

# Giovanni Gaetani

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## Present position

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**Growth & Development Officer** (from 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017)  
International Humanist and Ethical Union, London

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## Education

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**Ph.D.** Università degli studi di Roma «Tor Vergata», Italy (April 2016)

**Philosophical and Social Sciences**

Dissertation: *Se vuoi essere filosofo, scrivi romanzi. La filosofia di Albert Camus*  
[*If you want to be a philosopher, write novels. The philosophy of Albert Camus*]  
Advisor: prof. Francesco Miano

**M.A.** Università degli studi di Roma «Tor Vergata», Italy (October 2012)

**History of Philosophy**

Thesis: *Nichilismo e responsabilità all'epoca della morte di Dio in Nietzsche e Camus*  
[*Nililism and responsibility at the age of God's death in Nietzsche and Camus*]  
Advisors: prof. Paolo Quintili, prof. Stefano Semplici (110/110 *cum laude*)

**B.A.** Università degli studi di Roma «Tor Vergata», Italy (July 2010)

**Philosophical Anthropology**

Thesis: *Albert Camus: un'etica della rivolta oltre l'assurdo*  
[*Albert Camus: an ethic of Revolt beyond the Absurd*]  
Advisor: prof. Emilio Baccarini (110/110 *cum laude*)

**HSD** Liceo scientifico «Enrico Fermi», Gaeta, Italy (July 2007)

**Curriculum musicale**

Final grade: 100/100

Areas of specialization/competence

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- AOS** Contemporary Philosophy, especially Camus's and Nietzsche's *œuvres*  
God's death and the Advent of Nihilism – History of Western Atheism
- AOC** History of Philosophy, Ethics  
Metaphilosophy, including the relationship Philosophy-Literature  
Contemporary political debate on Humanism, Liberalism, and Pluralism  
Contemporary philosophical debate on Theodicy and God's existence

Grants, Scholarships and Awards

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**WBI Bourse d'étude** (July-August 2014)

Intensive proficiency French course  
Université Libre de Bruxelles, Bruxelles

**Premio di laurea UAAR 2013** (November 2013)

Best thesis in Humanities section  
for *Nichilismo e responsabilità all'epoca della morte di Dio in Nietzsche e Camus*

**Erasmus program scholarship** (Oct. 2011-June 2012)

Two semesters M.A. study  
Université «Panthéon-Sorbonne», Paris

**DAAD Stipendium** (September 2011)

Intensive German course  
DKFA in collaboration with Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich

**Borsa di studio per studenti meritevoli** (September 2009)

Scholarship for deserving students  
University of Rome «Tor Vergata», Philosophy Department

Academic positions

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**Rencontres Méditerranéennes Albert Camus** (from 2015)

Active member  
Admin of the official Facebook page

**KKIEN Publishing International** (from 2015)

Member of the scientific committee  
Series: *Pratica Filosofica*

**Centre de Documentation Albert Camus** (May 2014; Oct. 2014; Sept. 2015)

Research on Camus' university/philosophical manuscripts  
Bibliothèque Méjanes, Aix-en-Provence

**The Review Of Politics** (October 2014)

University of Notre Dame  
Manuscript evaluation as specialist of Albert Camus

**Associazione MondoDomani** (from 2014)

Cultural association of students and alumni in Philosophy  
Member

**Dialegethai. Rivista telematica di Filosofia** (2013-2014)

CFP on Albert Camus «La passione antropologica»  
Coordinator (with Irene Baccarini)

**Société des Études Camusiennes** (from 2012)

Active member  
Social Media Manager, Facebook Official page

**Albert Camus Society UK/US** (from 2010)

Active member

**Università degli studi di Roma «Tor Vergata»** (2009-2011)

Philosophy Department  
Students representative

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Extra-academic positions and experiences

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**Magnolia S.p.A.** (Dec. 2015-March 2016)

Participant of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of *MasterChef Italia*  
Scored 10 out of 20

