

GREGORIO BALDIN, Ph.D.

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Nationality: Italian
 Date of birth: 29/08/1986
 Place of birth: Novara (Italy)

1) CURRENT POSITION:

- Since 2022, June 1st: **Assistant professor** (RtdB) – tenure-track – of History of Philosophy at Università del Piemonte Orientale, Dipartimento di Studi umanistici, Vercelli (settore M-FIL/06, Storia della filosofia).
- Since 2019, July 2nd: Associate researcher (*chercheur rattaché*) at IHRIM (Institut d'Histoire des Représentations et des Idées dans les Modernités) UMR 5317, ENS de Lyon.

2) PREVIOUS POSITIONS:

- 2023-2024: (June-September, 2023 and June-September, 2024: senior fellow of the **Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung (Humboldt-Forschungsstipendium für erfahrene Wissenschaftler)**, Philipps-Universität Marburg.
- July 1st, 2019-May, 31st, 2022: Professor of philosophy and history at Istituto “Des Ambrois” (Liceo classico, scientifico, linguistico e sportivo), Oulx (Turin, Italy).
- July 2018-June 2019: Post-doc at Università Ca’ Foscari, Venezia (in the context of the program ERC: *EarlyModernCosmology – Institutions and Metaphysics of Cosmology in the Epistemic Networks of Seventeenth-Century Europe*).
- October 2017-June 2018: Professor of philosophy and history at Liceo classico e linguistico statale “Carlo Alberto,” Novara, Italy.
- June-July 2017: Researcher (Boursier Regard) at Institut d'Histoire de la Réformation, Université de Genève, Switzerland.
- October 2016-June 2017: Teacher at Liceo (High School) in Novara, Italy.
- October 2015-September 2016: Post-doc at École Normale Supérieure de Lyon (LabEx COMOD, supervisor: prof. Pierre-François Moreau), France.
- November 2011—October 2014: PhD student in Philosophy and History of Philosophy at the University of Piemonte Orientale (supervisor: prof. Gianni Paganini), Vercelli, Italy.

3) EDUCATION AND DEGREES:

- 2019: *Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale*** a professore di II fascia nel settore concorsuale 11/C5, Storia della filosofia (validità 2019–2025).
- 2018: *Qualification française au titre de maître des conférences***, section 17, Philosophie.
- ***Qualification française au titre de maître des conférences***, section 72, Epistémologie, histoire des sciences et des techniques.
- 2015: *Cultore della materia*** in History of Philosophy at the Università del Piemonte Orientale, Vercelli (settore M-FIL/06, Storia della filosofia).
- ***TFA*** (Teaching qualification for the Liceo (High School) in history and philosophy), University of Turin.

- February, 27th: **PhD dissertation in Philosophy and History of Philosophy**, University of Piemonte Orientale (supervisor: prof. Gianni Paganini). Title of dissertation: *Una visione meccanicista del mondo: Galileo e Mersenne nella filosofia naturale di Thomas Hobbes*.
- 2011**: Postgraduate degree (master) in Civic Education, at *Ethica Foundation* (Asti, Italy), in collaboration with *The James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions of Princeton University* (Director: prof. Maurizio Viroli).
- Laurea magistrale (Master degree) in Philosophy at University of Piemonte Orientale. Field: History of philosophy (supervisor: prof. Gianni Paganini; final score: 110/110 cum laude and honourable mention).
- 2009**: Laurea triennale (Bachelor degree) in Philosophy and public communication, Università del Piemonte Orientale. Field: Cultural Anthropology. Final score: 110/110.
- 2005**: Diploma di maturità (High School Diploma) at Liceo Classico Statale “Carlo Alberto”, Novara (Italy).

4A) TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN THE UNIVERSITIES:

Since September 2022: Assistant professor (Università del Piemonte Orientale, Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici) of:

- 1) History of modern philosophy (bachelor degree's program)
- 2) History of contemporary philosophy (bachelor degree's program)
- 3) Classics of early modern philosophy (bachelor degree's program)
- 4) Philosophy and secularisation (master degree's program)

2019, February-March: Teaching assistant in History of philosophy and history of contemporary philosophy (M-FIL/06), Università del Piemonte Orientale (chair: prof. Gianni Paganini). Teaching subjects: a) Bachelor degree's program: Hegel, Feuerbach and the left Hegelians, Marx, Kierkegaard, Spencer and Positivism, Nietzsche, and Tocqueville's *La démocratie en Amérique*. Master degree's program: Hobbes' physics and first philosophy in his *Anti-White*.

