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Personal Details

Place of Birth	Rome (Italy)
Date of Birth	May 19, 1964
Nationality	Italian
Private Address	The Breeze Condominium 84/20 Hua Don – T. Nongkae 77110 HUA HIN (Prachuap Kirikan) THAILAND
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Education

2005–2009.

Postdoctoral research. Title of the Research: “The Pāli commentaries on *Vessantara-jātaka* written in Central Thailand and a critical study on the *Vessantara-jātaka-vivaraṇā*”. Director of the project: professor Mauro Maggi. University of Naples, Italy.

1997–2000.

PhD in Indological Studies. Title of the Thesis: *The Abhisamayālaṅkāravṛtti by Ārya Vimuktisena. Critical edition of the II-IV Abhisamayas*. Supervisor: professor Raniero Gnoli. University of Rome “La Sapienza”, Italy (part of the research has been conducted in Nepal and in Japan).

1994.

“Laurea” in Indology. Final grade: 110/110, *Summa Cum Laude*. Title of the Thesis: *The Laghutantraṭīkā by Vajrapāṇi. A Critical Edition of the Sanskrit Text*.

Supervisor: professor Raniero Gnoli; co-supervisor: professor Raffaele Torella.
University of Rome “La Sapienza”, Italy.

1989–92.

Diploma in Hindī Language and Indian culture (three years course, completed with Diploma). IsMEO (Istituto [Italiano] per il Medio Estremo Oriente, then IsIAO) Rome, Italy. [In the IsMEO, I also attended the classes of the first year of Modern Chinese Language course in 1985–86, and in 1992–93 I attended the classes of the first year of Japanese Language course.]

Positions and Academic roles held

February 2021–

Professor

MAHIDOL UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

Department of Humanities

(Doctor of philosophy Program in Buddhist textual studies)

2008–2010

Visiting Professor

MAHIDOL UNIVERSITY

2008–2016, January 2019 – January 2021

Professor, Research Advisor

WEBSTER UNIVERSITY THAILAND (Cha-am campus)

August 2016 – December 2018

Director

Lumbini International Research Institute, Lumbini (Nepal)

2015–2019

Regional Representative for South and Southeast Asian Countries.

International Association of Buddhist Studies

2014–

Associate Professor

“Habilitation” or National Scientific Qualification

Italian Ministry of Education: Universities and Research (MIUR)

2012 (June-December)

Associate Academic Director

WEBSTER UNIVERSITY THAILAND (Cha-am campus)

2011–
Corresponding Fellow of IsIAO [and, from January 2016, IsMEO] (Rome, Italy) in Thailand.

Administrative Experience

2016-2018

Director

Lumbini International Research Institute, Lumbini (Nepal)

2015 (October-December)

Associate Academic Director

WEBSTER UNIVERSITY THAILAND (Cha-am campus)

2011–2013

Head of the Department of General Education

WEBSTER UNIVERSITY THAILAND (Cha-am campus)

2012 (June-December)

Associate Academic Director

WEBSTER UNIVERSITY THAILAND (Cha-am campus)

2012 (June-December)

Interim Head of the School of Arts and Sciences

WEBSTER UNIVERSITY THAILAND (Cha-am campus)

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Publications (B = Book / A = Article)

1. Published

2024

- (A) Claudio Cicuzza, “Buddhist and Christian diplomacies pursuing peace amidst the Second World War: official communications between Thailand and the Vatican”, *Kervan* 28/1: pp. 323–353.

2023

- (B) Claudio Cicuzza (ed.), *Proceedings of the Third International Pali Study Week, Paris 2018*, Materials for the Study of the Tripiṭaka, vol. 18, Fragile Palm Leaves and Lumbini International Research Institute, Bangkok and Lumbini.
- (A) Claudio Cicuzza, “Preface”, in Claudio Cicuzza (ed.), *Proceedings of the Third International Pali Study Week, Paris 2018*, Materials for the Study of the Tripiṭaka, vol. 18, Fragile Palm Leaves and Lumbini International Research Institute, Bangkok and Lumbini, pp. ix–xi.

