

## • PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family name: Di Placido

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## • SHORT BIO

Matteo Di Placido, PhD in Sociology and Social Research (University of Milan – Bicocca), is Post-doctoral Fellow at the University of Turin and he teaches Sociology of Health and Sociology of Culture at the University of the Sacred Heart (Turin). Matteo was a Visiting Scholar at the Department of Political Science and the Center for Ideas and Society at the University of California Riverside (UCR) and an Academic Associate at the Cardiff School of Sport and Health Sciences at the Metropolitan University of Cardiff, Wales. His research interests include the processes of transformation, translation and transmission of yoga and Buddhism in the last few decades, the hybridization between the registers of health and salvation, the discursive study and the politics of scholarly knowledge production and social theory. Matteo has published extensively, compared to his career stage, in journals such as the *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* and *Social Compass*, among others

## • EDUCATION

01/09/2017- 31/10/2020	<b>PhD in Analysis of Social and Economic Processes (ASEP)</b> Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Milan – Bicocca, Italy
01/09/2013- 31/06/2015	<b>Master in Global Studies</b> , Major Social Work Graduate School, School of Social Work, Lund University, Sweden
01/09/2009- 06/03/2013	<b>Bachelor in Social Sciences</b> , Major Social Work Faculty of Law, University of Genoa, Italy

## • CURRENT POSITION

01/04/2024- Current	<b>Post-doctoral Fellow</b> Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin, Turin, Italy Data gathering (50 interviews with politicians and public administrators, religious and interreligious leaders; 4 focus groups; 3-5 participant observations of events of interreligious dialogue; policy analysis; newspaper analysis) and data analysis within the project ' <i>Urban Governance of Religious Diversity</i> '; teaching, students' evaluation and bachelor thesis supervision; support to the Italian Sociological Association – Sociology of Religion Group (AIS Religione).
10/05/2024- current	<b>Adjunct Lecturer</b> Department of Social Sciences, University of Naples Federico II, Italy
23/07/2024- current	<b>Adjunct Lecturer</b> Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Turin, Italy

## • PREVIOUS POSITIONS

01/04/2023- 31/03/2024	<b>Post-doctoral Fellow</b> Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin, Italy <b>Project title:</b> ' <i>Between health and salvation: the new spiritualities of the body in contemporary Italy</i> '.
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- 01/03/2023-  
31/07/2023 **Tutor in Methods and Techniques of Cultural Research** (30h)  
Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Milan – Bicocca,  
Italy
- 01/11/2022 –  
31/10/2023 **Post-doctoral Fellow**  
Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin, Italy  
**Project title:** ‘*Buddhism in Italy*’.
- 01/08/2022-  
31/01/2023 **Post-Doctoral Researcher**  
College of Health Sciences, University College Dublin, Ireland  
**Project title:** ‘*Independent programme evaluation of the State’s investment in an Irish national longitudinal study of ageing (TILDA)*’.
- 01/05/2022-  
31/07/2022 **Research Assistant**  
College of Health Sciences, University College Dublin, Ireland  
**Project title:** ‘Independent programme evaluation of the State’s investment in an Irish national longitudinal study of ageing (TILDA)’.
- 01/10/2021-  
31/10/2022 **Post-doctoral Fellow**  
Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin, Italy  
**Project title:** ‘*From Cure to Care: Digital Competences and Spiritual Assistance in Hospital Healthcare*’.
- 01/11/2013-  
31/06/2015 **Research Assistant**  
School of Social Work  
Lund University, Sweden  
*Project Title:* ‘EUROCIV’.
- 01/05/2012-  
06/03/2013 **Research Assistant**  
Genoa Center-East Municipality, Italy  
**Project title:** ‘*Subsidiarity pact*’
- 01/03/2011-  
31/07/2012 **Research Assistant**  
Department of Educational Sciences, University of Genoa, Italy  
**Project title:** ‘*The elderly condition in Val Polcevera*’.

