

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, Latin Philology,
Italian Literature and Philology, and Archivistics 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), Diploma
in “Teaching Italian as a 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

2013–2020 Habilitation for Associate Professorship in Cultures of Central and Oriental Asia,
Ministry of Education, Italy (10/N3 – Culture dell’Asia Centrale e Orientale)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- South Asian and Buddhist studies, in particular Indian philosophy and Buddhist epistemology
- Cultural and intellectual history of South Asia
- Ayurvedic tradition
- Methodology of textual criticism
- Manuscript studies with reference to Sanskrit texts
- History of philology

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Modern languages – Italian (native speaker), English, German, French (reading)

Ancient languages – Sanskrit, Pāli, Classical Tibetan, Latin, Ancient Greek

EMPLOYMENT

RESEARCH

- 01/2018–12/2021 Research fellow at the IKGA, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, FWF stand-alone project P 30710-G24, “The Nobles’ Truths in Indian Buddhist Epistemology” – 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, FWF stand-alone project P 26120–G15, “Indian Buddhist epistemology and the path to liberation” – 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 at the Department of South Asian, Tibetan and Buddhist Studies (ISTB), University of Vienna, FWF Project P 23330–G15: “Philosophy and medicine in early classical India III” (project leader: Karin Preisendanz)
- 08/2007–09/2010 Research fellow at the ISTB, University of Vienna, FWF Project P 19866–G15: “Philosophy and medicine in early classical India II” (project leader: Karin Preisendanz)
- 01/2006–07/2007 Research fellow (Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin) at the IKGA, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, FWF Project P 17300–GO3: “Philosophy and medicine in early classical India I” (project leader: Karin Preisendanz)
- 2005 Research associate in the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) Project P 17300–GO3: “Philosophy and medicine in early classical India I”

TEACHING

University of Vienna, ISTB

- 2017/18 “Manuscript Culture in South Asia between Orality and Print”, Spring term (BA, Proseminar)
- 2016/17 “Commentaries on Dharmakīrti’s *Pramāṇavārttika*: Selected Readings”, Fall term (BA, Übungen)
- 2016/17 “The Four Truths in Buddhist Thought”, Fall term (BA, Vorlesung)
- 2015/16 “Indian Paths to Liberation”, Spring term (BA, Proseminar)
- 2014/15 “Print Culture in Colonial India”, Spring term (BA, Vorlesung)
- 2013/14 “Print Culture in Colonial India”, Spring term (BA, Proseminar)

Università di Roma “La Sapienza”, Faculty of Oriental Studies

2016, May 17–20 Erasmus Exchange Programme

2002/03 Sessional teacher of Sanskrit

Università di Roma “La Sapienza”, Faculty of Social Sciences, Sociology of Religions

2004/05 “The Sacred in Ancient Indian Religious-Philosophical Traditions”

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 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)

EVENTS ORGANIZED

- 2018 International symposium: “Manuscript, Print and Publication Cultures in South Asia: From the 19th Century to the Present” – Austrian Academy of Sciences, University of Vienna, September 20–21, 2018; together with Johanna Buß and Alaka Chudal
- 2015 Panel in three sessions: “The Transmission of Sanskrit Texts. Practices, Methods, and Dynamics in Premodern and Modern South Asia.” – 16th World Sanskrit Conference, Sanskrit Studies Centre, Silpakorn University, Bangkok (Thailand), June 28–July 2, 2015
- 2015 International symposium: “*Mārga*. Paths to Liberation in South Asian Buddhist Traditions.” – Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, December 17–18, 2015; together with Vincent Eltschinger

CONFERENCE PAPERS, LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2018 • The Omniscient Buddha: Dharmakīrti’s Remarks. At the 17th World Sanskrit Conference (July 9-13, 2018), Section: Buddhist Studies, Vancouver, BC Canada (July 11)
- For the Other, Without Thinking of the Other. At the Coffee Break Conference *Center and Peripheries? A Summer School on European Renaissance & Asian Resuscences*, April 9-11, 2018, University of Tübingen, Germany (April 10)
- Philology and Ayurveda (I): On the First Printed Edition of the *Carakasamhitā* and its Context. Institute’s colloquium at the IKGA (March 6)
- 2017 • Discussant at the workshop SAPHALA (*South Asian Philosophy and Language*), IKGA (December 18-20)

