

# Marco Ferrante

## 1. General Information

Date of Birth	December 3rd, 1980
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## 2. Fields of Research

- Sanskrit language and philology.
- History of South Asian philosophy: epistemology, metaphysics and philosophy of language.
- Philosophy of the grammatical school (*vyākaraṇa*).
- Hindu Tantrism and Hindu Tantric philosophy.

## 3. Employments

2015-present	Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia. Austrian Academy of Sciences. Vienna (Austria).
2013-2015	Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia. Austrian Academy of Sciences. Vienna (Austria).

## 4. Education

<b>Ph.D.</b> (2013)	<i>Dottorato di Ricerca in Civiltà, culture e lingue dell'Asia e dell'Africa.</i> Sapienza University of Rome. (Doctoral degree in Civilisations, cultures and languages of Asia and Africa). <i>Title of the Dissertation:</i> “Vṛṣabhadeva’s <i>Sphuṭākṣarā</i> : an alternative perspective on Bhartṛhari’s metaphysics”. <i>Supervisor:</i> Prof. Raffaele Torella.
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- MA** (2008) *Laurea Specialistica in Lingue e civiltà orientali* (MA in Oriental Languages and Cultures). Sapienza University of Rome. Mark: *summa cum laude*. *Title of the Dissertation*: “La Paddhati di Vṛṣabhadeva: una differente prospettiva sul Bhartṛhari metafisico”. (*Vṛṣabhadeva’s Paddhati: a different perspective on Bhartṛhari’s metaphysics*). *Supervisor*: Dr. Vincenzo Vergiani.
- BA** (2005) *Laurea Triennale in Lingue e civiltà orientali* (BA in Oriental Languages and Cultures). Sapienza University of Rome. Mark: *summa cum laude*. *Title of the Dissertation*: “Arabo e lingue indoarie: elaborazione di elementi linguistici arabi nella lingua hindī”. (*Arabic and indo-aryan languages: traces of Arabic elements in the hindī language*). *Supervisor*: Prof. Claudia A. Ciancaglini.

## 5. Publications

### 5.1 Articles

- forth. “Bhartṛhari and verbal testimony. A hyper-antireductionist approach?”. *Proceedings of the 4th Coffee Break Conference*.
- forth. “On *ṛsis* and *yogins*: Immediate and Mediate Extraordinary Cognitions in Early Brahmanical Thought”. *Rivista degli Studi Orientali*.
- 2015 “Vṛṣabhadeva on the status of ordinary phenomena: between Bhartṛhari and Advaita Vedānta”. *Journal of Indian Philosophy* 43.1: 61-83.
- 2014 “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.
- 2014 “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.
- 2014 “How to obtain salvation through Language? Bhartṛhari on Śabdapūrvayoga” in A. Keidan (ed.) *The Study of South Asia between Antiquity and Modernity. Parallels and Comparisons*. *Rivista degli Studi Orientali. Supplemento 2*: 161-176.
- 2013 “Vṛṣabhadeva’s Sphuṭākṣarā on Bhartṛhari’s metaphysics: commentarial strategy and new interpretations”. *Journal of Indian Philosophy* 41.2: 133-149.

### 5.2 Review Articles

- forth. Review of Alessandro Graheli, *History and Transmission of the Nyāyamañjarī*. *Critical edition of the Section on the Sphoṭa* in *Rivista degli Studi Orientali*.

