G15] (project leader: Karin Preisendanz)
- 01/2006–07/2007 Research fellow (Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin) at the IKGA, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna. Austrian Science Fund (FWF) project, “Philosophy and medicine in early classical India I” [P 17300–GO3] (project leader: Karin Preisendanz)
- 2005 Research associate in the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) project “Philosophy and medicine in early classical India I” [P 17300–GO3] (project leader: Karin Preisendanz)

Teaching

Universität Wien, Institut für Sudasiens-, Tibet- und Buddhismuskunde	
2020/21 Fall term	“Dharmakīrti on the Path to Liberation: Selected Passages from the <i>Pramāṇavārttika</i> ” (MA, Übungen)
2017/18 Spring term	“Manuscript culture in South Asia between orality and print” (BA, Proseminar)
2016/17 Fall term	“Commentaries on Dharmakīrti’s <i>Pramāṇavārttika</i> : Selected readings” (BA, Übungen)
2016/17 Fall term	“The four Truths in Buddhist thought” (BA, Vorlesung)
2015/16 Spring term	“Indian paths to liberation” (BA, Proseminar)
2014/15 Spring term	“Print culture in colonial India” (BA, Vorlesung)

2013/14	“Print culture in colonial India”
Spring term	(BA, Proseminar)
Università di Roma “La Sapienza”, Faculty of Social Sciences, Sociology of Religions	
2004/05	“The sacred in ancient Indian religious-philosophical traditions”
Università di Roma “La Sapienza”, Faculty of Oriental Studies	
2016	Erasmus Exchange Programme
May 17–20	
2002/03	Sessional teacher of Sanskrit

RESEARCH GRANTS, AWARDS, ETC.

- 2020 Shortlisted for an interview for a full professor position (W3 Professur) in Indology at Universität Leipzig
- 2017 FWF grant for the stand-alone project P 30710-G24, “The Nobles’ Truths in Indian Buddhist epistemology” (01/2018–12/2021)
- 2016 Best Publication Award by the “Anniversary Funds of the City of Vienna for the Austrian Academy of Sciences” (Humanities and the Social Sciences) for the book: *Dharmakīrti on the cessation of suffering. A critical edition with translation and comments of Manorathanandin’s Vṛtti and Vibhūticandra’s glosses on Pramāṇavārttika II.190-216. With the assistance of Philip Pierce. Brill, Leiden 2015*
- 2013 FWF grant for the stand-alone project P 26120-G15, “Indian Buddhist epistemology and the path to liberation” (08/2013–09/2016)
- 2012 Travel grant from Leiden University, Asian Modernity and Traditions (Research funding scheme, round 1st December 2012), Project No. 1540003007: “Places of the editorial activity as contact zones”
- 2012 Jan Gonda Foundation Fellowship UPS/BP/5191 (09-12/2012)
- 2000 Socrates/Erasmus scholarship for doctoral studies abroad (10/2000–05/2001)
- 1999 Ph.D. scholarship awarded by the Dipartimento di Studi Orientali, Università di Roma “La Sapienza” (11/1999–10/2002)
- 1992 Grant from the Italian Foreign Office for postgraduate studies abroad (10/1992–02/1994)

RESEARCH STAYS

- 29/2–13/3/2016 Tokyo Gakugei University, Tokyo: Reading sessions on the commentaries on the Pramāṇasiddhi chapter of the *Pramāṇavārttika*, with Prof. Masahiro Inami and his study group – FWF project “Indian Buddhist epistemology and the path to liberation”
- 17–28/11/2013 National Library and Asiatic Research Society Library, Calcutta – Project “Places of the editorial activity as contact zones”
- 8–16/11/2013 British Library, London – Project “Places of the editorial activity as contact zones”
- 8–9/2008 Anup Library Bikaner – Project “Philosophy and medicine in early classical India II”

