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PhD Candidate in Religious Studies - Ethics of Procreation in Jewish Tradition

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ACADEMIC PROFILE

I work at the intersection of Jewish bioethics, reproductive ethics, and contemporary debates on the role of human agency in procreation. My academic interests include halakhic and post-halakhic approaches to reproductive technologies, theological and ethical questions surrounding human participation in creation, and the contribution of narrative, gender-sensitive, and relational perspectives to Jewish ethical reasoning. More broadly, I am interested in how Jewish thought engages with biotechnological change and how ethical frameworks - including those emerging from contemporary Orthodox Jewish feminism - can both respect tradition and respond to emerging reproductive challenges.

EDUCATION

Visiting Student, Centro Cardinal Bea, Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome
Oct 2025 – present

PhD Candidate in Religious Studies (DREST), FBK & University of Turin
Nov 2024 – present

Doctoral Project: *The Ethics of Procreation in Jewish Tradition: Bioethical Challenges Beyond Halakhic Legitimacy*

Master's Degree in Bioethics of Maternal-Infantile Age, LUMSA University, Rome
2023 – 2025

Thesis: *Reproductive Biotechnologies in Jewish Halakhic Thought — 110/110 with honors*
Supervisor: Mons. Renzo Pegoraro

Master's Degree in Philosophy and Modern Languages, University of Trento
2021 – 2023

Thesis: *Medically Assisted Procreation (MAP) in Halakhah and Israeli Law — 110/110 with honors*
Supervisors: Prof. Massimo Giuliani, Francesca Oliosi, Carlo Brentari

Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy, University of Trento
2017 – 2020

Thesis: *Social Justice and Individual Freedom: A Necessary Coexistence — 110/110 with honors*

Ulpan, Union of Italian Jewish Communities (UCEI), Rome
2021 – 2024

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Jewish Bioethics
- Ethics of Reproduction
- Halakhà & Post-Halakhic Approaches
- Philosophy of Halakhà
- Jewish Orthodoxy and Feminism

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Apostica, Georgiana. *Doing Right Beyond the Law: lifnim mi-shurat ha-din as a Transcendence of Halakhah*. Under peer review, **Annali di Studi Religiosi (FBK–ISR)**.

Apostica, Georgiana & Tommaso Ropelato. *The Principle of Presence: A Normative Framework for Relational Care in AI-Based Medicine*. Under peer review, **Ethics & Politics**.

Apostica, Georgiana. *Tzelem Elohim and the Ethics of Procreation: Between Theurgy and Reproductive Responsibility*. Under peer Review, **Journal of Jewish Ethics**.

CONFERENCES & TALKS

Summer Symposium - Ideologies of Conservation and Transformation

Bruno Kessler Foundation · June 2025

Talk: Transformation and Conservation in Jewish Bioethics

19th World Congress of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

4 Aug 2025

Presentation: *From Imitatio Dei to Methexis: The Mystical Meaning and Power of the Mitzvah of Procreation*

FoReSt (Forum of Religious Studies) – Organizer

Bruno Kessler Foundation – 27-29 Oct 2025

Centro Cardinal Bea, Rome

18 Nov 2025

Talk: *Rav Abraham Isaac Kook: Mysticism, Zionism, and the Vision of Dialogue*

GRANTS & AWARDS

- EAJIS World Congress of Jewish Studies Bursary Programme

LANGUAGES

Italian, Romanian: Native

English: C1

Spanish: B1–B2

Hebrew: A1–A2

MEMBERSHIPS

- EAJIS - European Association for Jewish Studies
- EUARE -European Academy of religion
- Havura (Israel National Library) - Co-Founder
- Network for European Philosophy and the Jewish Tradition (Antwerp & Leuven)

Updated to Sept. 2025