

## **DOMENICO AGOSTINI**

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### **Current Position**

(since 2017) Associate Professor in Ancient History, dept. of General History, Tel Aviv University

### **Education**

- PhD *cum laude* in History, Texts and Documents (specialization in Ancient and Medieval Iran).  
École Pratique des Hautes Études (Paris). Supervisor: Prof. Philip Huyse, 2004-2008
- PhD *cum laude* in Philological and Literary Studies of the Ancient Near East and Pre-Islamic Iran.  
Sapienza University of Rome. Supervisor: Prof. Carlo G. Cereti. 2003-2008
- "Laurea" degree (BA + MA) *cum laude* in Arts (Literary, Historical, Philological and Oriental Studies) with a final dissertation in Iranian History and Religions. Sapienza University of Rome. Supervisors: Prof. Carlo G. Cereti and Prof. Gherardo Gnoli, 1998-2003

### **Academic and Professional Experience [selected]**

- Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Ancient and Early Islamic Iran, Polonsky Academy for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, 2013-2017
- Fellow (Iranian History and Religions), Young Scholars Forum on Abrahamic Religions at the Israeli Academy of Sciences and Humanities. Director: Prof. Guy Stroumsa, 2013-2015
- Visiting Professor of pre-Islamic Iran, Sapienza University of Rome, 2013
- Assistant Editor and Academic Coordinator, "Middle Persian Dictionary Project," Israeli Academy of Sciences and Humanities and Israel Science Foundation. Director: Prof. Shaul Shaked, 2010-2017 - <http://www.academy.ac.il/Branches/Branch.aspx?nodeId=796&branchId=299>
- Teaching Fellow in Middle Persian, Sasanian history and epigraphy, Zoroastrian literature, History of Zoroastrianism, Dante and his Oriental precursor, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2010-2015
- Research Fellow in Zoroastrian Religion and Literature. Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei (Rome), 2010-2011
- Postdoctoral Fellow in Middle Iranian languages and Zoroastrianism. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Supervisor: Prof. Shaul Shaked, 2009-2013
- Research Fellow in Sasanian History and Epigraphy. French Institute for Research in Iran [IFRI] and National Museum of Iran (Teheran), 2005

### **Service to the Profession**

- Referee, History, Philology and Religions of Iran (L-OR14), Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes, Ministry of Education and University, 2016-

## Domenico Agostini's CV

- Referee for peer-review journal: Abstracta Iranica; Bulletin of the School of the Oriental and African Studies; Journal of the K R Cama Oriental Institute; Mediterranean Historical Review; Studia Iranica; Iranian Studies; Open Theology; Journal of Asian Civilizations.
- Member of the scientific and editorial committee of the series: "Indo-Iranica et Orientalia" and "Iranica et Mediterranea" at the University of Bologna, 2020-.

### **Professional Affiliations**

- Association for Iranian Studies (Canada and USA), 2019-
- Societas Iranologica Europaea (Europe), 2014-
- Associazione Internazionale di Studi sul Mediterraneo e l'Oriente (ISMEO), 2013-

### **Awards, Grants and Fellowships [selected]**

- Kadar Family Award for Outstanding Research (junior category) at Tel Aviv University, 2021
- Personal Research Grant, Israeli Science Foundation (ISF), 2019-2022
- Academic Grant, Iranian Heritage Foundation (London, UK), 2018
- Outstanding research grant, Van Leer foundation (Jerusalem), 2014-2016
- Polonsky fellowship, Polonsky foundation (Jerusalem), 2013-2017
- Academic grant, Iranian Heritage Foundation (London, UK), 2011
- Raffaele Pettazzoni Fellowship in Religious Studies, Accademia dei Lincei (Rome, Italy), 2010-2011
- Postdoctoral scholarship, Israeli Science Foundation and Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2019-2013
- Prix Pirasteh in Persian Studies, Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres (Paris, France), 2008
- Research Fellowship in Humanities, "La Sapienza" University of Rome, 2007-2008
- Leonardo da Vinci scholarship for Outstanding PhD Students, French - Italian University of Grenoble and Turin, 2005
- PhD scholarship for Outstanding Students, "La Sapienza" University of Rome, 2003-2007

### **Languages**

Modern Languages: Italian (mother tongue), English (fluent), French (fluent), Hebrew (fluent), Persian (advanced), German (research proficiency).

Ancient Languages: Middle Persian (Epigraphic, Pahlavi and Manichean), Parthian (Epigraphic and Manichean), Old Persian, Old and Young Avestan, Latin, Greek, Judeo-Persian, Sogdian, Bactrian.

