

MARIA DELL'ISOLA
Curriculum Vitae et Studiorum

ACADEMIC DEGREES

2012-2016: Ph.D in *Cultural Sciences* (Research Program: *Religious Studies*) at Scuola Internazionale di Alti Studi, "Fondazione Collegio San Carlo", Modena – Max-Weber-Kolleg für kultur- und sozialwissenschaftliche Studien, Erfurt (joint Doctorate)

Dissertation Title: *Gli ultimi profeti. Oracoli, Scritture ed eresia nel montanismo*

Supervisors: Prof. Antonio Cacciari (Università di Bologna)

Prof. Jörg Rüpke (Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt)

Referees: Prof. Richard Gordon (Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt)

Prof. Marco Rizzi (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano)

Grade: *magna cum laude/opus valde laudabile*

2007-2009: M.A. in *Classical Philology, Literature and Tradition*, Università di Bologna. Focus: *New Testament Philology and Exegesis*

Dissertation title: *Matrimonio e continenza alle origini del movimento montanista. Fonti e problemi*

Supervisor: Prof. Antonio Cacciari

Referee: Prof. Camillo Neri

Grade: 110/110 *cum laude*

2003-2006: B.A. in *Classics* (focus: *Classical Philology*), Università di Bologna. Focus: *Early Christian Literature*

Dissertation title: *Il cristianesimo colto di Basilio di Cesarea. Analisi dell'Epistola 2 a Gregorio di Nazianzo*

Supervisor: Prof. Lorenzo Perrone

Grade: 110/110 *cum laude*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- November 2022 - RTD-A (Junior Assistant Professor) in History of Early Christianity, University of Milan, Department of Historical Studies
- September 2021 - October 2022: Postdoctoral Researcher - Junior Fellow, Max-Weber-Kolleg (Erfurt)
- September 2019 – August 2021: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellow, Postdoctoral Researcher, Centre for Medieval Literature, University of Southern Denmark
- September 2018-August 2019: Postdoctoral Researcher at “Associazione Amici della Peterson” (University of Turin)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- September 2019 – August 2021: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, Individual Fellowship, Centre for Medieval Literature, University of Southern Denmark
- Research Project: *Eschatological time as women's time? Gendered temporality and female holiness in Early Christianity and Byzantium*
- Supervisor: Prof. Aglae Massima Valeria Pizzone
- September 2018-August 2019: Postdoctoral Scholarship at “Associazione Amici della Peterson” (University of Turin)
- Research Project: *Controlling the body. Asceticism and prophecy in Tertullian's De ieiunio adversus psychicos*
- Supervisor: Prof. Clementina Mazzucco
- May-November 2015: Doctoral Scholarship for a position as a PhD Visiting Student at “Max-Weber-Kolleg”, Erfurt
- Supervisor: Prof. Jörg Rüpke
- May-June 2014: Doctoral Scholarship for a position as a PhD Visiting Student at “Max-Weber-Kolleg”, Erfurt
- Supervisor: Prof. Jörg Rüpke

October 2013-March 2014: Doctoral Scholarship for a position as a PhD Visiting Student at Humboldt- Universität zu Berlin (Theologische Fakultät)

Supervisor: Prof. Christoph Marksches

ORGANIZED CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

21-23 September 2023 Scientific coordination (together with Dr. Mario Resta) of the Unit *Women in Early Christianity*, International Annual Meeting on Christian Origins, Bertinoro (University of Bologna)

15-17 September 2022 Scientific coordination (together with Dr. Mario Resta) of the Unit *Women in Early Christianity*, International Annual Meeting on Christian Origins, Bertinoro (University of Bologna)

27 June – 1 July 2022 Scientific coordination (together with Dr. Sofia Bianchi Mancini) of the panel *Boundary Violation Between Property and Freedom: Case Studies from Antiquity to the Middle Ages*, EASR Conference 2022 (Cork)

29 September – 3 October 2021: Scientific coordination (with Dr. Mario Resta) of the Unit *Gender Studies and Early Christian History*, International Annual Meeting on Christian Origins, Bertinoro (University of Bologna)

