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Work Experience

September 2023 – August 2024	Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, USA Research Associate at the Center for the Study of World Religions
November 2020 - February 2023	Università Ca' Foscari, Venice, Italy Postdoctoral Fellow – SPIN - Supporting Principal INvestigators at the Department of Asian and North African Studies (DSAAM)
January 2020 - September 2020	IDEMEC (CNRS) Institut d'ethnologie méditerranéenne, européenne et comparative, Aix-en-Provence, France Postdoctoral Fellow in the project “Soufisme en France / Soufisme de France” funded by the Ministère de l'Intérieur, Bureau central des cultes.
September 2017 - September 2019	KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellow , Faculty of Social Sciences, Centre for Sociological Research (CeSO)
November - December 2016	University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow at the Department of Religious Studies, financed by the National Research Fund South Africa



Teaching

2020/2021 2021/2022 2022/2023	University of Ca' Foscari, Venice, Italy Adjunct professor (3 years): 30-hour course " Sacred Texts and Models of Social Organizations "
2020/2021	École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, France Co-organiser of the 32- hour research seminar UE896 – « Universalisations et patrimonialisations du soufisme »



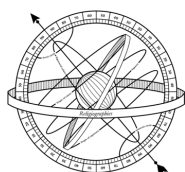
Education

November 2011- February 2016	Scuola Normale Superiore – École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Italy – France. Thesis title: « Le développement du soufisme en Europe : au-delà de l'antinomie tradition modernité ». Doctor Europaeus , Ph.D. in Sociology, graduated with highest honors; supervisors prof. Vincenzo Pace and Danièle Hervieu-Léger.
September-October 2012 / September-November 2015	Lund University, Lund, Sweden Visiting PhD student at the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies CMES, supervisor prof. Leif Steinberg
January - February 2015	University of Aarhus, Aarhus, Denmark Visiting PhD student , supervisor prof. Mark Sedgwick
September 2006 - October 2010	University of Padua, Padua, Italy Master's in Sociology , final mark: 110 cum laude/110
September 2002 - July 2006	Ca' Foscari University, Venice, Italy Bachelor's in philosophy , final mark 105/110



Editorial Responsibilities

Religiographies



Founder and Editor-in-chief of the Journal [Religiographies](#)

Francesco Piraino. 2022. "[Editorial: Introducing Religiographies](#)", *Religiographies*, vol. 1, no.1, pp. 1-13.

Francesco Piraino. 2023. "[Editorial Introducing Hans Thomas Hakl and His Library](#)", vol. 2, no.1, pp. 1-6.



Training: Language and Photography

20-21 April 2018	Magnum Workshop , Paris, France Photographic workshop with Patrick Zachman and Xavier Barral
October 2017 - January 2018	KU Leuven , Leuven, Belgium Advanced and intermediate courses of photography at KU Leuven Photographic Club with prof. Ivan Derbiesen
July 2018	PEASS - Programme des Études Arabes appliquées au Sciences Sociales – École de Gouvernance et Économie de Rabat (Rabat, Morocco) full immersion course, Arabic A1/A2
September 2017 - June 2018	KU Leuven CLT , Leuven, Belgium Arabic A1



Publications



Books

- (1) Francesco Piraino. 2023. [*Le soufisme en Europe: islam, ésotérisme et new age*](#). Paris: IRMC-Karthala.

Forthcoming translation in 2024, [*Sufism in Europe. Islam, Esotericism, and the New Age*](#). Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.



Edited Books

- (4) Francesco Piraino, Marco Pasi, and Egil Asprem (eds) 2022. [*Religious Dimensions of Conspiracy Theories*](#). London: Routledge.

- (3) Claude Proeschel, David Koussens, and Francesco Piraino (eds) 2021. [*Religion, Law and the Politics of Ethical Diversity. Conscientious Objection and Contestation of Civil Norms*](#). London: Routledge.

- (2) Mark Sedgwick and Francesco Piraino (eds). 2021. [*Esoteric Transfers and Constructions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*](#). London: Palgrave.

- (1) Francesco Piraino and Mark Sedgwick. 2019. [*Global Sufism: Boundaries, Structures, and Politics*](#). London: Hurst.



Special Issues

- (2) Feyza Burak Adli, Shobhana Xavier and Francesco Piraino. Forthcoming 2024. “Genderless Soul and Gendered Politics: The Contemporary Politics of Women in Sufism”, *Culture and Religion*.