#### • FELLOWSHIPS

- 01/04/2023-  
31/03/2024 **Post-doctoral Fellowship**  
Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin, Italy  
**Project title:** ‘*Between health and salvation: the new spiritualities of the body in contemporary Italy*’.
- 01/02/2020-  
31/07/2020 **Erasmus Extra UE**  
School of Sport and Health Sciences  
Cardiff Metropolitan University, Wales, UK
- 01/02/2019-  
31/07/2019 **Erasmus Extra UE**  
Department of Political Science and Center for Ideas and Society  
University of California Riverside, USA
- 13/03/2013-  
31/07/2013 **Erasmus Placement**  
Department of Social Work, Faculty of Health and Society  
Malmö University, Sweden
- 15/08/2011-  
31/06/2012 **Erasmus Exchange**  
Department of Social Work, Faculty of Health and Society  
Malmö University, Sweden

#### • TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- 10/05/2024-  
current **University of Naples Federico II, Naples, Italy**  
**Adjunct Lecturer**  
Department of Social Sciences, University of Naples Federico II, Italy  
Sociology of Cultural and Communication (24h)
- 23/07/2024-  
current **Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Turin, Italy**  
**Adjunct Lecturer**  
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Turin, Italy  
Sociology of Health and Family (15h)

- Sociology of Communication (16h)  
 Experiential workshop - Narrative practices in nursing care (2<sup>nd</sup> year students) (12h)  
 Experiential workshop - Narrative practices in nursing care (3<sup>rd</sup> year students) (12h)
- 17/10/2024 **Università degli studi di Trento, Trento, Italy**  
**Lecture in Sociologia della Religione (L-M)**  
*After the Buddha: Tradizione, Autenticità e Innovazione nel Buddhismo Italiano*
- 14/05/2024-  
 03/07/2024 **Università degli studi di Torino, Turin, Italy**  
**Seminar series at Casa Circondariale Lorusso e Cutugno, Polo Universitario per Studenti Detenuti.**  
**Seminar series title: 'Body and Society' (12h)**
- 01/10/2021-  
 31/10/2022 **Online tutoring in Digital Competences and Spiritual Assistance in Hospital Healthcare**  
**Lectures in Religion in a Globalized World**
- 08/05/2024 *New Spiritualities: A Sociological Perspective (3h)*  
 13/03/2024 *Field Research: Shamanism, Judaism, Druidism and Raelianism (2h)*  
 15/10/2023 *Ethnographic Research and New Religious (1h)*  
 11/04/2023 *New Religious Movements in Italy (3h)*  
 14/06/2023 *Buddhism in Italy (2h)*  
 05/11/2022 *Religions in Hospital: An Exploration of New Religious Movement (1h)*  
 08/04/2021 *Postural Yoga and Contemporary Spiritualities in Italy (1h)*  
 14/04/2022 **Lectures in Organizational Cultures**  
*Feminine Spiritualities and Modern Yoga (1h)*
- 01/03/2023-  
 31/07/2023 **Università degli studi Milano – Bicocca, Milan, Italy**  
**Tutor in Methods and Techniques of Cultural Research (30h, SPS/08)**  
 Department of Sociology and Social Research
- 04/06/2023 **Lecture in the course Methods and Techniques of Cultural Research**  
*Carnal Ethnography (1h)*
- 01/03/2022-  
 31/07/2022 **Tutor in Methods and Techniques of Cultural Research (20h, SPS/08)**  
 07/05/2022 **Lecture in the course Methods and Techniques of Cultural Research**  
*Carnal Ethnography (1h)*
- 18/05/2013 **Malmö University, Malmö, Sweden**  
 Department of Social Work, Faculty of Health and Society  
**Lecture in the Master Programme of Social Work**  
*Empathy Training in Social Work Practice (2h)*
- Professional trainings**
- 18/03/2024 **Training to health professionals**  
*Health and Salvation: Sociological Coordinates* Rete Oncologica del Piemonte e della Valle D'Aosta, AOU Città della Salute e della Scienza di Torino P.O. Molinette, Italy
- 07/12/2023 **Lecture in the Scuola di Alta Formazione in Sociologia della Religione**  
*Buddhism in Italy. First Results on the Italian Buddhist Union*  
 University of RomeTre in partnership with the Italian Sociological Association, Sociology of Religion Group, International Center for the Sociology of Religion (ICSOR) and Istituto di Studi Politici, Rome, Italy
- 15/04/2015 **Training for social workers and social work students – The Assessment and The Evaluation in Social Work: Research Paths**, University of Genoa and the Regional Association of Social Workers of Liguria, Genoa, Italy
- 08/02/2015 **Training for social workers and social work students – The Assessment and The Evaluation in Social Work: Research Paths**, University of Genoa and the Regional Association of Social Workers of Liguria, Genoa, Italy

### • ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

- 17/05/2023-  
19/07/2022 **Online support to the organizers and participants**  
*The Future of the History of Sociology - 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of the Sociological History Section of the German Sociological Association (DGS)*
- 03/2023 **Chair, From Cure to Care: Digital Education and Spiritual Assistance in Hospital Healthcare – Convegno Finale**  
University of Turin, Italy  
9:30-10:30 1st Panel. Fiona Timmins, Marcin Jewdokimow, Daniel Burgos  
*From Cure to Care: Why and How Caring is More than Curing?*
- 14/07/2022-  
15/07/2022 **Panel(s) organizer and co-chair**  
ESA-RN34 Sociology of Religion Conference, The Netherlands  
*Health and Salvation: Genesis, Developments and Contemporary Perspective*
- 06/12/2022 **Co-chair, International Symposium on Spiritual Care in Nursing**  
*How the COVID 19 pandemic highlights the need for spiritual care nursing education*, University College Dublin, Ireland

### • INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 01/04/2024-  
current **Representative of the postdocs in the Department Council**  
Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin, Italy
- 21/09/2024-  
current **Student advisor for placements in the Master in Religious Science and Intercultural Mediation**  
University of Turin, Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, Italy  
'Buddhism in Italy' and 'Religions and Care'

### • RESENTATIONS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

#### Invited talks

- 06/12/2023 **SAFSOR-Scuola di Alta Formazione in Sociologia della Religione Nuovi Approcci Sociologici alle Religioni**  
*Università Roma Tre in partnership with AIS Religione, International Center for the Sociology of Religion (ICSOR) and Istituto di Studi Polici S. Pio V*  
**Presentation Title:** *'Buddhism in Italy. First Results on the Italian Buddhist Union'*.
- 13/03/2023 **Civic Engagement of Buddhist Organisations in Italy**  
Universität Luzern, Switzerland  
**Presentation Title:** *'Buddhism(s) in Italy: Traditions, Translations and Transmissions'*.
- 08/03/2023 **Les pratiques du yoga. Une circulation des savoirs yogiques entre l'Inde et la France**  
MSH Lyon St-Étienne, Lyon 7e  
**Presentation Title:** *'The Yoga Field: A Bourdieusian Account of Yoga's Contested Status, Malleable Character and Hybrid Nature'*.
- 06/12/2022 **International Symposium on Spiritual Care in Nursing**  
University College Dublin, Ireland  
**Presentation Title:** *'What are the theoretical requirements to build an international and interdisciplinary educational program in Spiritual Care?'*.
- 08/10/2022 **From the Body to the Planet: Social Sciences Approaches to Healing and Spirituality**  
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain  
**Presentation Title:** *'The body between medicine and spirituality: A source of, a location for and a means to healing the self, others and the world'*.
- 14/10/2022 **Yoga in France Research Group**  
Université Grenoble Alpes, France  
**Presentation Title:** *'Yoga Studies: Legitimizing (and Expanding) the*