03-04 June 2021: Organization (with Prof.Dr. Nils Arne Sørensen) of a course on scientific communication in cooperation with Videnskab.dk, Odense, University of Southern Denmark

11-12 May 2021: Organization and scientific coordination of the International Conference *Female Authority and Holiness in Early Christianity and Byzantium*, Odense, Centre for Medieval Literature/University of Southern Denmark

26-28 September 2019: Scientific coordination (with Prof.Dr. Roberto Alciati) of the Unit *Experiencing and Narrating the Body: Ascetic Discourses and Practices in Early Christianity*, International Annual Meeting on Christian Origins, Bertinoro (University of Bologna)

27-29 September 2018: Scientific coordination (with Prof.Dr. Roberto Alciati) of the Unit *Experiencing and Narrating the Body: Ascetic Discourses and Practices in Early Christianity*, International Annual Meeting on Christian Origins, Bertinoro (University of Bologna)

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL AND LEARNED SOCIETIES

2014 - C.I.S.S.R. - Centro Italiano di Studi Superiori sulle Religioni

2019-2020 EUARE - European Academy of Religion
2020 - CUSCC - Consulta Universitaria di Storia del Cristianesimo e delle Chiese
2020 - SBL – Society of Biblical Literature
2020-2022 BSANA - Byzantine Studies Association of North America

MEMBERSHIP OF JOURNALS

2021 - Member of the Scientific Committee of the journal *Annali di storia dell'esegesi*
2023 - Member of the Editorial Board of the series promoted by Department of Historical Studies at the University of Milan *Historical Studies*

AFFILIATION WITH UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH CENTRES

2021 - 2022 Affiliate Member of the Centre for Medieval Literature/University of Southern Denmark
2022 - Member and Researcher of the Research Project *Tópicos literarios y narradores en la literatura martyrial femenina*, based at the University of Valencia and funded by the Generalitat Valenciana (PI: Prof. Ángel Narro)
2023 - Associate Member of the SFB “Structural Change of Property” (Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt)

TEACHING

September – November 2023 *History of Early Christianity* (BA degree in History and MA degree in Classics), University of Milan, Department of Historical Studies
February 2023 – May 2023 *History of Early Christianity* (BA degree in History and MA degree in Classics), University of Milan, Department of Historical Studies
April – July 2022 Universität Erfurt, Studium Fundamentale (BA degree), with Dr. Emiliano Urciuoli: *Women at the Margins. Christianity and Female Authority in Ancient and Contemporary Times*

LECTURES AT CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

Invited

1) Discussant (together with T. Keddie – A.K. Harkins – H.O. Maier) of *Experiencing the Shepherd of Hermas*, edited by A.K. Harkins and H.O. Maier, DeGruyter, Berlin-Boston 2022, within the Panel *Book Discussion*, organized by L. Arcari, to be held in the International Annual Meeting of Christian Origins, Bertinoro, 21-23 September 2023

