

RICHARD DIXON was born in July 1956. He attended King Henry VIII School, Coventry and studied Business Law at Lanchester Polytechnic, Coventry. After graduating, he was called to the Bar as a member of the Middle Temple, London in 1978.

He worked as a barrister for nine years at no.2 Dr Johnson's Buildings, Temple, and developed a broad practice, including cases that reached the Court of Appeal and House of Lords (now the Supreme Court).

He left the law in 1989 and moved to Italy's Marche region with his partner, now husband, Peter Greene. During the early 1990s, they wrote a number of guidebooks including *Italy on Backroads* (Duncan Petersen, 1993); *3-D City Guide: Rome* (Duncan Petersen, 1995); *Charming Small Hotels: Tuscany and Umbria* (Duncan Petersen, 1995); *Central Italy: The Versatile Guide* (Duncan Petersen, 1996) and *Le Marche: The Gateway to Central Italy* (Aerdorica, 2000).

His radio play *Just Another Case* was broadcast on BBC Radio 4 and BBC World Service in 1992. *Daniel's Complaint*, written for theatre, received professional readings.

In 1996 he began full-time work as a translator. He has been a member of the **Associazione Italiana Traduttori e Interpreti** since 2008, and of the **Society of Authors** since 2012.

Published translations:

He was one of seven translators on the Zibaldone Project, working between 2006 and 2009 on the first English translation of the *Zibaldone di Pensieri* by **Giacomo Leopardi**, edited by Michael Caesar and Franco D'Intino, and published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux (New York) and Penguin Books (London), July 2013

The Prague Cemetery, novel by **Umberto Eco**; published by Harvill Secker (London) and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (New York), November 2011 (ISBN: 978-1-846-5549-1; 978-0-547-57753-1); **shortlisted for the Independent Foreign Fiction Prize, 2012.**

A Convinced Bewilderment, preface by **Umberto Eco** to *Fabio Mauri: Ideology and Memory*, published by Bollati Boringhieri (Milan), May 2012

Inventing the Enemy, essays by **Umberto Eco**; published by Harvill Secker (London) and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (New York), September 2012 (ISBN: 978-1-846-55503-9; 978-0-547-64097-6)

One Language, Many Cultures, essay by **Claudio Magris**, published in *Almost Island* (2012)

Those Studio Days, essay by **Umberto Eco**, published in *Musikblätter*, November 2012

Semantic Polarities and Psychopathologies in the Family: Permitted and Forbidden Stories by **Valeria Ugazio**; published by Routledge in April 2013 (ISBN: 978-0-415-82307-4)

Poems by **Eugenio De Signoribus**, published in *Nuovi Argomenti*, August 2013

The Combover by **Adrián N. Bravi**, published by Frisch & Co, November 2013

Poems by **Franco Buffoni** in *Canone Inverso: an Anthology of Contemporary Italian Poetry*, edited by Pietro Montorfani, Gradiva Publications, January 2014

Translation of author's revisions to *The Name of the Rose* by **Umberto Eco**, published by Mariner Books (New York) and Vintage Books (London) in April 2014

Ardor, book-length essay by **Roberto Calasso**, published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux (New York) and Penguin Books (London) in November 2014 (ISBN 978-0-374-18231-1; 978-0-241-01176-8)

Poems by **Eugenio De Signoribus** in *Almost Island*, Issue no. 11, December 2014

Translation of an online interview with **Roberto Saviano** by English PEN on the publication of *Zero Zero Zero*, July 2015

Poems by **Silvia Bre** and **Franco Buffoni** for *Prix Italia 2015*, broadcast on Radio Tre, 23 September 2015; *Testo a Fronte*, Issue no. 53, published by Marcos y Marcos (Milan) 2015 (ISBN 978-8-871687-3-08)

Numero Zero by **Umberto Eco**, published by Harvill Secker (London) and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (New York), November 2015. (ISBN: 978-0-544-63508-1; 978-1-910-70108-9); **John Florio Prize, 2017: Commended translation.**

The Art of the Publisher by **Roberto Calasso**, published by Farrar Straus & Giroux (New York) and Penguin Books (London), November 2015. (ISBN: 978-0-374-18823-8; 978-0-141-97848-2;)

Italian Contemporary Poets: an anthology – ed. Franco Buffoni, published by Federazione Unitaria Italiana Scrittori, February 2016.