2022

- (A) Claudio Cicuzza, “Further notes on Human ‘Rights’ and ‘Dignity’ from a Buddhist perspective”, *Journal of Philosophy and Religion Society of Thailand* 17: 91–125. [<https://blogs.icrc.org/religion-humanitarianprinciples/human-rights-dignity-buddhist-perspective/>]
- (A) Claudio Cicuzza, “Constructing peace within war: Buddhism and International Humanitarian Law”, *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies* (Faculty of Social Science and Humanities, Mahidol University) 22/2: 2–9. [<https://blogs.icrc.org/religion-humanitarianprinciples/constructing-peace-buddhism-ihl/>]
- (B) Claudio Cicuzza (as General Editor of the Series) Santi Pakdeekham, *History of the Emerald Buddha and Sihanā Buddha Ratanabimbavaṃsa by Brahmaṛājapaññā Gāthā. Tāṃnān Phra Kaew Morakot by King Mongkut. Sihanānidāna by Bodhirāṃsī*, Materials for the Study of the Tripiṭaka, vol. 19, Fragile Palm Leaves and Lumbini International Research Institute Bangkok and Lumbini.

2021

- (A) Claudio Cicuzza, “The 108 symbols on the Buddha’s feet in Buddhist non canonical texts from Central Thailand: an Introduction to the Buddhapādamaṅgala”, in Raffaele Torella (ed.), *Italian Scholars in India. Volume 1: Classical Indology*, Motilal Banarsidass Publishing House, New Delhi 2021, pp. 231–268.
- (B) (as General Editor of the Series) Santi Pakdeekham, *Printed Catalogue of Pāli Literature. Uposatha Hall of Wat Thong Noppakhun, Bangkok*, Materials for the Study of the Tripiṭaka, vol. 17, Fragile Palm Leaves and Lumbini International Research Institute, Bangkok and Lumbini.

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2020

- (B) (as General Editor of the Series) Santi Pakdeekham, *History of the Pali Scriptures: Saṅgītiyavaṃsa by Somdet Phra Phonnarat*, Materials for the Study of the Tripiṭaka, vol. 16, Fragile Palm Leaves and Lumbini International Research Institute, Bangkok and Lumbini.

2018

- (B) (as General Editor of the Series) Olivier de Bernon, Kun Sopheap, Leng Kok An, *Inventaire provisoire des manuscrits du Cambodge. Deuxième partie. Les bibliothèques institutionnelles de Phnom Penh*, Materials for the Study of the Tripiṭaka, vol. 15, École française d'Extrême-Orient and Fragile Palm Leaves, Paris and Bangkok. Pp. i-670, ISBN: 978-2-85539-255 4
- (B) Claudio Cicuzza (ed.) “Katā me rakkhā, katāme parittā”. *Proceedings of the Second International Pali Studies Week. Paris 2016*, Materials for the Study of the Tripiṭaka, vol. 14, Fragile Palm Leaves and Lumbini International Research Institute, Bangkok and Lumbini. Pp. i-285.
- (A) Claudio Cicuzza, “The Wat Pho manuscript of the *Uṇhissavijaya*: edition of the Pali text”, in Claudio Cicuzza (ed.) “Katā me rakkhā, katāme parittā”.

Proceedings of the Second International Pali Studies Week. Paris 2016, Materials for the Study of the Tripiṭaka, vol. 14, Fragile Palm Leaves and Lumbini International Research Institute, Bangkok and Lumbini. Pp. 143–156.

- (A) Claudio Cicuzza, “Introduction”, in Claudio Cicuzza (ed.) “Katā me rakkhā, katāme parittā”. *Proceedings of the Second International Pali Studies Week. Paris 2016*, Materials for the Study of the Tripiṭaka, vol. 14, Fragile Palm Leaves and Lumbini International Research Institute, Bangkok and Lumbini. Pp. xiii–xxi.

2017

- (B) (as General Editor of the Series) Santi Pakdeekham, *Tāmrā Traipiṭaka. A Handbook of the Tripiṭaka*, Materials for the Study of the Tripiṭaka, vol. 13, Fragile Palm Leaves and Lumbini International Research Institute, Bangkok and Lumbini. Pp. i-186, ISBN: 978-888-00110-6-4.
- (A) Claudio Cicuzza, “Thai Manuscripts in Italian Libraries. Three Manuscripts from G.E. Gerini’s Collection kept at the University of Naples ‘L’Orientale””. In *Manuscript Studies: A Journal of the Shoemberg Institute for Manuscript Studies* (2/1): 106–124.
- (B) (as General Editor of the Series) Daniel M. Stuart, *The Stream of Deathless Nectar. The Short Recension of the Amatarasadhārā of the Elder Upatissa. A Commentary of the Chronicle of the Future Buddha Metteyya with a Historical Introduction*, Materials for the Study of the Tripiṭaka, vol. 12, Fragile Palm Leaves and Lumbini International Research Institute, Bangkok and Lumbini. Pp. i-271, ISBN: 978-888-00109-1-1.

