

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFILE

Alexander is currently an Associate Professor (habilitated as Full Professor) of the Anthropology of Globalization at the **University of Perugia**, a Visiting Researcher at the **European University Institute in Florence (EUI)**, Italy, and a bush-league beekeeper in his spare time. He has served in different faculty positions at Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland/UK, University of Münster, Germany, and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev's desert studies campus in Sede Boqer, Israel.

Over the course of the past two decades, Alexander has conducted ethnographic fieldwork in southern Israel and its border regions, collaborating with Bedouin and Jewish citizens, Jewish-Arab coexistence groups, and activists engaged in Israeli-Palestinian solidarity efforts.

Areas of Expertise: **Ethnographic Perspectives on Social Movements**

- **Israeli-Palestinian Relations:** Justice activism and human rights in practice, Israel studies, the study of new antisemitism
- **Politics of Transparency & Food Sovereignty:** Rural social movements, standardization, and food transparency, Italy

CURRENT POSITION(S)

Associated Professor of Social Anthropology, Department of Philosophy, Social Sciences and Education (Fissuf), University of Perugia

Visiting Researcher, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute

Fellow, Institute for the Global Study of Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP), New York

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Since 01 February 2022

Associated Professor of Social Anthropology, Department of Philosophy, Social Sciences and Education (Fissuf), University of Perugia

Since 01 February 2019

Tenure-Track Senior Researcher in Social Anthropology (Riceratore t.d.B e Professore aggregato), Department of Philosophy, Social Sciences and Education (Fissuf), University of Perugia

01 June 2013 – 30 November 2018

Research Fellow, School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics (formerly Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice), Queen's University Belfast

01 October 2011 - 30 September 2012

Postdoctoral Fellow, Bona Terra Department of Man in the Desert, Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research, Sede Boqer Campus, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, co-financed by University of Perugia

01 July 2010 - 30 June 2011 and 15 August 2011 - 14 August 2012

Postdoctoral Fellow (*Assegno biennale di ricerca*), University of Perugia

01 September 2010 - 07 February 2011

Visiting Researcher, Bona Terra Department of Man in the Desert, Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research, Sede Boqer Campus, Ben Gurion University of the Negev (Israel)

07 October 2009 - 06 February 2010

Postdoctoral Fellow (*Borsa di studio*), project "Turismo sostenibile in Israele e Palestina", Dipartimento Uomo & Territorio, University of Perugia

01 April 2009 - 30 July 2009

Postdoctoral Fellow (*Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter*, level A13), Department of European Ethnology, University of Münster (Germany)

01 September 2005 - 30 September 2008

Full-time Doctoral Fellowship in Methodologies of Ethno-Anthropological Research – XXI cycle – University of Siena

EDUCATION

Since 14 July 2020

Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale 2020 as Full Professor (I fascia), sector 11/A5, *Discipline Demoetnoantropologiche*, Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (MIUR)

Since 27 November 2014

Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale 2013 as Associate Professor (II fascia), sector 14/C1 *Sociologia generale, giuridica e politica*, Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (MIUR)

Dal 13 dicembre 2013

Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale 2012 as Associate Professor (II fascia), sector 11/A5 *Discipline demoetnoantropologiche*, Italian Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (MIUR)

15 April 2009

Ph.D. (*Dottore di Ricerca*) in “Metodologies of Social-Anthropological Research” (MREA), University of Siena. Title of the thesis: *Negoziare modelli di convivenza. L’attivismo per la giustizia sociale nel deserto del Negev*

15 Novembre 2004

M.A. (*Diploma di Laurea v.o.*) in *Conservazione dei Beni Culturali, Indirizzo Demoetnoantropologico*, University of Perugia. Title of the thesis: *Rappresentazioni e pratiche di coesistenza e conflitto nel deserto Negev (Israele)*, final mark 110/110 e lode

21 July 1997

High School Diploma (*Hochschulreife*) in Contemporary Literature and Education, High School "Marianhiller Missionare", Maria Veen, Germany

RESEARCH PROJECTS

01 December 2022 – 30 November 2024

Co-Investigator of the project “Transforming Food Systems: The Contribution of Short Food Supply Chains to Food Systems Resilience and Sustainability”, University of Perugia, PI: Luca Pieroni (value: 94.800,00 €)

02 March 2020 – 01 September 2023

Coordinator of the unit of Perugia of the national project “Progetto di rilevante interesse nazionale” (Prin) “Rethinking urban-rural relations for a sustainable future: case studies of informal food value chains in Central Italy”, PI: Carlo Pongetti, Università di Macerata (value €

935.278,11)

15 January 2016 – 15 March 2018

Principal Investigator of the project “The Peasant Activism Project”, Economic and Social Science Research Council (ESRC), UK, hosted by the School of History and Anthropology, Queen’s University Belfast in cooperation with the Dipartimento di filosofia, scienze sociali, umane e della formazione (FISSUF), University of Perugia (ES/M011291/1, value £ 202,756), www.peasantproject.org

