

Luca Simeoni - Curriculum

Luca Simeoni graduated in Philosophy (MA) in 1987 under the direction of prof. G. Giannantoni. In 1990 he achieved the MA in Letters and in 1996 the PhD in Philosophy.

He has matured his experience of search in the “Centro di Studio del Pensiero Antico” of the C.N.R. ; in the same Center he was assumed in 1996 as researcher with a forward contract. Currently he is researcher at “C.N.R. – Istituto per il Lessico Intellettuale Europeo e Storia delle Idee”.

He has taken part in numerous national and international Conventions and matured contacts with the team “Naturwissenschaft und ihre Rezeption” (University of Bamberg and University of Trier).

From the 1992 to 2009 he was in the editorial staff of “Elenchos”, Review of studies on the ancient thought, edited by C.N.R.

From 1996 to 2000 he held seminars on the relationships between science and philosophy in Plato, in Ancient academy and in Epicurus for the Chair of Ancient Philosophy’s History in the University of Rome “La Sapienza”.

In academic years 2002/3 - 2009/10 he taught History of Ancient Philosophy in the Faculty of Letter and Philosophy - University of Cassino as “Professore a contratto” (courses’ level: BA in Philosophy; MA in Greek and Latin Philological Studies).

He took part in the research program PRIN 2009 “Translatio studiorum e la formazione dell’identità intellettuale europea”, coordinated by prof. G. Piaia (effective from October 2011 to October 2013).

Currently he participates in the research program PRIN 2012 “L’universalità e i suoi limiti: meccanismi di inclusione ed esclusione nella storia della filosofia e nei dibattiti filosofici contemporanei”, coordinated by prof. L. Sturlese (effective from March 2014).

L. Simeoni studied the socratic tradition, particularly the testimony of Sextus Empiricus about the cyrenaic school. He also investigated the topic of astral theology in pseudo-platonic *Epinomis* and the etymology that in the platonic *Cratylus* binds the name of Chronos/Kronos with the notion of mind. His main research interests are however in methods and problems of ancient science:

- a) the greek astronomy, both in its cosmological aspect and in more properly scientific one (he has studied e.g. the first developments of greek astronomy, in reference to the tradition of the astro-meteorology and the role carried out from Plato and Eudoxus of Cnidus for the affirmation of a new conception of astronomy);

- b) the relation between science and philosophy in the greek-roman period (in particular he has studied the testimony of Philodemus about Plato and the mathematics; the conception of the mathematics in Theon of Smyrna; the role of Vitruvio regarding the mechanics; the concept of celestial matter; the notion of space and place in Lucretius);

- c) at the moment, he’s carrying on the study of astronomy of Eudoxus.