**IHEYO** (from 2015)

International Humanist Ethical Youth Organization  
Active member, contributor for *Humanist voices*

**UAAR (Unione degli Atei e degli Agnostici Razionalisti)** (from 2014)

Italian Union of Rationalist Atheists and Agnostics  
Active member and columnist of *A Ragion Veduta*

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## Language and computer skills

### **Italian**

First language

### **English**

Professional Proficiency – TOEFL IBT 112/120

### **French**

Professional Proficiency

### **German**

Working Proficiency – onDaF B2

### **Spanish**

Reading and listening abilities

### **European Computer Driving Licence**

Microsoft Office, Open Office, Adobe Photoshop, Final Cut Pro, All browsers  
Wordpress, Cloud & Transfer services, Mail software (Gmail, Outlook, etc.)

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## Publications

### Books (2)

#### **Non ci credo! Storie di ateismo, filosofia ed altre eresie**

[I can't believe it. Chronicles of atheism, philosophy, and similar heresies]

Rome: Nessun Dogma

An anthology on philosophical atheism (forthcoming)

#### **Più grande il filosofo, più vera la filosofia: Albert Camus**

[The greater the man, the truer his philosophy: Albert Camus]

Milano: KKIEN Publishing International

A philosophical biography of Albert Camus (forthcoming)

Articles with ISBN/ISSN (22)

« **Si tu veux être philosophe, écris des romans** »: la philosophie d'Albert Camus, [«If you want to be a philosopher, write novels»: Albert Camus' philosophy] in *Présence d'Albert Camus*, n° 8 – 2016, published by *Société des Études camusiennes*, Vitry-sur-Seine, 2016, pp. 123-125 (ISSN: 1762-4983)

«**Ateo, laico e liberale: tre definizioni per un vocabolario della moderazione**», [Atheist, secular, and liberal: three definitions for a vocabulary of moderation] in *Critica Liberale*, n. 229, 2016 (ISSN: forthcoming)

«**"I hope this Ireland we are fighting for is worth it": Camus' *L'Homme Révolté* through Ken Loach's *The Wind That Shakes the Barley***», *From the absurd to revolt*, ed. Maciej Kaluza, Piotr Mróz, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Jagiellońskiego, Krakow, 2017 (ISBN: forthcoming)

«**"À tout propos et même hors de propos": Nietzsche's influence on Albert Camus' philosophy**», chapter of *Camus: Philosopher among Philosophers*, ed. Maciej Kaluza, George Heffernan, Krakow: Libron, 2017 (ISBN: forthcoming)

«**Perché, da ateo, voglio l'ora di religione – ma non quella cattolica**», [Why, as atheist, I do want the hour of religion – but not the Catholic one] in *Critica Liberale*, n. 228, Aprile-Giugno 2016, pp. 108-109. (ISSN: 1825-4977)

«**"Diventare ciò che (non) si è": la critica nietzschiana all'ateismo incompiuto**», [«Becoming what one is (not)»: Nietzsche's critique of unaccomplished atheism] in *Prospettive. Omaggio a Giuliano Campioni*, collana *Nietzschiana*, Pisa: ETS, 2016, pp. 359-364 (ISBN: 978-884674390-9)

«**The noble art of misquoting Camus – from its origins to the Internet era**», *Journal of Camus Studies 2015*, London: Camus Society, 2015, pp. 37-50. (ISBN: 978-1-326-46313-7)

«**Prefazione**», [Preface] in Stefano Scrima, *Esistere! Gide, Sarte e Camus*, Bologna: Diogene Multimedia, 2015, pp. 9-11 (ISBN: 978-88-99126-32-2)

«**D'una fede che uccide e dell'ignoranza che salva**», [On a faith that kills and the ignorance that saves] in *Critica Liberale*, n. 223, gennaio-marzo 2015, pp. 46-47 (ISSN: 1825-4977)

«**Per un ateismo consapevole, tra esemplarità e ragionevolezza**», [For an aware atheism, between exemplariness and reasonableness] in *L'Ateo*, n. 3/2015 (100), pp. 38-41 (ISSN: 1129-566)

