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#### *CURRENT POSITION*

Associate Professor of Japanese Language and Literature (L-OR/22), University of Catania, Department of Humanities.

#### *RESEARCH FIELDS*

Japanese mythology in comparative perspective. Japanese nativist philology and philosophy. Chinese variolation in Japan. Works and life of Akutagawa Ryūnosuke (1892-1927). Japanese offensive language.

#### *DEGREES*

1990. Ph.D. in East Asian Civilizations, University of Naples “L’Orientale”. Dissertation Thesis about the textual origins of Shintoism. Supervisor: Prof. Adolfo Tamburello. Coordinator of Graduate School: Prof. Lionello Lanciotti.

1982. Degree with honors in Foreign Languages and Literatures at the University of Naples “L’Orientale”. Dissertation Thesis about the bibliographical trends of Japanese history of religions’ studies in the post Pacific War period. Supervisor: Prof. Adolfo Tamburello; Co-supervisor: Prof. Franco Mazzei.

#### *TEACHING EXPERIENCE*

2014-present. Associate Professor of Japanese Language and Literature, University of Catania, Department of Humanities.

2001- 2014. Lecturer, Japanese Language and Literature, University of Catania, Department of Humanities.

1999-2001. Contract Lecturer, Japanese Language and Literature, University of Catania, Department of Humanities.

1997-2000. Contract Lecturer, History of Modern Japan, University of Naples “L’Orientale”, Faculty of Political Science.

1994-1997. Contract Lecturer, History and Civilization of East Asia, University of Naples “L’Orientale”, Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures.

1997. Visiting Lecturer, Università degli Studi “Suor Orsola Benincasa” (Naples). Seminar on Japanese religions.

1995-1999. Lecturer, Japanese Culture, Istituto Medio e Estremo Oriente (IsMEO)/Istituto Italiano Africa e Oriente (IsIAO), Rome, Italy.

#### *ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES*

2015. Chair of the Organizing Committee of the 39th Conference of Japanese Studies of the Italian Association for Japanese Studies (Aistugia), University of Catania.

2008. Chair of the Organizing Committee of the Symposium "Identità estasiatiche, Il Giappone fra Oriente e Occidente", Catania University, Faculty of Foreign Languages.

PAPERS AT CONFERENCES.

