

Michele Abbate

Associate Professor of History of Ancient Philosophy

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

1989

High School Diploma
Classical Lyceum “Balbo”, Casale Monferrato (Italy)

1994

Master’s Degree in Philosophy
University of Pavia (Italy)

1998

Postgraduate Research Fellowship
Leiden University (Netherlands)

1998—2001

PhD in *Historical Linguistics of Eurasia*
University of Macerata (Italy)
Dissertation title: *La concezione ontologica dell’etimologia nel Commento al Cratilo di Proclo.*

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

October 2024 – Present

Associate Professor of History of Ancient Philosophy
University of Genoa (Italy)

2019 – September 2024

Associate Professor of History of Ancient Philosophy
University of Salerno (Italy)

2014 – Present

Member of the PhD Faculty Board, RAMUS Doctoral Program
University of Salerno (Italy)

2008 – 2019

Tenured Researcher in History of Ancient Philosophy
University of Salerno (Italy)

2001 – 2003

Postdoctoral Research Fellow
University of Pavia (Italy)

EXPERIENCE

SCIENTIFIC RESPONSIBILITY FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS ACCEPTED FOR FUNDING ON THE BASIS OF COMPETITIVE CALLS INVOLVING PEER REVIEW

2021–2022

Scientific Director of the project
“Vinci Program 2021” – Chapter IV, Vinci 2021 Call
Italo-French University (Université Franco-Italienne)

2014 and 2015

“Antrag auf Tagungsförderung und Druckbeihilfe für die Veröffentlichung der Tagungsakte”
International Coordinator for the Italian side
Thyssen Foundation

TEACHING OR RESEARCH POSITIONS (FELLOWSHIPS) AT FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES

2005–2007

Humboldt Research Fellowship
Project title: “Die neuplatonische Auslegung des Guten als Überwindung der parmenideischen Ontologie”
Universität Würzburg – Institute für Philologie

2007–2008

Research Contract funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)
Universität Bonn – Institute für Philosophie

EDITORSHIP OR PARTICIPATION IN EDITORIAL BOARDS OF JOURNALS, PUBLISHING SERIES, ENCYCLOPAEDIAS AND TREATISES

2025

– Member of the scientific-editorial board of “Symplokè” series of the Publisher Brill.

2012 – Present

- Member of the Scientific Editorial Board of the series Askesis, Mimesis Edizioni
- Member of the Scientific Editorial Board of the series Traditiones, Città Nuova Edizioni
- Member of the Scientific Editorial Board of the series Institutiones, Città Nuova Edizioni
- Member of the Scientific Editorial Board of the series Collationes, Città Nuova Edizioni

2017

–Member of the Scientific Board of the journal POI – Points of Interest. Rivista di indagine filosofica e di nuove pratiche della conoscenza, online open-access journal of philosophy

ACCOLADES FOR SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY, INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP OF ACADEMIES

2018 – Present

Member of the Academia Platonica Septima Monasteriensis e.V.

2022 – Present

Member of the "Forum di Studi Avanzati" (FSA)

SELECTION OF ACADEMIC SEMINARS AND LECTURES

February 2025

Seminar: Il Platone neoplatonico

Lecture: "Sistematizzazione e crisi del neoplatonismo. Proclo e Damascio"

Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Filosofici–Napoli

October 2024

Conference: "Order and Hierarchy in Late Antique and Byzantine Thought"—New Europe College, Institute for Advanced Study

Lecture: "From the Proclean 'triads' to the concepts of 'trinity' and 'hierarchy' in the *Corpus Areopagiticum*"

Bucharest—NEC

July 2024

Visiting Erasmus Professor

Seminar: "Parmenides von Elea und seine Rezeption im Neuplatonismus"

Universität Bonn

June 2024

Programme de recherche Les Platonismes de l'Antiquité tardive

Principles : Definition, Causality and Ascent III

Lecture: "The Mystical Outcome of Pseudo-Dionysian Apophatic Theology"

Accademia Vivarium Novum, Frascati (IT)

May 2024

FSA: EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF FORO DI STUDI AVANZATI

Lecture/Talk: "Mathematics and Geometry in Proclus' Metaphysical-Theological Perspective"

Lecture/Talk: "Theurgy and its Philosophical Meaning in Neoplatonism"

Accademia Vivarium Novum, Frascati (IT)

May 2023

Colloque international « Catégories philosophiques, catégories rhétoriques »,

Lecture: « Dispositifs et stratégies rhétoriques dans l'apophatisme néoplatonicien (Proclus, Damascius et ps.-Denys) ».

Sorbonne Université-Centre Léon Robin– Paris

June 2023

FSA: SEVENTH CONFERENCE OF IL FORO DI STUDI AVANZATI

Lecture: "In What Metaphysical Divine Order Does Proclus Place the Origin of Number? The

Unfolding of Difference in the Preservation of Self-Identity”
Accademia Vivarium Novum, Frascati (IT)

[May 2022](#)

FSA: Seventh Conference of Il Foro di Studi Avanzati <Gaetano Massa>. Renaissance, Ancient, Medieval and Modern patterns
Lecture: “Henosis in Plotinus and Proclus: Beyond the Self (-identity)
Accademia Vivarium Novum, Frascati (IT)

[April 7, 2022](#)

Séminaire—TRIADES ET TRINITÉ. Structures ontologiques et cognitives
Seminar: “La notion de ‘triàs’ chez Proclus et Pseudo-Denys”
Centre Léon Robin, Paris

[September 2022](#)

International Workshop “Between Philosophy and the History of Philosophy: The Case of the Eleatics”
Lecture: “The Identity of Being and Thought in the Neoplatonic Reception of Parmenides”
Ascea (IT)

[April 2021](#)

Lecture: “The Absolute Foundation of Beauty: from Plato to Neoplatonism”
Cambridge Centre for the Study of Platonism

[December 2021](#)

Lecture-Seminar for the Ancient Philosophy History Course of the RAMUS PhD Program:
“Henosis e il “Fiore dell'intelletto in Proclo”
Università di Salerno

[May 2019](#)

International Workshop Platonic Mimesis Revisited
Lecture: “Der Sophist als mimētēs tōn ontōn (Soph. 235a1 f.): Ontologische Implikationen”
Universität Tübingen

[June 2017](#)

XXVII National Seminar on the History of Ancient Philosophy
Lecture: “Semantica and Retorica dell'Assoluto nel Neoplatonismo”
Università di Catania