

CURRICULUM VITAE

CHRISTOPHER PAUL CLOHESSY

1. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Sacred Theology (01-05-89. *Magna Cum Laude*. Pontificia Universitas Urbaniana. Rome. Italy)

Diploma in Pastoral Studies (12-06-98. *Summa Cum Laude*. Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies. Rome. Italy)

Certificate in Arabic Grammar (14-06-99. Dar Comboni. Cairo. Egypt).

Diploma in Arabic Studies (16-06-00. *Magna Cum Laude*. Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies. Rome. Italy).

Masters in Arabic and Islamic Studies (12-06-01. *Magna Cum Laude*. Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies. Rome. Italy).

Doctorate in Arabic and Islamic Studies (03-02-06. *Summa Cum Laude*. Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies. Rome. Italy).

2. ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

1990 Lecturer in Christology, Adult Education Program of the Archdiocese of Cape Town, Lecturer in Islamic Studies, St. Francis Xavier Seminary, Cape Town, Guest Lecturer in Islamics, St. Augustine's University, Johannesburg.

2002-2004 Lecturer, Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome, Lecturer, Pontifical Beda College, Rome.

2005-2009 Rector, St. Francis Xavier Major Seminary, Cape Town.

2015 Professor of Islamic Studies, Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome, Lecturer in Fundamental Theology, Ecclesiology, Mariology, Islam, Pontifical Beda College, Rome

2015 Lecturer in Fundamental Theology, Ecclesiology, Mariology, Islam, Pontifical Beda College, Rome

3. TEACHING POSITIONS (Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies)

2002-2004: Introduction to Shī‘ī Islam, Islamic History, Methodology, Liturgical Texts

2015-2024: Introduction to Shī‘ī Islam Introduction to the Qur’ān, Islamic Ethics History of Muslim-Christian Dialogue, Shī‘ī Texts

5. TEACHING POSITIONS (Pontifical Beda College)

2016-2024: Fundamental Theology, Ecclesiology, Mariology, Introduction to Islam

5. PUBLICATIONS

5.1 ARTICLES

“Islām in South Africa” in *Encounter* n. 242, February 1998, Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome.

“Glimpses along a Sūfī Path” in *Encounter* n. 265, July 2000, Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome.

“Karbālā’, the Face of Islam Flushed” in *Encounter* n. 285, June 2002, Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome.

“The Gospel of Barnabas: A Précis” in *Encounter* n. 295, June 2003, Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome.

“Islamic Discourses” in *St. Augustine Papers*, vol. 4, n. 1, 2003, Johannesburg, South Africa

“Islam” in *Trefoil*, n. 266 (2003), n. 267 (2004), n. 268 (2005), n. 269 (2006), Johannesburg, South Africa.

“Mary and Fāṭima in the Catholic and Shi‘a Traditions” in O’MAHONEY A et al., (eds.), *Catholics and Shi‘a in Dialogue*, Melisende Press, London 2004.

“Notes on Fāṭima, Daughter of Muhammad” in *Encounter* n. 314, April 2005, Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome.

“The Project of God: Muhammad and the *ahl al-kitāb*” in *Grace & Truth*, vol. 23, n. 2 (August 2006), Johannesburg, South Africa

“Islam in South Africa” in *Grace & Truth*, vol. 23, n. 2 (August 2006), Johannesburg, South Africa.

“The Text of Barnabas I” in *Trefoil*, n. 272 (2007), Johannesburg, South Africa.

“The Text of Barnabas II” in *Trefoil*, n. 273 (2008), Johannesburg, South Africa.

“The Text of Barnabas III” in *Trefoil*, n. 274 (2009), Johannesburg, South Africa.

“Christian-Muslim Encounters in South Africa” in O’MAHONEY A & LOOSLEY E., (eds.), *Christian Responses to Islam*, Manchester University Press, Manchester 2008.

“Mixed Marriage and Islamic Law” in *Trefoil*, n. 276 (2010), Johannesburg, South Africa.

“Weeping Mothers: Tears and Powers in Fāṭima and Mary” in *Islamochristiana* 36 (2010), Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome

“Notes on Fāṭima, Daughter of Muhammad” in *Encounter* n. 314, April 2005, Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome.

“A Heart Attuned to Mercy: The Intercession of Mary and Fāṭima” in *Encounter* n. 41/1, 2016, Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome.

