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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Neoplatonism
- Ancient Metaphysics and Cosmology
- Philosophy of Religions
- Philosophy of Nature/environmental Philosophy
- Comparative Philosophy (Daoism, Buddhism)
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WEBSITES

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RESEARCH GRANTS & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| 10/2025 - Current | External Lecturer in Metaphysics
University of Vienna - Vienna, Austria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course title "Love, divine madness and the soul's immortality in Plato's Phaedrus". Students' level: bachelor. Winter semester. |
| 09/2024 - Current | Postdoctoral Researcher (Principal Investigator)
University of Vienna - Vienna, Austria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal Investigator of the research project "Cosmic Sympathy in Neoplatonism" (ESP-693), funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF). Faculty of Philosophy and Education, Institut für Philosophie. |
| 07/2024 - 08/2024 | Invited Professor in Philosophy
University of Sichuan - Chengdu, China <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Immersion Program of the University of Sichuan, Faculty of Philosophy. Course title : "Nature and the Divine in Philosophy, West and East". |
| 01/2018 - 01/2023 | Course Instructor
Ecole Normale Supérieure of Paris - Paris, France <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course "Nature and the Divine in the History of Philosophy". Level of the students: bachelor. Non-stipendary. |
| 10/2015 - 10/2018 | Full-time Funded Doctoral Researcher in Philosophy
Paris Sorbonne University - Paris, France
PhD funded by the Laboratoire d'Excellence Religions Labex RESMED. Competitive scholarship. |

SCIENTIFIC

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

1. *Ontological Paradise. Self-dissolution and divine nature in Iamblichus* (in press).
• Monograph.
2. *Initiatic Religious Experience in Neoplatonism, from Late Antiquity to the Renaissance.* Collective volume co-edited with L. Albanese, G. Muscolino, J.-M. Zamora, Mimesis Edizioni International, Milano, 2023. ISBN: 9788869774461
3. *Metaphysical and divine Feminine Principles in Platonism.* Collective volume co-edited with G. Girgenti (in preparation).
4. *Cosmic Sympathy in Neoplatonism.* Collective volume co-edited by G. Karamanolis (in preparation).

• IDENTIFIC PAPERS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

1. "Les métamorphoses du chaos : du Non-Être à l'Être chez Jamblique." *Cahiers d'études du religieux. Recherches interdisciplinaires* [online], 20 | 2018. DOI : <https://doi.org/10.4000/serri.2755>
2. "Les eaux écarlates. Pour une approche et symbolique du culte d'Atargatis dans l'Empire Romain." *Volumen, Revue d'Etudes Antiques de l'ASBL Roma*, n. 19- 2021, 2018-2019, *Le Féminin dans l'Antiquité*, Wavre, p. 189-226. ISSN : 20311206.
3. "Ad coelum, ad inferos. The Neoplatonic school of Apamea : Greek philosophy and Near-Eastern religions". In *ARAM Periodical* 30 : 1&2, p. 159-170, 2018, Leuven-Oxford. ISSN: 0959-4213.
4. "Divination and divine inspiration: the ontological status of nature in hydromancy in Iamblichus". In Finamore & Perl (ed.), *Platonic Interpretations*, Prometheus Trust, 2019, p. 71-90. ISBN 978 1 898910 893.
5. "Theurgy in Iamblichus and the *Corpus Hermeticum*. Dissolution or divinization of the self ?" in A.-M. Lemnaru, L. Albanese and J.-M. Zamora (eds.), *Initiatic Religious Experience in Neoplatonism, from Late Antiquity to the Renaissance*, Mimesis Edizioni International, 2023.
6. "Hecate. Lunar theology in the *Chaldean Oracles* and the *Greek Magical Papyri*: A Babylonian Influence ?" *ARAM* 32:1&2 (2020), p. 539-551, LeuvenOxford. ISBN: 9781716412288.
7. "Mithras and Philosophy Porphyry's exegesis in the *De Antra*." Catalogue of the international exhibition The Mysteries of Mithras, held at the Musée Royal de Mariemont (sept. 2021- feb. 2022), Musée Saint-Raymond de Toulouse (apr. 2022-sept. 2022), Archeological Museum of Frankfurt (nov. 2022-avr. 2023). ISBN: 978-2930469-86-7.
8. "Stobaeus : A Christian Neoplatonist ? Theology and Eschatology in the Stobean *Hermetica*". in the *Companion to Stobaeus*, Oxford University Press (forthcoming).
9. "Do plants and stones have souls? A Neoplatonic account of panpsychism" in *Metaphysical and Divine Feminine Principles*, A. Lemnaru-Espuna & G. Girgenti (eds.), in press.

AFFILIATIONS & DISTINCTIONS

- Associate member of the Cambridge Center for the Study of Platonism, Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge - since April 2022.
- Leader of the 'Neoplatonism, Religions and Theurgy' research group of the *Foro di Studi Avanzati Gaetano Massa*, Rome - since June 2023.
- Associate researcher of the Centre Léon Robin, Sorbonne Université - since June 2023.
- Qualification "Maîtresse de Conférences" in Philosophy, Section 17, awarded by the Conseil National des Universités (CNU) - 2022.

EDUCATION

2015 - 2021

PhD: PHILOSOPHY

Paris Sorbonne University - Paris

Title of the doctoral dissertation: "**Theurgy and metaphysics in Iamblichus : the experience of the sacred and the divine facing reason.**"

Examiners: Prof. Mark Edwards (Oxford University), Prof. Douglas Hedley (Cambridge University), Prof. Anca Vasiliu (CNRS/Paris Sorbonne Université), Prof. Jérôme Laurent (Caen Université).

