

Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of Birth:	19 May 1971
Place of Birth:	Koprivnica, Croatia
Jesuit from:	1992.
Priest from:	2002

CURRENT POSITION

Postdoctoral Researcher

EDUCATION

- 2013 **PhD**, Sezione Patristico-teologica, Facoltà di Scienze Ecclesiastiche Orientali, Pontificio Istituto Orientale, Rome
Thesis: «*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 'Aḥdīsū' bar Brīḥā, Metropolitan of Nisibis (†1318). Critical edition: Arabic Text with Translation, Study and Apparatus Criticus*».
Supervisor: dr. Samir Khalil Samir
- 2010 **MA**, Sezione Patristico-teologica, Facoltà di Scienze Ecclesiastiche Orientali, Pontificio Istituto Orientale, Rome
Thesis: [*The Influence of Evagrius Ponticus on the Thought of Maximus the Confessor. A Comparison of Three Spiritual Struggles in the Works of Evagrius Ponticus and Maximus the Confessor*](#)
Supervisor: dr. John Gavin (Biblicum, Rome)
- 2006 **BA**, Dar Comboni for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Cairo, Egypt.
Research thesis: [*Ibn Sina's Teaching on the Human Soul*](#)
- 2002 **BA**, Philosophical-Theological Institute of the Society of Jesus in Zagreb (FTI), affiliate to the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome
Research thesis: [*Reflections on the Consciousness in Christ*](#)
- 1996 **BA**, Faculty of Philosophy of the Society of Jesus (FFDI) University of Zagreb.
Research thesis: [*De veritate hominisque intelligere apud S. Thomam de Aquino sive quomodo veritas hominem liberat*](#)

1990 – 1994 Faculty of Medicine, Zagreb, Croatia

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2013 Postdoctoral researcher, [Pontificio Istituto Orientale](#), Rome
- Postdoctoral researcher, [Centre de Documentation et de Recherches Arabes Chrétiennes](#) (CEDRAC)
- Research Assistant and Lecturer, [The Faculty of Philosophy of the Society of Jesus](#) (FFDI), University of Zagreb
- Research Assistant and lecturer, [Philosophical-Theological Institute of the Society of Jesus](#) (FTIDI) Zagreb, affiliate to [the Pontifical Gregorian University](#) (PUG), Rome

TEACHING AND RESEARCHER ACTIVITIES

- researcher CEDRAC, Beirut (September 2013 – present)
 - lecturer The Faculty of Philosophy ([FFDI](#)), Zagreb
 Course: *An introduction to Arabic Philosophy* (Spring 2014)
 Course: *The Philosophy of Late Antiquity and Patristic-Byzantine Philosophy* (Spring 2015)
- The Faculty of Theology ([FTIDI](#)) in Zagreb affiliate to the Gregorian University in Rome
 Course: *Theologia Orientalis* (Spring 2014, 2015)

MEMBERSHIPS

- GRAC – *Gruppo di Ricerca Arabo-Cristiana*, Italy
- NASCAS – *The North American Society for Christian Arabic Studies*
- IQSA – *International Qur’anic Studies Association*

PUBLICATIONS

- “The Theology of ‘The Robe of Glory/Light’ in the Eastern Christian Tradition” in *Obnovljeni Život*, 69 (2014) 319-319.
- *Kitāb farāʿid al-fawāʿid fī uṣūl ad-dīn wal-ʿaqāʿid - Book of the Pearls of Utility: On the Principles of the Religion and Dogmas of ʿAḥdīšūc bar Brīḥā, Metropolitan of Nisibis (†1318)*. Excerpta ex Dissertatione ad Doctoratum (Rome: PIO 2013).
- [Patrologia Siriaca](#), (ed.) dispensa (Rome: Pontificio Istituto Orientale 2011)
- “Avicenna’s ‘De Anima’”, in *Disputatio philosophica* Vol. 9 No. 1 (2007).
- “[Reflections on the Consciousness of Christ](#)”, in: *Obnovljeni Život*, Vol. 58, No. 2 (2003) 189-214. /in Croatian. Summary in English/
- [De hominis cognitone et problemate intelligendi Deum apud S. Thomam de Aquino](#), Facultas Philosophiae Societatis Iesu, (Zagreb 1997). /in Latin/
- [De veritate hominisque intelligere apud S. Thomam de Aquino sive quomodo veritas hominem liberat](#), Facultas Philosophiae Societatis Iesu, (Zagreb 1996). /in Latin/

