

FRANCESCO CELIA – *Curriculum vitae*

NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP: Italian

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Theology. **2012- 2017**

Faculty of Theology, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

Dissertation in Patristics/Early Christianity: ‘Preaching the Gospel to the Hellenes: The Life and Works of Gregory the Wonderworker’. Supervisors: Prof. Dr. H. Amirav, Prof. Dr. P.J.J. van Geest. Grade: *Cum laude* (top 5%).

MA in Philosophy. **2007-2010**

Faculty of Philosophy, University of Pisa.

Research thesis in History of Late Antique Philosophy: ‘The *Logos Kephalaiodes peri psyches* of Ps.-Gregory the Wonderworker. Sources and problems’ (in Italian). Supervisors: Prof. Dr. C. D’Ancona, Prof. B. Centrone. Grade: 110/110 *cum laude*.

BA in Philosophy. **2003-2006**

Faculty of Philosophy, University of Pisa.

Thesis in History of Medieval Philosophy: ‘The structure of reality and the limits of the categorial language: an analysis of John Scottus Eriugena’s *Periphyseon* I’ (in Italian). Supervisor: Dr. S. Perfetti. Grade: 109/110.

FURTHER RELEVANT TRAINING

Course of Greek Palaeography **03-04/2012**

Tailored course taught by Prof. M. Menchelli (University of Pisa).

6th training week organised by GrAL **16-19/5/2011**

‘Center for the study of the transmission of philosophical and scientific texts from the late Antiquity to the Islamic and Christian Middle Age [from Greek into Syriac, Arabic and Latin)’ - ‘Metodi, obiettivi e contesti della formazione intellettuale tra tarda antichità e primo Medioevo a Roma, Seleucia-Ctesifonte e Bagdad’ (University of Padova).

5th training week organised by GrAL **27-30/4/2010**

‘Il Timeo: esegesi greche, arabe, latine’ (University of Pisa).

4th training week organised by GrAL **11-13/05/2009**

‘Dal greco all’arabo e al latino: i *Parva Naturalia* di Aristotele’ (University of Pisa).

Course of Syriac Language **3-5/2010**

Extracurricular course taught by Prof. Pier Giorgio Borbone (University of Pisa).

Basic Training in Theology **1-8/2007**

Faculty of Theology, University of Torino.

PUBLICATIONS

- F. Celia, *Preaching the Gospel to the Hellenes: the Life and Works of Gregory the Wonderworker* (forthcoming in the ‘Late Antique History and Religion’ series, Peeters, Leuven).
- F. Celia, ‘Studying the Scriptures at the School of Caesarea: the Testimony of Gregory of Neocaesarea’s *Oratio Panegyrica*’ (forthcoming in the *Origeniana Duodecima* volume).
- H. Amirav – F. Celia (eds.), *New Themes, New Styles in the Eastern Mediterranean: Christian, Jewish, and Islamic Encounters, 5th-8th Centuries*, Peeters, Leuven 2017 (Late Antique History and Religion, 16).
- F. Celia, ‘Gregory of Neocaesarea: a re-examination of the biographical issue’, *Adamantius* 22 (2016), 171-193.
- F. Celia, review of É. Villey (éd.), *Les sciences en syriaque*, Geuthner, Paris 2014 (*Études Syriaques*, 11), ix + 353 pp., in *Studia Graeco-Arabica* 5 (2015), 389-394.
- F. Celia – A. Ulacco (eds.), *Il Timeo. Esegese greche, arabe, latine*. Relazioni introduttive ai seminari della V ‘Settimana di Formazione’ del Centro Interuniversitario GrAL. Pisa, Santa Croce in Fossabanda, 26-30 aprile 2010, Edizioni Plus, Pisa 2012 (Greco, Arabo, Latino. Le vie del sapere. Studi, 2).
- F. Celia, ‘Il *Logos Kephalaïodes peri psyches* dello ps.-Gregorio il Taumaturgo. Uno *status quaestionis* e un primo approccio al problema delle fonti’, *Adamantius* 17 (2011), 164-189.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- F. Celia, ‘Gregory Thaumaturgus’ (s.v.) (submitted; to appear in P.J.J. van Geest, D.G. Hunter, B.J. Lietaert Peerbolte [eds.], *Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*, Leiden).
- F. Celia, ‘The Date of the *Ad Evagrium* (CPG 1774/3222) reconsidered: Old Nicene Arguments against Eunomius’ (in preparation).

PAPERS AND TALKS

- ‘Origen’s Teaching in Caesarea: Reconsidering the Study of the Scriptures according to Gregory of Neocaesarea’s *Oratio Panegyrica*’. *Origeniana Duodecima*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. **25-29/6/2017**
- ‘Gregory Thaumaturgus: A Reassessment of His Traditional Figure’. Seventeenth International *Conference on Patristic Studies* (Oxford). **10-14/8/2015**
- ‘Agostino d’Ippona - De quantitate animae VI, 10 – XIV, 23: Esercizi intellettuali sugli enti geometrici’ – History of Medieval Philosophy (MA Seminar), Faculty of Philosophy, University of Pisa. **5/5/2008**
- ‘Fede e Gnosi in Clemente di Alessandria’ – Philosophy of Religion (MA Seminar), Faculty of Philosophy, University of Pisa. **24/10/2008**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Faculty of Theology, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.** **First semester, 2015**
Teaching assistant to Prof. Dr. H. Amirav for the course ‘Church History’ for BA and MA students.
- Faculty of Philosophy, University of Pisa.** **Annual course, 2007-2009**
Teaching assistant to Prof. Dr. C. D’Ancona for the weekly seminars of the course ‘History of Philosophy in Late Antiquity’ on Plotinus’s *Enneads* for MA and Ph.D. students.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- Department of Comparative Religion, Hebrew University of Jerusalem** **09/2018-09/2020**
Research assistantship for the project on Isidore of Pelusium led by Prof. B. Bitton-Ashkelony.
- Center for the Study of Christianity, Hebrew University of Jerusalem** **09/2018-09/2019**
Postdoctoral Research Fellowship.
- Van Coeverden Adriani Stichting** **11/2017**
Grant for publication costs (Ph.D. thesis): €800.
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam** **2012-2016**
Ph.D. grant: €240000 (tuition and maintenance).
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam** **03-04/2012**
Grant for course of Greek Palaeography: €1500.

Centro Universitario Cattolico,

2011-2012

Grant for one academic year: €6000 (declined).

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Copy editor/Editorial assistance for the 'Late Antique History and Religion' series, Peeters

01/2018-to date

Freelance copy editor for Peeters and Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht

2016-2017

KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGES

Italian (native); English (fluently spoken and written); French, Spanish (fluent reading skills); German (intermediate reading skills); Latin, Ancient Greek (advanced knowledge); Syriac (basic knowledge).