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2015

- (A) Claudio Cicuzza, “The Bodhisattva Vajrapāṇi’s *Laghutantraṭīkā* and the rotation of *yoginīs*. Structure of the maṇḍala and dynamic motion” in David Templeman and Andrea Di Castro, *Asian Horizons: Tucci, Himalayan, Indian, Buddhist and Central Asian Studies*, Melbourne, pp. 216–234.
- (B) Claudio Cicuzza (ed.), *A Descriptive Catalogue of Burmese Manuscripts in the Fragile Palm Leaves Collection. Volume 3*, by Peter Nyunt, Materials for the Study of the Tripiṭaka, vol. 11, Fragile Palm Leaves and Lumbini International Research Institute, Bangkok and Lumbini. Pp. i-881, ISBN: 978-888-00096-3-4.

2014

- (B) Claudio Cicuzza (ed.), *A Descriptive Catalogue of Burmese Manuscripts in the Fragile Palm Leaves Collection. Volume 1*, by Peter Nyunt, Materials for the Study of the Tripiṭaka, vol. 9, Fragile Palm Leaves and Lumbini International Research Institute, Bangkok and Lumbini. Pp. i-655, ISBN: 978-888-000-743-2.
- (B) Claudio Cicuzza (ed.), *A Descriptive Catalogue of Burmese Manuscripts in the Fragile Palm Leaves Collection. Volume 2*, by Peter Nyunt, Materials for the Study of the Tripiṭaka, vol. 10, Fragile Palm Leaves and Lumbini

International Research Institute, Bangkok and Lumbini. Pp. i-1045, ISBN: 978-888-000-744-9.

- (A) Claudio Cicuzza, Review on Naomi Appleton, Sara Shaw and Toshiya Unebe, “Illuminating the Life of the Buddha. An Illustrated Chanting Book from Eighteenth-Century Siam”, Oxford: Bodleian Library, 2013. In *Sambhāsa: Nagoya Studies in Indian Culture and Buddhism* 31 (2014): 76–82.
- (A) Claudio Cicuzza, Review of Tomomi Ito, “Modern Thai Buddhism and Buddhādāsa Bhikkhu. A Social History”, Singapore: NUS Press, 2012. In *Journal of Siam Society* 102 (2014): 317–322.

2012

- (B) Claudio Cicuzza (ed. together with Peter Skilling, Jason A. Carbine, and Santi Pakdeekham), *How Theravāda is Theravāda? Exploring Buddhist Identities*, Silkworm Books, Chiang Mai. Pp. 640, ISBN: 9786162150449. (The book has been chosen as one of the seven best books on Buddhist studies for 2012 by well-known Buddhist magazine *Buddhadharma* [<http://www.thebuddhadharma.com/web-archive/2012/12/19/the-best-buddhist-books-of-2012-selections-from-the-review-e.html>].)
- (A) Claudio Cicuzza, “The Benefit of Ordination according to the *Paramatthamaṅgala*” in Peter Skilling, Jason A. Carbine, Claudio Cicuzza, and Santi Pakdeekham (eds.), *How Theravāda is Theravāda? Exploring Buddhist Identities*, Silkworm Books, Chiang Mai, pp. 355–369.

2011

- (B) Claudio Cicuzza, *A Mirror Reflecting the Entire World. The Pāli Buddhapādamaṅgala or “Auspicious signs on the Buddha’s feet”*. Critical edition with English Translation, Materials for the Study of the Tripiṭaka, vol. 6, Fragile Palm Leaves and Lumbini International Research Institute, Bangkok and Lumbini.

2010

- (A) Claudio Cicuzza (with Peter Skilling), “The number of stanzas in the Vessantara-jātaka. Some preliminary observations”, in Silvio Vita and Giacomella Orofino (eds) *Buddhist Asia 2. Papers from the Second Conference of Buddhist Studies Held in Naples in June 2004*. Kyoto (Italian School of East Asian Studies), pp. 35–45.

- (A) Claudio Cicuzza, “Luang Pu Thuat: culto e adorazione di un santo buddhista thailandese”, in Alberto Pelissero et al. (eds), *Tīrthayātrā. Essays in Honour of Stefano Piano*. Alessandria: Department of Oriental Studies, University of Turin, Italy, pp. 85–100.

2009

- (B) Claudio Cicuzza (ed.), *Peter Skilling. Buddhism and Buddhist Literature of Siam. Selected Papers*. Materials for the Study of the Tripiṭaka, vol. 5, Fragile

Palm Leaves and Lumbini International Research Institute, Bangkok and Lumbini.

