

Curriculum Vitae

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CURRENT POSITIONS

- Dean of Faculty of Eastern Christian Studies (SEO), PIO, Rome
- Extraordinary Professor, SEO, PIO, Rome
- Researcher, CEDRAC/USJ, Beirut

EDUCATION

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| 2013 | S.E.O.D., Doctorate in Eastern Christian Studies (PIO) |
| 2010 | S.E.O.L., Licentiate in Eastern Christian Studies (PIO) |
| 2006 | MA in Arabic and Islamic Studies, Dar Comboni for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Cairo, Egypt. |
| 2002 | B.Th., Bachelor of Theology, Philosophical-Theological Institute of the Society of Jesus in Zagreb (FTI), affiliate to the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome |
| 1996 | B.Ph., Bachelor of Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy of the Society of Jesus (FFDI) University of Zagreb. |
| 1990 – 1994 | Faculty of Medicine, Zagreb, Croatia (incomplete) |

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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| 2022 – today | Dean of Faculty SEO |
| 2019 | Extraordinary professor, SEO, PIO |
| 2017 | Adjunct professor, SEO, PIO |
| 2016 | Visiting professor, SEO, PIO |
| 2013 – today | Researcher, Centre de Documentation et de Recherches Arabes Chrétiennes (CEDRAC) Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth |
| 2013 – 2016 | Invited Lecturer, University of Zagreb - Faculty of Philosophy and Religious Study (FFRS) |
| 2013 – 2016 | Invited Lecturer, Philosophical-Theological Institute of the Society of Jesus (FTIDI) Zagreb, affiliate to the Pontifical Gregorian University (PUG), Rome |

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Volumes

- 2023 *Autocephaly: Coming of Age in Communion. Historical, Canonical, Liturgical and Theological Studies*, ed. Edward G. Farrugia, S.J. and Željko Paša, S.J., 2 vols., OCA 314-315 (Roma: PIO 2023).
- 2021 *Actes du congrès « L'Orient chrétien dans l'Occident Latin » 300e anniversaire de la Bibliotheca Orientalis d'Assemani (1719-2019)*, Tome I : Cité du Vatican – Rome, 7-8 novembre 2019, ed. Željko Paša, S.J., *Parole de l'Orient*, vol. 47 (2021), pp. xviii + 428.
- 2018 *Between the cross and the crescent. Studies in honor of Samir Khalil Samir, S.J. on the occasion of his eightieth birthday*, ed. Željko Paša, S.J., OCA 304 (Roma: PIO 2018), pp. xlii + 800.

Forthcoming:

Christianity, Islam, and the Syriac Renaissance: The Impact of 'Abdīshō' bar Brīkhā. Papers Collected on His 700th Anniversary (1318-2018), ed. Salam Rassi and Željko Paša, S.J. OCA 316 (Roma: PIO 2024).

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- 2021 [“Symbol of Faith of the Eastern Syriac Christians attributed to Mār Michael, Bishop of Āmid and Mayyāfāriqīn. Critical Edition, Study and Translation”](#), ed. Massimo Pampaloni and Stefano Parenti, *Worship: Studies in Memory of Robert F. Taft, S.J.*, OCA 310, Rome: PIO 2021, 233-265.
- « [Avant-Propos](#) » in *Actes du congrès « L'Orient chrétien dans l'Occident Latin » 300e anniversaire de la Bibliotheca Orientalis d'Assemani (1719-2019)*, Tome I : Cité du Vatican – Rome, 7-8 novembre 2019, ed. Željko PASA, *Parole de l'Orient*, vol. 47 (2021), xiii-xiv.
- 2020 [“Towards a reconsideration of ambiguities in 'Abdīšū's «Kitāb farā'id al-fawā'id fī usūl ad-dīn wal-'aqā'id»”](#) in ARAM 32, no. 1&2 (2020) 17-30.
- 2019 [“Īsū'yahb II of Ġadālā's Confession of the Faith before Heraclius in 630: Study, Critical Edition, and Translation”](#) in ARAM 31, no. 1 (2019) 137-164.
- 2018 [“Prefazione”](#) in Gianmaria GIANAZZA, *Testi teologici di Ebedjesu*, Patrimonio Culturale Arabo Cristiano 15 (Bologna: CreateSpace 2018) 11-18.
- [“Īsū'yāb I Arzunī and Confession of the Faith. Critical Edition and Translation”](#) in *Parole d'Orient* 44 (2018) 359-385.
- [“Martyrdom of Babowai the Catholicos and Patriarch, and the confession of the Faith of Barsawma of Nisibis. Critical edition and translation”](#) in *Between the cross and the crescent. Studies in honor of Samir Khalil Samir, S.J. on the occasion of his eightieth birthday*, edited by Željko Paša, OCA 304 (Roma: PIO 2018)
- 2016 [“Al-'izah fī našīd al-'adrā' Maryam wālidat Allah : Sermon on the Canticle of the Virgin Mary Mother of God. Transliteration from Garšūnī to the Arabic Text, Study, Critical Edition and Lexicon”](#) in *Les Maronites aux temps des croisements culturels xvie – xixe siècle* (Cordoba: CNERU / Beyrouth: CEDRAC-USJ, 2016) Series Syro-Arabica, vol. 3, 209-286.