- 2) *Gender, Body Violation and Martyrdom: Differences and Developments of Religious Patterns in Christian Martyr Stories*, in Second International Conference on Early Christian Literature, Late Antique and Byzantine Hagiography – *Imitationes Christi and Women Martyrs*, University of Valencia, 5-7- September 2023
- 3) *Women's time and social time in the authentic Pauline and pseudo-epigraphic epistles*, in Symposium of the research project and association *Bible and Women. An Encyclopaedia of Exegesis and Cultural History*, Bilbao, June 2023
- 4) *Definire l'alterità. Discorso, rappresentazione e retorica nell'analisi del concetto di eresia*, in *Metodi della ricerca scientifica in ambito umanistico: teorie, pratiche, casi di studio*. Dottorato in Studi Umanistici 2022/2023, University of Bari, 31 May 2023
- 5) Presentation of *Il digiuno*, a cura di M. Dell'Isola, Paoline, Milano 2022, in *I Lunedì della Peterson. Incontri con gli autori*, Biblioteca Erik Peterson, University of Turin, 22 May 2023
- 6) Participation in the *First International Online Symposium in Honour of William Tabbernee*, 16-18 March 2023
- 7) *Fasting and Prophecy in the Book of Daniel and Tertullian's De ieiunio adversus psychicos*, in Online Seminar Series Tokyo-Erfurt on "Lived Ancient Religion", 16 March 2023
- 8) Presentation of *Il digiuno*, a cura di M. Dell'Isola, Paoline, Milano 2022, in *Lecture di storia del cristianesimo. Seminario permanente di studi storico-religiosi*, Department of Historical Studies, University of Milan La Statale, 6 March 2023
- 9) *La figura di Daniele nel De ieiunio adversus psychicos di Tertulliano. Ricezione e contestualizzazione di un discorso sulla profezia*, in *Letteratura cristiana antica tra grammatica e teologia. Giornata di studi in onore di Antonio Cacciari*, University of Bologna, Department of Classics, 2 February 2023
- 10) *Time and the construction of the feminine in early Christianity*, University of Erfurt (Department of Religious Studies), 10 June 2022
- 11) *Il diritto di non seguire la natura umana. Esempi di rinuncia femminile tra II e III secolo*, Doctoral School in Humanities (University of Bari), Seminar Series *Ripensare la 'natura umana'. Paradigmi interpretativi ed emergenze storiche*, 31 May 2022
- 12) *Constructing religious experiences: ecstasy and rationality in early Christianity*, Max-Weber-Kolleg Day, *Rationalization: what is the relevance of Max Weber question today?*, Erfurt, 5 April 2022
- 13) *Estasi e profezia nel montanismo*, University of Padova, 7 December 2021
- 14) *Gli Atti di Tommaso*, I Seminario de Literatura Griega Cristiana, University of Valencia, 8 November 2021
- 15) *Women in Early Christianity and Byzantium*, International Conference *Female Authority and Holiness in Early Christianity and Byzantium*, Centre for Medieval Literature/University of Southern Denmark, Odense, 11-12 May 2021
- 16) *Falsa profezia e rappresentazione eresiologica nel cristianesimo antico*, University of Milan, 18 March 2021

17) *The End That Never Came. On the Relationship Between Time and Gender in Some Byzantine Hagiographical Texts*, Symposium *Crisis, Gender and the Politics of Time in the Medieval and Early Modern Periods*, Centre for Medieval Literature/University of Southern Denmark, Odense, 5-6 November 2019

18) *“Fasts will merit from God the recognition of mysteries” (Tert. ieiun. 7,6): on the relationship between fasting and prophecy in Early Christianity*, Annual Conference of the European Academy of Religion, Bologna, 4-7 March 2019

19) *La figura di Gesù nella letteratura contemporanea: Saramago e Bulgakov*, University of Bologna, 6 March 2018

20) *L'estasi di Montano. Fonti e problemi*, “Seminario bolognese di letteratura cristiana antica”, University of Bologna, 20 April 2017

21) *«They are not the words of a rational man»: ecstatic prophecy in Montanism*, Concluding conference of the research program “Lived Ancient Religion”: *Leaving the (disciplinary) comfort zone – Lived Ancient Religion AD 1 to 800*, Eisenach, 3-5 April 2017

22) *Oracoli montanisti e Scritture: echi, allusioni, citazioni*, Convegno annuale di Letteratura cristiana antica, Assisi, 30-31 October 2015

23) *Constructing Heresies: Marcus the Magician and Montanus*, Humboldt Universität, Theologische Fakultät, Berlin, 12 July 2014

On proposal

1) *Space, property and boundary violation in Palladius*, Lausiac History 33-34, EASR Conference, Cork, 27 June – 1 July 2022

2) *Women Facing Martyrdom. The Interplay Between Temporality and the Experience of Social and Gendered Roles*, International Annual Meeting on Christian Origins, Bertinoro, 29 September 2021

3) *The ascetic body in The life and conduct of the blessed and holy Matrona*, EASR Conference, 1 September 2021