2018, May: Teaching assistant in History of philosophy (M-FIL/06), Università del Piemonte Orientale (chair: prof. Gianni Paganini). Teaching subjects: a) Bachelor degree's program: Hobbes' *Leviathan*.

2016, May: Teaching assistant in History of modern philosophy (M-FIL/06), Università del Piemonte Orientale. Teaching subjects: Bachelor degree's program: Thomas Hobbes.

2014, Teaching assistant in History of philosophy (M-FIL/06), Università del Piemonte Orientale (Chair: prof. Gianni Paganini). Teaching subjects: a) Bachelor degree's program: Clandestine philosophical Literature in the 16th and the 17th centuries, in connection with its ancient and modern sources; b) Master degree's program: David Hume's *Dialogues concerning Natural Religion* in connection with early modern British philosophy and its ancient sources.

2014, February-June: Teaching assistant in History of modern philosophy (M-FIL/06), Università del Piemonte Orientale. Teaching subjects: Bachelor degree's program: History of Modern Philosophy from the 16th to the Early 18th Century.

2013, February-June: Teaching assistant in History of modern philosophy (M-FIL/06), Università del Piemonte Orientale. Teaching subjects: a) Bachelor degree's program: Giordano Bruno, the rise of Modern Science, Francis Bacon, Galileo Galilei, Thomas Hobbes, Baruch Spinoza, John Locke.

4B) DISCUSSANT AND CO-DISCUSSANT OF BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S THESES, TUTORING ACTIVITY FOR STUDENTS:

Since 2022: Discussant and co-discussant of bachelor's and master's theses at Università del Piemonte Orientale.

2015-2019: tutoring activity for students in the drafting of bachelor's and master's theses in the field of history of philosophy (M-FIL/06), Università del Piemonte Orientale.

4C) RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN THE UPO UNIVERSITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES (DISUM)

Since 2023 (June): appointed responsible for the pre- and post-graduate orientation within the course of Philosophy, Department of Humanities, UPO, Vercelli.

Since 2023 (January): member of the teaching board of the PhD program: FINO, Northwestern Italian Philosophy Consortium (Universities of Torino, Genova, Pavia, Piemonte Orientale)

Since 2023 (October): PI of the research group **PhASe** Philosophy, Atheism and Secularisation: the Birth of Modern Age (2023-2025) within the Università del Piemonte Orientale, financed by MUR - DM 737/2021 of PNR and Compagnia di San Paolo.

Since 2023 (November): vice PI and responsible of the research unit within the Università del Piemonte Orientale PRIN 2022 PNRR (PNRR M4C2) – “Rethinking the Theory and Practice of Greenwashing” – ID Progetto P2022ALLM.

5) RESEARCH'S EXPERIENCES AND COLLABORATIONS WITH RESEARCH'S GROUPS:

Since 2023 (November): vice PI and responsible of the research unit within the Università del Piemonte Orientale PRIN 2022 PNRR (PNRR M4C2) – “Rethinking the Theory and Practice of Greenwashing” – ID Progetto P2022ALLM.

Since 2019, July: associate researcher (*chercheur rattaché*) at IHRIM (Institut d'Histoire des Représentations et des Idées dans les Modernités) UMR 5317, ENS de Lyon.

2017-2020: member of research's group PRIN: “The Continental Hobbes: Constellations, Studies, Fortune, Texts,” Università del Piemonte Orientale. Director: prof. Gianni Paganini (within the National Research Program (PRIN) on “Conceptual Constellations of early modern philosophy. Sources, texts, fortune”, grouping together ten research units belonging to different Universities (Pisa, Scuola Normale Superiore, Modena, Lecce, Vercelli, Napoli “L'Orientale”, Tuscia, Trento, Bologna, Venezia)).