WORKING GROUPS AND NETWORKS

- 2020-2021 Working Group on “History of Science in Early South Asia”, at the Consortium for History of Science, Technology and Medicine (CHSTM), Philadelphia (<https://www.chstm.org/early-south-asia>). Online monthly reading sessions from September 2020 to April 2021
- 2019-2021 “Global Eurasia – Comparison and Connectivity”. Arbeitsgruppe III – Diffusion of Knowledge and Transformations of Spaces of Knowledge. Austrian Academy of Sciences (<https://www.oeaw.ac.at/global-eurasia/>)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2019-2021 World Health Organization (WHO): “Standard Terminology of Ayurveda”. Participation in sessions for the revision of the initial Terminology document; peer review of the revised document; participation in sessions for the editing of the final version of the document
- 2020 Peer-review of individual publications for *History of the Human Sciences* (journal), *Religions* (journal)
- 2020 External examiner for a Ph.D. thesis on Ayurveda at the University of Malta
- 2015–2017 Member of the editorial board of the *Indian Journal of the History of Science* (IJHS: <http://www.insaindia.org/ijhs.php>)
- 2006–2009 Member of the editorial board of the *Rivista di Studi Sudasiatici* (RiSS: <http://www.fupress.net/index.php/rss>)
- 2000–2001 Istituto della Enciclopedia Italiana, Roma: Editing and indexing for *Scienza dell'India*, Vol. III of *Storia della scienza*

EVENTS (CONCEPT AND ORGANIZATION)

- 2021 ▪ Lecture series *Method and Region*, together with Bernhard Scheid and Marco Ferrante. IKGA, Spring 2021
- 2021 ▪ 26th European Conference on South Asian Studies. Panel in two sessions: *On the Transmission of the Sanskritic Culture in the Colonial Period: Philology and Print in South Asia*. University of Vienna, Vienna, 26-29 July 2021
- 2019 ▪ International symposium, together with Vincent Eltschinger and Marion Rastelli: *Paths to Liberation in Hindu and Sikh Traditions*. Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, 28–29 November 2019
- 2018 ▪ International symposium, together with Johanna Buß and Alaka Chudal: *Manuscript, Print and Publication Cultures in South Asia: From the 19th Century to the Present*. Austrian Academy of Sciences and University of Vienna, 20–21 September 2018
- 2015 ▪ International symposium, together with Vincent Eltschinger: *Mārga. Paths to Liberation in South Asian Buddhist Traditions* – Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, 17–18 December 2015
- 2015 ▪ 16th World Sanskrit Conference. Panel in three sessions: *The Transmission of Sanskrit Texts. Practices, Methods, and Dynamics in Premodern and Modern South Asia*. Silpakorn University, Bangkok (Thailand), 28 June–2 July 2015

PARTICIPATION IN WORKSHOPS AND SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