## 6. Conference Papers and Lectures

### 6.1 Conference papers

- 18.9.2015 Rome, 6th Coffee Break Conference. "Knowing the unknown: extraordinary cognitions in Brahmanical philosophies: an introduction".
- 29.6.2015 Bangkok, 16<sup>th</sup> World Sanskrit Conference. "Bhartṛhari on the *śiṣṭas* as omniscient persons".
- 27.3.2015 Bologna, Università di Bologna. Convegno Associazione Italiana di Studi Sanscriti. "Cognizioni straordinarie e onniscienza nella speculazione brahmanica antica".
- 12.4.2014 Salt Lake City, Westminster College. Eighth South Asian Studies Association Conference. "A city ruled by a villain or by a lawful king? A short note on the description of Laṅkā in Rāmāyaṇa's Sundarakāṇḍa".
- 17.10.2013 Bochum, Ruhr Universität. Fifth International Indological Graduate Research Symposium. "Vākyapadīya 1.13: Bhartṛhari on the 'true activation' of meaning".
- 04.9.2013 Torino, University of Turin. "Between the Scylla of reason and the Charybdis of testimony. Bhartṛhari on epistemological problems".
- 29.9.2011 Paris, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris 3, Third International Indological Graduate Research Symposium. "How can we get salvation through language? Bhartṛhari on the concept of the *śabdapūrvayoga*".
- 8.9.2011 Roma, Sapienza University, 2nd Coffee Break Conference. "Language, Salvation and their Relation: the Soteriological Goal according to the Ancient Indian Grammarians".
- 8.9.2011 Roma, Sapienza University, 2nd Coffee Break Conference. "Language as a Way of Salvation. Introduction to the panel".

### 6.2 Invited Lectures

- 08.5.2013 Leipzig, Leipzig Universität. "Vṛṣabhadeva on Bhartṛhari's metaphysics: an evaluation".

### 6.3 Departmental Talks

- 6.9.2016 Vienna, Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia. "Bhartṛhari's legacy within the Pratyabhijñā".
- 2.6.2016 Vienna, Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia. "A Śaiva

interpretation of the Buddhist Theory of Exclusion”.

4.2.2014 Vienna, Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia. “Language and Action in Early Brahmanical Philosophy”.

## 7. Conferences organization and panels

17-19.9. 2015 Co-organiser of the *5th Coffee Break Conference*. International conference on Asian Studies. Sapienza University, Rome. Convenor of the panel “Knowing the unknown: extraordinary cognitions in Brahmanical philosophies”.

8-10.9. 2011 Co-organiser of the *2nd Coffee Break Conference*. International conference on Asian Studies. Sapienza University, Rome. Convenor of the panel “Language as a way of salvation”.

## 8. Teaching Experience

### *Undergraduate level*

January 2011- April 2012 Junior Teaching Assistant in Sanskrit: drills for BA students, Sapienza University of Rome.

### *Graduate level*

January 2013- June 2013 “Bhartṛhari’s Vākyapadiya and Vṛṣabhadeva’s *Sphuṭākṣarā*”. Seminar for advanced students. Sapienza University of Rome.

March-June 2011 “Bhartṛhari’s Vākyapadiya and Vṛṣabhadeva’s *Sphuṭākṣarā*”. Seminar for advanced students. Sapienza University of Rome.

October-December 2010 “Vṛṣabhadeva’s *Sphuṭākṣarā*, the opening stanzas”. Seminar for advanced students. University of Cambridge, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies.

## 9. Research Experience

April-June 2012 Cambridge, UK, University of Cambridge. Visiting student at the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies.

September-December 2010 Cambridge, UK, University of Cambridge. Visiting student at the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies.

*July 2016*

January–April 2009

Pune, Maharashtra, India. Reading and research on Bhartṛhari's *Vākyapadīya* with Prof. Saroja Bhate, formerly head of the Sanskrit Department of the University of Pune.

## 10. Grants and Awards

November 2009 – October 2012.

Ph.D programme, full scholarship awarded by Sapienza University of Rome after public competition.

October 2005 – September 2007

Scholarship at the library of the Department of Oriental Studies awarded by Sapienza University of Rome.

## 11. Teaching Areas

History of Indian philosophy, Indian epistemology, Indian theories of meaning, Buddhist philosophy. Religions of South Asia: Hinduism, Indian Buddhism, Jainism.

## 12. Languages

Italian (native), English (fluent), German (elementary), French (basic).

Sanskrit, Latin, Ancient Greek.