- 2016 [“The Concept of God’s Unity in the «Kitāb farā’id al-fawā’id fī usūl ad-dīn wal-‘aqā’id» of ‘Abdīšū’ bar Brīhā \(d.1318\) Metropolitan of Nisibis”](#) in *Synthesis Philosophica*, No. 62, Vol. 30 (2016) Fasc. 2, 395-411.
- [“Christology of ‘Abdīšū’ bar Brīhā, Metropolitan of Nisibis \(†1318\) in Kitāb farā’id al-fawā’id fī usūl ad-dīn wal-‘aqā’id”](#) in *Parole de l’Orient* 42 (2016) 405-420.
- 2013 [“The Concept of God’s Trinity in the “Kitāb farā’id al-fawā’id fī usūl ad-dīn wa-l-‘aqā’id” of ‘Abdīšū’ bar Brīhā”](#) in *ARAM* 25 (2013) 217-230.
- [Kitāb farā’id al-fawā’id fī usūl ad-dīn wal-‘aqā’id - Book of the Pearls of Utility: On the Principles of the Religion and Dogmas of ‘Abdīšū’ bar Brīhā, Metropolitan of Nisibis \(†1318\)](#). Excerpta ex Dissertatione ad Doctoratum (Rome: PIO 2013).
- 2007 [“Avicenna’s ‘De Anima’”](#), in *Disputatio philosophica*, Vol. 9 No. 1 (2007).
- 2003 “O Kristovoj svijesti. Način na koji je Isus Krist spoznao samoga sebe kao Drugu božansku osobu” [=“[Reflections on the Consciousness of Christ](#)”], in: *Obnovljeni Život*, Vol. 58, No. 2 (2003) 189-214. [in Croatian. Summary in English]
- 1997 [De hominis cognitone et problemate intelligendi Deum apud S. Thomam de Aquino](#), Facultas Philosophiae Societatis Iesu, (Zagreb 1997). [in Latin]
- 1996 [De veritate hominisque intelligere apud S. Thomam de Aquino sive quomodo veritas hominem liberat](#), Facultas Philosophiae Societatis Iesu, (Zagreb 1996). [in Latin]

Forthcoming:

“Melkite Symbol of Faith Attributed to Mār Michaelē, Bishop of Āmid and Mayyāfāriqīn (in 1180): Interpolation in Vat. Ar. 83, ff. 230r-239v. Study, Critical Edition and Translation”, *Parole de l’Orient*, vol. 50 (2024).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2022 Vatican City	09-11 November	Modelli di santità e canonizzazioni. A 40 anni della costituzione apostolica <i>Divinus Perfectionis Magister</i> (1983-2023)
2022 Nyíregyháza, Hungary	13-15 September	Workshop on the background of the first Council of Nicea: Open Questions The St. Athanasius Greek Catholic Theological Institute, Nyíregyháza
2022 Paris	04-09 July	The XIII Symposium Syriacum and the 11th Conference of Christian Arabic Studies
2019 Vatican City - Rome	07-08 November	The Christian East in the Latin West. Assemani’s <i>Bibliotheca Orientalis</i> (1719-2019) – 300th Anniversary
2019 Oxford	19-24 August	XVIII. International Conference on Patristic Studies Oxford
2019 Rome	02-03 May	Autocephaly: A Challenge for both Orthodox and Catholics
2019 Beirut	18-19 January	« <i>Présence (s) jésuite (s) dans le Monde Arabe : Quels enjeux ? Quel message ?</i> » Colloque organisé par le