1 December 2014 - 30 November 2017

Co-Investigator of the project “Researching Conflict, Violence and Peace”, Economic and Social Science Research Council (ESRC), UK (ES/M005720/1, value £ 29,744), PI: Prof. John D. Brewer

01 October 2014 – 30 September 2016

Co-Investigator of the project “Analyses of Food Supply Chains for Risks and Resilience to Food Fraud/Crime”, Economic and Social Science Research Council (ESRC)/Food Standards Authority (FSA), UK (ES/M003094/1, value £ 417,487), PI: Prof. Christopher Elliot

1 November 2012 – 1 January 2013

Research contribution to the project "Study to assess the impact of security on the workload of all categories of ship crew members", Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research and Innovative Compliance, financed by the European Commission, Directorate General Mobility and Transport (no. MOVE/D4/ETU/2011-100/SI2.605758)

aa. 2011/12

Postdoctoral Research Project “Political Tourism and the Production of Claims”, Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

June 2010 – June 2011

Researcher of the project “Identità e pluralità nel dialogo interreligioso”, University of Perugia, project financed by the Fund for the Integration of Third-Country Citizens (FEI)

October 2006 – October 2008

Researcher of the project “Turismo, comunità e sviluppo locale in Africa”, Progetto di rilevanza di interesse nazionale (PRIN), Unit of Perugia

Since 2012

Founder and Coordinator (with Elena Apostoli Cappello) of the international research network “Anthropology and Social Movements”, hosted and financed by the European Association of Social Anthropology (EASA)

Since March 2018

Member of the Center for Documentary Research, Queen’s University Belfast

Since March 2015

Member of the Peer-review College of the Economic and Social Science Research Council (ESCR), United Kingdom

Member of the Peer-Review College of the Unitatea Executiva pentru Finantarea Invatamantului Superior, a Cercetarii, Dezvoltarii si Inovarii (UEFISCDI), Consiliul Național al Cercetării Științifice (CNCS), Romania

Since June 2013

Associated Scholar, Mediterranean Seminar, Center for Mediterranean Studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz

Since 12 February 2010

Founding member and member of the directive of the Non-government-organization "Contro-Sguardi", organizer of the International festival of anthropological cinema

ETHNOGRAPHIC FIELDWORK

aa. 2014/2015 and 2015/16

Fieldwork and qualitative case studies related to local groups of the neo-rural activist network “Genuino Clandestino”, Italy, for two different projects funded by the Economic and Social Science Research Council (ESRC), UK

aa. 2012/2013

Researcher of the project “Identità e pluralità nel dialogo interreligioso”, University of Perugia, project financed by the Fund for the Integration of Third-Country Citizens (FEI)

aa. 2010/11 and 2011/12

Ethnographic fieldwork in the Negev desert for the project *Political Tourism and the Production of Claims*, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

aa. 2005/2006 and 2006/2007

Ethnographic fieldwork in the Negev desert with the NGO "Regional Council of Unrecognized Arab-Beduin Villages in the Negev"

aa. 2003/2004

Ethnographic fieldwork in the Negev desert with the NGO "Dukium- forum for coexistence and civic equality in the Negev"

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Editing Board of the book series "Etnografie", Ombre Corte, directed by Bernardino Palumbo and Pietro Saitta
- Member of the Editing Board of "L'Uomo", directed by Alessandro Lupo
- Member of the Editing Board of "Anuac", directed by Filippo Zerilli
- Peer reviewer for the following journals: "Journal of Mediterranean Studies", "Ethnic and Racial Studies", "International Journal of Urban and Regional Research", "ANUAC rivista" and "Mondi Migranti" and others

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

A.) HUMAN RESOURCE COORDINATION

aa. 2015/16 and 2016/17

- Responsible for the appointment and supervision of one postdoctoral research fellow in Visual Anthropology, School of History and Anthropology Queen's University Belfast (as Principal Investigator of the ESRC-project "The Peasant Activism Project")
- Responsible for the appointment and coordination of an International Advisory Committee, two Research Consultants and three Associated Scholars (as Principal Investigator of the ESRC-project "The Peasant Activism Project")

B.) INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL TEACHING

aa. 2019/20 - ongoing

- Lecturer "Antropologia della globalizzazione" (78 hours), Laurea Magistrale in Scienze

Socioantropologiche per l'integrazione e la sicurezza sociale, Università degli studi di Perugia, sede di Narni

