

CURRICULUM VITAE of Maria Amata Garito

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ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Since November 2016 Professor Emeritus of Experimental Pedagogy at the Faculty of Psychology of the International Telematic University UNINETTUNO
- Since October 2016 President of UNINETTUNO Foundation;
- Since September 2015 Scientific Advisor to the Minister of Education, University and Research - Stefania Giannini – for Technological Innovation and for the Relations with the Mediterranean Countries;
- President and Rector of the International Telematic University UNINETTUNO – since April 2005 to date;
- Director General and Coordinator of the Med Net'U - Mediterranean Network of Universities (a partnership for the creation of the Euro-Mediterranean Distance University – Project Leader) – from 2002 to 2006;
- Director General of RAI NETTUNO Sat cultural television channel – Rome, Italy from 1997 to date;
- Director General of NETTUNO, the Italian Distance University – Rome Italy, from 1991 to date;
- Full Professor of “Psycho-technologies” at the Faculty of Psychology of the International Telematic University UNINETTUNO since 2013;
- Professor of “Teaching and Learning technologies” at the Université Pantheon-Assas Paris – Paris, France – from 1996 to 1997;
- Full Professor of “Psychotechnologies” at the Faculty of Psychology of the University of Rome “La Sapienza”- Italy - from 1994 to 2013;
- Full Professor of “Teaching and Learning Technologies” at the University of Salerno, Italy from 1990 to 1994;
- Director General of CATTID (Centre for the Applications of Television and Distance Education Techniques at the University of Rome “La Sapienza”- Rome, Italy – from 1984 to 1990.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Permanent member of “CRE - Club of the Rectors of Europe”, based in Oxford since October 2014.
- Supervisor and author of the psycho-pedagogic and didactic model of the Project “EDUCAITALIA - L'Italia che Educa “Imparo la Lingua Italiana. Il Tesoro delle Lettere” to teach how to write and read in Italian to migrants since July 2013.
- Supervisor and author of the psycho-pedagogic and didactic model of the Literacy Diffusion Project “I Learn Arabic. The Treasure of the Letters” to teach how to read and write Arabic to Morocco’s illiterate people since 2008;
- Member of the EXPO Milan 2015 Scientific Committee from 2007 to 2010;
- From 2003 to 2006 Scientific Coordinator of the Euro-Mediterranean Ministers Conference for the Catania Process aimed at realising a Euro-Mediterranean Area for Higher Education – Development of a Euro-Mediterranean Distance University;
- UNESCO 2002 expert in charge of the design of the Arab Open University in Kuwait;
- Scientific Consultant for “Teaching and Learning Technologies” and for “Distance Teaching” - Minister of University and Scientific and Technological Research, Antonio Ruberti – from 1987 to 1992;
- Expert member of the Managing Committees for the following European Union research and training programs: TSER (from 1994 to 1998), TELEMATICS FOR KNOWLEDGE (from 1994 to 1998), ODL (from 1990 to 1994), PROMETEUS – MoU (of 1999/2000 and 2000/01), COMETT (from 1990 to 1994), DELTA (from 1988 to 1995).

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Her research activity was mainly focused on the following three fields:

1. **Training Structures and Methodologies;**
2. **Comparative Education;**
3. **New Technologies applied to Teaching and Learning Processes;**

It was carried out through the study and analysis of problems and experimentation and use of new media. The documentation of the results achieved was illustrated in many papers presented at conferences, in articles and books as well as in scientific television programs. The results achieved in the research area on the new technologies applied to the teaching and learning processes laid the foundations to design and realize the following structures: CATTID – Centre for the Applications of Television and Distance Education Techniques at the University of Rome “La Sapienza”, Consorzio NETTUNO and the International Telematic University UNINETTUNO and to design the psycho-pedagogic, organizational and technological models of Consorzio Nettuno and of the International Telematic University UNINETTUNO.

Organizational and psycho-pedagogic models of Distance University:

- International Telematic University UNINETTUNO;
- MED NET'U – Mediterranean Network of Universities (European Commission, in the framework of the EUMEDIS programme: from 2002 to date);
- LIVIUS – Learning in a Virtual Integrated University System – European Commission (2002/2003);
- ARAB OPEN UNIVERSITY Project –UNESCO assigned her the task of designing the organisational model of the ARAB OPEN UNIVERSITY and the television and Internet-based distance teaching platform - UNESCO (2002);

Formats and Patents

- Format of the Psycho-pedagogical – Didactic Model of the multimedia course for teaching Arabic “I learn Arabic – The Treasure of the Letters”
- Format of the Models: 1) Organizational– Educational, 2) Psycho-pedagogic – Didactic, 3) Technological Platform of the International Telematic University UNINETTUNO
- Format of the Organizational – Psycho-pedagogical Didactic Model - Design of the Educational Portal of NETTUNO University and of Med Net'U
- Format of the Model - HERMES – GIOTTO: Internet for teaching and learning
- Format aimed at realizing video lessons /e-learning.

Prizes and Awards

She received many prizes and awards at national and international level for the activity carried out at academic level and among them:

- The Bizz 2016 Prize awarded by the WorldCob in Houston, Texas, as successful leader working in an innovative, systematic way and for the excellence in the innovation field;
- The Mediterranean 2016 Prize awarded by the Mediterranean Association for activities carried on in educating young people, especially those coming from the Southern Shore of the Mediterranean Sea;
- International E-Learning Award 2014 conferred by IELA – International E-Learning Association, chaired by Prof. Guralnick of the University of Columbia - for the best E-learning portal at the global level; December 2014;
- ITEMA 2012 Award for the Culture Section for excellence in the Italy – Morocco Partnership, for the attention paid to young people, for the aid given to the fight against illiteracy in Morocco - November 2012;
- “La Calabria nel Mondo” International Prize for contributions to the Italian culture, as expert in the field of the new technologies and new languages – July 2005;
- Title of "Ufficiale al Merito" of the Italian Republic for her cultural and scientific achievements awarded the President of the Italian Republic, Mr. Carlo Azeglio Ciampi - June 2002;
- She was awarded the "Marisa Bellisario" prize of the work done in the field of communication technologies on the occasion of the its 12th Edition whose theme was “Woman, Communication and Technology” – May 2000;

- For six times the Hot Bird TV Award for the direction of the best educational and cultural satellite television channel for Europe, Asia, South America, RAI NETTUNO SAT.

Publications:

She produced over two hundred publications including books, essays and contributions to international journals related to the research issues mentioned above.

Contribution to International Conferences and Meetings:

Since 1995 to the present date she has been participating in over 400 international conference across the world in which she presented the outcomes of her research activities.