“Some Notes on *mağlis* and *ta‘ziya*” in *Encounter* n. 41/3, 2016, Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome.

“The Colours of Mourning. A Christian Reflection on Karbalā’ as Anamnesis” in *Islamochristiana* 45 (2019), Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome

“El Islam sudafricano” in *Misiones extranjeras*, n. 189, Mayo-Junio 2002

“Theologies of resistance. An intertextual examination” in *Islamochristiana* 47 (2021), Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome

“Tracking al-‘Abbās b. ‘Alī through Abū Mikhnaf” in *Islamochristiana* 48 (2022), Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome

5.2. BOOKS

Fāṭima, Daughter of Muḥammad, Gorgias Press, New Jersey 2009 (2ND ed. 2018)

Half of my Heart. The Narratives of Zaynab, Daughter of ‘Alī, Gorgias Press, New Jersey 2018

Angels Hastening. The Karbalā’ Dreams, Gorgias Press, New Jersey 2021

The Outrider. Abū al-Faḍl al- ‘Abbās, Gorgias Press, New Jersey 2024

6. MAJOR CONFERENCE PAPERS

May 2016, Amsterdam, The Journées d’Arras Conference on Muslim-Christian Dialogue

September 2016, London, The Shi’ah Institute Annual Symposium 2016 ‘Lamenting Karbala’: Commemoration, Mourning and Memory’

February 2019, Cambridge, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cambridge, ‘Shiism and Minorities’

March 2019, Cambridge, The Woolf Institute, University of Cambridge ‘The Legacy of Fatima’

March 2019, London, Islamic College of London, ‘Half of My Heart’

March 2019, London, KSIMC, ‘Fatima and Zaynab’ (online)

February 2020, Birmingham, Husayn Summit, ‘Lady Zaynab’

March 2020, London, KSIMC and Hikma Foundation, ‘Fatima, Daughter of Muhammad’

September 2020, London, Hyderi Islamic Centre, ‘The Legacy of Fatima’

October 2020, Stand with Dignity, ‘The Sister of al-Husayn’ (online)

November 2020, Ottawa, Imam Hossein Cultural Centre, ‘Lady Zaynab as a role model at Karbala’ (online)

February 2021, Ali the Spirit of Reform Conference (Online)

May 2021, Cape Town, Ahl al-Bayt Centre, ‘The Document on Human Fraternity’ (online)

May 2021, Mashhad, University of Mashhad, ‘Lady Fatima in Western Studies’ (online)

2021, UMAA and Stand with Dignity, ‘Imam Ali’ (online)

2021, Stand with Dignity, Imam al-Husayn Day (online)

July 2021, London, al-Khoei Foundation, ‘Angels Hastening’

September 2022, Birmingham, al-Mahdi Institute, ‘The Chronicles of Karbala’

September 2022, Birmingham, KSIMC, ‘The Dreams of Karbala’

December 2022, London, Islamic College, Dialogue and Religion Conference (online)

New Jersey 2022, Princeton Institute for Advanced Studies, Gorgias Press, ‘Angels Hastening’ (online)

New Delhi 2022, Iran Culture House and Who is Hussein, ‘Imam al-Husayn and the Struggle for Justice’ (online)

Australia 2022, , Imam Husayn Conference (online)

London 2022, City University of London, ‘Fatima the Model of Life’ (online)

March 2023, Birmingham, al-Mahdi Institute, ‘Death and the Nature of the Soul’

March 2023, Rome, Pontifical Urbanianum University, ‘Pope Francis and Islam’

April, 2023, Zurich, Eglise réformée zurichoise de langue française, Fatima and Zaynab

May 2023, London, Islamic College, ‘Zaynab at Karbala’

July 2023, Illinois, Northwestern University, ‘Abbas the Water Bearer’ (online)

November 2023, Zurich, Eglise réformée zurichoise de langue française, ‘al-Abbas’

February 2024, Rome, Pontifical Gregorian University, ‘The Cross and Islam’

June 2024, Suffering in the Monotheistic Religions (Associazione Carità Politica, Rome)

7. EDITORSHIP

Editor, *Encounter, Documents for Muslim-Christian Understanding*, Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome (2003-2004)

8. AWARDS

2021 28TH Islamic Republic of Iran's World Book Award, for 'Distinguished Researcher in Shī'ī Islam

