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(Bari – Italy, 1984)

Tenure-track researcher at Ca' Foscari University of Venice



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Work Experience

- September 2025 **Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy**
Tenure-track researcher (RTT) in Sociology at the Department of Asian and North African Studies (DSAAM)
- September 2024 **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Global Postdoctoral Fellow at University of Bologna** (with Harvard University and Université de Lausanne) Project
August 2025 “[Religion and Comics: New Forms of Mediation of Religion](#)” ID 101149839
- September 2023 **Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, USA**
August 2024 [Core Research Associate](#) at the Center for the Study of World Religions
- November 2020 **Ca' Foscari University of Venice**
February 2023 Postdoctoral Fellow – [SPIN - Supporting Principal INvestigators](#) at the Department of Asian and North African Studies (DSAAM)
- January 2020 - **IDEMEC (CNRS) Institut d'ethnologie méditerranéenne, européenne et comparative, Aix-en-Provence, France**
September 2020 Postdoctoral Fellow in the project “Soufisme en France / Soufisme de France” funded by the Ministère de l'Intérieur, Bureau central des cultes.
- September 2017 **KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium**
September 2019 [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellow](#), Faculty of Social Sciences, Centre for Sociological Research (CeSO) – “Sufism, Ethics, and Democracy”



Teaching

- 2024/2025 **Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, USA**
Lecturer: 30-hour course: “Islamic Modernities: A Sociological Approach”
- 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

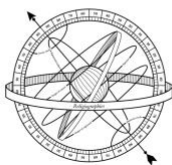
- November 2011-
February 2016 **Scuola Normale Superiore – École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Italy – France.** Thesis title: « Le développement du soufisme en Europe : au-delà de l’antinomie tradition modernité ». Doctor Europaeus, Ph.D. in Sociology, graduated with highest honors; supervisors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



Editorial Responsibilities

Religiographies

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



Religiographies is an open-access, peer-reviewed, scholarly journal dedicated to the field of religious studies and published under the auspices of the Centre for Comparative Studies of Civilisations and Spiritualities of the Giorgio Cini Foundation. *Religiographies* wishes to foster an interdisciplinary approach to religious phenomena, promoting dialogue between historians, sociologists, anthropologists, literary scholars, philosophers, and psychologists.



Publications



Books

- (1) Francesco Piraino. 2023. [*Le soufisme en Europe: islam, ésotérisme et new age*](#). Paris: IRMC-Karthala.
- Translated in English in 2024. [*Sufism in Europe. Islam, Esotericism, and the New Age*](#). Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.



Edited Books

- (6) Francesco Piraino e Piero Latino (eds) 2025. [*Un'anima inquieta. Giacomo Casanova e l'esoterismo del suo tempo*](#). Milano: Mimesis.
- (5) Giuseppe Giordan, Stefania Palmisano e Francesco Piraino (eds) 2025. [*Dalla spiritualità alle spiritualità. Vent'anni di studi sociologici in Italia \(2005-2025\)*](#). Roma: Carocci.
- (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?: Sufi Women in Sociopolitical Contexts](#)", *Culture and Religion*, vol. 224, n. 2.
- (1) Matteo Stefanelli and Francesco Piraino. 2023. "[Comics and the Invisible](#)". *Mediascapes*, vol. 20, n. 2.



Peer-Reviewed Articles

- (17) Francesco Piraino. 2026. "[Occulture: a Material Cartography of Contemporary Spirituality and the Arts](#)", *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* pp. 1–25.

- (16) Francesco Piraino. 2025. "[Thinking with Bruno Latour: for a renovated sociology of religion, spirituality, and esotericism](#)", *Journal of Implicit Religion*, 26(2-3), 209–229. <https://doi.org/10.1558/imre.29975>.
- (15) Francesco Piraino. 2025. "[Da giornalista a ricercatore spirituale: il percorso di Tiziano Terzani tra giornalismo, politica e spiritualità](#)", *Religioni e Società*, (XL)112-113, pp. 133-141.
- (14) Francesco Piraino. 2024. "[A Female Imam in Paris: Islam, gender, and secular normativity](#)" *Culture and Religion*, 1–21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14755610.2024.2350950>
- (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 Nasqhandiyya-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

(10) Francesco Piraino. 2025. A mo' di conclusione: arte ed esoterismo, cosa ci dicono le scienze umane e sociali? In Francesco Piraino e Piero Latino (eds) *Un'anima inquieta: Giacomo Casanova e l'esoterismo del suo tempo*. Milano: Mimesis.

(9) Francesco Piraino. 2025. “Ridere degli e con gli dèi. La spiritualità come scherzo serio: psichedelia, Discordianesimo e cultura popolare” in Giuseppe Giordan, Stefania Palmisano e Francesco Piraino (eds) 2025. *Dalla spiritualità alle spiritualità. Vent'anni di studi sociologici in Italia (2005-2025)*. Roma: Carocci.