4) *Violence Against Women in the Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles*, History of Domestic Violence and Abuse Seminar Series, University of Oxford – University of Helsinki, 14 June 2021

5) *Time and gender in early Christianity. The Acts of Thomas as a case study*, SBL Annual Meeting, 30 November 2020

6) *Female Holiness and “New” Temporalities in the Life of Mary the Younger and the Life of Thomaïs of Lesbos*, Byzantine Studies Conference, 23 October 2020

7) *Guardare e apparire. La costruzione visiva dell'agire sociale delle donne nel cristianesimo antico*, International Conference *Contributi per una storia della cultura visuale del cristianesimo antico e tardoantico*, University of Turin, 9-11 October 2019

8) *Controlling the Body: Bodily Knowledge, Asceticism and Visionary Experiences in Tertullian's On Fasting*, International Annual Meeting on Christian Origins, Bertinoro, 26-29 September 2019

9) «*In forma di donna venne a me Cristo e mi instillò la sapienza*» (*Epiph. Pan. 49,1,3*): *leadership femminile e gerarchia ecclesiastica nella letteratura eresiologica*, XLVII Incontro di Studiosi dell'Antichità Cristiana, Roma, 9-11 May 2019

10) *Profeti e martiri: il sovvertimento escatologico della vita dell'uomo nel cristianesimo del II secolo*, XLVI Incontro di Studiosi dell'Antichità Cristiana, Roma, 10-12 May 2018

11) *Le pratiche estatiche nei circoli montanisti: il caso di Teodoto*, International Annual Meeting on Christian Origins, Bertinoro, 3-5 October 2014

12) *Interpretazione scritturistica e dibattito esegetico su vera e falsa profezia nella controversia montanista: la testimonianza di Epifanio di Salamina (Pan. 48)*, International Meeting *Interpretazione, fra storia culturale e storia intellettuale*, Fondazione San Carlo, Modena, 20-21 June 2013

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

a) Monographs

- 1) Tertulliano, *Il digiuno*, a cura di M. Dell'Isola, Paoline, Roma 2022
- 2) *L'ultima profezia. La crisi montanista nel cristianesimo antico*, Il pozzo di Giacobbe, Trapani 2020

b) Edited Volumes

- 1) *Female Authority and Holiness in Early and Medieval Christianity*, edited by M. Dell'Isola, DeGruyter, Berlin 2024 (forthcoming)

c) Translations

- 1) J. Lieu, *Marcione. Come si fabbrica un eretico*, Paideia, Torino 2020
(Original Edition: J. Lieu, *Marcion and the Making of a Heretic. God and Scripture in the Second Century*, Cambridge 2015)
- 2) J. Rüpke, *Pantheon. Una nuova storia della religione romana*, Einaudi, Torino 2018 (with Prof.Dr. R. Alciati)
(Original Edition: J. Rüpke, *Pantheon. A New History of Roman Religion*, Princeton 2018)