2021 *Half of my Heart. The Narratives of Zaynab, Daughter of 'Alī*, Gorgias Press, New Jersey 2018

named by The BookAuthority in conjunction with Forbes Magazine and CNN as one of the '95 Best Islamic History Books of All Time'

9. THESES DIRECTED

Licentiate theses

2004, thesis director: The struggle for Political Identity by the Bosnian Muslims (Marijo Vukoja)

2004, thesis director: The West and the Crisis of the Search for an Enemy: A Muslim View of Contemporary Relations between Islam and the West (Juan Carlos Munera Montoya)

2004, second reader: Islam in the contemporary world: according to Nadīm al-Gisr (Hyun Soo Lim)

2005, thesis director: Arabic Renaissance and the narcissistic wound: a critique of Jūrj Tarābīshī of contemporary Arabic Islamic radicalism (Antonio Nunez Baldenebro)

2005, thesis director: Religious freedom in Islam: a general over-view of religious freedom in Islam according to 'Abd al-Muta'ālī al-Sa'īdī (Dominic Eibu)

2005, second reader: Islam and the status of women (Marija Seric)

2005, second reader: The political perspective and the caliphate in an Arab/Islamic civilization (Onesmas Godfrey Otieno Ogola)

2016, second reader: Rūh al-Qudus : a study on father Joseph Azzi's book Bayna al-Masīhiyya wa-l-Islām (Fadi Kmeid)

2017, second reader: The concepts of Dār al-Islām and Dār al-Harb and their role in the contemporary global gihād in the understanding of Ridwān al-Sayyid (Augustin Sawadogo)

2017, thesis director: Adopting effective remedies against terrorism: the advocacy of normative Islam in the endeavours of Shayh ‘Abd Allāh b. Bayyah (b. 1935) (Isa Emmanuel Saliu)

2018, thesis director: The blasphemy laws and their impact in Pakistan (Shahzad Khokhar)

2019, second reader: Al-Ihtilāf fī al-taqāfa al-‘arabiyya: l’omosessualità nell’Islam tra utopie e realtà (Eleonora Pede)

2019, second reader: The concept of Gihād in Gamal al-Bannā: a critical analysis (Celestine Chukwubunna Muonwe)

2019, thesis director: Islamic conception of the beginning of life and its impact on abortion: a critique on Ibrahīm b. Muhammad Qāsim b. Muhammad Rahīm (Ted Masiye Chigamba)

2020, second reader: Ijthād in the thought of Shāb Walī Allāh (Toffique Younis)

2021, second reader: Democrazia e laicità nel pensiero di Burhan Ghalioun (Claudio Trapani)

2021, thesis director: The educational theory of Muhammad ‘Abduh: a model for female education in Kano State, Nigeria (James Inusa Aminu)

2022, second reader: Excellence of Himma: the spirit of entrepreneurialism in the Islamic tradition (Davide Ravazzoni)

2022, thesis director: The constituent elements of the Garden in Islam and their implications for Muslims (Clement Wie Tuureh)

2022, second reader: Il movimento islamico nel pensiero politico di Muhammad Husayn Fadlallāh: il caso di Hizbullāh (Francesco Di Bella)

2022, thesis director: The importance and the challenges of the Islamic obligation of commanding what is good and forbidding what is evil in contemporary Arab society according to Muhammad Shahrur (Fidèle Mugalihya Macara)

2023, thesis director: Āmina Nusayr: alcune questioni relative al matrimonio e alla condizione della donna: La poligamia come eccezione alla regola, il modello di Muhammad e Khadīja (Sara Feliciello)

2024, second reader: Il patrimonio e il rinnovamento tra l'Imam al-Tayyeb e Hassan Hanafi: (Muhammad Hasan Abdulghaffaar Muhammad Ali)

Doctoral theses

2023, thesis director: Redemptive suffering in Catholicism and ithnā ‘asharī Shī‘īsm: an analytical study of Mahmoud Ayoub's theory (Mohammadmahdi K. Moraveji). Shahid Motahari University, Tehran 2023

2023 co-director: Eschatological Unity. Findings from a Catholic-Shī‘ī Experience of the Light of Unity (Piotri Zygulski), Sophia University Institute

2024 co-director: From knowledge to political authority: the case of Abū Ḥāmid al-Ġazālī and Thomas Aquinas (Vanessa G. Breidy), Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome