



## Pasquale Porro



**Date and place of birth:** 18 July 1964, Andria (BA), Italy

**Appointment to the Academy:** 8 Feb. 2003

**Scientific discipline:** History of Medieval Philosophy

**Academic title:** Full Professor

### Academic awards and distinctions

Former director of a local Research Team on the PRIN research programmes in 1997, 1999, 2002, 2004. Co-ordinator of an International Research Project (approved and co-financed by the Italian Government) on Medieval Philosophy, which establishes official, sponsored and continuous links between the Chair of History of Medieval Philosophy at the University of Bari and other prestigious international institutes: the Thomas-Institut der Universität zu Köln; the De Wulf-Mansioncentrum, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven; the University of Paris IV-Sorbonne; and the St. Kliment Ochdriski University of Sofia. Member since its foundation of EGSAMP (European Graduate School for Ancient and Medieval Philosophy), which has its administrative seat at the Thomas-Institut der Universität zu Köln. Director of the exchange programmes 'Socrates-Erasmus' between the University of Bari and the Universities of Sofia and Cologne. Member since its foundation of the 'Società Italiana per lo Studio del Pensiero Medievale' (SISPM), for which he was secretary up to 2003 and a member of the board up to 2005. Since 1989 he has been a member of the 'Société Internationale pour l'Étude de la Philosophie Médiévale' (SIEPM) and is also a member of the organizing committee for the academic programme of the XII International Conference of the Society, which will be held in Palermo in 2007. He is founder and co-editor, together with Costantino Esposito, of the international journal *Quaestio* (Brepols, Turnhout / Pagina, Bari) and of a series related to the journal ('*Biblioteca filosofica di Quaestio*'). He is a member of the advisory board of *Recherches de Théologie et Philosophie médiévales* and *Archiv für mittelalterliche Philosophie und Kultur*. He is also a member of the editorial board of the series '*Ancient and Medieval Philosophy*', published by the De Wulf-Mansioncentrum, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven.

### Academic background

Full Professor of History of Medieval Philosophy at the University of Bari (Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia, Dipartimento di Scienze Filosofiche); June 1992-March 2000 Research post in the same Department; April 2000-October 2002 Associate Professor of History of Medieval Philosophy. He obtained his Ph.D. from Rome 'La Sapienza' University and has held several research fellowships, in particular at the De Wulf-Mansioncentrum of the K.U. Leuven (Belgium) and at German Universities.

### Summary of scientific research

His main fields of research are: Henry of Ghent, on whom he has published a monograph (1990), as well as numerous articles and bibliographies; Thomas Aquinas and the first Thomistic school; the German Dominican School; the medieval concept of time, on which he has published, amongst other things, a monograph (Leuven University Press, 1996), a volume of collected essays (Brill, Leiden 2001) and the entry *Zeit. Mittelalter* for the *Historisches Wörterbuch der Philosophie*; the history of the concept of causality; the status of Metaphysics in the 13th and 14th centuries; the reception of Avicenna in the Latin West. He is the author of numerous essays published in various specialized international journals (in English, French and German, see list of publications). He has translated into Italian, with an introduction and commentary, *De ente et essentia, Super Boethium De Trinitate, Expositio libri Boethii De hebdomadibus*, by Thomas Aquinas. Together with Olga Lizzini, he has published the first Italian translation (with the Arabic and Latin texts) of Avicenna's *Metaphysics of the Book of the Cure*. Together with M. Bettetini, L. Bianchi and C. Marmo he has published the volume *Filosofia medievale*. He has written entries for the *Historisches Wörterbuch der Philosophie*, the *Dictionnaire du Moyen*

Age, for the new edition of the *Enciclopedia filosofica* and for the *Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy*. He participates in the Editorial Board currently preparing the critical edition of Henry of Ghent's *Opera Omnia* (De Wulf-Mansioncentrum, K.U. Leuven), and he has already critically edited some of the questions on Metaphysics attributed to Henry himself. He has organised two International Conferences: 'Transformations of the Concept of Time between the Middle Ages and the Modern Age' (Bari, December 1998) and 'Metaphysica – sapientia – scientia divina: The Subject and Status of First Philosophy in the Middle Ages' (Bari, June 2004, XV International Congress of the SISPM 'Società Italiana per lo Studio del Pensiero Medievale').

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