- (B) Claudio Cicuzza (ed.), *Thai International Journal for Buddhist Studies*, published by the International PhD Programme in Buddhist Studies of Mahidol University, Bangkok (December).

2008

- (A) Claudio Cicuzza, “Human Rights from a Buddhist perspective”, in *International Human Rights Faculty Essays*, College of Arts and Science – Webster University, St Louis. Published in the University Web Site: <http://www.webster.edu/depts/artsci/ihr/essays.htm>
- (A) Claudio Cicuzza, “The Buddha, Letters and Time”, in *Franco Maria Ricci* 28: 109–128.

2006

- (A) Claudio Cicuzza, “Peculiarità dell’idea di ‘sacro monte’ e di ‘pellegrinaggio’ nel Buddhismo dell’India e del Sudest asiatico”, in A. Barbero e S. Piano (ed.), *Religioni e Sacri monti*, Ponzano Monferrato, pp. 214–246.

2005

- (A) Claudio Cicuzza, Review of Kamala Tiyanich, *The Buddha in the Jungle*, Chiang Mai, 2003, in *Journal of Siam Society* 93 (2005): 296–299.
- (A) Claudio Cicuzza, “The study of Pāli and Theravāda Buddhism in Italy”, in Luciano G. Gerini, Kanokwan Rittipairoj, Judith Arndt (ed.), *G.E. Gerini and the Mosaic of Genius*, Bangkok 2005, pp. 449–451.

2004

- (B) Claudio Cicuzza (coeditor), *La rivelazione del Buddha. Volume secondo*. Il Grande veicolo, edited by Raniero Gnoli. Introduction to the translated texts by Claudio Cicuzza and Francesco Sferra with contributions of Mauro Maggi and Cristina Pecchia, I Meridiani. Classici dello Spirito, Arnoldo Mondadori Editore, Milano. [Claudio Cicuzza, translation from Sanskrit of *Aṣṭādaśasāhasrikāprajñāpāramitā* (selection from chapters 70-3), *Saddharmapuṇḍarīkasūtra* (selection from chapters 3, 4 e 24), *Samādhiraśasūtra* (chapters 1, 8, 19 e 22), *Laṅkāvatārasūtra* (selection from chapters 2 e 6), *Daśabhūmikasūtra* (chapter 8), *Pratītyasamutpādayasūtra*, *Triṃśikā*, *Sukhāvatīvyūhasūtra* (short edition), *Laghutantraṭīkā* (chapters 17–8); (with Francesco Sferra e contributions of Mauro Maggi and Cristina Pecchia) *Introduction to the translated texts*; (with Francesco Sferra) *Glossary, Bibliography*].
- (A) Claudio Cicuzza, “The spiritual teacher in Theravāda Buddhism: inner motivations and foundations of mindfulness”, in Antonio Rigopoulos (ed.), *Guru. The Spiritual Master in Eastern and Western traditions. Authority and charisma*, Cafoscarina, Venezia, pp. 373–407.
- (A) Claudio Cicuzza, “Osservazioni sul concetto di natura nel Buddhismo antico. Causalità ed equanimità”, in G. Boccali – P.M. Rossi (eds.) *Atti del Seminario*

“La natura nel Pensiero, nella Letteratura e nelle Arti dell’India” in occasione dell’Undicesimo Convegno Nazionale di Studi Sanscriti (Milano 23 novembre 2002), Torino: 1–19.

2002

- (B) Claudio Cicuzza (coeditor with F. Sferra), *I discorsi del Buddha*, Oscar Classici Mondadori, Milano, pp. 277.

2001

- (B) Claudio Cicuzza (coeditor), *La rivelazione del Buddha. I testi antichi*, edited by Raniero Gnoli. Translations and commentaries by C. Cicuzza, R. Gnoli e F. Sferra, I Meridiani. Classici dello Spirito, Arnoldo Mondadori Editore, Milano. [Claudio Cicuzza, translations from pāli of *Dhammacakkapavattanasutta*, *Mahānidānasuttanta*, *Visuddhimagga* (one chapter), *Kaccānagottasutta*, *Assutavāsutta*, *Ānandasutta*, *Vipallāsutta*, *Mahāsāropamasutta*, *Brahmajālasutta*, *Rohitasutta*, *Mahāsatipatthānasutta*, *Kassakasutta*, *Upayasutta*, *Mahācundasutta*, *Ādittasutta*, *Sallasutta*, *Sedakasutta*, *Āṅgulimālasutta*, *Samacittavagga*, *Itivuttaka*, *Suttanipāta* (1-2), *Mahāparinibbānasuttanta*; translation from Sanskrit of a text from *Adhikaraṇavastu*. With Francesco Sferra, *Introduzione. I testi antichi, Glossario*].

