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CV

Giovanni Ventimiglia (nationality: Swiss and Italian) is full (ordinary) Professor of Philosophy at the University of Lucerne (2016-), where he serves as Vice Dean of the Faculty of Theology and as Member of the Research Committee of that University. He is director of the new Centre for Theology and Philosophy of Religions.

He is Visiting Professor of Medieval Philosophy in the Master in

philosophy at the University of Italian Switzerland, Lugano. He serves as referee for the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and for the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) and as expert for the Swiss Agency of Accreditation and Quality Assurance (AAQ). He is also Founding President of the Reginaldus Foundation, Switzerland.

From 2004 to 2016 he was ordinary professor of Theoretical Philosophy at the Faculty of Theology, Lugano, where he founded the Institute for Philosophical Studies (ISFI) (formerly the Istituto di Filosofia applicata) in 2003 (Director 2003-2017). In 2015 he founded the Aristotle College in Lugano of which he was Honorary President until 2020.

He received his Master Degree (*summa cum laude*) in Philosophy from the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Milan in 1988. After passing a national public selection process of the Italian Ministry for the University, he studied in Germany, where he specialized in medieval Philosophy at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich in 1995. He earned his PhD in Philosophy from the Catholic University, Milan, in 1996. He completed his post-doctoral studies at the Catholic University, Milan, from 1997 to 1999. After a national public competition in Italy, he was appointed Researcher in Theoretical Philosophy in 1999. He obtained the title of Associate Professor in 2001 at the Faculty of Theology in Lugano, the title of Extraordinary Professor in 2003 and of Ordinary Professor in 2004. He has been Researcher and Aggregate Professor at the Catholic University in Piacenza and Visiting Professor at the University of Pisa. He also earned the Italian national academic qualification (*Habilitation*) as Ordinary Professor of Theoretical Philosophy in 2013. He was Visiting Senior Research Fellow at Kings's College London (2015), and Academic Visitor at the University of Oxford (2015, 2017, 2018). In 2016 he was appointed Ordinary Professor of Philosophy at the University of Lucerne. He was founder and main editor of the book series "Thomistic Metaphysics and Analytical Metaphysics" (Carocci, Rome).

He was Deputy Director of the Augustinianum College, Catholic University, Milan, from 1988 to 1990 and from 1994 to 1998, Academic

Secretary of the Faculty of Theology of Lugano from 1999 to 2004, and member of the Commission of Culture of the City of Lugano from 2004 to 2008. He was founder and chairman of the non-profit Organization “Pro-filo umano”, whose main purpose is to promote philosophy as a form of social service.