- 2020 ■ Workshop: *Monasteries and Doxography in Indian Buddhism*, jointly organized by Serena Saccone (OEAW) and Peter Szanto (Leiden University) together with the Vihāra Project (JSPS KAKENHI Grant). Online (September 19-20 and 26-27)
- 2019 ■ World Health Organization (WHO) Working Group Meeting on standard terminology documents of Ayurveda, Unani, and Siddha systems of medicine. Institute for Post Graduate Teaching & Research in Ayurveda (IPGT&RA), Gujarat Ayurved University, Jamnagar, India (December 2-4)
- Workshop: *Prajñākaragupta and Yamāri*. Organized by Eli Franco and Hiroko Matsuoka. Institut für Indologie und Zentralasienwissenschaften, Universität Leipzig (June 28-July 1)
- Workshop: *Tantra and pramāṇa. The Sāramañjarī by Samantabhadra*. Organized by Serena Saccone and Péter-Daniel Szántó. IKGA, Vienna (May 14-16)
- 2018 ■ Workshop: *Prajñākaragupta on Yogic Perception: Direct Insight from Abstract Truth*. Organized by Patrick MacAllister, with Shinya Moriyama, Kengo Harimoto, and others. IKGA, Vienna (July 2-3)
- 2017 ■ Discussant at the workshop SAPHALA (*South Asian Philosophy and Language*), organized by Alessandro Graheli, IKGA (December 18-20)
- 2016 ■ International Twin-Conference I – *God or the Divine. Religious Transcendence beyond Monism and Theism, between Personality and Impersonality*. Chair of Section III. June 26–28, 2016, Katholische Akademie Schwerte (Germany)
- 2010 ■ Workshop: Information Technology Applied to the Critical Edition of the *Kāśikāvṛtti*, with Vincenzo Vergiani (University of Cambridge). University of Vienna (December 7-9)
- Workshop: The Transmission of Sanskrit Medical Literature in India. Master Class in Sanskrit Textual Readings, at the International Conference *Asian Diversity in a Global Context* (11-13 November 2010). University of Copenhagen, Denmark (November 12)
- 2009 ■ Workshop: Towards a Critical Edition of Jejjāṭa’s Commentary on the *Carakasamhitā*, with Karin Preisendanz, Tsutomu Yamashita and Kenneth Zysk. University of Vienna (March 26-28)
- 2008 ■ Workshop: Textual Traditions, at the *International Grand Centennial Convention and Arogya Ayurveda Expo 2008*, 21-24 August. Coimbatore, India (Aug. 19-20)
- 2007 ■ Workshop: Textual Tradition of Āyurveda, at the *International Seminar on the Textual Tradition of Āyurveda* (15-19 January 2007). Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, India (January 18-19)

LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2021 “The Transmission of the *Carakasamhitā* in Colonial South Asia.” At the 26th European Conference on South Asian Studies (26-29 July 2021). University of Vienna, Vienna
- 2020 “Meditationspraxis und buddhistische Erkenntnistheorie.” Interview for the W3 Professorship in Indology at the Universität Leipzig. Online (July 15)
- 2019 “Indian Buddhist Epistemologists on the Consequences of Meditation Practices.” At the symposium *Ancient Buddhist Meditation: Historical, Philosophical and Comparative Perspectives*. Organized by the Study Group in Comparative and Global Philosophy. Faculty of Philosophy, University of Groningen, The Netherlands (November 6)