2018, July-2019, June: member of the ERC research's group: *EarlyModernCosmology - Institutions and Metaphysics of Cosmology in the Epistemic Networks of Seventeenth-Century Europe*, Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia).

2015, October-2016, October: member of the research's group: LabEX Comod (Laboratoire d'excellence constitution de la modernité) at Institut d'Histoire de la Pensée Classique (till December, 2015) and Institut d'Histoire des Représentations et des Idées dans les Modernités (since January, 2016) UMR 5317 ENS de Lyon. Director: prof. Pierre-François Moreau).

2013-2016: member of the research's group PRIN: “Hobbes e il pensiero radicale del diciassettesimo secolo”. Director: prof. Gianni Paganini, Università del Piemonte Orientale.

2011-2014: collaboration with the research program: “Hobbes e la rivoluzione galileiana” led by prof. Gianni Paganini at *Centro interdisciplinare di ricerca Beniamino Segre, Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei* (Rome).

2010: collaboration with: *Edizione Nazionale delle Opere di Antonio Vallisneri*, Milan (Digital edition of the correspondence: Caccia-Vallisneri).

6) AWARDS AND SHORT-STAY RESEARCH'S GRANTS:

2020, November 10th: winner of a 12 months **Humboldt-Forschungsstipendium für erfahrene Wissenschaftler** (Humboldt Research Fellowship for experienced researchers) – **Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung**.

Topic: From the Lion to the Leviathan. Venice, Secularization, and the Early Modern Political Philosophy.

2017, June-July: Bourse « **Georges et Pierre Regard** », Institut d'Histoire de la Réformation de Genève.

Topic: Paolo Sarpi's relations with Jean Diodati and the reformed circles in Geneva.

7) MAIN RESEARCH'S FIELDS:

Fields:

Early modern intellectual history;
History of Renaissance and early modern philosophy;
Early modern political thought;
Early modern atheism;
Early modern science.

Topics and authors:

Thomas Hobbes; Paolo Sarpi; Jean Bodin; Niccolò Machiavelli; atheism and secularisation in early modern philosophy; sovereignty, and political theology in early modern philosophy; the Republic of Venice in Renaissance and early modern political philosophy; the development of the Scientific Revolution; Galileo Galilei; Hugo Grotius.

Others fields of interest:

Contemporary philosophy; psychoanalysis; social anthropology; mythology; the question of method between philosophy and social science.

The connection between history of art, intellectual history and philosophy.

8) TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- 1) *Le vocabulaire scientifique de Hobbes* in *NeoLatinLyon2016*, École Normale Supérieure, Lyon, April 18-21, 2016.
- 2) *Hobbes: principi di una filosofia "galileiana"* in *Seminario LIMES, Linguaggi, Mente e Scienza*, Consorzio di dottorato FINO, Università del Piemonte Orientale, Vercelli, March 8, 2017.
- 3) *Le différent rôle de l'imagination chez Descartes et Hobbes*, in *Image, imaginaire et imagination chez Descartes et leur réception chez ses contemporains*, (Colloque International) Université de Strasbourg, Strasbourg, March 29-30, 2017.
- 4) *Séminaire Descartes: discussions autour de l'ouvrage de Renée Raphael: Reading Galileo. Scribal Technologies and the Two New Sciences* (J. Hopkins U. P., 2017), Présentation par G. Baldin. Interventions de F. de Buzon (Strasbourg), D. Garber (Princeton), A. Malet (Barcelona), I. Pantin (ENS Paris), ENS de Paris, 10 janvier 2018.
- 5) *Paolo Sarpi e Thomas Hobbes. Eredità aristoteliche e filosofia galileiana*, in *Thomas Hobbes nel 430° anniversario della nascita*, Università di Urbino, Urbino, 15 marzo 2018.
- 6) *L'Ercole gallico e il Leviatano: Thomas Hobbes e le guerre di religione*, Università di Firenze, Firenze, 20 aprile 2018
- 7) *Paolo Sarpi's religion*, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Venice, October 17, 2018.
- 8) *Against Aristotle and Metaphysics: Paolo Sarpi's Natural Philosophy*, in International conference: *Les Fondements d'une autre modernité/The Foundation of another modernity, Les philosophies alternatives du xviiie siècle/Seventeenth century alternative philosophies*, Colloque international ENS - Collegium de Lyon, Lyon, May 17-18, 2019