2016-2017: Doctoral research stay at Roma III University, Rome, Italy. Erasmus Mundus. Supervisor:

- Riccardo Chiaradonna.
2016: Summer school at the University of Oxford organized by S. Morlet.
- 2013 - 2015 **Master: PHILOSOPHY**
Paris Sorbonne University
GPA: 18/20 (A+), summa cum laude
Thesis: "The harmony between philosophy and theology in Iamblichus."
- 2011 - 2013 **Bachelor: PHILOSOPHY**
Paris Sorbonne University

ORGANIZATON OF SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

- **International conference "Cosmic Sympathy in Later Platonism"** with G. Karamanolis, financed by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) within the FWF research project "Cosmic Sympathy in Neoplatonism". University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria. May 2025.
- **International conference "Metamorphoseon: the Mother Goddess in the History of Philosophy"** with G. Girgenti, P. Colizzi & R. Ebgi in cooperation with the University of Cambridge. Università Vita Salute San Raffaele, Milan, Italy. February 2025.
- **International conference "Metaphysical and Religious Feminine Principles in Late Antiquity and Beyond"** with D. Hedley Cambridge Centre for the Study of Platonism, University of Cambridge. Cambridge, United Kingdom. October 2023.
- **International conference "The Afterlife in Late Antiquity, pagan and Christian philosophical and religious perspectives"** with M. Chase. Paris Sorbonne University, Paris, France. May 2019.

REVIEWS

- K.K.P. Vanhoutte and B.W. McCraw, (eds.) *The Purgatory. Philosophical dimensions*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2017. Metapsychology Online Reviews.
- Lorenzo Bianchi and Antonella Sannino (eds.), *La magia naturale tra Medioevo e prima età moderna*, Sismel, 2018. Revista Española de Filosofía Medieval.
- Jana Schultz and James Wilberding (eds.), *Women and the Female in Neoplatonism*, Brill, Leiden (in press).

SELECTED SCIENTIFIC TALKS

- Feb. 2017** "Les notions d'autopator et d'autogenes dans la philosophie tardo-antique". Séminaire de R. Chiaradonna, Université de Roma III. Rome, Italy.
- Jul. 2017** "Iamblichus and the Neoplatonician School of Apamea : Greek philosophy and oriental religions". ARAM 45th International Conference : Greek Culture and Interaction in the Levant 4th BC9th , Oriental Institute, University of Oxford. Oxford, United Kingdom.
- Oct. 2017** "La théorisation de l'inspiration prophétique chez Jamblique". Paris-Lille-Cambridge seminar.
Ecole Normale Supérieure d'Ulm. Paris, France.
- Nov. 2017** "From immaterial essences to material cosmos: the case of planets in Neoplatonism."
Medieval Philosophy Network, Warburg Institute, University of London. London, United Kingdom.
- Feb. 2018** "Neoplatonism in Iamblichus : from the Hermetica to early Christianity ?" J. Marenbon's seminar. Trinity College. University of Cambridge. Cambridge, United Kingdom.
- Feb. 2019** "Water as a first principle in Thales". London Ancient Science Conference, Senate House, University of London. London, United Kingdom.
- Jun. 2019** "Theurgy in Iamblichus and the Hermetica. Dissolution or divinization of the self ?" Foro di Studi Avanzati di Roma. « Renaissance, Medieval and Ancient Patterns ». Rome, Italy.
- Jul. 2019** "From the womb to the tomb. The Moon in the Chaldean Oracles and the Greek Magical Papyri.", The Cambridge Platonists at the Origins of Enlightenment : Texts , Debate and Reception" conference. Clare College, University of Cambridge. Cambridge, United Kingdom.
- May 2024** "Philosophy and Theology in the Stobaeus Hermetica. Stobaeus, a Christian Neoplatonist?" Stobaeus International Workshop, University of Cincinnati's Department of Classics. Cincinnati, USA.

March 2025 "Co-affectedness and Nature's Consciousness in Plotinus". KU Leuven, Belgium, within the conference "History and Philosophy of Environmental Thought".

Sep. 2025 "Wisdom and mystical knowledge in Iamblichus", within the symposium "A Comparative Approach to Perception and Knowledge-Production in Ancient Conceptions of Sagehood" funded by the Strategic Partnership Grant between the University of Vienna and the University of Kyoto. University of Kyoto, Faculty of Letters. Kyoto, Japan.

Nov. 2025 "Three Neoplatonic hypotheses on the soul vehicle", Cambridge Centre for the Study of Platonism, University of Cambridge. Cambridge, United Kingdom.

LANGUAGES PROFICIENCY

French: First language

Italian: C2



Proficient

Spanish: C2



Proficient

Japanese: A1



Beginner

Latin: C1



Advanced

English: C2



Proficient

German: B2



Upper intermediate

Chinese (Mandarin): A1



Beginner

Greek: C1



Advanced

SCIENTIFIC POPULARIZATION

- Video presentation of my research for the Faculty of Letters (Sorbonne Université), published on France Culture's website : «Nature and the divine : mythology and magic in philosophy » (2019).
Link: <https://youtu.be/qfS5waPxUfg?si=aDb4RGHByJ5GfH6o>