- Book presentation: *Dharmakīrti on the Cessation of Suffering*, Leiden-Boston 2015. At the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna (January 26)
- 2016 • 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)
 - 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)
 - Philologists at Work. The Case of the *Carakasamhitā*, Institute's colloquium at the IKGa (July 5)
 - 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)
 - Dharmakīrti and the Path to Liberation III. Guest lecture at Università di Roma "La Sapienza" (May 19)
 - Dharmakīrti and the Path to Liberation II. Guest lecture at Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan (March 7)
- 2015 • Dharmakīrti and the Path to Liberation I. At the symposium *Mārga. Paths to Liberation in South Asian Buddhist Traditions*, December 17-18, 2015, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna (December 17)
 - Approaches to Textuality. Samples from the *Carakasamhitā*. At the 16th World Sanskrit Conference (28 June-2 July 2015), Panel: "The Transmission of Sanskrit Texts", Silpakorn University, Bangkok, Thailand (June 30)
 - 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 • Pratiche di meditazione indiana. Seminar in two sessions at the Annual Meeting of the Istituto Internazionale Ricerche Yoga, Acqui Terme, Italy (September 5-7)
 - 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)
 - 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 • 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)
 - A *dharma* to Be Proved: Texts from the Indian Buddhist Epistemological Tradition. At the International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, The Netherlands (December 10)

- A *dharma* to Be Proved: Texts from the Indian Buddhist Epistemological Tradition. At Leiden University, The Netherlands (December 6)
 - 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)
 - *Kleśa*. Seminar in three sessions at the Annual Meeting of the Istituto Internazionale Ricerche Yoga, Tabiano, Italy (September 7-9)
- 2011
- Seminar in three sessions: *Yama* and *niyama*. At the Annual Meeting of the Istituto Internazionale Ricerche Yoga, Tabiano, Italy (September 8-11)
 - 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
- Workshop: Information Technology Applied to the Critical Edition of the *Kāśikāvṛtti*, together with Vincenzo Vergiani (University of Cambridge) and Philipp A. Maas (University of Vienna), University of Vienna (December 7-9)
 - 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)
 - 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 (November 12)
- 2009
- A Note on *saṃbhavānumāna* in the Writings of Dharmakīrti. At the 14th World Sanskrit Conference (1-5 September 2009), Section: Philosophy, University of Kyoto, Kyoto, Japan (September 4)
 - 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)
 - Verità sulla liberazione: la tradizione logico-epistemologica buddhista. [Truth(s) about liberation: The Buddhist logical-epistemological tradition], University of Florence, Italy (April 9)
 - Towards a Critical Edition of Jejjāṭa’s Commentary on the *Carakasamhitā*, Workshop with Karin Preisendanz, Tsutomu Yamashita and Kenneth Zysk, University of Vienna (March 26-28)
- 2008
- 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)
 - Textual Traditions. Workshop at the International Grand Centennial Convention and Arogya Ayurveda Expo 2008, 21-24 August, Coimbatore (Aug. 19-20)

- La logica buddhista [Buddhist logic], Conferenze del Centro di Studi sul Buddhismo, Quinto Ciclo, Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”, Naples, Italy (March 5)
- 2007 • (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)
- 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)
- Textual Tradition of Āyurveda. Workshop at the International Seminar on the Textual Tradition of Āyurveda (15-19 January 2007), Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, India (January 18-19)
- 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.

MISCELLANEOUS

RESEARCH STAYS

- 29/02–13/03/2016 Tokyo Gakugei University, Tokyo: Reading sessions on the Tibetan 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”
- 08–09/2008 Anup Library Bikaner – Project “Philosophy and medicine in early classical India II”

FUNCTIONS WITH JOURNALS ETC.

- 2015–2017 Member of the editorial board of the *Indian Journal of the History of Science* (IJHS: <http://www.insaindia.org/ijhs.php>)
- 2008–2010 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*

MEMBERSHIPS

Classical Ayurveda Text Study Group, International Association of Buddhist Studies, International Association of Sanskrit Studies