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Professor Ilaria L.E. Ramelli, FRHistS, holds two MAs, a PhD, a Doctorate h.c., a Postdoc, and various Habilitations to Ordinarius. She has been Professor of Roman History, Senior Visiting Professor (Harvard; Boston University; Columbia; Erfurt University), Full Professor of Theology and Endowed Chair (Angelicum), Humboldt Research Award Senior Fellow (Erfurt U. MWK), Professor of Theology (Durham University, Hon.), and Senior Fellow in Classics / Ancient Philosophy / Hellenic Studies / Theology and Religion (Durham U., twice; Princeton; Sacred Heart University; CEU Institute for Advanced Studies; Corpus Christi, Oxford U.; Christ Church, Oxford U.). She is also Professor of Patristics and Church History (KUL) and Senior Fellow at Bonn University, then Humboldt Research Award Return Senior Fellow, and Member, Center for the Study of Platonism, University of Cambridge (<https://www.platonism.divinity.cam.ac.uk/directory>).

She investigates ancient philosophy, especially Platonism and Stoicism, ancient theology (esp. Patristic Philosophy and Christian Platonism, besides Judaism and ancient 'pagan' religions), the interrelations between philosophy, theology, and science; ancient Christianity, Classics, and Late Antiquity, and has authored numerous books, articles, and reviews in leading scholarly journals and series, in these areas. Examples at <https://orcid.org/0000-0003-1479-4182>

Recent books include: *Allegoria* (Sacred Heart University 2004), *Basileus Nomos Empsykhos* (Bibliopolis 2006), *Gregory of Nyssa on the Soul and the Resurrection* (Bompiani-Sacred Heart University 2007), *The Roman Stoics* (Bompiani 2008), *Hierocles the Stoic* (Brill-SBL 2009), *Pre-Existence of Souls?* (Peeters 2013), *The Christian Doctrine of Apokatastasis: A Critical Assessment from the New Testament to Eriugena* (Brill 2013), *Evagrius' Kephalaia Gnostica* (Brill-SBL 2015), *The Role of Religion in Shaping Narrative Forms* (Mohr Siebeck 2015), *Social Justice and the Legitimacy of Slavery: The Role of Philosophical Asceticism from Ancient Judaism to Late Antiquity* (OUP 2016), *Evagrius between Origen, the Cappadocians, and Neoplatonism* (Peeters 2017), *Bardaisan of Edessa: A Reassessment* (Gorgias 2009; De Gruyter 2019), *A Larger Hope? Universal Salvation in Christianity from the Origins to Julian of Norwich*, pref. Richard Bauckham (Cascade, Wipf & Stock 2019), *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to World Literature, 1: To 600 CE* (co-ed., Oxford 2020), *Terms for Eternity: Aiōnios and Aīdios in Classical and Christian Authors* (Gorgias 2007; De Gruyter 2021), *Patterns of Women's Leadership in Early Christianity* (OUP 2021), *Eriugena's Christian Neoplatonism and its Sources in Ancient and Patristic Philosophy* (Peeters 2021), *Lovers of the Soul, Lovers of the Body: Philosophical and Religious Perspectives from Late Antiquity* (Harvard 2022), *T&T Clark Handbook of the Early Church* (co-ed., T&T Clark-Bloomsbury Academic 2021, 2024), *The Construction of Professional Identities in Late Antiquity* (co-ed.), *Origen, the Philosophical Theologian: Kleine Schriften with unpublished essays* (DeGruyter 2025), *The Seneca–Paul Correspondence: New Research* (forthc.) and *Human and Divine Nous from Ancient to Renaissance Philosophy and Religion: Key Themes, Intersections, and Developments*. Her current work includes ethical intellectualism in ancient to late antique philosophy; Ammonius, Origen, and Plotinus and the negotiation of Plato's legacy; the category and the protagonists and philosophical issues of Patristic Philosophy and Christian Platonism; John 13-17 and its Patristic reception (including major themes in Patristic philosophy); the role of the rejection of philosophical enquiry (along with other factors) in the dismissal of the doctrine

of apokatastasis by the "Church of the Empire" in late antiquity; and the theories of epistrophē and apokatastasis in ancient and patristic philosophy and their interrelation.