- (1) Matteo Stefanelli and Francesco Piraino. 2023. "[Comics and the Invisible](#)". *Mediascapes*, vol. 20, n. 2.



Peer-Reviewed Articles

- (14) Francesco Piraino. Forthcoming 2024. "A Female Imam in Paris", submitted to *Culture and Religion*.
- (13) Francesco Piraino. 2023. "[Spirituality and Comics in Hugo Pratt, Alan Moore, and David B.: Esotericism as "unsettled knowledge"](#)" *Mediascapes*, 20(2): 52-77.
- (12) Francesco Piraino. 2022. "[Islamic Humanism': Another Form of Universalism in Contemporary Sufism](#)", *Religion*, 53(2): 246-268.
- (11) Francesco Piraino. 2021. "[Sufi Festivals as a Social Movement: Spirituality, Aesthetics, and Politics](#)", *Sociologica*, 15 (3): 145-168.
- (10) Francesco Piraino. 2021. "[Il movimento euroasiatista in Italia: tra complottismo e contro-epistemologia](#)" *Studi Culturali*, 1: 109-130.
- (9) Francesco Piraino. 2020. "[Sufism Meets the New Age Discourse Part 2: An Ethnographic Perspective: the Naqshbandiyya-Haqqaniyya in Italy](#)" *International Journal for the Study of New Religions* 11(2): 235-256.
- (8) Francesco Piraino. 2020. "[Sufism Meets the New Age Discourse Part 1: A Theoretical Discussion](#)" *International Journal for the Study of New Religions*, 11(1): 13-34.
- (7) Francesco Piraino. 2019. "[Esotericisation and De-esotericisation of Sufism in Italy](#)" *Correspondences*, vol. 7(1): 239-276.
- (6) Francesco Piraino. 2019. "[Les Politiques du Soufisme en France](#)", *Social Compass*, 66(1): 134-146.
- (5) Francesco Piraino and Laura Zambelli. 2018. "[Queer Muslims in South Africa: Engaging Islamic Tradition](#)". *Journal for Islamic Studies*, 37: 123-147.
- (4) Francesco Piraino. 2016. « [L'héritage de René Guénon dans le soufisme du XXIe siècle en France et en Italie](#) », *Religiologiques*, 31: 155-180.
- (3) Francesco Piraino. 2016. "[Between Real and Virtual Communities: Sufism in Western societies and the Naqshbandi Haqqani case](#)", *Social Compass*, vol. 63(1): 93-108.
- *[Awarded Best Article 2017](#) by the International Society for the Sociology of Religion (ISSR)**
- (2) Francesco Piraino and Laura Zambelli. 2015. "[Mamma Schiavona and Santa Rosalia, popular worship: between religiosity and identity](#)", *Critical Research on Religion*, 3(3): 266-281.
- (1) Francesco Piraino. 2011. "[Entrare nel sé divino: un confronto etnografico tra mistica cristiana e mistica musulmana](#)", *Religioni e Società*, 71, 97-105.



