

MATTEO DI GIOVANNI

Curriculum vitae scholaris

Matteo Di Giovanni, Ph.D., teaches Philosophy in the Islamic World and Intellectual History of Classical Islam at the Università di Torino. His interests include Aristotle and the Aristotelian tradition from Greek into Arabic, with special regard to Averroes (Ibn Rushd) and philosophy in the Islamic West; Islamic (Andalusian) intellectual history and classical theology (*kalām*); Graeco-Arabic metaphysics; Graeco-Arabic textual criticism; the Arabic philosophical language and linguistics. He has published book-length studies and collections of studies with national and international publishers, among which *Averroè* (Pensatori, Carocci, 2017), *Interpreting Averroes: Critical Essays* (Cambridge University Press, 2019, co-edited with Peter Adamson), and *Alexander of Aphrodisias in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance* (Brepols, 2020, co-edited with Pietro B. Rossi and Andrea A. Robiglio). He is the author of several pieces focusing upon the philosophy of Averroes and al-Andalus, the transmission of Aristotle's *Metaphysics*, and the Arabic tradition of Alexander of Aphrodisias, including "New Wine in Old Vessels: Alexander of Aphrodisias as a Source for Averroes' *Metaphysics*" (Brepols, 2021), "Averroes, Philosopher of Islam" (Cambridge University Press, 2019), "Philosophy Incarnate: Ibn Rushd's 'Almohadism' and the Problem of God's Omniscience" (SISMEL, 2017), "Who Wrote Alexander's Commentary on *Metaphysics* Λ? New Light on the Syro-Arabic Tradition" (De Gruyter, 2016, with Oliver Primavesi), "The Commentator: Averroes's Reading of the *Metaphysics*" (Brill, 2014), "Averroes and Philosophy in Islamic Spain" (Oxford University Press, 2012), "Motifs of Andalusian Philosophy in the Pre-Almohad Age" (SISMEL, 2011).

EDUCATION

Yale University, New Haven, CT, U.S.A.

Ph.D. Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, *with distinction*

Advisor: Dimitri Gutas

May 2015

Yale University, New Haven, CT, U.S.A.

M.Phil. (Master of Philosophy), Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations

Advisor: Dimitri Gutas

December 2011

Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Italy

Ph.D. (Perfezionamento), Philosophy, *summa cum laude*

Advisor: Francesco Del Punta

July 2008

University College London, UK

Affiliate Graduate Research Student, Philosophy

Advisor: Tim Crane

June 2006

Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Italy

M.A. (Licenza), Philosophy, *summa cum laude*

Advisor: Francesco Del Punta

December 2002

Pisa University, Italy

M.A. (Laurea), Philosophy, *summa cum laude*

Advisor: Gianfranco Fioravanti

July 2002

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Università degli Studi di Torino, Italy

Associate Professor of Medieval Philosophy (in the Islamic World), 2022-

Università degli Studi di Torino, Italy

Assistant Professor of Medieval Philosophy (in the Islamic World), 2018-2021

Providence College, Providence, RI, U.S.A.

Assistant Professor of Arabic Philosophy, 2018

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, München, Germany

Assistant Professor of Late Ancient and Arabic Philosophy, 2013-2018.

Yale University, New Haven, CT, U.S.A.

Instructor of Classical Arabic, 2009-2012

TEACHING ACTIVITY

Certainty of Faith and Skepticism of Reason: Al-Ghazālī's *Deliverer from Error*

MA Course, Università degli Studi di Torino, Spring Semester 2022

Ex Oriente Lux: Themes and Figures of Islamic Thought

MA Course, Università degli Studi di Torino, Fall Semester 2022

The Metaphysics of Avicenna: An Introduction

MA Course, Università degli Studi di Torino, Spring Semester 2021

Introduction to Philosophy in the Islamic World

BA Course, Università degli Studi di Torino, Spring Semester 2021 through present

Harmony and Antinomy between Reason and Revelation: Averroes' *Decisive Treatise on the Harmony of Religion and Philosophy*

MA Course, Università degli Studi di Torino, Spring Semester 2020

Ancient Philosophy

BA Course, Providence College, Fall Semester 2019

Introduction to Philosophy

BA Course (two sections), Providence College, Fall Semester 2019

Averroes's Philosophical Theology and Its Graeco-Arabic Background

Hauptseminar (MA Seminar), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Summer Semester 2018

Lineaments of Rational Theology in Islamic Thought

Übung (Tutorial), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Summer Semester 2018

The Philosophy of Aquinas: A Reading of *On Being an Essence*

Hauptseminar (MA Seminar), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Winter Semester 2017-2018

Divine Providence in Medieval Islamic Scholasticism

Seminar und Lektürekurs (BA Seminar), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Winter Semester 2017-2018

Theories of Substance in Ancient Metaphysics

Seminar und Lektürekurs (BA Seminar), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Winter Semester 2017-2018