For all papers see: <http://pontificio-orientale.academia.edu/%C5%BDeljkoPa%C5%A1a/Papers>

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

- *Kitāb farā'id al-fawā'id fī uṣūl 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). Critical edition: Arabic Text with Translation, Study and Apparatus Criticus*, Patrimoine Arabe Chrétien (Beirut: CEDRAC).
- “The Concept of God’s Trinity in the “Kitāb farā'id al-fawā'id fī uṣūl ad-dīn wa-l-‘aqā'id” of ‘Abdīšū‘ bar Brīhā (d.1318) Metropolitan of Nisibis” in: *ARAM Periodical*, University of Oxford (paper from the “Thirty Seventh International Conference on Christian Contribution to the Arab Renaissance during the Second Millennium”, Oriental Institute, the University of Oxford, 15-17 July 2013.)
- “The Concept of God’s Oneness and His attributes (ṣifāt) as the start point of dialog with Jews and Muslims in the «Kitāb farā'id al-fawā'id fī uṣūl ad-dīn wal-‘aqā'id» of ‘Abdīšū‘ bar Brīhā (d.1318) Metropolitan of Nisibis”. Brepols. Paper from the conference “*Patristic Studies in the Twenty-first Century*” marking the 50th Anniversary of the Association Internationale d’Études Patristiques/International Association of Patristic Studies (AIEP/IAPS), June 25-27, 2013. Principal editors: Brouria Bitton-Askelony, Theodore de Bruyn, Carol Harrison and Oscar Velásquez.
- “[The Influence of Evagrius Ponticus on the Thought of Maximus the Confessor. A Comparison of Three Spiritual Struggles in the Works of Evagrius Ponticus and Maximus the Confessor](#)” in *Orientalia Christiana Periodica* (Roma: PIO).
- “Theology of clothing in the Syriac tradition” in *Obnovljeni život* (Zagreb: FTI).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- III^{um} Symposium Syro-Arabicum, Université Saint-Esprit de Kaslik (USEK) and Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth (USJ), February 3-7, 2015.
- ARAM Society for Syro-Mesopotamian Studies: Thirty Seventh International Conference – Christian Contribution to the Arab Renaissance during the Second Millennium, Oriental Institute, University of Oxford, 15-17 July 2013.
- Patristic Studies in the Twenty-first Century: An International Conference to Mark the 50th Anniversary of AIEP/IAPS, June 25-27, 2013.
- International Congress: *SS. Cirillo e Metodio fra i popoli Slavi: 1150 anni dall'inizio della missione* (Pontificio Istituto Orientale/Pontificia Università Gregoriana) Rome 25-26 February 2013.
- 9th International Christian Arabic Conference, Malta, 19-21 July 2012.
- 11th Symposium Syriacum, Malta, 16-18 July 2012
- International Congress: “*The Genesis of the Anaphoral Institution Narrative in Light of the Anaphora of Addai and Mari*”, Rome, 25-26 October 2011
- International Study Conference: “*Le vie del sapere in ambito siro-mesopotamico dal III al IX secolo*”, Rome, 12-13 May 2011
- Assistant at *Special Assembly for the Middle East of the Synod of Bishops*, Vatican, 10-24 October 2010
- International Congress: “*The Jesuits’ Role in the Catholic-Orthodox Relationships in Europe: Past, Present and Future.*” Velehrad, Czech Republic, 3-7 October 2002
- 16th International Congress of Jesuit Ecumenists, Alexandria, Egypt, 5 - 10 July 2001

PROJECT

- Pilot-project: “*Liturgy on sign language for the deaf on internet*” (in Croatian)
<http://petar.ffdi.hr/lzj/>

EDITORIAL BOARD

- “*Obnovljeni Život*” – Quarterly Journal of Philosophy and Religious Sciences by Institute of Philosophy and Theology, Zagreb, Croatia

LANGUAGES

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

RESEARCH INTEREST

- Syriac Christian Tradition: theology, patrology, history, liturgy, literature
- The School of Antioch: history, development of theology and Christology
- Eastern Christianity
- Arabic Christian literature
- Arabic Philosophy
- Dogmatic and patristic theology