Peer-Reviewed Chapters in Edited Books

- (8) Francesco Piraino and Antonio de Diego González. 2023. "Sufism in Latin Europe" in Marcia Hermansen and Saeed Zarrabi-Zadeh (eds), [*Sufism in Western Contexts*](#) *Encyclopaedia of Islamic Mysticism - Handbook of Sufi Studies*. Leiden: Brill.
- (7) Francesco Piraino. 2022. "Da 'Venezia e l'Oriente' al 'Centro Studi di Civiltà e Spiritualità Compareate' in Pasquale Gagliardi ed Egidio Ivetic, [*La Fondazione Cini. Settant'anni di storia*](#). Padova: Marsilio, pp. 145-157.
- (6) Francesco Piraino. 2022. "The Eurasia Network: Riding the Conspiracist Tiger in Contemporary Italy" in Francesco Piraino, Marco Pasi, and Egil Asprem (eds). [*Religious Dimensions of Conspiracy Theories*](#). London: Routledge, pp. 236-256.
- (5) Francesco Piraino. 2021. "The Sufi Shaykh and His Patients: Merging Islam, Psychoanalysis, and Western Esotericism" in Mark Sedgwick and Francesco Piraino (eds), [*Esoteric Transfers and Constructions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*](#). London: Palgrave, pp. 195-218.
- (4) Francesco Piraino. 2019. "Who is the Infidel? Religious boundaries and social change in the Shadhiliyya Darqawiyya Alawiyya" in Francesco Piraino and Mark Sedgwick (eds), [*Global Sufism: Boundaries, Structures, and Politics*](#). London: Hurst, pp. 75-92.
- (3) Francesco Piraino. 2017. "Pilgrimages in European Sufism", in Richard Natvig and Ingvild Flaskereud (eds), [*Muslim Pilgrimage in Europe*](#). London – New York: Routledge, pp. 157-169.
- (2) Francesco Piraino and Laura Zambelli. 2014. "Mamma Schiavona and Santa Rosalina: tra religiosità e identità", in Pace V., Berzano L. and Castagnaro A. (eds), [*La religione popolare nella società post-secolare*](#). Padova: Messaggero, pp. 319-332.
- (1) Francesco Piraino 2014. "European Sufism and its Social and Political Role. The Fluidity of Identities", in Erkan Toguslu, Ding Yuan and Johan Leman (eds), [*Developing a sense of Belonging in Diverse Societies: Hui-Muslims in China and Muslims in Europe, Workshop Proceedings*](#), KU Leuven Gulen Chair, pp. 171-185.



Book reviews

- (3) Francesco Piraino. 2022. [Review Patrick Laude. 2020. Keys to the Beyond: Frithjof Schuon's Cross-Traditional Language of Transcendence](#). New York: State University of New York (SUNY) Press, 2020, 404 pp, *Aries*, 1-4. doi:10.1163/15700593-20221007
- (2) Francesco Piraino. 2019. [Review "Alireza Doostdar. 2018. The Iranian Metaphysicals Explorations in Science, Islam, and the Uncanny](#). Princeton: Princeton University Press, *Aries*, pp. 301-302
- (1) Francesco Piraino. 2016. [Review: "Bouasria, Abdelilah. 2015. Sufism and Politics in Morocco, Activism and Dissent](#). New York: Routledge", *Société Suisse Moyen-Orient et Civilisation islamique (SSMOCI)*, Bulletin 42, pp. 54-55.



Other Publications

- (4) Francesco Piraino and Andrea Porcelluzzi. 2022. "Introduction" in the ebook [*Comics and the Invisible*](#).
- (3) David B. e Francesco Piraino. 2021. "[Conversazione sull'invisibile](#)". *Double Face*.

(2) Francesco Piraino. 2019. "[Sufismo d'Europa, Sufismo in Europa](#)". *Rivista Oasis*

(1) Francesco Piraino. 2014. "[Bruno Guiderdoni—Among Sufism, Traditionalism and Science: A Reply to Bigliardi](#)". *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*, vol. 3(11), pp. 21-24.



As a Photographer

(2) Francesco Piraino. 2018. "[Queering a Mary Icon: a photographic tour of a religious pilgrimage in Southern Italy](#)". *Mr Ma'am 2018*, 37-42.

(1) Francesco Piraino. 2017. Pictures in Andrea Brigaglia and Mauro Nobili (eds), [The Arts and Crafts of Literacy: Islamic Manuscripts in Cultures in Sub-Saharan Africa](#). Berlin: De Gruyter, pp. 331-352.



Prizes Awarded

Best Article Award 2017 – ISSR/SISR International Society for the Sociology of Religion.

For the article Francesco Piraino (2016) "Between Real and Virtual Communities: Sufism in Western societies and the Naqshbandi Haqqani case", *Social Compass*, vol. 63(1), pp. 93-108, 900 EUR.

Merit scholarship 2016 – Giorgio Cini Foundation, 1,000 EUR.