		CEMAM (Centre d'études du Monde Arabe Moderne), de l'Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth
2018 Palermo	16-17 November	<u>I cristiani arabi. Eredità e attualità del loro contributo alla storia della civiltà. Officina di Studi Medievali</u>
2018 Rome	13 November	<u>“To God, in our own language”: Symposium on the Roman liturgy in the Croatian Church Slavonic language and the Glagolitic script</u>
2018 Rome	8-9 November	<u>Syriac Christianity at the Crossroads of Cultures: A Conference Commemorating the 700th Anniversary of ‘Abdišo’ of Nisibis</u>
2018 Oxford	11-13 July	International Conference: <i>Syriac Christianity</i> – ARAM Society for Syro-Mesopotamian Studies, Oriental Institute, University of Oxford
2018 Sigtuna	12-15 June	<u>The Future of Syriac Studies and the Legacy of Sebastian P. Brock, Sigtuna, Sweden</u>
2018 Rome	25 May	<u>Symposium: Christian Arabic Heritage and Muslim-Christian Dialogue, in honor of Rev. Fr. Samir Khalil Samir, SJ</u>
2017 Oxford	12-14 July	International Conference: <i>Melkite Christianity</i> – ARAM Society for Syro-Mesopotamian Studies, Oriental Institute, University of Oxford
2016 Rome	22-24 August	<u>X International Christian Arabic Conference, Rome</u>
2016 Rome	19-21 August	<u>XII Symposium Syriacum, Rome</u>
2015 Beirut/Kaslik	3-7 February	<u>III Symposium Syro-Arabicum, Université Saint-Esprit de Kaslik (USEK) and Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth (USJ)</u>
2013 Oxford	15-17 July	International Conference: <i>Christian Contribution to the Arab Renaissance during the Second Millennium</i> – ARAM Society for Syro-Mesopotamian Studies, Oriental Institute, University of Oxford
2013 Jerusalem	25-27 June	<u>International Conference: Patristic Studies in the Twenty-first Century: An International Conference to Mark the 50th Anniversary of AIEP/IAPS, Hebrew University of Jerusalem</u>
2012 Malta	19-21 July	<i>IX International Christian Arabic Conference, Malta</i>
2012 Malta	16-18 July	<i>XI Symposium Syriacum, Malta</i>
2010 Beirut	6-7 December	International Conference: <i>Les Maronites aux temps des croisements culturels (xvie – xixe siècle)</i> , 2 ^e colloque du CEDRAC Zouk Mikael (Beirut)
2010 Vatican	10-24 October	Assistant at <i>Special Assembly for the Middle East of the Synod of Bishops</i> , Vatican

2002 Velehrad	3-7 October	International Congress: “ <i>The Jesuits’ Role in the Catholic-Orthodox Relationships in Europe: Past, Present and Future.</i> ” Velehrad, Czech Republic
2001 Alexandria	5-10 July	16 th <i>International Congress of Jesuit Ecumenists</i> , Alexandria, Egypt

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome

- CM008 Introduzione allo studio critico dei manoscritti arabo-cristiani, spring semester 2023/24.
- TA040 Introduzione alla ricerca scientifica del patrimonio arabo-cristiano e siriano, spring semester 2016/17, 2023/24.
- TA042 I mistici siriano-orientali, spring semester 2017/18
- TA060 Teologia arabo-cristiana (VII-XIV sec.), spring semester, 2020/21, 2022/23
- TA066 Patrologia siriana II: tradizione siriana e arabo-cristiana (VI-XIV sec.), spring semester 2019/20, 2021/22, 2023/24.
- LA037 Typikon: formazione e sviluppo nella tradizione greca e slava, spring semester 2018/19
- SS015 Agiografia siriana e arabo-cristiana, spring semester 2017/18.
- TS033 Le “ultime” eresie: monergismo e monotelismo tra VI e VII secolo, spring semester 2019/20

Theologisches Studienjahr Jerusalem | Jerusalem School of Theology

- Arabic Christianity: Introduction, spring semester 2020/21

University of Zagreb - Faculty of Philosophy and Religious Studies (FFRS)

- Course: An introduction to Arabic Philosophy, spring semester 2013/14.
- Course: Philosophy in Late Antiquity and Patristic-Byzantine Philosophy, spring semester 2016/17, 2014/15.
- Seminar: The Christian East, spring semester 2014/15.

Faculty of Theology (FTIDI) in Zagreb affiliate to the Gregorian University in Rome

- Course: Theologia Orientalis, spring semester 2013/14, 2016/17.
- Seminar: The Christian East, spring semester 2014/15, 2015/2016.

THEOLOGICAL COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

- Joint International Commission for Theological Dialogue between the Catholic Church and the Assyrian Church of the East (from November 2023)

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- *Orientalia Christiana Analecta (OCA)*, Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome
- *Collectanea Christiana Orientalia (CCO)*, Facultad de filosofía y letras, Universidad de Córdoba; dirección: Juan Pedro Monferrer-Sala

PROJECT MEMBERSHIP

- [La division du patriarcat grec d'Antioche - Trois siècles plus tard \(1724-2024\) - Rétrospectives et prospectives.](#)
- [TransPerse : Les Actes des martyrs perses entre Orient et Occident : Transmissions interculturelles et représentations au début du 5^e siècle](#)

LANGUAGES

- Active knowledge: Croatian (native speaker), English, Italian, Arabic, French, German, Sign language
- Research Skills: Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Syriac, Old Church Slavonic
- Passive knowledge: Russian, Ukrainian (majority of Slavic family languages)

31 January 2024