- (B) Claudio Cicuzza, *The Laghutantraṭīkā of Vajrapāṇi. A Critical edition of the Sanskrit Text*, Roma, IsIAO, (Serie Orientale Roma 86).

- (B) Editorial collaboration in editing the volume *Le parole e i marmi. Studi in onore di Raniero Gnoli nel suo 70° compleanno* (ed. by Raffaele Torella with the collaboration of Claudio Cicuzza, Marino Faliero, Bruno Lo Turco, Francesco Sferra and Vincenzo Vergiani, and the participation of Alvar Gonzalez-Palacios), SOR XCII, 1/2, Roma.

- (A) Claudio Cicuzza, “Il capitolo XXX del Saṃvarodayatantra”. In: Raffaele Torella (ed. with the collaboration of Claudio Cicuzza, Marino Faliero, Bruno Lo Turco, Francesco Sferra and Vincenzo Vergiani, and the participation of Alvar Gonzalez-Palacios), *Le parole e i marmi. Studi in onore di Raniero Gnoli nel suo 70° compleanno*, SOR XCII, 1/2, Roma, pp. 213–228.

1998

- (A) Claudio Cicuzza, “La Laghutantraṭīkā di Vajrapāṇi”, in *Atti del sesto e del settimo Convegno nazionale di studi sanscriti, Venezia, 23 novembre 1990 – Palermo, 20-21 maggio 1993*, ed. by Oscar Botto, Torino, Associazione italiana di studi sanscriti, 167–181.

1997

- (A) Claudio Cicuzza (with F. Sferra), “Brief notes on the beginning of the Kālacakra literature. The bodhisattva corpus and related texts”, *Dhīḥ, Journal of Rare Buddhist Texts Research Project* 23: 113–126.

2. Forthcoming

- (B) *The Paramatthamaṅgala. Critical Edition of the Pali text and English Translation.* Materials for the Study of the Tripiṭaka, Lumbini International Research Institute, Bangkok and Lumbini, [2025]
- (B) *The Tantra of the Bodhisattva Vajrapāṇi. Annotated English Translation of the Laghutantraṭīkā from the original Sanskrit text and its Tibetan version,* LIRI [2025]

3. In progress

- (A) “The Ratnarakṣita’s Commentary on the XXX Chapter of Saṃvarodayatantra”, [*Bulletin of the International Institute for Buddhist Studies*, Tokyo].
- (B) *The Vessantarajātakavivarāṇa. Critical Edition of the Pāli text and English Translation.*

Grants, Scholarships, and Prizes

2024

2024 Translation Grantee, The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Program in Buddhist Studies (American Council of Learned Societies).

2009–2010.

Research Fellowship granted by Mahidol University (Thailand). The title of the Research was: “Critical Edition of the *Buddhapādamāṅgala* on the Pali Manuscripts preserved in the National Library, Bangkok”.

2008.

Claudio Cicuzza, *Human Rights from a Buddhist perspective*. Prize for Essays on Human Rights bestowed by Webster University.

2005–2009.

Postdoctoral Scholarship granted by University of Naples for a research on Pāli commentaries on *Vessantara-jātaka* written in Central Thailand.

2000.

Scholarship granted by Bukkyō Dendō Kyōkai (Tōkyō) for research on Buddhism. Stay in Tōkyō as guest of International College for Advanced Buddhist Studies (ICABS) working on my PhD Thesis under the guidance of professor Hubert Durt.

1998.

Scholarship granted by Japan Foundation. Attendance at the Summer Course of Japanese Language and Culture in Kansai Centre (Osaka).

1997–2000.

Scholarship of PhD Programme granted by University of Rome “La Sapienza”.

1995.

Prize of Maitreya Foundation for Master Degree Thesis.

Professional Service

2022-2023

Coordinator of a team of scholars who had to identify and analyse the different codices from Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, and Cambodia kept in the Vatican Library. I personally worked on the Pali manuscripts from Central Thailand.

2022

Co-organization of the International Conference *Reducing Suffering During Armed Conflict. The Interface between Buddhism and International Humanitarian Law*, Chiang Mai 9-10 December 2022.

2022–

Member and Translator of The Pali Translation Project
(<https://palitranslation.org/>)

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2020

Organizer of the International Conference *Current studies and research activities on Pāli manuscripts and texts*, held in Lumbini (Nepal) from 17th to 22nd February 2020, under the auspices of the LIRI (Lumbini International Research Institute).