(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 Comparate’ 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

Honourable Mention 2025 – ISSR/SISR International Society for the Sociology of Religion.
For the book *Sufism in Europe* (EUP 2024) / *Soufisme en Europe* (Karthala-IRMC 2023).

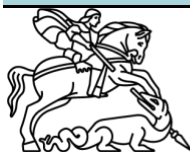
Best Article Award 2017 – ISSR/SISR International Society for the Sociology of Religion.

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



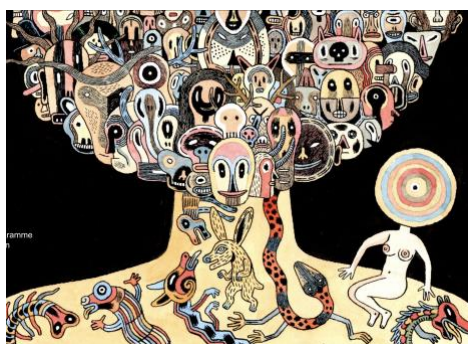
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GIORGIO CINI

Direction of the Centre for Comparative Studies of Civilisations and Spiritualities

Director. Since 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, concerts, and exhibition. 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 project **Experiencing Transcendence through the Arts A Comparative Study on Mysticism and the Arts in Contemporary Islam, Buddhism, and Bāul (EXTRA)** (January 2026- December 2027). Program in the Study of Mysticism (PRISM) funded by the Templeton Foundation



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



Board member of the section RN34 - Sociology of Religion of the European Sociological Association

ENSIE

HOME BLOG CONFERENCES MEMBERSHIP

Co-founder and treasurer of the European Network for the Study of Islam and Esotericism ([ENSIE](#)). 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.



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).



Conference papers given

- ◇ **American Academy of Religion (AAR)**, 22-24 November 2025, Paper presented Beyond Transgression: Thelema After the Counterculture Revolution – An Ethnographic Approach to Lived Esotericism
- ◇ Représentations des minorités dans la bande dessinée : perspectives interdisciplinaires et impacts sociétaux, **Université de Poitiers**, 13-14 November 2025, paper presented: Représenter l'Ummah aux États-Unis : Ms. Marvel de Willow Wilson
- ◇ **ESA Research Network 34 Sociology of religion mid-term conference**, Tilburg University, 20-21 August 2025, paper presented: "Liquefaction and solidification of spirituality in a contemporary esoteric movement"
- ◇ **ISSR - International Society for the Sociology of Religion**, University of Kaunas (30 June – 04 July 2015). Paper presented: "Occulture: A Material and Materialistic Cartography of Spirituality and the Arts"
- ◇ **Società Scientifica Italiana di Sociologia, Cultura, Comunicazione – SISCC**, Università di Cagliari(19-20 June 2025). Paper presented: "È solo la fine del mondo opposte concezioni del tempo nel complottismo Italiano".
- ◇ **American Academy of Religion (AAR), San Diego**, (24-27 November 2025). Paper presented "Esotericism as "Unsettled Knowledge".
- ◇ **16th European Sociological Association conference (ESA)**, University of Porto (27-31 August 2024). Paper presented "Bringing back the transversals. For a renewed socio-anthropology of Islam".

- ◇ **18th European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)**, University of Barcelona (23-26 July 2024). Paper presented “Bringing back the transversals. For a renewed socio-anthropology of Islam”
- ◇ **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”.
- ◇ **14^{ème} 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

- ◇ Seminar “Beyond transgression: living Thelema Nowadays” at the Center for the Study of World Religions, **Harvard Divinity School** (01/05/2025)
- ◇ Seminar “Occulture: A Material and Materialistic Cartography of Spirituality and the Arts” at the Center for the Study of World Religions, **Harvard Divinity School** (09/03/2025)
- ◇ Presentation of the book *Sufism in Europe* at **Exeter University**, Exeter (27/01/2025)
- ◇ Presentation of the book *Sufism in Europe* at **Ghent University**, Ghent (16/12/2024)
- ◇ Presentation of the book *Sufism in Europe* at **Södertörn University**, Stockholm (07/11/2024)
- ◇ Guest lecture “The Influence of Henry Corbin on contemporary Sufism” at the course “The Man of Light: the Philosophy and Spirituality of Henry Corbin” **Harvard Divinity School** (05/11/2024)
- ◇ Guest lecture “Blackness and Universality: Reshaping Race and Otherness through Art and Sufism” at Islam in Africa lecture series **Harvard Divinity School** (12/04/2024)
- ◇ Presentation of the book *Soufisme en Europe* at the **HALQA** (Paris) (16/10/2024).
- ◇ Presentation of the book *Soufisme en Europe* at the **Université de Lausanne** (12/03/2024)
- ◇ Presentation of the book *Soufisme en Europe* at the **Institut de Recherche sur le Maghreb contemporain** (IRMC-CNRS) (20/08/2023).
- ◇ **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).



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)

IT Skills:

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