- 2018 [a] “The Omniscient Buddha: Dharmakīrti’s Remarks.” At the 17th World Sanskrit Conference (July 9-13, 2018), Section: Buddhist Studies. University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada (July 11)
- [b] “For the Other, Without Thinking of the Other.” At the Coffee Break Conference *Center and Peripheries? A Summer School on European Renaissance & Asian Renascences*, April 9-11, 2018. Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Germany (April 10)
- [c] “Philologists and Publishers: On the First Printed Edition of the *Carakasamhitā* and its Context.” Institute’s colloquium, IKGA (March 6)
- 2017 Book presentation: *Dharmakīrti on the Cessation of Suffering*, Leiden-Boston: Brill, 2015. At the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna (January 26)
- 2016 [a] “Seeing and Visualizing from the Point of View of the Indian Epistemological Tradition.” At the workshop *Vision and Visuality in Buddhism and Beyond*, November 24-26, 2016. Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, University Research Priority Program (URPP) Asia and Europe, University of Zurich, Switzerland (November 25)
- [b] “Dal respiro alla mente.” Seminar in two sessions at the annual meeting of the Istituto Internazionale Ricerche Yoga, held in Marina di Massa, Italy (September 8-11)
- [c] “Philologists at Work. The Case of the *Carakasamhitā*.” Institute’s colloquium at the IKGA (July 5)
- [d] “Philologists at Work. The Case of the *Carakasamhitā*.” At the workshop *Colonial Sciences and Indigenous Knowledge Systems in South Asia*, June 10-11, 2016. Max-Planck-Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte, Berlin, Germany (June 11)
- [e] “Dharmakīrti and the Path to Liberation III.” Guest lecture at Università di Roma “La Sapienza” (May 19)
- [f] “Dharmakīrti and the Path to Liberation II.” Guest lecture at Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan (March 7)
- 2015 [a] “Dharmakīrti and the Path to Liberation I.” At the symposium (organized by Vincent Eltschinger and myself) *Mārga. Paths to Liberation in South Asian Buddhist Traditions*, December 17-18, 2015. Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna (December 17)
- [b] “Approaches to Textuality. Samples from the *Carakasamhitā*.” in the panel (organized by myself): *The Transmission of Sanskrit Texts*. At the 16th World Sanskrit Conference (28 June-2 July 2015). Silpakorn University, Bangkok, Thailand (June 30)
- [c] “Some Reflections on Methodological Questions in the Study of Dharmakīrti.” At the 16th World Sanskrit Conference (28 June-2 July 2015), Section: Buddhist Studies. Silpakorn University, Bangkok, Thailand (June 29)
- 2014 [a] “Pratiche di meditazione indiana.” Seminar in two sessions at the Annual Meeting of the Istituto Internazionale Ricerche Yoga. Acqui Terme, Italy (September 5-7)
- [b] “Dharmakīrti on the Role of Rituals.” At the 5th International Dharmakīrti Conference (26-30 August, 2014), Cluster of Excellence “Asia and Europe in a Global Context”. Heidelberg, Germany (Aug. 29)
- [c] “Meditation and Indian Philosophical Theories.” At the 17th Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies (August, 18-23, 2014). University of Vienna (Aug. 20)
- 2013 “Le siddhi.” Seminar in two sessions at the Annual Meeting of the Istituto Internazionale Ricerche Yoga. Tabiano, Italy (September 6-8)
- 2012 [a] “Commenting by Quoting. The Case of Manorathanandin’s *Pramāṇavārttikavṛtti*.” At the Coffee Break Conference *Quotations and Re-Use of Texts in Sanskrit Texts* (December 21-22, 2012). Università “La Sapienza”, Roma (December 21)

- [b] “A *dharma* to Be Proved: Texts from the Indian Buddhist Epistemological Tradition.” At the International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, The Netherlands (December 10)
- [c] “A *dharma* to Be Proved: Texts from the Indian Buddhist Epistemological Tradition.” At Leiden University, The Netherlands (December 6)
- [d] “Copying and Editing in Pre-modern and Modern South Asia. Samples from the *Carakasamhitā*.” At the 41st Annual Conference on South Asia (October 11-14, 2012). Madison, Wisconsin, USA (October 13)
- [e] “*Kleśa*.” Seminar in three sessions at the Annual Meeting of the Istituto Internazionale Ricerche Yoga. Tabiano, Italy (September 7-9)
- 2011 [a] “*Yama* and *niyama*.” Seminar in three sessions at the Annual Meeting of the Istituto Internazionale Ricerche Yoga. Tabiano, Italy (September 8-11)
- [b] “Causation and Selflessness in View of Liberation.” At the XVIth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies (20-25 June 2011). Dharma Drum College, Jinshan, Taiwan (June 21)
- 2010 “Modalities of the Diachronic Migration of Ancient Medical Literature: The Textual Witnesses of the *Carakasamhitā*.” At the International Conference *Asian Diversity in a Global Context* (11-13 November 2010), Panel: ‘The Transmission of Sanskrit Medical Literature in India’. University of Copenhagen, Denmark (November 13)
- 2009 [a] “A Note on *sambhavānumāna* in the Writings of Dharmakīrti.” At the 14th World Sanskrit Conference (1-5 September 2009), Section: Philosophy. University of Kyoto, Kyoto, Japan (September 4)
- [b] “Treating Diseases by Knowing Health: Patients and Physicians in Dialogue.” At the 14th World Sanskrit Conference (1-5 September 2009), Section: Scientific Literature, Panel *Physicians and Patients • Textual Representations in Pre-Modern South Asia*. University of Kyoto, Kyoto (September 1)
- [c] “Verità sulla liberazione: la tradizione logico-epistemologica buddhista.” [Truth(s) about liberation: The Buddhist logical-epistemological tradition], University of Florence, Italy (April 9)
- 2008 [a] “Transmitting the *Carakasamhitā*: Notes for a History of the Tradition.” At the conference The History of Medicine in India – Past and Present Theories and Practices in the Light of the Classical Textual Sources, within the International Grand Centennial Convention and Arogya Ayurveda Expo 2008, 21-24 August. Coimbatore, India (August 22)
- [b] “La logica buddhista.” Conferenze del Centro di Studi sul Buddhismo, Quinto Ciclo. Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”, Naples, Italy (March 5)
- 2007 [a] “(In)utile Manuscripts in a Contaminated Tradition: Samples from the *Carakasamhitā*.” At the 30. Deutscher Orientalistentag (24-28 September 2007). Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany (September 25)
- [b] “Lo yoga come tecnica spirituale” (1st lecture); “Il cammino di liberazione nella tradizione buddhista indiana” (2nd lecture). Seminar in two sessions at the Annual Meeting of the Istituto Internazionale Ricerche Yoga. Camaldoli, Italy (September 20-22)
- [c] “On the Means to Acquire Medical Knowledge”. At the International Seminar on the Textual Tradition of Āyurveda (15-19 January 2007). Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady (January 16)