2019. Talk at the NIPPOP CONFERENCE, Bologna. Paper Title: “Il cibo nel *Kojiki*”.
2018. Talk at the Conference “Violenza delle parole e parole della violenza”, University of Catania. Paper Title: *Il problema del turpiloquio in Giapponese: Parole da non dire davanti ai bambini*.
2018. Invited Speaker at the Symposium on Translation of Sacred Texts, Kokugakuin University, Tokyo, Japan. Paper title: *Sōsutekisuto no tenkei to shite no Kojiki – sono hon'yakushi ni okeru shomondai* (The *Kojiki* as a quintessential source text: selected questions from its various translations).
2017. Talk at the Conference “Ne uccide più la parola”, University of Catania. Paper Title: *Tracce di misoginia orientale*.
2016. Talk at the Conference “Biopolitiche tra antico e moderno. Corpi plurali, libertinismo e libertà”, University of Catania. Paper Title: *Introduzione a un discorso su libertà e libertinaggi estasiatici*.
2013. Talk at the 37th Conference on Japanese Studies, Italian Association for Japanese Studies (AISuGia), Roma. Paper Title: *Note su due scritti incompiuti di Akutagawa: fra tradizione giapponese e sessuologia europeizzante*.
2012. Invited Speaker at the Conference “La Cina a Occidente. Ricezioni, traduzioni e visioni della Cina nel Giappone antico e moderno”, Lecce, University of Salento. Paper title: *Buta no hoka ni miru mono no nai koto. Akutagawa a Changsha*.
2008. Speaker at the Symposium "Identità estasiatiche, Il Giappone fra Oriente e Occidente", Catania University, Faculty of Foreign Languages. Paper title: *Libri e corpi nel Giappone del 1700: propensioni mediche e filologiche verso le fonti di conoscenza*.
2007. Invited Speaker at the Conference "L'acqua non è mai la stessa: le acque nella tradizione culturale dell'Asia", University of Salento, Department of Humanities. Paper title: *Acque oca. Alcune attestazioni e traduzioni del composto 黄泉, in Cina e in Giappone*.
2005. Invited Speaker at the Conference “Vico and the Orient: China, Japan, Korea”, CNR -Istituto per la Storia del pensiero filosofico e scientifico moderno, Naples. Paper Title: *Cose che agli uomini non è dato fare: Scienza e fede in Giambattista Vico e Motoori Norinaga*.
2005. Speaker at the 11th International Conference of the European Association for Japanese Studies, University of Vienna, Austria. Paper title: *Orality and Literacy in Kojiki*.
1999. Talk at the seminars of the University of Naples “Federico II”, Department of History. Paper Title: *La mitologia della sovranità sacra nel Giappone antico*.
1997. Speaker at the 8th International Conference of the European Association for Japanese Studies, Budapest, Hungary. Paper title: *Taoism in Early Japanese Poetry*.
1997. Invited Speaker at the Shinto and Ecology Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. Paper title: *Coming into Existence: An Expression of “Nature” in Japanese Mythology*.
1993. Talk at the 17th Conference on Japanese Studies, Italian Association for Japanese Studies (AISuGia), Chianciano. Paper Title: *Sensi, sentimenti del Genji. Il «dire cose» sul sentire*.
1992. Talk at the 16th Conference on Japanese Studies, Italian Association for Japanese Studies (AISuGia), Auronzo. Paper Title: *Motoori Norinaga, la natura taoista e la polemica con i confuciani*.
1991. Talk at the 15th Conference on Japanese Studies, Italian Association for Japanese Studies (AISuGia), Sassari. Paper Title: *La «serenità del dolore» nel pensiero di Motoori Norinaga*.
1985. Speaker at the 30th International Conference of Orientalists in Japan. Paper title: *Tenson kōrin shinwa: hikaku kenkyū no kokoromi* (The Myth of the Descent of the Heavenly Grandchild: A Comparative Study)
1984. Speaker at the 29th International Conference of Orientalists in Japan. Paper title: *Japanese Mythology: Recent Trends in Japan in the Postwar Period*.

*NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL GRANTS*

2015. (Project Director) The Japan Foundation Grant Program of Enhancement for Japanese Studies Network provided for the 2015 Conference of the Italian Association for Japanese Studies held at the University of Catania, Department of Humanities, in September 2015.

Dec 2002- Feb 2003. The Japan Foundation Fellowship.

Oct 1996- Sep 1997. Scholarship by Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Filosofici, Naples, Italy.

1991-1993. Post-doc Scholarship, University of Naples "L'Orientale".

Sep 1989 – Mar 1990. The Japan Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship.

1986-1989. PhD Scholarship, University of Naples "L'Orientale".

Oct 1982 - Mar 1986. Japanese Government (Ministry of Education) Scholarship.

*NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS*

2015-present. Member of the Council of the Italian Association for Japanese Studies (AIStuGia)

Nov 2002 - Jan 2003. Research Activity under the guidance of Prof. A. Yoshida at the Gakushuin University (Department of Humanities), Tokyo, Japan. (JF Fellowship).

1996. Visiting lecturer at the Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Filosofici, Naples, Italy. Intensive Seminar on the topic An Introduction to East Asian Thought.

Sep 1989 – Mar 1990. Research Activity under the guidance of Prof. A. Yoshida at the Gakushuin University (Department of Humanities), Tokyo, Japan. (JF Fellowship).

Apr 1984 - Mar 1986. Research Activity under the guidance of Prof. A. Yoshida at the Gakushuin University (Department of Humanities), Tokyo, Japan. (Jap. Government Scholarship).

Oct 1983 – Mar 1984. Research Activity under the guidance of Prof. K. Ueda at the Kokugakuin University (Department of Shinto Studies), Tokyo, Japan. (Jap. Government Scholarship).

*MEMBERSHIPS*

1991-present. Italian Association for Japanese Studies (AIStuGia).

2000-present. Italian Association for Teaching the Japanese Language (AIDLG).