« **" Les avocats de Camus " : faire le point sur les différentes tentatives de christianiser sa vie et sa pensée**», [«The advocates of Camus»: making the point on the different attempts to christianize his life and his thought] acts of the

XXXI<sup>ème</sup> Journées de Lourmarin organized by *Les Rencontres Méditerranéennes* (ISBN: still forthcoming)

«**The critique of contemporary philosophy in Albert Camus' unpublished work "L'impromptu des philosophes"**», in *Journal of the Albert Camus Society* 2013, 2014, pp. 63-72 (ISBN: 978-1-291-98484-2)

«**Is Camus a Philosopher?**», in *Revue d'Études Françaises*, actes du colloque «Camus au 21<sup>e</sup> siècle» (12-14/06/2013), 2014, pp. 11-18 (ISSN: 1416-6399)

«**L'éternel retour de Sisyphe. Nihilisme et bonheur chez Nietzsche et Camus**», [The eternal return of Sisyphus. Nihilism and happiness in Nietzsche and Camus], in *Philosophia. Yearbook of the research centre for Greek philosophy at the Academy of Athens*, 43, Athens, 2013, pp. 393-408 (ISSN: 1105-21-20)

«**Albert Camus: a philosopher outside philosophy**», in *Albert Camus: Nanya Kshitijanchya Shodhat (Albert Camus: In Search of New Horizons)*, translated in Marathi by Alok Oak (*Symbiosis International University*, Pune, India) for *Padmagandha Prakashan* (ISBN: forthcoming)

«**Albert Camus: la passione antropologica**», [Albert Camus: the anthropological passion] (with Irene Baccharini), in *Dialegesthai. Rivista telematica di filosofia*, anno 15, 2013, (ISSN: 1128-5478)

«**La filosofia contro se stessa. Albert Camus, o un filosofo fuori dalla filosofia**», [Philosophy against itself. Albert Camus, or a philosopher outside philosophy] *Dialegesthai. Rivista telematica di filosofia*, anno 15, 2013, (ISSN: 1128-5478)

«**The Eternal Return of Sisyphus: Camus Interpreting Nietzsche**», in *Journal of the Camus studies* 2012, London: Camus Society, 2013, pp. 76-85 (ISBN: 978-1-291-37497-1)

«**"Life is said in many ways": the ethical meaning of measure between refusal of the absolute and axiological relativity**», in *Journal of Camus studies* 2011, London: Camus Society, 2012, pp. 44-58 (ISBN: missing)

«**I risvolti etici della rivolta camusiana**», [Ethical implications of Camus' revolt] in *Dialegesthai. Rivista telematica di filosofia*, anno 12, 2010, (ISSN: 1128-5478)

«**"But deliver us from Evil": God, Man and Evil in Albert Camus**», in *Journal of the Albert Camus Society* 2010, London: Camus Society, 2011, pp. 114-128 (ISBN: 978-1-1-4467-9023-6)

«**Oltre il nichilismo: il "sole invincibile" di Albert Camus**», [Beyond nihilism: the «invincible sun» of Albert Camus] in *Dialegesthai. Rivista telematica di filosofia*, anno 12, 2010, (ISSN: 1128-5478)

Reviews (6)

Review of **Pietro Gori**, «**Il pragmatismo di Nietzsche. Saggi sul pensiero prospettivistico**», in *The Journal of Nietzsche Studies*, Penn State University Press (ISSN: forthcoming)

Review of **Francofonia 65 – Camus/Pasolini: deux écrivains "engagés"**, in *Journal of Camus studies 2014*, London: Camus Society, 2014, pp. 145-150 (ISBN: 978-1-326-09098-2)

Review of **Stefano Scrima**, «**Esistere forte**», *Dialegesthai. Rivista telematica di filosofia*, anno 15, 2013, (ISSN: 1128-5478)

