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RESEARCH PROFILE

Social and cultural historian with more than twenty years of research in environmental history. Current research focuses on global history and mass culture, particularly the circulation of ideas and cultural production, and the historical construction of social hierarchies and asymmetrical power relations. Author of more than 120 publications in Italian, English, Chinese, and Spanish.

Principal research agenda for 2025-2030: Global Asymmetries: Economic, Social, and Cultural Inequalities in a Comparative Perspective, examining the production, reproduction, and transformation of inequalities and the interaction between global and local dynamics. Current topics include economic inequality, social marginality, subcultures and exclusion, popular music beyond Western contexts, and animation and global media hierarchies.

From 2003 to 2025, research concentrated primarily on environmental history and the history of consumption, with particular attention to urban environments, the social and political dimensions of resource use, and environmental movements.

From 1997 to 2002, my research focused on the history of the Soviet Union – particularly the Gorbachev period – and on the history of the labour movement. During this period, I also published two books on the history of the Italian railway workers' trade union.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor; courses taught: Contemporary History, Global History, and History of Mass Culture, Department of Humanities, Università di Macerata.

- Permanent Researcher; Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Cultural Heritage, Università della Campania 'L. Vanvitelli', December 2011-August 2022.

- Research Fellow (assegnista di ricerca), University of Siena, 2004-2011; Adjunct Professor of Environmental History, 2006-2011.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., History and Theory of Modernization and Social Change in the Contemporary Age, University of Siena, 2003.

- *Laurea* in Contemporary History, University of Florence, 1997.

SELECTED INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Member, Council of the Association for East Asian Environmental History (AEA EH), 2019-2025.

- Visiting Professor at Technische Universität Berlin, November 2019-February 2020. Invited lectures and seminars at Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne (Master en Histoire), University of Massachusetts Lowell, and University of Houston.

- Papers and panels at major peer-reviewed conferences of the World Congress of Environmental History, American Society for Environmental History, European Society for Environmental History, Association for East Asian Environmental History, and International Water History Association.

- Local Organizer, Annual Conference of the International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility (T2M), Caserta/Santa Maria Capua Vetere, 16-19 September 2015.

- Conference Program Committee, Eighth Biennial Conference of the European Society for Environmental History, Versailles, 30 June-3 July 2015.

SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS

- PRIN 2022, *What Went Wrong? A Retrospective Analysis of Destination Policies in Overtouristed Hotspots* - Head of Research Unit. Funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (€ 77,000).

- PRIN 2017, *Science, Technology and International Relations: Case Studies in Italian Foreign Policy* - Head of Research Unit. Funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (€ 83,000).
- *Sustainable Urban Mobility, 1890-present (2016-2017)*, European research project led by Eindhoven University of Technology.
- *Eurobus (2008-2009)*, European research project led by Eindhoven University of Technology.
- FIRB 2010, *Engines of Growth*, led by Duccio Basosi (University of Venice) and Giuliano Garavini (University of Padua).
- PRIN 2005, *Public Policies and Development in the Center-left Years (1962-1974)*, led by Maurizio Degl'Innocenti (University of Siena).

SELECTED AWARDS AND RESEARCH FUNDING

- *Finanziamento delle attività base di ricerca* (Funding of Basic Research Activities), 2017.
- *ANCI-SISSCO Award*, 2015, for *Firenze 1946-2005. Una storia urbana e ambientale* (FrancoAngeli, 2014).
- Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR), Young Research Project funding, 2009, for *Urban Transformations in the Florentine-Prato Area, 1946-2005*.
- Morgan and Jeanie Sherwood Travel Grant, American Society for Environmental History, 2008.

EDITORIAL AND PUBLIC HISTORY ACTIVITIES

- Founder and Editor, *Zenit. Indagini e ricerche di storia globale*, book series published by tab Edizioni (Rome), devoted to global history and transnational perspectives.
- Founder and Editor, *globalhistory.it*, a digital platform for research dissemination and public engagement in global history and the study of economic, social, and cultural asymmetries.
- Editorial Board member, «World Environment» and «Storia e Futuro».

RESEARCH AREAS RELEVANT TO THE SYMPOSIUM

Environmental history; labour and industrial society; deindustrialization; urban environmental history; environmental movements; resource use; social history; cultural representations of industrial change; circulation of ideas and post-industrial imaginaries.