d) Articles

- 1) *Women Facing Martyrdom: The Interplay between Temporality and Social and Gender Roles in Early Christianity*, in *Female Authority and Holiness in Early and Medieval Christianity*, edited by M. Dell'Isola, DeGruyter, Berlin 2024 (accepted)
- 2) *Marta e Maria. Prospettive di genere su lavoro e ozio nella tradizione del primo cristianesimo*, in *Idee di lavoro e di ozio per la nostra civiltà*, a cura di G. Mari, F. Ammannati, S. Brogi, T. Faitini, A. Fermani, F. Seghezzi, A. Tonarelli, Firenze University Press, Firenze 2024 (forthcoming; proofs)
- 3) *Fasting, visions and prophecy in and outside the Bible: the figure of Daniel in Tertullian's De ieiunio adversus psychicos*, in *Biblical Figures outside the Bible*, edited by D. Hamidovic – P. Therrien – E. Serra, Brepols, Thurnout 2024 (in press)
- 4) *How Temporality Shapes Social Structure in the Acts of Thomas*, in *Vigiliae Christianae* 77 (2023), 155-175
- 5) *Il viaggio oltremondano negli Atti di Tommaso. Intrecci socio-temporali di una visione apocalittica*, in *Dignus es accipere librum. Miscellanea in onore di Edmondo Lupieri per il suo LXXII compleanno*, a cura di L. Arcari e L. Carnevale, Edipuglia, Bari 2022, 171-179
- 6) *Waiting for the End. Two Case Studies on the Relationship Between Time and Gender in Early Christianity*, in *Zeitschrift für antikes Christentum* 26/3 (2022), 446-472
- 7) *The ascetic body in The life and conduct of the blessed and holy Matrona*, in *Studi e Materiali di Storia delle Religioni* 88/2 (2022), 461-472
- 8) *Violence against women in the apocryphal Acts of the Apostles: some insights on the Acts of Thomas and the Acts of John*, in *Vetera Christianorum* 59 (2022), 107-120
- 9) *Guardare e apparire. Esempi di costruzione visiva delle donne nel cristianesimo antico*, in *Adamantius* 26 (2020), 128-134
- 10) *Shaping Women's Agency Through Temporality in The Life and Activity of the Holy and Blessed Teacher Syncretica*, in *Studia Philologica Valentina* 22 (2020), 13-31
- 11) *"In forma di donna venne a me Cristo e mi instillò la sapienza" (Epiph. Pan. 49,1,3): leadership femminile e gerarchia ecclesiastica nella letteratura eresiologica*, in *XLVII Incontro di Studiosi dell'Antichità Cristiana (Roma, 9-11 maggio 2019)*, Roma 2020, 209-216
- 12) *'They are not the words of a rational man': ecstatic prophecy in Montanism*, in *Lived Religion in the Ancient Mediterranean World. Approaching Religious Transformations from Archaeology, History and Classics*, edited by V. Gasparini-M. Patzelt-R. Raja-K. Rieger-J. Rüpke-E. Urciuoli, De Gruyter, Berlin 2020, 71-86
- 13) *"Fasts will merit from God the recognition of mysteries" (Tert. ieiun. 7,6): on the relationship between fasting and prophecy in early Christianity*, in *Adamantius* 25 (2019), 436-444

14) *Martiri e profetesse: il sovvertimento escatologico della vita terrena nel cristianesimo antico*, in *Tempo di Dio, tempo dell'uomo. XLVI Incontro di Studiosi dell'Antichità Cristiana (Roma, 10-12 maggio 2018)*, Roma 2019, 53-60

15) *Montanism and Ecstasy: the case of Theodotus' death (Eusebius, Historia Ecclesiastica V,16,14-15)*, in *Texts, Practices and Groups. Multidisciplinary Approaches to the History of Jesus Followers in the First Two Centuries. First Annual Meeting of Bertinoro (2-4 October 2014)*, edited by A. Destro – M. Pesce, Turnhout 2017, 377-394

16) *Il dibattito esegetico su vera e falsa profezia in Epiph. Pan. 48: la costruzione retorica del fenomeno profetico montanista*, in *Adamantius 21* (2015), 195-210

e) Reviews

- 1) E.H. Karaman, *Ephesian Women in Greco-Roman and Early Christian Perspective*, Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen 2018, in *Adamantius 27* (2021), 500-502
- 2) C.R. Moss, *Resurrecting Perfection in the New Testament and Early Christianity*, Yale University Press, New Haven and London 2019, in *Annali di Storia dell'Esegesi 38/2* (2021), 502-504
- 3) *Women and Knowledge in Early Christianity*, edited by U. Tervajauta – I. Miroshnikov – O. Lehtipuu – I. Dunderberg, Brill, Leiden-Boston 2017, in *Adamantius 24* (2018), 616-618
- 4) Stephen E. Potthoff, *The Afterlife in Early Christian Carthage. Near-death experience, ancestor cult, and the archaeology of paradise*, Routledge, London and New York 2017, in *Annali di Storia dell'esegesi 39* (2019), 275-277