Translations of poetry by: **Nanni Balestrini, Silvia Bre, Franco Buffoni, Giuseppe Conti, Roberto Deidier, Eugenio De Signoribus, Gianni D'Elia, Biancamaria Frabotta, Bruno Galluccio, Vivian Lamarque, Francesca Matteoni, Aldo Nove, Elio Pecora, Andrea Raos, Antonio Riccardi, Mario Santagostini, Gian Mario Villalta, Cesare Viviani, Valentino Zeichen** (ISBN 978-88-99773-09-0)

Reflections on Pain by **Umberto Eco**, published by ASMEPA (Bologna), February 2016. (ISBN 978-88-97620-31-0)

The First German Philosopher: The Mysticism of Jakob Böhme as Interpreted by Hegel by **Cecilia Muratori** (translated with Raphaëlle Burns), published by Springer, March 2016. (ISBN 978-94-017-7338-6)

Distant Light by **Antonio Moresco**, published by Archipelago Books (New York), March 2016. (ISBN 978-0-914671-42-8)

Dante: The Story of His Life by **Marco Santagata**, published by Harvard University Press, April 2016. (ISBN 978-0-674-50486-8)

Forthcoming:

The Experience of Pain by **Carlo Emilio Gadda**, to be published by Penguin Books (London) in November 2017.

Chronicles of a Liquid Society by **Umberto Eco**, to be published by Harvill Secker (London) and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (New York) in November 2017.

The Ruin of Kasch by **Roberto Calasso**, to be published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux (New York) and Penguin Books (London) in February 2018.

Essays & articles

Lo Zibaldone di Leopardi – Come è letta la poesia italiana all'estero, interview with Paolo Ercolani [in Italian and English], *Nuovi argomenti*, Issue 72, 20 June 2014

Translating Il Cimitero di Praga, in *About Eco*, ed. Giuliana Adamo and Marco Sonzogni, Edizioni Joker, 2015, pp. 39-51.

The English Translation of Umberto Eco's Il Cimitero di Praga, "Lingue e Linguaggi", Vol 14 (2015), pp. 85-93.

Playing on Words: Challenges in Translating Umberto Eco's Numero Zero, "Signata 7: Annals of Semiotics" (Presses Universitaires de Liège, 2016), pp. 378-390.

Talks, conferences & conversations

09/07/2011 *Lo Zibaldone di Giacomo Leopardi tradotto in inglese*, Salone della Parola, Palazzo Gradari, Pesaro (PU) – with Franco D'Intino and Antonio Prete

25/02/2012 **Conversation with Umberto Eco** at the Italian Cultural Institute, London

11/05/2012 *The English Translation of Umberto Eco's Il Cimitero di Praga*, Literary Translation in Practice, University of Salento

07/02/2014 *Fortuna e attualità dello Zibaldone di Leopardi: il primo ipertesto dell'epoca moderna in traduzione inglese* – Polo Culturale di Eccellenza, Cagli

15/03/2014 *Lo Zibaldone in inglese: un progetto insolito* – Associazione Italiana Traduttori e Interpreti – Senigallia (AN)

08/05/2014 *Lavorare nell'editoria oggi* – XXVII Salone Internazionale del Libro, Turin – L'autore invisibile: Incontri professionali sulla traduzione editoriale – with Rossella Bernascone, Luisa Capelli and Marina Morpurgo

- 24/08/2014 **Premio La Ginestra 2014** – Porto Recanati – awarded as representative of the seven translators of Leopardi's *Zibaldone di pensieri*
- 08/04/2015 **Leopardi, lo Zibaldone e l'esperienza del traduttore** – L'Accademia dei Catenati, Macerata
- 14/08/2015 **Shakespeare on Stage** – Casa della Poesia, Urbino – presentation of *Shakespeare on Stage* by Julian Curry (Nick Hern Books: London, 2010) – in conversation with the author
- 12/01/2016 **Umberto Eco e i suoi traduttori** – UNILIT, Cagli
- 05/05/2016 **Carlo Emilio Gadda, La cognizione del dolore: structure, sound and language** – translation workshop – University of Warwick
- 23/01/2017 **Shakespeare in Italia** – UNILIT, Cagli
- 30/01/2017 **Paolo Volponi, Il lanciatore di giavellotto: language and context** – translation workshop – University of Warwick