Reason in Islam: Introduction to Islamic Theology and Philosophy

Seminar und Lektürekurs (BA Seminar), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Summer Semester 2017

Reason in Islam: Averroes's Decisive Treatise (*Faṣl al-Maqāl*)

Übung (Tutorial), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Summer Semester 2017

Anatomies of Rationality: Aristotle, Averroes, and Aquinas on the Unity of the Human Intellect

Hauptseminar (MA Seminar), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Summer Semester 2017

Metaphysics as a Science: Ancient Preambles and Medieval Debate

Seminar und Lektürekurs (BA Seminar), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Winter Semester 2016-2017

The Problem of God's Knowledge in Pagan, Islamic, and Christian Theologies

Hauptseminar (MA Seminar), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Winter Semester 2016-2017

The Contemporary Metaphysics Debate: A Survey Course

Seminar und Lektürekurs (BA Seminar), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Summer Semester 2016

Gems of "Eastern Wisdom": The Conquest of Knowledge in Ibn Ṭufayl's *Al-Ḥayy*, *Son of the Awake*

Hauptseminar (MA Seminar), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Summer Semester 2016

Arabic Seminar: Ibn Ṭufayl, *Ḥayy ibn Yaḡẓān fī asrār al-ḥikma al-mašriqiyya*

Übung (Tutorial), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Summer Semester 2016

Thomas Aquinas on the Principles of Nature

Essaykurs, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Winter Semester 2015-2016

Übung zum Essaykurs (Tutorial to the Essaykurs): Thomas Aquinas on the Principles of Nature

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Winter Semester 2015-2016

Thinking the World. The "Introduction" to "Logic" by Porphyry of Tyre

Seminar und Lektürekurs (BA Seminar), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Summer Semester 2015

The Islamic Afterlife of Aristotle's *Metaphysics*

Hauptseminar (MA Seminar), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Summer Semester 2015

Alexander of Aphrodisias' *Metaphysics* Commentary in Averroes

Oberseminar (Graduate Seminar, together with Peter Adamson and Oliver Primavesi)

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Summer Semester 2015

Averroes's *Epitome* of Aristotle's *Metaphysics*

Essaykurs, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Winter Semester 2014-2015

Übung zum Essaykurs (Tutorial to the Essaykurs): Averroes's *Epitome* of Aristotle's *Metaphysics*

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Winter Semester 2014-2015

Averroes, *Long Commentary on Metaphysics Lambda and Alpha Elatton*

Oberseminar (Graduate Seminar, together with Peter Adamson and Oliver Primavesi)

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Winter Semester 2014-2015

Al-Ghazālī, *The Incoherence of the Philosophers* (Tahāfut al-Falāsifa)

Hauptseminar (MA Seminar), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Summer Semester 2014

Metaphysics in Islam

Essaykurs, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Summer Semester 2014

Übung zum Essaykurs (Tutorial to the Essaykurs): Metaphysics in Islam

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Summer Semester 2014

What A Thing Is. Explorations in Ancient and Contemporary Philosophy

Seminar und Lektürekurs (BA Seminar), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Winter Semester 2013-2014

Philosophy of Mind between Ancient Greece and Italian Renaissance: Averroes's Theory of the Intellect

Hauptseminar (MA Seminar), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Winter Semester 2013-2014

Intermediate Classical Arabic, Yale University

Language class, Yale College and Yale Graduate School, Fall 2009 through Spring 2012

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

International Prize "Thomas Ricklin" for a critical study or edition of a philosophical text in the field of medieval and Renaissance philosophy, CETEFIL Centro per l'edizione di testi medievali e rinascimentali, 2021.

William J. Horwitz Prize, Yale University, awarded for extraordinary dissertations and continuous excellence and distinction in a chosen discipline within the field of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, May 2015: "This extraordinary work on Aristotle's *Metaphysics* displays impressive linguistic expertise in many languages (Greek, Arabic, Latin, Syriac) and proceeds cautiously and judiciously through a staggering number of complex textual and historical issues, drawing numerous conclusions that overturn or seriously question previous scholarly consensus. A landmark study in Graeco-Arabica, it sets the standard for the critical editions of Aristotle."

Theron Rockwell Field Prize, awarded for a poetic, literary, or religious work of scholarship, Yale University, May 2013.

Obermann Fellowship awarded to deserving students in the fields of Oriental, Epigraphic, and Arabic Studies, Yale University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2010-2011.

AFFILIATIONS, PAST & PRESENT

AAIWG Aquinas and the Arabs International Working Group

AOS American Oriental Society

APA American Philosophical Association

MESA Middle East Studies Association

SETAM Società per l'Edizione dei Testi Antichi e Medievali

SIEPM Société Internationale pour l'Étude de la Philosophie Médiévale

SIHSPAI Société Internationale d'Histoire des Sciences et de la Philosophie Arabes et Islamiques

SISPM Società Italiana per lo Studio del Pensiero Medievale