2016–

General Editor of the series “Material for the Study of the Tripiṭaka” (LIRI and FPL – Lumbini and Bangkok).

2015–

Working on a new complete catalogue of the manuscripts and documents from Southeast Asian countries and kept at the Vatican Apostolic Library (Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana).

2011–

Member of the Editorial Board of the Series “Essays in Buddhist Studies”, published by Fragile Palm Leaves Foundation and Lumbini International Research Institute, Bangkok.

2011–

Member of the Editorial Board of the Thai International Journal of Buddhist Studies, Mahidol University, Bangkok.

2011.

External Examiner at Mahidol University (International PhD Programme in Buddhist Studies – Faculty of Social Science and Humanities – Department of Humanities) in Ven. Sumanacara qualifying exam.

2010.

Collaboration with the Museo Missionario Etnologico (Vatican Museum) in publishing the catalogue of the objects from Middle East, South Asia, South-East Asia, and Far East.

2009.

Editor of the *Thai International Journal for Buddhist Studies*, Mahidol University.

2009–2010.

Member of the Research Project “Edition and Study of unedited works in Sanskrit”, directed by Francesco Sferra, University of Naples, “L’Orientale”.

2008.

Philological review and data processing on the Database of Lumbini International Research Institute (Lumbini, Nepal) concerning the Burmese Manuscripts preserved in Fragile Palm Leaves Foundation (Bangkok).

2005–2008.

Member of the Research Project “Philology and Lexicology of the Buddhist Texts from India, Iran, and Tibet” directed by Mauro Maggi. University of Naples, “L’Orientale”.

2005–2006.

Collaboration with the École française d’Extrême-Orient (EFEO) of Bangkok in publishing the proceedings of the conference Buddhist Legacies in South-East Asia holden in Bangkok on 18-20 December 2003. Supervision of the Pāli and Sanskrit texts quoted in the articles. François Lagirarde and Paritta Chalermpong Koanantakool (eds), *Buddhist Legacies in Mainland Southeast Asia*, Paris-Bangkok 2007.

2002.

Collaborations with the “Fondazione Lerici” as epigraphist in the researches in Laos, Vietnam, and Myanmar.

2002–2005.

Cataloguing of the Pāli manuscripts from Myanmar preserved in the Museum of Oriental Art, Rome.

1998–2006.

Cataloguing of the Sanskrit and Pāli manuscripts of Giuseppe Tucci Found preserved in the IsIAO Library (Rome).

1993–1998.

Member of the research project on the first period of the Kālacakratantra literature, under the auspices of the Italian CNR (Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche), started in 1991 under the direction of professor Raniero Gnoli.

Doctoral Theses Examined

2015.

The University of Sydney – Arts and Social Sciences – Indian Sub-Continental Studies. Candidate: Chris Clark. Thesis Title: *A Study of the Apadana, Including an Edition and Annotated Translation of its Second, Third and Fourth Vaggas.*

2016.

Monash University, Melbourne – School of Philosophical, Historical and International Studies. Candidate: Iain Sinclair. Thesis Title: *The appearance of tantric monasticism in Nepal: A history of the public image and fasting ritual of Newar Buddhism, 980–1380.*

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Didactic Activity

2023

Teaching in the Doctoral Seminars “‘Nature’ *quo vadis* Semiosis and topology of a misconception”, University of Venice “Ca’ Foscari”, November-December. The seminar was done in four classes and it dealt with the *Śālistambasūtra* (comparison between Sanskrit text and possible parallels in Pali Canon).

2021-2024

Faculty Member at Mahidol University Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities – Department of Humanities (Doctor of philosophy Program in Buddhist textual studies)

2010–2016, 2019–2021

Full time Faculty at Webster University Thailand.

2008–2010.

Visiting professor at Mahidol University (International PhD Programme in Buddhist Studies – Faculty of Social Science and Humanities – Department of Humanities).

2008–2010.

Adjunct Faculty at Webster University Thailand.

2006–2008.

Bi-annual professorship in the Chair of “Indology” at University of Naples “L’Orientale”.

2003–2004.

Lecturer of Italian Language at the Department of Western Languages in Chulalongkorn University (Bangkok, Thailand).

2003.

Annual appointment as professor in the Chair of “Philosophies, Religions and History of India and Central Asia” at the University of Rome “La Sapienza”.
[Not implemented.]

2001–2003.

Bi-annual professorship in the Chair of “Religions and Philosophies of India” at the University of Rome “La Sapienza”.

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1997–1998.