Other lectures held at the Universities of Napoli (2002 and 2004), Roma (2004), Hamburg (2003), Firenze (2002), and at the Annual Meeting of the Istituto Internazionale Ricerche Yoga since 2004.

MEMBERSHIPS

International Association of Sanskrit Studies (IASS)

European Association of South Asian Studies (EASAS)

CURRENT PROJECTS

Articles and book chapters

2021

- A1. Editors of Sanskrit Texts. An Introduction. In: C. Pecchia (ed.), *Editors of Sanskrit Texts*. See B1 below.
- A2. Introduction to Print Cultures in the Making in South Asia. Together with J. Buß and A. Chudal. In: C. Pecchia, J. Buß and A. Chudal (eds.), *Print Cultures in the Making in South Asia*. See B2 below.
- A3. Indian Buddhist Epistemologists on Meditation Practice: Reflections on a Historical-Philological Approach to Indic Philosophical Texts.
- A4. Another Omniscience. Dharmakīrti on the Buddha's Omniscience. In a *Festschrift*.

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- A5. Omniscience. Together with S. Saccone. In: *Brill's Encyclopedia of Buddhism (BEB)*, Vol. III (Doctrines).
- A6. Omniscience as Consequence.
- A7. Self-awareness: A Buddhist Mode of Perception.

Books

2021

- B1. (ed.), *Editors of Sanskrit Texts*. Materials for a history of philology in South Asia. Austrian Academy of Sciences Press, Vienna 2021.
- B2. Together with Johanna Buß and Alaka Chudal (eds.), *Print Cultures in the Making in South Asia*. Papers from an international symposium held at the University of Vienna, 20–21 September 2018. Special issue of *Philological Encounters* 2021.
- B3. *Dharmakīrti's Discussion of the Path to Liberation*. A critical edition with translation and comments of Manorathanandin's *Vṛtti* and Vibhūticandra's glosses on Dharmakīrti's *Pramāṇavārttika* II.217-285. Brill, Leiden.

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- B4. *Dharmakīrti on the Nobles' Truths*. A critical edition with translation and comments of Dharmakīrti's *Pramāṇavārttika* II.145-285.
- B5. Together with Vincent Eltschinger and Marion Rastelli (eds.), *Paths to Liberation in Hindu and Sikh Traditions*. Papers from an international symposium held at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, 28–29 November 2019. Brill, Leiden.
- B6. Together with Karin Preisendanz and Philipp A. Maas, *A Critical Edition of Carakasamhitā Vimānasthāna Chapter 8*. Austrian Academy of Sciences Press, Vienna.