**2024**

- 03/10/2024 **ReSpell: Religion, Spirituality, Well-being International Conference**  
Transreligious Practices beyond the dogma: Wellbeing, Healing and Crisis in Southern Europe  
Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Department of Social Anthropology, Athen, Greece  
**Presentation Title:** *'After the Buddha: Tradition, Authenticity and Innovation in Italian Buddhism'*.
- 13/09/2024 **Convegno AIS – Sociologia della religione Per una sociologia della libertà di/dalla religione**  
Università di Padova, Padova, Italy  
**Presentation Title:** *'Il dialogo interreligioso come pratica di libertà di/dalla religione: le voci dei leader religiosi a confronto'*.
- 29/08/2024 **16th Conference of the European Sociological Association**  
**RN07\_T05\_03: Cultural practices and well-being**, Porto, Portugal  
**Presentation title:** *'Towards a Cultural Sociology of Yoga: The Malleability of Cultural Industries at the Intersection of Hybrid Fields'*.
- 21/06/2024 **VI Convegno della Società Scientifica Italiana di Sociologia, Cultura, Comunicazione (ISCC)**  
Università di Roma 3, Roma  
**Presentation Title:** *'Libertà religiosa, governance e dialogo interreligioso. Il caso torinese'*.
- 17/06/2024 **Urban Governance of Religious Diversity – GovREL**  
Università di Firenze, Firenze  
**Presentation Title:** *'Interreligious dialogue: The state of the art'*.
- 14/06/2024 **The Contributions of Minority Religions to Society**, Bordeaux, France  
CESNUR in partnership with Cultures et littératures des mondes anglophones (CLIMAS), the International Society for the Sociology of Religion (ISSR) and the Université Bordeaux Montaigne  
**Presentation title:** *'Buddhist Therapeutics: The Overlapping Logics of Religion and Medicine in Westernized Buddhism'*.
- 08/06/2024 **Persona è Società: Il cambiamento sociale nelle ricerche dei giovani sociologi**  
Università degli Studi di Siena, Certosa di Pontignano  
**Presentation title:** *'The professionalization of yoga: Between knowledge transmission, charisma and beurocrsatization'*.
- 07/06/2024 **Spe-Religione Mutamenti e trasformazioni nel campo religioso in Italia**  
Università degli Studi di Siena, Certosa di Pontignano  
**Presentation title:** *'The profesionalization of yoga in Italy:Between psy sciences, contemporary spiritualities and neoliberalism'*.
- 22/05/2024 **International Conference Yoga Darśana, Yoga Sādhana (YDYS): 'Introspection, Inspiration, Institutionalisation'**  
University of Hamburg, Germany  
**Presentation title:** *'Pedagogies of Salvation: the micro and macro politics of yoga in Euro- American societies'*.
- 12/04/2024 **Secularization and Charisma**  
Italian Sociological Association – Sociology of Religion and University of Trento  
**Presentation Title:** *'After the Buddha: Tradition, authenticity and innovation in Italian Buddhism'*.
- 08/03/2024 **New York University (NYU) and University of RomaTre Permanent Global Seminar**  
**Presentation Title:** *'A Genealogy of Spiritual Care in Hospitals: The Italian*

Case’.

27/02/2024

**International Research Network Science Religion and Health**

Online Webinar Series

**Presentation Title:** *‘Yoga, Science and Health: The Social and Discursive Construction of the Yoga Body’.*

**2023**

12/2023

**Urban Governance of Religious Diversity (GovRel)**

Università of Padova

**Presentation Title:** *‘Affinities, ambiguities and tensions of the governance of religious diversity’.*

11/2023

**Il buddhismo in Italia. Una Ricerca sull’Unione Buddhista Italiana**

Università di Padova

**Presentation Title:** *‘The imaginaries of Buddhism in Italy’.*

09/2023

**Le spiritualità contemporanee: questioni teoriche e metodologiche aperte**

Fondazione Cini e AIS Religione, Venezia

**Presentation Title:** *‘The ‘new’ spiritualities of the body of contemporary Italy: practices, knowledges and representations of the pedagogies of yoga’.*

08/2023

**XXX Summer School on Religions**

Centro Internazionale di studi sul Religioso Contemporaneo, San Gimignano

**Presentation Title:** *‘Pedagogies of salvation: contemporary spiritualities, transhumanism and deep ecology compared’.*

06/2023

**Spirituality, Wellbeing and Risks Symposium, 22-23 June 2023**

Deakin University, Australia

**Presentation Title** (with Prof. Stefania Palmisano): *‘Crisis and Spirituality: How Pragmatism may Help us to Conceptualise Nurses’ Needs for and the Limits of Spiritual Care in Hospital Settings’.*