- 9) *Marsilio Ficino's Theory of Light, and Marin Mersenne in Marsilio Ficino's Cosmology: Sources, Reception, Historiography*, International Workshop ERC EarlyModernCosmology, Ca'Foscari University of Venice, Venice, May 21-22, 2019.
- 10) *Hobbes e le guerre di religione: la costruzione della sovranità in epoca moderna*, in *La filosofia politica di Hobbes*, Università degli studi di Milano, Milan, October 3-4, 2022.
- 11) *Sarpi e Hobbes*, in *L'antipapa: nuove ricerche su Paolo Sarpi nel quadricentenario della morte*, Università "La Sapienza" di Roma, Rome, October 14-15, 2022.
- 12) *Un frère libertin ? Paolo Sarpi et la culture libertine française du XVII^e siècle*, in *Libertini italiani / Libertins italiens*, Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3, Maison internationale des langues et des cultures, Lyon, November 24-25, 2022.
- 13) *Paolo Sarpi tra "Fizione" e "Tora": teologia politica e religione al servizio della Serenissima*, Seminario permanente di storia della filosofia: *Teologia politica e democrazia moderna*, Università "La Sapienza", Roma, February 7th, 2023.
- 14) *Paolo Sarpi entre Lucrèce et Machiavel: analyse philosophique et usage politique de la religion*, in *Spectres de Paolo Sarpi entre Histoire et Mémoire*, Université de Lyon 3, 27-28 juin 2023.

9) LANGUAGES SKILLS:

Modern Languages:

- **Italian** (mother tongue)
- **French**
- **English**

Ancient Languages:

- **Latin**: excellent
- **Ancient Greek**: good

10) JOURNALS' REFEREE:

- *History of Political Thought*
- *History of European Ideas*
- *Hobbes Studies*

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS:

A) BOOKS:

- 1) *Thomas Hobbes. Filosofia e politica nell'Europa del Seicento* (Series: "Le Frecce"), Roma: Carocci, 2025, under print, p. 348.
- 2) *La croisée des savoirs. Hobbes, Mersenne, Descartes* (Series: 'Philosophie'), Milan: Éditions Mimésis, 2020, p. 349 (ISBN: 9788869762079).

Book reviews: Éric Marquer, *Archives de philosophie*, 2020/2, p. 202; Roger Ariew, *Hobbes Studies* 36, 2 (2023), pp. 197-212.

- 3) *Hobbes e Galileo. Metodo, materia e scienza del moto* (Series: "Biblioteca di Galilaeana", vol. 6), Firenze: Olschki, 2017, p. XXIII + 242 (ISBN: 9788822264930).

Book reviews: Salvatore Grandone, *Figure dell'immaginario* (ISSN 2385-197X), 21/02/2018; Iacopo Chiaravalli, *Universa. Recensioni di filosofia*, 7, n. 1 (2018), pp. 12-14; José Médina, *Archives de philosophie*, 2018/2, p. 405; Franco Ferrarotti, *La critica sociologica*, 52, n. 206 (2018), pp. 88-89; Guido Frilli, *Isis*, 109, n. 2 (2018), pp. 400-401; Carla Rita Palmerino, *Renaissance Quarterly*, 72, n. 3 (2019), 1114-1116; Lorenzo Vinciguerra, *Revue philosophique de la France et de l'étranger*, 2019/4, p. 560.

- 3B) Engl. Trans.: *Hobbes and Galileo. Method, Matter, and the Science of Motion* (Series: "International Archives of the History of Ideas", vol. 230), Switzerland: Springer, 2020, XXIV+203 p., 31 illus. (ISBN: 9783030414139; eBook ISBN: 9783030414146)

Book reviews: Federico Pierucci, *Nuncius*, 35/2 (2020), pp. 441-443; Douglas M. Jesseph, *Hobbes Studies*, 34 (2021) pp. 241-249.