Research Management



CENTRO STUDI
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GIORGIO CINI

Direction of the Centre for Comparative Studies of Civilisations and Spiritualities

Director. Since from May 2017, I have been directing [the Centre for Comparative Studies of Civilisations and Spiritualities](#) a research centre of the [Giorgio Cini Foundation](#). The Centre organises scientific conferences, such as:

- ◇ "The Eranos Experience: Spirituality and the Arts in a Comparative Perspective" in collaboration with Andreas Kilcher (Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich) and Marco Pasi (University of Amsterdam) 17-19 November 2022;
- ◇ "Sufism and Gender: Female Religious Authorities in Contemporary Societies" with Shobhana Xavier (Queen's University) and Feyza Burak Adl (Northwestern University), 3-4 December 2021;
- ◇ "Contesting in the Name of Religion in "Secularised" Societies Between Doctrine and Militancy" in collaboration with Claude Proeschel (GSRL EPHE-CNRS), David Koussens (Université de Sherbrooke), Valérie Amiraux (Université de Montréal), Frédéric Volpi (Edinburgh University), 4-5 April 2019.;
- ◇ "Embodying Scientific Medicine and Religious Healing, A Comparative Perspective on Exorcism and Non-Voluntary Spirit Possession" in collaboration with Andrea De Antoni (Ritsumeikan University - Kyoto) 13-14-15 December 2018;
- ◇ "Common and Comparative Esotericisms" in collaboration with Mark Sedgwick (Aarhus University) and Dilek Sarmis (EHES), 12-13-14 June 2018.

The Centre focuses also on artistic research, fostering dialogue between research and art, organising workshops, for example on [Arabic-Islamic calligraphy](#), [Japanese calligraphy](#), [photography](#), and [illustration and comics](#). Every year, the Centre offers residential scholarships for PhD student and postdoctoral researchers, and from 2023 a [joint fellowship focused on art and spirituality](#) in collaboration with the Center for the Study of World Religions of Harvard University, the Warburg Institute, and the University of Amsterdam.



Scientific director of the [Invisible Lines project](#) (2020-2022). Invisible Lines is an international project on comics, graphic novels and illustrations developed by the Fondazione Giorgio Cini, (Italy - coordinator); Central Vapeur, (France); Hamelin Associazione Culturale (Italy); Baobab&Gplusg s.r.o. (Czech Republic); and co-funded by the Creative Europe Programme of the European Union. In accordance with the objectives of the Programme, this project aims to circulate ideas and artworks, to develop new opportunities for young artists and to enhance the internationalization of the creative sector of illustrations and comics. Furthermore, this project aims to gather scholars and artists to discuss the question of invisibility in comics and illustrations.



Collaborations in International Research Networks

ENSIE

HOME BLOG CONFERENCES MEMBERSHIP

Co-founder and treasurer of the European Network for the Study of Islam and Esotericism (ENSIE). [ENSIE](#) was established in 2016 as a thematic network of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism ([ESSWE](#)) to bridge the gap between the study of Islamic esotericism and mysticism and the study of Western Esotericism. ENSIE's mission is to help scholars of Islamic esotericism and mysticism to benefit from the understandings and perspectives that have been achieved in the study of Western Esotericism, and to help scholars of Western Esotericism benefit from knowledge of Islamic esotericism. ENSIE runs a blog for announcements and discussions, arranges and contributes to conferences, and arranges publications. The other founding members are Mark Sedgwick, (Aarhus University), Liana Saif (University of Amsterdam), and Michele Petrone (Università di Napoli L'Orientale).



Researcher in the **CIRELANMED** project. The CIRELANMED project ([Circulations religieuses et ancrages méditerranéens. États et internationalisation des faits religieux contemporains. Europe du Sud, Maghreb, Moyen-Orient](#)) was financed by the French Agence nationale pour la recherche (ANR) at the [Institut d'ethnologie méditerranéenne, européenne et comparative](#) (Idemec - UMR 7307) lead by Katia Boissevain (Idemec) and Loïc Le Pape (Sorbonne). I collaborated with this project between 2015 and 2016 by attending workshops and conferences (Padua, Aix, and Tunis) and I conducted research fieldworks on Sufi orders in Morocco and on pilgrimages and celebrations of Mamma Schiavona in Avellino, Italy.



