

Curriculum

Michele Abbate

Education

1989: Classical high school diploma at the Liceo Classico Balbo in Casale Monferrato.

1994: Degree in Philosophy at the University of Pavia, with the thesis entitled *The Two Lances of Bendis: orientation within the phenomenal universe in Plato*.

1997: postgraduate research grant at Leiden University with David Runia.

1998-2001: PhD at the University of Macerata with a dissertation entitled: *La concezione ontologica dell'etimologia nel commentario di Proclo al Cratilo*.

2001-2003: Research Fellowship at the University of Pavia under the direction of Mario Vegetti, for the project: "Plato's *Republic* in Proclus' interpretation".

2005-2007: 'Humboldt Research Fellowship' at the 'Institut für Philologie' of the University of Würzburg with the project entitled: 'Die neuplatonische Auslegung des Guten als Überwindung der parmenideischen Ontologie'.

2007-2008: Research contract from the 'Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft' (DFG) at the 'Institut für Philosophie' of the University of Bonn under the direction of Christoph Horn.

2009-2019: Assistant Professor of History of Ancient Philosophy at the University of Salerno.

2019- 2024: Associate Professor of History of Ancient Philosophy at the University of Salerno.

2024: Associate Professor of History of Ancient Philosophy at the University of Genoa.

He has coordinated international research projects as scientific coordinator and/or scientific supervisor.

He has been supervisor for several PhD Dissertations

He has given seminars and lectures at European universities and participated as an invited speaker in various international conferences.

He is the author of volumes and essays on ancient thought and, in particular, on the Neoplatonic philosophical tradition.

Research areas and interests

- The pre-Socratic tradition
- The Platonic and Neoplatonic tradition
- The relationship between theology and metaphysics in ancient and late ancient thought
- The relationship between rhetoric and metaphysical/theological thought in the context of the late antique philosophical tradition
- Ethical/political thought in ancient and late antique philosophy.
- Conceptions on the nature of language developed in ancient and late antique thought
- Ontological thought in the ancient and late antique philosophical tradition
- The reception of ancient and late antique ontological reflection in modern and contemporary thought

His publications include:

2010: *Parmenide e i neoplatonici. Dall'Essere all'Uno e al di là dell'Uno*, Edizioni dell'Orso, Collana "Hellenica", Alessandria.

2012: *Tra esegesi e teologia. Studi sul Neoplatonismo*, Mimesis Edizioni, Milano-Udine.

2016: *Die dynamische und lebendige Natur des intelligiblen Seins bei Platon und in der neuplatonischen Überlieferung*, in: *Selbstbewegung und Lebendigkeit. Die Seele in Platons Spätwerk*, hrsg. von M. Abbate, J. Pfefferkorn, A. Spinelli, De Gruyter, Berlin-Boston, 227-242.

2017: Proclo. *Commento al Cratilo*, Giunti/Bompiani, Milano.

2018: *Da Anassimandro a Parmenide, affrancandosi da Heidegger*, in: *Dai presocratici a Platone. Cinque studi*, a cura di F. Fronterotta – F. Masi, Edizioni di Storia e Letteratura, Roma, 1-30.

2019: Proclo. *Teologia Platonica*, Prefazione di Werner Beierwaltes. Nuova Edizione riveduta e ampliata, Giunti/Bompiani, Milano.

- 2019: *L'origine e il fondamento del tutto in Plotino. Il Principio primo come Identità assoluta*, «Intersezioni», XXXIX/2 (2019), 165-182.
- 2021: *Der Sophist als mimêtês tôn ontôn (Sph. 235a1 f.). Ontologische Implikationen*, in: *Platonic Mimesis Revisited*, ed. by J. Pfefferkorn – A. Spinelli, International Plato Studies (vol. 40), Academia Verlag within Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft, Baden-Baden 2021, 211- 224.
- 2022: *Il significato dei riferimenti ad alcuni versi di Parmenide nella concezione damasciana dell'essere come "unificato"*, «Freiburger Zeitschrift für Philosophie und Theologie» 69 (2022) 1, 181-196.
- 2022: *Dio come ἀκαλής. Conseguenze e implicazioni concettuali dell'apofatismo nel Corpus Areopagiticum*, «The International Journal of the Platonic Tradition» 16 (2022), 190-208.
- 2024: *Licht*, in: *Plotin. Handbuch. Leben – Werk – Wirkung*, Hg. von Christian Tornau, J.B. Metzler, Wiesbaden 2024.
- Mystik*, in: *Plotin. Handbuch. Leben – Werk – Wirkung*, Hg. von Christian Tornau, J.B. Metzler, Wiesbaden 2024.
- 2024: *La notion de « triàs » chez Proclus et Pseudo-Denys l'Aréopagite : une comparaison*, «χώρα-Revue d'Études Anciennes et Médiévales», 21-22/2023-2024, 151-174.