**Conference and Seminar presentations [selected, by invitation]**

- "Apocalypse, Apocalyptic, and Apocalypticism in Ancient Iran. History, Method, and Reception", *Eleventh Enoch Seminar*, Ludwig Maximilians University of Munich, 2021
- "Ahriman and his demons in the Bundahišn", Round Table *The Search for Lost Time: Insights on Zoroastrian Literature*, Ancient India and Iran Fund, Cambridge (UK)
- "The Bundahišn. Envisioning the Path of World Salvation", Cycle of Conferences *Parlane con Sapienza, Uno Sguardo Oltre*, Sapienza University of Rome, 2020
- "A New Translation of the Bundahišn. Problems and Methods", Round Table *Zoroastrianism and Middle-Persian Literature*, University of Bologna, 2019
- "Zoroastrian Polemics in Early Islamic Iran", International conference *The Majlis revisited: Inter – and intra-cultural disputations in the Islamicate world*, Casa Arabe, Cordoba, Spain, 2018
- "Soft Power in Late Antiquity. Diplomacy and Mutual Recognition between Persia and the Late Roman Empire", lecture, University of California, Berkeley, 2017
- "Apocalyptic History in Late and Post-Sasanian Iran", lecture, Oxford University, 2016
- "The Temporary and the Eternal Afterlife. Some Remarks on Zoroastrian Eschatology", International conference *Making ends meet*, Austrian Academy of Sciences and University of Vienna, 2015
- "The Greek influence on Middle Persian lexicon", International conference *Sociolinguistic Dynamics under the Greek Influence: Linguistic Change, Variation and Contact*, La Sapienza University of Rome, 2014
- "La conquête arabe de l'Iran et la chute du Zoroastrisme : processus eschatologique ou réalité historique ?", International round table *Eschatologies*, École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Paris, 2014
- "The Iranian Apocalyptic Literature and its Historical Context," lecture, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, 2014
- "Pouvons-nous parler d'une apocalyptique de nature populaire et d'une autre de nature courtoise et religieuse en Iran ? Un essai d'après les sources pehlevies", *Seventh conference of Societas Iranologica Europaea*, Krakow, Poland, 2011
- "Pehlevi, Pâzand et Pârsi: trois systèmes d'écriture au service de Zoroastre", International conference *Lecteurs et copistes dans les traditions indiennes, iraniennes et centrasiatiques*, Sorbonne III, Paris, 2010

## List of publications of Domenico Agostini

### Books

- 1) *Ayādgār ī Jāmāspīg, un texte eschatologique zoroastrien* (Biblica et Orientalia 50). Rome: Gregorian and Biblical Press [Pontifical Biblical Institute], 2013.
- 2) [with Samuel Thrope] *Bundahišn. The Zoroastrian Myth of Creation*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2020.

### Peer-reviewed Articles

- 3) "Rediscovering the Jāmāspi: a walk in four steps." *Iranian Studies* 45/2 (2012): 169-180.
- 4) "Luoghi mitici e popoli fantastici nel memoriale zoroastriano di Jāmāsp." *Quaderni asiatici* 104 (2013): 5-26.
- 5) "Popular apocalypics in Pahlavi Literature Context: the Jāmāsp-Nāmag revisited." *Studia Iranica* 42 (2013): 43-56.
- 6) [with E. Kiesele, E. and Sh. Secunda] "Ohrmazd's Better Judgment (meh-dādestānīh): A Middle Persian Legal and Theological Discourse." *Studia Iranica* 43 (2014): 177-202.
- 7) "Encountering a Beautiful Maiden: On Zoroastrian *dēn* in comparison with Dante's Beatrice." *Bulletin of the Asia Institute* 24 (2014): 5-23.
- 8) "Eschatological seers and otherworldly travellers in Zoroastrianism." *Journal Asiatique* 302/1 (2014): 47-73.
- 9) "Pehlevi, Pāzand et Pārsi: trois systèmes d'écriture au service de Zoroastre." *Eurasian studies* 12 (2014): 177-188.
- 10) "La conquête arabe et la chute du Zoroastrisme : processus eschatologique ou réalité historique ? Une réponse d'après les sources pehlevies." In *Penser la fin du monde*, Aubin-Boltansky E. and Gauthier C. (eds.), 147-165. Paris: CNRS Editions, Paris, 2014.
- 11) "On Iranian and Jewish Apocalypics, Again." *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 136 (2016): 495-505.
- 12) [with S. Stark] "Zāwulistān, Kāwulistān and the land Bosi – On the question of Sasanian court-in-exile in the Southern Hindukush." *Studia Iranica* 45 (2016): 17-38.

- 13) "Greek Echos in Pahlavi Literature. A Preliminary Survey of Calques and Foreign Terms," *Linguarum Varietas* 5 (2016): 13-24.
- 14) "'This earth will be uncrowned, without depression, flat.' An Edition and an annotated Translation of the *Iranian Bundahišn* 34." *Annali Sezione Orientale* 77 (2017): 116-133.
- 15) [with Sh. Shaked] "Two Sasanian Seals of Priests." *Bulletin of the Asia Institute* 27 (2017): 99-105.
- 16) "Their Evil Rule Must End! A Commentary on the *Iranian Bundahišn* 33:17-28." In *Apocalypticism and Eschatology in Late Antiquity: Encounters in the Abrahamic Religions, 6th-8th Centuries*, Amirav H., Grypeou E. and Stroumsa G. (eds.), 21-41. Leuven: Peeters Publishers, 2017.
- 17) "Luh-rāsp and the Destruction of Jerusalem. A Note on Jewish-Iranian Syncretism." In *Irano-Judaica* 7, Rubanovich J. and Herman G. (eds.), 297-309. Jerusalem: Ben-Zvi Institute, 2019.
- 18) "Half-human and Monstrous Races in Zoroastrian Tradition." *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 139 (2019): 805-817.
- 19) "Non-Iranian historical lands in Pahlavi literature." *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 82 (2019): 453-472.
- 20) "On Jerusalem and Luh-rāsp: A Closer Look." *Dabir* 7 (2020): 1-6.
- 21) "Reassessing the Zoroastrian Other World." *Journal Asiatique* 308/2 (2020): 205-213.
- 22) [with S. Thrope] "What is the Bundahišn? Genre and Zoroastrian Literature." *Iran and the Caucasus* 24 (2020): 378-393.

Accepted for publication

- 23) [with Sh. Shaked] "Are there Pahlavi graffiti in Beth She'arim?" *Corpus Inscriptionum Iudaeae/Palaestinae (Galilee)*.
- 24) "On the Emergence of the Iranian Apocalypse Between the Sixth and Seventh Centuries." *Iran and the Caucasus*

Book review

- 25) "S. Shoemaker, *The Apocalypse of Empire*." *Speculum* 96 (2021): 255-256.