Conference papers given

- ◇ **9th Biannual Conference of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism**, University of Malmö (26-28 June 2023). Paper presented “Contemporary Artistic/Sufi practices”.
- ◇ **8th Biannual Conference of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism** University of Cork (5-8 July 2022). Paper presented “Drawing Islamic Spirituality and Esotericism: Comics and Graphic Novels in a Global Perspective”.
- ◇ **American Academy of Religion** (November 2021) Paper presented “Sufism meets the New Age”.
- ◇ **ISSR - International Society for the Sociology of Religion** University of Barcelona (9-12 July 2019). Paper presented: “A Sufi Network in the Transnational Public Sphere”.
- ◇ **7th Biannual Conference of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism** University of Amsterdam (2-4 July 2019). Paper presented: “Understanding Dreams: Sufism and Psychoanalysis in Milan”.
- ◇ **117th Conference of the American Anthropological Association** San José (San Francisco) (14-18/11/2018). Paper presented: “Sufism and Politics in North Africa: Between Powers and Societies”.
- ◇ **14ème Congrès national de science politique** University of Montpellier (10-12/07/2017). Paper presented: “Soufisme et politique”.
- ◇ **ISSR - International Society for the Sociology of Religion** University of Lausanne (4-7/07/2017). Paper presented: “Soufisme, politique et écologie”.
- ◇ **6th Conference of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism ESSWE - Western Esotericism and Deviance** University of Erfurt (1-3/06/2017). Paper presented: “Negotiating Orthodoxy and Deviance Among Sufi Orders in Milan”.
- ◇ **Circulations religieuses et ancrages méditerranéens, Institut de Recherche sur le Maghreb Contemporain** IRMC Tunis (23-24/11/2016). Paper presented: “Au-delà des frontières du croire : le soufisme transnational”.
- ◇ **First Euro-Arab Meeting for Young Researchers in Social Sciences** Knowledge Transfer Project Manama, Bahrein (19-25/10/2015). Paper presented: “Le développement du soufisme en Europe: éthiques et politiques”.
- ◇ **International Society for Media, Religion and Culture** University of Kent, Canterbury (4-6/08/2014). Paper presented: “Sufism in western societies, between real and virtual communities: an overview and the Naqshbandi Haqqani case”.
- ◇ **Developing a sense of belonging in diverse societies: Muslims in Europe and Hui-Muslims in China** University of Leuven, Belgium (14/05/2014). Paper presented: “The fluid identities in European Sufism and its social and political role”.
- ◇ **Pilgrimages in European Islam** University of Bergen (03-04/10/2013). Paper presented: “Pilgrimages in European Sufism”.
- ◇ **Witchcraft, Magic and Popular Religion XI Gustav Vasa Seminar** University of Jyväskylä (11-12/06/2013). Paper presented: “Mamma Schiavona and Santa Rosalia: between identity and spirituality”.
- ◇ **La religione popolare nella società post secolare** University of Padua (19-20/10/2012). Paper presented: “Santa Rosalia e Mamma Schiavona: tra religiosità e identità”.