Review of **Antonio Rinaldis**, «**Paesaggi del sacro in Albert Camus**», *Dialegesthai. Rivista telematica di filosofia*, anno 15, 2013, (ISSN: 1128-5478)

Review of **Luisa Avitabile**, «**Fenomenologia della legge in Albert Camus**», *Dialegesthai. Rivista telematica di filosofia*, anno 15, 2013, (ISSN: 1128-5478)

Review of **Francesco barba**, «**Il persecutore di Dio. San Paolo nella filosofia di Nietzsche**», *Dialegesthai. Rivista telematica di filosofia*, anno 13, 2011, (ISSN: 1128-5478)

Other articles (10)

«**Stay human, go Humanist. Sketches for a Humanist manifesto**», *Humanist voices*, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017: <https://goo.gl/3uIfRh>

«**L'obiezione di coscienza non ha più senso. Delle due l'una: eliminarla o rivederla**», [Conscientious objection has no sense anymore. Only two alternatives: to eliminate it or to modify it] in *A ragion veduta* (UAAR's official site), 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016: <https://goo.gl/vkw34R>

«**Intervista a Giovanni Gaetani: tra cucina e filosofia**», [Interview to Giovanni Gaetani: between kitchen and philosophy] in *La Chiave di Sophia*, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016: <http://goo.gl/t9PKFp>

«**Chronicles of an Italian atheist**», in *Zindroom* n. 3 2015-2016: [https://issuu.com/zindroom9/docs/def\\_web](https://issuu.com/zindroom9/docs/def_web)

«**"Se questo è un europeo": il nesso invisibile tra terrorismo ed Erasmus**», [«If this is an European»: the invisible connection between terrorism and Erasmus] in *Il Barrito. Quotidiano di approfondimento indipendente*, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016: <http://goo.gl/fY0gfX>

«**La Filosofia, ancella della Teologia e del Complotto**», [Philosophy, handmaid of Theology and of Conspiracy theory] in *A ragion veduta* (UAAR's official site), 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015: <https://goo.gl/BDrjtb>

«**Risposta di Giovanni Gaetani al post-scriptum di Giovanni Salmeri**», [Reply of Giovanni Gaetani to Giovanni Salmeri's post-scriptum] in *2duerighe.com*, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2015: <http://goo.gl/IRgo0Q>

«**Eutanasia: la libertà, regola comune di un gioco individuale**», [Euthanasia: freedom, the common rule of an individual game] in *2duerighe.com*, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015: <http://goo.gl/Z4wqdQ>

«**Se la filosofia è opinione, allora al diavolo la filosofia**», [If philosophy is just opinion, than I curse it], in *42* (Journal of Venice UAAR circle), April 2015: <https://goo.gl/4cKqhb>

«**Howard Mumma e il maldestro tentativo di cristianizzare Albert Camus**», [Howard Mumma and the clumsy attempt to christianize Albert Camus] in *A ragion veduta* (UAAR's official site), 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014 : <https://goo.gl/kh2gmh>

«**Cento anni fa, Albert Camus**», [100 years ago, Albert Camus] in *A ragion veduta* (UAAR's official site), 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013: <http://goo.gl/zg6tpF>

#### Conferences, meetings, seminars

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##### Past events (15)

- (CFP) « **La conjonction impossible ? Le sens du sacré camusien au-delà de la fausse dichotomie athéisme-foi** », [«The impossible conjunction»: the sense of the sacred in Camus beyond the false dichotomy atheism-faith] *Albert Camus et les vertiges du sacré* organized by Université d'Angers et Université catholique de l'ouest, 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2016, Angers
- (Invited) « **Et si Camus était un libéral? Quelques mots sur un sujet brûlant** », [What if Camus was a liberal? Some words on a hot issue] *XXXIIIème Journées de Lourmarin* organised by *Les Rencontres Méditerranéennes Albert Camus*, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Espace Albert Camus, Lourmarin, France
- (CFP) « **"I hope this Ireland we are fighting for is worth it": Camus' *L'Homme Révolté* through Ken Loach's *The Wind That Shakes the Barley*** », *From the absurd to revolt: analysis of dynamics in the literature and theatre of Camus*, 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Febraury 2016, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland



