

## Rita Lizzi Testa

### Curriculum Vitae et studiorum

First degree in 1979 at the University of Florence, with a thesis on Synesius' *de regno*.  
 Master in Greek and Latin Philology at the University of Florence (1983-1987).  
 Scholarship at the Kings College of London (1987-1988) under the supervision of Prof. Averil Cameron.  
 Researcher of Greek and Roman History (1/08/1990), at the Department of History of the University of Turin next to Prof. Lellia Cracco Ruggini.  
 Associate Professor of Roman History (1/11/2001) at the University of Perugia.  
 Full Professor of Roman History (20/12/2006), at the University of Perugia.

Since 1995/96 she has been a Member of the Teaching Board of the Doctorate in *Storia antica (storia politica e culturale dell'antichità classica)*, at the University of Florence.

Since 2000 she has also been a Member of the Teaching Board of the Doctorate in *Storia antica (storia e storiografia dell'antichità classica)* at the University of Perugia, which had been called Doctorate in *Scienze Umane* (2013/14), and Doctorate in *Storia, arti e linguaggi nell'Europa antica e moderna*, (2014/2015).

Since 2002 she has been a Member of the Editorial staff of *Cristianesimo nella Storia* (edizioni Dehoniane, Bologna).

Since 2003 she directed Research Units in Perugia: PRIN 2003: *Istituzioni e carismi in età tardoantica* (Prot. 2003105894); PRIN 2006: *Istituzioni, carismi ed esercizio del potere al centro e nelle periferie dell'impero (IV-V sec. d.C.)* (Prot. 2006109057); PRIN 2010-2011: *Il Mediterraneo antico da Alessandro Magno a Giustiniano: continuità e discontinuità* (Prot. 20109AA2AL).

She was Member of the International Research Project HAR2008- 04355/HI ST (2009-2013): *Las leyes contra los heréticos bajo la dinastía teodosiana (379-455) y su efectiva aplicación*, financed by the Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovacion in Madrid.

She was Member of the International Research Project HAR2013-041470-P (2014-2016): *Políticas religiosas y legislación imperial de Constantino I a Teodosio II (306-450)*.

Since 2004 she has been a Member of the International Advisory Board of "CUA Studies in Early Christianity" in Washington.

Since 1st of September to 20th of December 2006 she has been Member of the Faculty of the School of Historical Studies, in the Institute for Advanced Study of Princeton.

Since 31st of March 2008 is member of the Accademia di San' Ambrogio.

Since 2013 she is Member of International Advisory Board for the Series NAPS-Christianity in Late Antiquity Book Series

Since 2014 she is member of Academic Advisory Board relating to the ERC CoG 'Invention and constraints. Anchoring sole rule in the Roman World (50Bc-AD800)

Since 2016 she is member of the Editorial Board of the New Journal online *Studies in Late Antiquity: A Journal*.

She gave many papers at many International Congresses and Conferences and she organized many International Congresses and Conferences in Perugia, Roma, Florence, Budapest.

In 2014 she was Member of the Summer University (Central European University, Budapest 1051, Nador Street 9, Hungary) as a Director of a summer school with Marianne Saghy, CEU, and Noel Lenski, Yale University) (Budapest, 29 giugno-6 luglio 2014).

In 2015 she has been the Organizer of ST6 'Late Antiquity in Contemporary Debate' at XXIIInd International Congress of Historical Sciences (CISH/ ICHS) Jinan (China), 23th – 29th August 2015. The Proceedings are going to be published by the Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

The main subjects of her research activity are:

1. The Christianization and the conversion of the Roman Empire. In the East, she has explored the evolution of the bishops' role in the governance of late antique towns, alongside and in competition with civic authorities. In the West, she has analyzed the homilies of Ambrose of Milan and of a number of bishops around him, comparing their production with the archeological artifacts and epigraphical sources, in order to show the progress of Christianization in the northern towns and countryside.
2. The expressive forms and the political function of rhetoric, with an investigation of the evolution and the meaning of some literary genres. She focussed on the historiographical, the poetical and the biographical genres, from the Augustean to the late antique expressions.
3. The institutional changes from Constantine to Theodose I, with respect to the function of senatorial aristocracy in the Urbs, as a mediating force between the imperial power and the citizens, analysing the forces that played a role in law-making from legislative drafting to actual implementation.
4. The relationship between Pagans and Christians in Late Antiquity and the research on the conflict and dialogue between different religions.
5. Translation and historical Comment of Cassiodorus' *Variae*
6. The canonical collections and the *Collectio Avellana*

She wrote 3 books:

*Il potere episcopale nell'Oriente romano. Rappresentazione ideologica e realtà politica (IV-V secolo d.C.)*, Roma 1987

*Vescovi e strutture ecclesiastiche nella città tardoantica (l'Italia Annonaria nel IV-V secolo d.C.)*, Como 1989

*Senatori, popolo, papi. Il governo di Roma al tempo dei Valentiniani (Munera 21)*, Bari 2004

She was the Editor of 8 volumes:

J.-M. Carrié - R. Lizzi Testa (éd.), *Humana Sapit. Études d'antiquité tardive offertes à Lellia Cracco Ruggini*, Paris 2002

R. Lizzi Testa (ed.), *Le trasformazioni delle élites in età tardoantica*, Roma 2006

R. Lizzi Testa (ed.), *Le relazioni tra pagani e cristiani: nuove prospettive su un antico tema*, CrSt, 30, 2 (2009), 255-481

G. Bonamente, R. Lizzi Testa (a cura di), *Istituzioni, carismi ed esercizio del potere (IV-VI secolo d.C)* (Munera, 31), Bari Edipuglia 2010

P. Brown -R. Lizzi Testa (eds.), *Pagans and Christians in the Roman Empire: The Breaking of a Dialogue (IVth-VIth Century A.D.). Proceedings of the International Conference at the Monastery of Bose (20-22 ottobre 2008)*, (Christianity and History, 9), LIT Verlag, Münster 2011

G. Bonamente - N. Lenski - R. Lizzi Testa (a c. di), *Costantino prima e dopo Costantino. Constantine before and after Constantine*, Bari 2012

R. Lizzi Testa (Ed.), *The Strange Death of Pagan Rome. Reflexions on a Historiographical Controversy*, Brepols Publishers, Turnhout 2013

M.V. Escribano - R. Lizzi Testa, *Entre política, religión y legislación (ss. IV y V d. C.): convergencias, antagonismos y rectificaciones*, Bari Edipuglia 2014

She wrote also more than 100 contributions, and she is going to publish 2 more books: *Selected Papers* for the Variorum Collected Studies Series (Ashgate); *Pagani, Cristiani e Giudei durante il regno di Costantino*

She was born in Italy, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1956. She got married with prof. Marco Testa, historian of Art, in 1992. They have a daughter, Giulia, 22 years old.