Seminars and Lectures

- ◇ **Présentation de l'ouvrage Soufisme en Europe** at the Institut de recherche sur le Maghreb contemporain (IRMC-CNRS) (October 2023).
- ◇ **Webinar AIS** (Associazione Italiana Sociologia), La religione ai tempi del Coronavirus (March 2021). Paper presented “La pandemia tra punizione divina e complotto bio-politico”.
- ◇ **De la fabrique des autorités religieuses CHERPA – IREMAM – IDEMEC**, invited by Katia Boissevain, Marie-Laure Boursin, Norig Neveu, Sabrina Mervin and Franck Fregosi, “Des parcours, formation et présentation de soi des maîtres soufis” (CNRS-Science Po Aix-en-Provence, 29/11/2018).
- ◇ **IDEMEC – CNRS**, “Le soufisme méditerranéen dans la sphère publique : entre diplomatie et realpolitik” (Aix-en-Provence, 12/10/2018).
- ◇ **CISMOC - Louvain-la-Neuve**, invited by Brigitte Maréchal, “Les politiques du soufisme entre l’Europe et le Maghreb” (Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, 30/05/2018).
- ◇ **KU Leuven**, invited by Dick Houtman, “Sufism and Islam” (KU Leuven, Belgium, 24/04/2018).
- ◇ **Une Méditerranée connectée. Anthropologie des religions et introduction aux humanités numériques. Institut de Recherche sur le Maghreb Contemporain IRMC**, (Tunis, Tunisia, 26 30/11/2016).
- ◇ **Université Moulay Ismaïl de Meknès**, invited by Khalid Mouna and Mohammed Fadil « Conversion à l’Islam pour une sociologie des conversions » (Meknès, Morocco, 16/05/2016).
- ◇ **Université International de Rabat – Science Po Rabat**, invited by Sophie Bava and Farid El Asri « Soufisme contemporain : éthiques et politiques entre le Maghreb et l’Europe » (Rabat, Morocco, 20/04/2016).
- ◇ **Centre Jacques Berque de Rabat – CNRS**, invited by Sabrina Mervin « Soufisme et politique entre Europe et Maghreb » (Rabat, Morocco, 19/04/2016).
- ◇ **Centre for Middle Eastern Studies**, Lund University, invited by Leif Stenberg “European Sufism: Ethics and Politics” (Lund, Sweden, 13/11/2015).
- ◇ **Research Group CIRELANMED** - Circulation religieuses et ancrages méditerranéens. États et internationalisation des faits religieux contemporains. Europe du Sud, Maghreb, Moyen-Orient “Les pèlerinages dans le soufisme européen” (Padua, Italy, 6-7/11/2015).
- ◇ **University of Padua**, “Master Islam d’Europa”, invited by Enzo Pace and Khalid Rhazzali “Introduzione al Sufismo, Sufismo europeo”, (Padua, Italy, 18/04/2013).
- ◇ **Aarhus University**, invited by Henrik Reintoft Christensen “Sociology of religion, sociology of conversion” (Aarhus, Denmark, 24/02/2015).
- ◇ **Aarhus University**, invited by Mark Sedgwick “Pathways of religious conversion in European Sufism” (Aarhus, Denmark, 12/02/2015).
- ◇ **University of Southern Denmark**, invited by Dietrich Jun and Mark Sedgwick “Modern Muslim Subjectivities” (Odense, Denmark, 20/01/2015).
- ◇ **University of Padua**, “Master Islam d’Europa”, invited by Enzo Pace and Khalid Rhazzali “I pellegrinaggi nel Sufismo europeo” (Padua, Italy, 23/10/2013).
- ◇ **École Pratique des Hautes Études**, invited by Jean Pierre Brach “René Guénon et son héritage dans le Soufisme du XXIème siècle” (Paris, France, 02/06/2013).
- ◇ **American University of Paris**, invited by Waddick Doyle “Religious Conversions and construction of self-identity: between theory and fieldwork” (Paris, France, 19/04/2013).
- ◇ **Centre for Middle Eastern Studies**, Lund University, invited by Leif Stenberg “Sufism among European converts” (Lund, Sweden, 31/10/2013).



Funding Awarded

Total funding awarded: 619,000 EUR

SPIN Project Ca' Foscari, 104,000 EUR.

Invisible Lines Project - Creative Europe 200,000 EUR.

Ministère de l'intérieur, DLPAJ, Bureau central des cultes, 60,000 EUR.

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship, 200,000 EUR.

ESSWE, Travel Grant, May 2017, (Germany), 300 EUR.

Cirelanmed CNRS – Aix, Research Grant, January-February 2017, (France), 2,000 EUR.

Cape Town University, Research Grant, November 2016 (South Africa), 19,520 ZAR.

Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Merit Scholarship, July 2016 (Italy), 1,000 EUR.

Cirelanmed CNRS – Aix-en Provence, Research Grant, April-June 2016, (France), 3,400 EUR.

Centre Jacques Berque CNRS – Rabat, Research Grant, April 2016, (France-Morocco), 800 EUR.

Padua University, Travel Grant, November 2015 (Italy), 600 EUR.

Lerici Foundation, Research Grant, September-November 2015, (Sweden), 20,000 SEK.

AUFF Guest Aarhus University, Researcher Grant, January-February 2015 (Denmark), 20,000 DKK.

Erasmus traineeship, January-February 2015, (European Union), 900 EUR.

Scuola Normale Superiore, PhD Scholarship 2011-2014, (Italy), 40,950 EUR.



Photographic Exhibition

[Sufis: A Look at the Mystics of Contemporary Islam](#), Kif Kif, Antwerp, Belgium October 2019- February 2020.



Other information

Language Skills:

- ◇ Italian: native speaker
- ◇ English: fluent
- ◇ French: fluent
- ◇ Arabic: (A1/A2), but I am improving

IT Skills:

- ◇ Good Knowledge of SPSS – statistical data analysis.
- ◇ Good Knowledge of Photoshop – Photography post-production.

Referees:

- ◇ [Katia Boissevain](#), director of the Institut de recherche sur le Maghreb contemporain (IRMC-CNRS)
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- ◇ [Mark Sedgwick](#), full professor at Aarhus University, School of Culture and Society - Arab and Islamic Studies
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