

## PIERGIORGIO PESCALI

Piergiorgio Pescali is a journalist who works with radios, magazines, newspapers and television networks in Europe and Asia.

South East Asia, the Korean Peninsula and Japan are the areas that he visits with more regularity.

In Cambodia he has followed the Khmer Rouge being able to meet and interview all the top leaders of the movement, including Pol Pot, Nuon Chea, Khieu Samphan and Ieng Sary.

In Myanmar Piergiorgio met the Nobel Peace Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi and representatives of the democratic movement several times, even managing to get into areas formally forbidden to foreigners. For his information work on Myanmar, since 2011 he was appointed Ambassador for Peace of the United Nations.

Since 1996 he has been a regular visitor to North Korea becoming a witness of the dramatic and rapid changes that are shaping the social, political and economic order of the Asian nation.

He made several reportages in Tibet, Nepal and Bhutan too, interviewing the Dalai Lama and Prachanda, the leader of the Nepali Maoist movement.

His interest in Asia has brought him to Afghanistan since the time of the Soviet occupation. In 2001 he was the last western journalist to interview Ahmad Shah Massoud before he was killed at his headquarters.

In Iraq he was embedded in the British contingent in Basra and Baghdad.

Since 2010 Piergiorgio edits the Myanmar chapter of Asia Maior, the journal of the prestigious Osservatorio sull'Asia founded by Giorgio Borsa and currently sponsored by the University of Turin.

His latest two books are the essay "Indochina" and "The Custos of the Holy Land - an interview with Father Pierbattista Pizzaballa."

In 2015 two other works of his will be published: a novel set in Cambodia during Khmer Rouge time and a biography of Aung San Suu Kyi.

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