B1) ARTICLES IN CLASS A JOURNALS IN THE SECTOR 11/C5 (HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY):

- 1) "Hobbes and Sarpi: method, matter, and natural philosophy," *Galilaeana*, 10 (2013), pp. 84-118.
- 2) "Thomas Hobbes e la Repubblica di Venezia," *Rivista di Storia della filosofia*, 4/2015, pp. 717-741.
- 3) "Archi, spiriti e conatus: Hobbes e Descartes sui principi della fisica," *Historia Philosophica*, 15 (2017), pp. 147-165
- 4) "Thomas Hobbes, le guerre di religione e il mito dell'Ercole gallico," *Rivista di Storia della filosofia*, 1/2018, pp. 1-28.
- 5) "Points, atoms and rays of light: history of a controversy from Mersenne to Hobbes," *Galilaeana*, 15 (2018), pp. 31-60.
- 6) "Filosofie della sovranità: Sarpi e Hobbes eredi di Bodin," *Giornale critico della filosofia italiana*, vol. 15, Iss. 1 (2019), pp. 55-74.
- 7) "Thomas Hobbes and Francis Bacon's Concept of *spiritus*," *Rivista di Storia della filosofia*, 3/2019, pp. 396-424.
- 8) "'Falsehood Never, the Truth Not to Everyone.' Philosophy, Dissimulation, and Atheism in Paolo Sarpi's Correspondence and *Pensieri*," *Historia Philosophica*, 17 (2019), pp. 11-32.
- 9) "From Aristotelianism to Galilean science: Paolo Sarpi's natural philosophy," *Intellectual History Review*, Vol. 32, Iss. 2 (2022), pp. 179-196.

- 10) “Secularisation of Political Theology and the Birth of Modern Political Thought: Paolo Sarpi Teaches Thomas Hobbes,” *Bruniana & Campanelliana*, 1 (2023), pp. 145-168.
- 11) “Paolo Sarpi entre Lucrèce et Machiavel: philosophie épicurienne, anthropologie et politique de la religion”, *La Lettre Clandestine*, 32 (2024), pp. 159-179.
- 12) “‘Romulus was not less prince than Trajan’ Paolo Sarpi reader of Jean Bodin and theorist of sovereignty (the early consulti, 1606)”, submitted to *Intellectual History Review*.
- 13) “Under the guidance of Chiron: anthropology, conflict and ‘political realism’ in Machiavelli”, submitted to *Paradigmi*.

B2) ARTICLES IN OTHER CLASS A JOURNALS:

- 14) “The Republic of Venice and the development of Jean Bodin’s idea of sovereignty, from the *Methodus* to the *République*,” *History of Political Thought*, Vol. 42, No. 4 (2021), pp. 602-626.

B3) OTHER ARTICLES:

- 15) “Hobbes, Sarpi and the Inderdict of Venice,” *Storia del pensiero politico*, 2/2016, pp. 261-280.
- 16) “La réflexion de l’arc et le conatus: aux origines de la physique de Hobbes,” *Philosophical Enquiries. Revue des philosophies Anglophones*, 7 (2016), pp. 15-42.
Online: <http://www.philosophicalenquiries.com/numero7article2Baldin.html>
- 17) “Irenista, calvinista, scettico, o ateo nascosto? Il dibattito sulla religione di Paolo Sarpi,” *Etica & Politica/Ethics & Politics*, 20 (2018), Iss. 3, pp. 121-161.
Online: http://www2.units.it/etica/2018_3/BALDIN.pdf
- 18) “Nothing but the Name of God: Hobbes on Theology and Religion,” *Les Dossiers du Grihl*, 3/2022, « Irréligion, libertinage, athéisme »
Online: <https://journals.openedition.org/dossiersgrihl/7546>
- 19) “Paolo Sarpi e Hugo Grotius: un dialogo mancato? Alcune osservazioni su sovranità, *jus circa sacra* e *fundamentalia fidei*,” *Isonomia*, 8 (2019), pp. 1-37.
Online: https://isonomia.uniurb.it/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Gregorio_Baldin_Sarpi_Grotius_Isonomia_Storica_Maggio_2019.pdf
- 20) “Chiesa, scomunica e *potestas indirecta*: Sarpi e Hobbes, lettori di Marsilio e critici di Bellarmino,” *Dianoia*, 28 (2019), pp. 109-130.
- 21) “A ‘Galilean philosopher’? Thomas Hobbes between Aristotelianism and Galilean Science,” *Philosophies*, 7 (2022), special issue on Hobbes’ philosophy of science, ed. by D.M. Jessep, accepted on October 6th, 2022.
Online: <https://www.mdpi.com/2409-9287/7/5/116>
- 22) “Un «frère libertin»? Paolo Sarpi et les libertins français du XVII^e siècle (Naudé, La Mothe Le Vayer, Patin et le cercle Dupuy)” in *Libertinage et philosophie à l’époque classique*, 20 (2023), special issue on *Libertins italiens / Libertini italiani* eds. N. Gengoux, P. Girard, M. Laerke, R. Ruggiero, pp. 163-192.