Cycle of lectures on Hinduism delivered in several Primary and Secondary schools of Rome (Project of the Municipal Corporation of Rome, Department of Education, entitled “Inter-religious Table”).

Teaching

PhD Level Instructor:

- Textual Criticism
- Pali Language
- Buddhism in Southeast Asia
- Buddhist Hermeneutics.

Graduate Level Instructor:

- Religions and Philosophies of India
- Indology
- Pali Language.

Undergraduate Level Instructor:

- Inter-cultural Awareness

- Introduction to Ethics: an East-West philosophical dialogue on good and evil
- Crossing Borders: Language and Power
- History of Buddhism
- Introduction to Buddhism
- Buddhism and Human Rights
- Introduction to Human Rights: Human Dignity in Western and Asian cultures
- Introduction to Philosophy: Hindu musings, Buddhist philosophies and Western thoughts: Analyses, Debates and Reflections
- World Religions
- Roots of Religion
- Thai Ways
- Religion and the Arts
- Existence and Meaning
- Sacred Texts
- Environments and Religions
- Religions and Human Rights
- Thinking through religions.
- Comparative Culture
- Rhetoric for Leadership
- History, Scriptures and Organization of Religions

Presentations

2022.

“The Brahmavihāras and the practice of the “Four Immeasurables” in unarmed and armed conflicts”. Paper delivered at the International Conference *Reducing Suffering During Armed Conflict. The Interface between Buddhism and International Humanitarian Law*, Chiang Mai 9-10 December.

2020

“Peculiarities and significance of Pali texts from Central Thailand”. Paper delivered at the International Conference *Current studies and research activities on Pāli manuscripts and texts*, held in Lumbini (Nepal) from 17th to 22nd February 2020, under the auspices of the LIRI (Lumbini International Research Institute).

2016.

“The Paramatthamaṅgala and the Pali Uṅhissavijaya”. Paper delivered at the *Second International Pali Studies Week*, Paris 20-23 June.

2015.

“A preliminary report on the corpus of Thai Manuscripts preserved in the Apostolic Vatican Library and in two Italian libraries”. Paper delivered at the *VIII International Conference of the European Association for Southeast Asian Studies*, Vienna 11-14th August.

2014.

Buddhist notions of justice and modern concept of Human Dignity, in “Buddhism and Social Justice”, Leiden University, 23-25 April.

2013.

Primo Levi and the idea of Human Dignity. A tentative interpretation of his message from a Buddhist perspective. Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok and the Italian Embassy, Bangkok Thursday August 1st, 2013 at 2 pm (Siam Boromrajakumari Bldg., Room 707).

2012.

Claudio Cicuzza, *How Theravada is Theravada? New perspectives on an ancient tradition*. Lecture delivered together with Peter Skilling, Prapod Assavarirulhakarn, and Arthid Sheravanichkul at Siam Society, Bangkok. (September 6)

2011.

Claudio Cicuzza, *Buddhism and Human Rights: some further notes on the idea of human dignity in Buddhist thought*. Lecture delivered at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, and organized by the Italian Embassy in Thailand. (June 30.)

Claudio Cicuzza, *Reflections on Phutthabad-mongkhon*. Lecture delivered at the Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Anthropology Centre and organized by the École française d’Extrême-Orient (Bangkok). (June 8.)

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2010.

Claudio Cicuzza, *The Italian contributions to the study of Buddhapādas: the images of the Buddha’s feet and their symbols*. Lecture delivered at the National Library, Bangkok, and organized by the Italian Embassy in Thailand. (November 12.)

Claudio Cicuzza, *Working on Tucci’s Buddhist manuscript legacy: the Laghutantraṭīkā by Bodhisattva Vajrapāṇi and its description of the rotation of yoginīs*. Paper presented at the International Symposium “On the Shoulders of Giants. A three day Seminar in honour of Giuseppe Tucci – Explorer and Extraordinary Scholar”, Monash University, Melbourne (AU, Vic) October 1.

Claudio Cicuzza, *Some Notes on Thai Exegesis of Vessantarajātaka*. Paper presented at the International Conference “Buddhist Narrative in Asia and Beyond”, Convened in honour of HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn on her fifty-fifth birth anniversary, Bangkok, August 9-11.

2009.

Claudio Cicuzza, *The importance of Latin languages in translating Buddhist term: the case of samvega*. Paper presented at the International Symposium

“140 Years of Thai-Italy Relations”, organized by Chulalongkorn University and Italian Embassy in Thailand, Bangkok June 18-19.