- (Invited) « **Le noble art de mal citer Camus : de L'Étranger aux fausses citations sur internet** », [The noble art of misquoting Camus – from *The Stranger* to the misquotes on Internet], *General Assembly of the Société des Études Camusiennes*, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016, Centre Censier, Paris
- (Invited) « **La Méditerranéité chez Camus : l'Homme et la Nature en absence de Dieu** », [The Mediterranean condition in Camus: Man and Nature in absence of God] 4 hours lesson for the « agrégation » students, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016, École Supérieure du Professorat et de l'Éducation, Aix-en-Provence, France
- (Invited) « **Oltre il filosofese: elementi per un'officina filosofica dell'ateismo** », [Beyond the "philosophical slang": elements for a philosophical workshop of atheism] *Religione e ateismo - Giovani ricercatori a confronto*, organized by Venice UAAR circle, Scuoletta dei Calegheri, Venice, Italy
- (CFP) « **Camus, Christianity, and the Christian Critics: Chronicle of a Presumed Misunderstanding** », *Albert Camus Society 2014 meeting*, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014, Swedenborg Society, London
- (Invited) « **" Les avocats de Camus " : faire le point sur les différentes tentatives de christianiser sa vie et sa pensée** », [«The advocates of Camus»: making the point on the different attempts to christianize his life and his thought] *XXXIème Journées de Lourmarin* organised by *Les Rencontres Méditerranéennes Albert Camus*, 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October 2014, Espace Albert Camus, Lourmarin, France
- (CFP) « **The Critique of Contemporary Philosophy in Camus's unpublished work "L'Impromptu des Philosophes"** », *Albert Camus Society 2013 meeting*, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2013, Swedenborg Society, London
- (CFP) « **Is Camus a philosopher?** », *Camus in the 21<sup>st</sup> century*, 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> June 2013, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest
- (CFP) « **The Eternal Return of Sisyphus: Camus Interpreting Nietzsche** », *Albert Camus Society 2012 meeting*, 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November 2012, Swedenborg Society, London
- (CFP) « **"Life is Said in Many Ways": The Ethical Meaning of Measure Between Refusal of the Absolute and Axiological Relativity** », *Albert Camus Society 2011 meeting*, 23<sup>th</sup> September 2011, Swedenborg Society, London
- (Invited) « **La Méditerranéité chez Camus : l'Homme et la Nature en absence de Dieu** », [The Mediterranean condition in Camus: Man and Nature in absence of God] 4 hours lesson for the « agrégation » students (second year in a row), October 2016, ESPE (École Supérieure du Professorat et de l'Éducation), Aix-en-Provence, France

(Invited) **«Albert Camus oggi: l'assurdo e la rivolta»**, conference for the students of Liceo classico «Giuseppe Parini» of Milan, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016, Milan

(Invited) **Albert Camus: un intellettuale imbarcato da Algeri a Budapest**, [Albert Camus: an embarked intellectual from Algeri to Budapest] in *Albert Camus e la rivoluzione ungherese*, organized by *Centro Internazionale di Brera* during the *Bookcity Festival 2016*, 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> November 2016, Milan

Future events (2)

(Invited) **«Ciò che ci unisce al di là delle bestemmie e le preghiere»: contro il pluralismo delle trincee**, [«Beyond blasphemies and prayers»: against the pluralism of trenches] in *C'era una volta il dialogo? Giovani credenti e non-credenti a confronto*, University of Rome «Tor Vergata», March 2017, Rome

(CFP) **« Se moquer de la philosophie, c'est vraiment philosopher » : l'ironie philosophique d'Albert Camus entre *Le Mythe de Sisyphe* et *L'Impromptu des philosophes***, in *Le sourire de Camus*, organized by David H. Walker at the Institut Américain Universitaire (IAU), Aix en Provence, 9-11 November 2017

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