05/2023

**Framing New Religious Movements: New Perspectives and Challenges**

University of Turin

**Presentation Title** (with Dr. Marco Castagnetto): *‘Conclusions’.*

03/2023

**Il Te di Alice - AIS Immaginario**

Online Seminar Series

**Presentation Title:** *‘The Imaginaries of Health of Yoga in Italy’.*

03/2023

**Les pratiques du yoga. Une circulation des savoirs yogiques entre l’Inde et la France**

MSH Lyon St-Étienne, Lyon 7e

**Presentation Title:** *Table ronde et clôture des journées d’études – animée par Mélie Fraysse, maîtresse de conférences en sociologie (Université Toulouse 3, CRESCO).*

**2022**

11/2022

**Le religioni in ospedale: Integrare spiritualità e medicina nelle pratiche di cura. Convegno di Chiusura Progetto**

Università di Torino

*Session III: Future Avenues of Research.*

09/2022

**Religion Between Governance and Freedom**

University of Padova

**Presentation Title:** *‘Narendra Modi’s deployment of yoga: Religious (un)freedom, right-wing governance and biopolitics in contemporary India’.*

07/2022

**ESA-RN34 Sociology of Religion Conference, Religion in an unstable world: Challenges, transformations and future prospects**

University of Groningen, the Netherland, Online

- 06/2022 **Presentation Title** (with Prof. Stefania Palmisano): *'Health and Salvation: a Genealogy of Spirituality within Healthcare Practices'*.  
**Pluralismo professionale e dinamiche interculturali: le best practices per una società inclusiva**, Università Giustino Fortunato di Benevento, Online  
**Presentation title** (with Martina Vanzo e Prof.ssa Stefania Palmisano): *'Religious Diversity, governance and care. First research results'*.
- 06/2022 **Critical Approaches to the Study of Religion Conference**  
Queens University Belfast, Belfast, Northern Ireland  
**Presentation Title:** *'Theorizing Biopedagogies in Modern Forms of Yoga: a Dispositional Reading'*.
- 05/2022 **Yoga darśana, yoga sadhana: Methods, migrations, mediations**  
Jagiellonian University (Krakow) and SOAS (London), Krakow, Poland  
**Presentation Title:** *'The Yogic Habitus: a Theoretical Proposal'*.
- 04/2022 **From Cure to Care – Contemporary Religions and Faith in Transitions (CRAFT)**  
University of Turin, Turin, Italy.  
**Presentation Title:** *'Cura Spirituale e Servizio Sociale'*  
*Spiritual Care and Social Work*
- 04/2022 **From Cure to Care: Digital Competence and Spiritual Assistance in Hospital Healthcare** Transnational Meeting, University of Extremadura, Spain  
**Presentation Title:** *'IO2 State of the Art'*
- 04/2022 **Seminario Studiare il Buddhismo in Italia. Prime Questioni Metodologiche (Studying Buddhism in Italy. First Methodological Questions)**  
Dipartimento di Filosofia, Sociologia, Pedagogia e Psicologia Applicata (FISPPA).  
Università degli Studi di Padova
- 04/2022 **Laboratorio CRAFT (Contemporary Religions and Faith in Transition)**, Università di Torino.  
**Presentation Title:** *'Pedagogies of Salvation: discipline, practice and the shaping of the self in modern forms of yoga'*.
- 2021**
- 07/2021 **British Sociological Association of Religion Study Group Annual Conference**, Beyond Binaries in the Sociology of Religion.  
**Presentation Title:** *'The Yoga Field as a Training Camp: For a Practice-Based Understanding of "Religion" and "Spirituality" in Modern Forms of Yoga'*. See also  
[The Yoga Field as a training camp: a practice-based understanding of 'religion' and 'spirituality' in modern forms of yoga | by Socrel \(British Sociological Association\) | Medium](#)
- 06/2021 **Italian Scientific Society for the Sociology of Culture and Communication (SISCC)**  
"Practices, networks, values, ideologies and conflicts in sports and physical activities" session (Online Conference)  
**Presentation Title:** *'The Yogic Habitus and the Emergence of a "new" Middle Class'*.
- 03/2021 **AIS Sociologia della Religione: La Religione ai Tempi del Coronavirus**, Online.  
Presentation Title: (Dr.ssa Emanuela Mangiarotti): *"Il "Corpo a Distanza": La Digitalizzazione dello Yoga Posturale ai Tempi del Coronavirus"*.