B4) BOOK CHAPTERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO VOLUMES:

- 23) “Beyond the name of God’: the infinite, the *causa prima*, or an ‘empty name’? The foundations of Hobbes’ philosophical atheism,” in A. Mckenna and G. Mori (eds.), *Philosophie et scepticisme de Montaigne à Hume. Mélanges en l’honneur de Gianni Paganini*, Honoré

Champion, Paris, 2023, pp. 117-132 (an early version of this article already appeared as a part of: B3, 14).

C) BOOK REVIEWS:

- 1) Massimo Bucciantini, Michele Camerota, Franco Giudice, *Il telescopio di Galileo. Una storia europea*, Einaudi, Torino, 2012, *Rivista di Storia della Filosofia*, 3/2013, pp. 626-630.
- 2) John Christian Laursen and Gianni Paganini (eds.), *Skepticism and Political Thought in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries*, University of Toronto Press in association with the UCLA Center for Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Centuries Studies and the William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, s.l. 2015, *Rivista di Storia della Filosofia*, 3/2016, pp. 542-548.
- 3) Thomas Hobbes, *De Homine – De l'homme*, éd. latine et traduction, sous la direction de Jean Terrel, Vrin, Paris, 2015, *Rivista di Storia della Filosofia* 3/2018.
- 4) Cecilia Muratori and Gianni Paganini (eds.), *Early Modern Philosophers and the Renaissance Legacy*, Springer, Switzerland, 2016, *Rivista di Filosofia*, vol. CIX, n. 2, agosto 2018, pp. 319-315.
- 5) Renée Raphael, *Reading Galileo. Scribal Technologies and the Two New Sciences*, John Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, 2017, *Mefisto. Rivista di Medicina, Filosofia, Storia*, 1/2018, pp. 101-108.
- 6) Luca Addante, *Tommaso Campanella. Il filosofo immaginato, interpretato, falsato*, Laterza, Roma-Bari, 2018, *Rivista di Storia della Filosofia*, 1/2019, pp. 159-164.
- 7) Gianluca Briguglia, *Il pensiero politico medievale*, Einaudi, Torino, 2018. *Rivista di Storia della Filosofia*, 2/2020, pp. 347-353.
- 8) Gianluca Mori, *Athéisme et dissimulation au XVIIe siècle. Guy Patin et le Theophrastus redivivus*, with a preface by Antony McKenna, Paris, Honoré Champion, 2022, *Intellectual History Review* (published online on October 6th, 2022) DOI: 10.1080/17496977.2022.2122113.
- 9) Anna Lisa Schino, *Batailles libertines. La vie l'œuvre de Gabriel Naudé*, Honoré Champion, Paris, 2020, *Rivista di Storia della Filosofia*, 1/2023, pp. 184-186.
- 10) Vittorio Frajese, *Une histoire homosexuelle. Paolo Sarpi et la recherche de l'individu à Venise au XVII^e siècle*, tr. de Julia Castiglione, Classiques Garnier, Paris, 2022, *La Lettre Clandestine*, N° 31, 2023, pp. 265-269.
- 11) Guido Frilli, *L'apparente saggezza. Machiavelli, Hobbes e la critica dell'umanesimo*, Orthotes, Napoli-Salerno, 2021, *Rivista di Storia della Filosofia*, 3/2023, pp. 485-488.

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