Claudio Cicuzza, *The symbols on the Buddha's feet: different ideas, texts, and physical representations*. Paper presented at the Conference “Buddhism Across Asia: Networks of Material, Intellectual and Cultural Exchange”, Singapore 16-18 February.

2008.

Claudio Cicuzza, *Il Buddhismo del sudest asiatico nei secoli Tang: frammenti di un mosaico*. Paper presented at the conference “Buddhismo di Epoca Tang. Tradizione ed eredità”, Florence (Italy) 8-9 May.

2006.

Claudio Cicuzza, *Auspicious signs on the Buddha's footprints: some observations on Buddhapādamāṅgala*. Paper presented at the International Conference “Thai Language and Literature: Wisdom and Dynamism in the Global Context”, Bangkok 10-11 November.

Claudio Cicuzza, *Corpo, mente e mondo nel Buddhism [Body, Mind, and World in Buddhism]*. Lecture delivered at CESMEO (Turin, Italy). (March 9.)

Claudio Cicuzza, *Some observations about the idea of mind and body in Buddhist texts: a mosaic of Cosmos*. Paper presented at the International conference organized by Silpakorn University: “Siamese Mind and Body: Retrospect and Revival of Literary Cannon and Historical Ruins”, Petchaburi (Thailand), 1-3 March.

2005.

Claudio Cicuzza, *Etica e ecologia: la relazione fra uomo e natura nel Buddhismo [Ethics and Ecology. The relationship between man and nature in Buddhism]*. Lecture delivered at the Centre for Buddhist Studies, University of Napoli (Italy). (November 30.)

2004.

Claudio Cicuzza, *Sacri monti e pellegrinaggio: idee peculiari nella tradizione buddhista dell'India e del sudest asiatico [Holy Mount and Pilgrimage: peculiar ideas in Buddhist Traditions of India and South-East Asian Countries]*. Paper presented at the International Conference: “Religions and Sacred Mountains. Religious, historical, artistic aspects of sacred mountains and devotional complexes in dialogue with the major European and Asiatic religions”, Turin 12 - 16 October.

2002.

Claudio Cicuzza, *Aurobindo and the integral yoga. Some observations on the concept of Karmayoga*. Lecture delivered at IsIAO (Rome). (November.)

Claudio Cicuzza, *Alcune note sul concetto di natura nel Buddhismo antico: causalità e equanimità* [Remarks on the concept of nature in the earliest Buddhism: causality and equanimity]. Paper presented at the Eleventh Conference of AISS (Associazione Italiana di Studi Sanscriti), Milan 4-5 October.

Claudio Cicuzza, *Some notes on the idea of teacher in Theravāda Buddhism: his inner motivations and foundations of mindfulness*. Paper presented at the International Conference: “Guru. Il Maestro spirituale nelle tradizioni d’oriente e d’occidente. Autorità e carisma”, Venice. (April.)

2001.

Claudio Cicuzza, *An introduction to the literature of tantra Kālacakra*. Lecture delivered at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok.

2000.

Claudio Cicuzza, *The Buddhist Studies and Buddhist Religion in Roma and in Italy*. Lecture delivered at the Utsonomia Eko-ji Temple (Tokyo).

Claudio Cicuzza, *The Svābhāvikakāya/Dharmakāya in the Abhisamayālaṅkāra and in the commentaries of Kālacakra Tantra*. Lecture delivered at Waseda University of Tokyo in the Sanskrit course of Professor Takashi IWATA.

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1999.

Claudio Cicuzza, *The maṇḍala of the tantra Cakrasaṃvara*. Paper presented at the XIIth Conference of The International Association of Buddhist Studies, Lausanne, 23-28 August.

1998.

Claudio Cicuzza, *The literature of the Cakrasaṃvaratantra*. Lecture delivered at the Tibet House in New Delhi.

1995.

Claudio Cicuzza, *Preliminary Notes on Cakrasaṃvaratantra*. Paper presented at the Eighth Conference of AISS (Associazione Italiana di Studi Sanscriti), Torino, 3-4 October.

1993.

Claudio Cicuzza, *The Laghutantraṭīkā by Vajrapāṇi*. Paper presented at the Seventh Conference of AISS (Associazione Italiana di Studi Sanscriti), Palermo, 20-21 May.

Professional Affiliations

2001–
Member of the SIAM Society.

2001–
Member of the Pāli Text Society.

2000–2011; 2016–
Member of IsIAO (Istituto Italiano per l’Africa e l’Oriente).

1993–
Member of the AIIS (Associazione Italiana di Studi Sanscriti), Torino.

1996–1997.
Member of the Société asiatique, Paris.