## 2020

07/2020

### **Martial Arts, Religion and Spirituality (MARS)**

IrAsia (Aix-Marseille Univ – France), Martial Arts Studies Research Network (Cardiff Univ– Wales) and Palau Community College (online conference).

**Presentation Title** (with Dr. Lorenzo Pedrini): *‘Change Yourself, Change the World: Engaged Spirituality in Boxe Popolare and Odaka Yoga’*.

05/2020

**Qualitative Research Methods and Social Theory Research Group (QRMST)**, Cardiff Metropolitan University, School of Sport and Health Sciences.

**Presentation Title:** *‘Bridging Theorists, Building Theory: Theorising at the Intersection of Different Frameworks and Cases Studies’*.

01/2020

**XII National Conference Italian Sociological Association (AIS)**, Naples, Italy.

Thematic Group ‘Sociology of Sport and of Physical Activity’.

**Presentation Title:** *‘Body, health and self-transformation: the case of postural yoga’*.

## 2019

11/2019

**American Academy of Religion (AAR) National Conference**, San Diego, CA, United States. Unit ‘Yoga in Theory and Practice’.

**Presentation Title:** *‘Yoga across boundaries: new technologies and changing practices’*.

05/2019

**2nd Italian Conference on Research in Social Work** organized by the Italian Society of Social Work (SocISS) (Trento, Italy).

**Presentation Title:** (with Dr. Paolo Guidi and Lorusso Margherita): *‘Il Neonato con madre che abusa si sostanze: uno studio di caso nel servizio sociale territoriale’*.

## 2018

11/2018

**Seminar on Religion and Spirituality**, Gruppo di Lavoro sulla Religione SPel-Rel ed Istituto Toniolo, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan

**Presentation Title:** *‘Pedagogies of the Spirit: Spirituality and Religion Compared in Modern Yoga’*

06/2018

**7th Ethnography and Qualitative Research Conference**, Bergamo, Italy

**Presentation Title:** *‘The Sacred Self: negotiating with the sacred within through the body’*.

## 2017

05/2017

**1st Italian Conference on Research in Social Work** organized by the Italian Society of Social Work (SocISS) (Turin, Italy).

**Presentation Title:** *‘Mindfulness in the treatment of substance use disorders: A phenomenological study of Swedish practitioners’ experiences’*.

## 2015

06/2015

**4th Annual Master’s Thesis Conference**

Graduate School, Lund University, Sweden.

**Presentation Title:** *‘Mindfulness in the treatment of substance use disorders: A phenomenological study of Swedish practitioners’ experiences’*.

04/2015

**5th European Conference for Social Work Research (ECSWR)**

University of Lubiana, Slovenia

**Presentation Title:** *‘Social Work Assessment of Underage Alcohol Consumption: Non- specialized Social Services Comparison Between Sweden and Italy’*.



### • REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

- 14/12/2022 **PhD thesis proposal review and evaluation**  
From Cure to Care. Digital Education and Spiritual Assistance (Bronagh Dunning)  
University College Dulin, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Dublin, Ireland
- 26/03/2021 **PhD thesis reviewer and evaluator**  
The body of yoga. Women in the imaginary and in the practice of contemporary yoga (Emanula Mangiarotti)  
University of Genoa, Italy

The Applicant has served as a reviewer for the following peer-reviewed international journals:

- Social Compass;
- Implicit Religion;
- Frontiers in Medical Sociology;
- The Journal of Dharma Studies;
- European Societies;
- Journal for the Study of Spirituality;
- Religions of South Asia;
- Health: An Interdisciplinary Journal for the Social Study of Health, Illness and Medicine.

### • SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

- 10/0)/2024-  
current **Master thesis supervisor**  
*A un passo da Buddha. Uno studio etnografico sulla costruzione delle soglie nel Buddhismo italiano* (Alice Greggio)  
University of Turin, Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, Turin, Italy
- 09/09/2024-  
current **Master thesis supervisor**  
*Buddhism in Italy* (Francesca Benna)  
University of Turin, Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, Turin, Italy
- 01/04/2024-  
current **Master thesis supervisor**  
*Governance of religious diversity and interreligious dialogue in the city of Turin* (Lorenzo Gaione)  
University of Turin, Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, Turin, Italy
- 03/05/2024-  
current **Master thesis supervisor**  
*Burning the Incense, Practicing Meditation: A Transcultural Analysis of Buddhist Identity Among Chinese and Italian Youth* (Giulia Bianchi)  
University of Turin, Department of cultures, Politics and Society, Turin, Italy
- 09/09/2023-  
31/03/2024 **Batchelor thesis supervisor**  
*The imaginaries of yoga in North-Center Italy* (Susanna Molina)  
University of Turin, Department of cultures, Politics and Society, Turin, Italy

### • MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

- 09/04/2024-  
current **European Sociological Association**  
RN07 Sociology of Culture
- 31/03/2024-  
current **Editorial Team**, Spirituality Studies Journal, published by the Society for Spirituality Studies in partnership with the Dialogue Interreligieux Monastique/Monastic, Interreligious Dialogue, the European Union of Yoga and the International Network for the Study of Spirituality, Poland
- 01/12/2024-  
current **Italian Sociological Association**  
Sociology of Religion Group, Italy
- 12/02/2024-  
current **Spirituality and Wellbeing (SWell) Research Network**  
Deakin and Melbourne Universities, Australia
- 01/03/2023-  
Current **International Research Network Science Religion and Health**  
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain
- 01/02/2023-  
current **Editorial Board**  
Journal for the Study of Spirituality

01/11/2021-  
current

**Scientific Committee**

Contemporary Religions and Faiths in Transitions (CRAFT)  
University of Turin, Italy

01/03/2020-  
current

**Qualitative Research Methods and Theory Study Group (QRMST)**

Cardiff Metropolitan University, School of Sports and Health Sciences,  
Cardiff, Wales, UK

Past Membership

American Sociological Association, American Academy of Religion, British Sociological Association,  
Italian Sociological Association, Sociology of Sport and Physical Activity.

• **GRANTS**

25/07/2024

**European Commission**

**Erasmus +**

**Call 2024 Round 1 KA2 KA220-HED - Cooperation partnerships in higher education (KA220-HED)**

*CONSPIracism and RADicalisation Risks in Europe*, University of Turin, PI Prof. Palmisano.

CONSPIRE proposes a training programme aimed at students in social science courses on health-related conspiracism to provide them with concepts and tools to (a) learn about conspiracy theories, analyse arguments for and against them; (b) understand the radicalisation processes associated with these theories. These objectives aim to promote active citizenship and participation in democratic debates; critical thinking to evaluate health-related information; an anti-radicalisation attitude. **400.000 euros**

31/05/2022

**Health Research Board Evaluation**

*Independent programme evaluation of the State's investment in an Irish national longitudinal study of ageing (TILDA)*, University College Dublin, refer to the Head of the Nursing and Midwifery School. Established in 2006, the Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing (TILDA) is a unique study internationally that investigates the health and well-being of older people in the Republic of Ireland during 2-yearly cycles. Funded by the Health, the grant was dedicated to collect data – including desk, individual and focus group qualitative interviews, an in-depth organisational case study, and narrative analysis of TILDA's outputs in various media. **50.000 euros**

• **PUBLICATIONS**

**Forthcoming**

- Di Placido, M. Ritual Creativity and Body Work: For a Micro-Sociology of Situated Learning in Yoga Practice. In *Routledge Handbook of Ritual Creativity*.
- Di Placido, M. *Pedagogies of Salvation: The Micro and Macro Politics of Yoga in Euro-American Societies*. Critical Studies on Religion Series. Leiden: Brill.
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