- Lecturer “Antropologia dell'alimentazione” (54 hours), Laurea Triennale in Economia e Cultura dell'Alimentazione (Ecocal), Università degli studi di Perugia

aa. 2015/16

- Workshop Coach and Lecturer, International Summer School “Trusting Resistance: New Ethnographies of Social Movements and Alternative Economies”, organized by the International Society for Ethnology and Folklore (SIEF), 23 – 30/07/2016, University of Tübingen
- Convener and Lecturer of the *Core Module* “Researching Conflict Transformation and Social Justice”, MA “Conflict Transformation and Social Justice”, Queen’s University Belfast
- Convener and Lecturer of the module “Positioning, Ethnography and Violence”, Advanced Training Initiative “Researching Conflict, Violence and Peace”, Advanced Training Initiative, Economic and Social Science Research Council (ESRC)

aa. 2014/15

- Convener and Lecturer of the module “Ethnography and Violence – An Humanistic Approach”, Advanced Training Initiative “Researching Conflict, Violence and Peace”, Advanced Training Initiative, Economic and Social Science Research Council (ESRC)
- Convener and Lecturer of the module “Symbols, Rituals, Authorities and Peoples”, course “Power, Ritual and Symbol: The Approach from Social Anthropology”, School of History and Anthropology, Queens University Belfast
- Teacher of the unit “Playing the Ethnic Card: A Double-Edged Sword in the Struggle for Social Justice?”, “International Summer School in Irish Studies”, 21/07 – 08/082014, Queen’s University Belfast
- Lecturer of the course “Interdisciplinarity” and “Feednack”, “Personal Development Program” (PDP), Faculty of Social Sciences, Queen’s University Belfast

aa. 2012/13

- Responsible per the development of a new core module “Conducting Research in Conflict Transformation and Social Justice”, MA in “Conflict Transformation and Social Justice”, Queen’s University Belfast
- Lecturer (*Docente a contratto*) of the project “ALEPH – Rafforzamento delle capacità istituzionali e dei servizi per l'integrazione”, CIDIS Onlus Perugia (financed by the Ministry of Interior, Italy)

aa. 2011/2012

- Convener (with Yaakov Garb) of the course “Landscapes and communities of the Negev: Frictions and Connections, Transitions”, Albert Katz International School in Desert Studies, Sede Boqer Campus, Ben Gurion University of the Negev (Israel)

aa. 2010/2011

- Convener (with Yaakov Garb) of the course “Landscapes and communities of the Negev: Frictions and Connections, Transitions”, Albert Katz International School in Desert Studies, Sede Boqer Campus, Ben Gurion University of the Negev (Israel)

aa. 2010/2011

- Lecturer (Docente a contratto), module “Antropologia del Turismo”, course “Antropologie delle culture mediterranee e del turismo”, University of Perugia
- Convener and Lecturer (with Yaakov Garb) of the course Landscapes and communities of the Negev: Frictions and Connections, Transitions”, Albert Katz International School of Desert Studies, Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research, Sede Boqer Campus, Ben Gurion University of the Negev (Israel)

aa. 2008/2009

- Convener and Lecturer of the course *Protestfieber. Ansätze für eine Anthropologie sozialer Bewegungen*, Magister in "Cultural Anthropology", University of Münster (Germany)
- Convener and Lecturer of the course *Die Pluralisierung des ethnografischen Feldbegriffs: Praxis und Theorie*, University of Münster (Germany)

C.) TUTOR OF PH.D.- AND M.A.-THESIS

PhD-Thesis, Co-Tutor

- Claudia Terragni, Dottorato di ricerca in “Scienze Umane”, XXXIII ciclo, Università degli studi di Perugia, 2022-2025
- Maddalena Burzacchi, Dottorato di ricerca in “Scienze Umane”, XXXII ciclo, Università degli studi di Perugia, 2020-2023
- Gianni Giombolini, Dottorato di ricerca in “Scienze Umane”, XXXI ciclo, Università degli studi di Perugia, 2019-2021
- Elena Russo: *Immaginare l’Abcasia. Un’etnografia delle politiche identitarie tra i rifugiati interni georgiani*, Tesi di Dottorato di ricerca in “Scienze Umane”, XXX ciclo, 2015-2018, Università degli studi di Perugia
- Gaetano Martino: *Pratiche contrattuali e ruolo delle consuetudini. Le transazioni di olio di*

oliva in un'indagine sul campo nel territorio umbro (Tesi di Dottorato di Ricerca in “Culture e Linguaggi”, Ciclo XXVII, 2012- 2015, Università degli Studi di Perugia)

MA and BA thesis, Tutor:

- Agnethe Elligsen: *Imaging Shared Spaces? Border Perceptions and Territorial Identity in Upper Silesia (Poland)* (MA Dissertation, 10 Novembre 2016, Conflict Transformation and Social Justice, Queen's University Belfast)
- Ilham Sahli: *Le piraterie del Golfo di Aden nel contesto storico-politico: fenomeni criminali o pratiche di resistenza?* (Tesi di Laurea Magistrale, 4 luglio 2011, Università degli studi di Perugia)
- Valentina Neri: *Costruire una rappresentazione polifonica: un paese in Molise tra contaminazioni, folklore e disagio sociale* (Tesi di Laurea Triennale, 4 luglio 2011, Università degli studi di Perugia)
- Dalila Muglia: *Schiavi della frontiera? Dinamiche economiche e di genere lungo la frontiera ispano-marocchina* (Tesi di Laurea Triennale, 16 aprile 2012, Università degli studi di Perugia)

MA and BA thesis, Co-Tutor:

- Metis Bondelli, *Handala si è appeso a un fico. Dominio, disagio e dissenso tra i palestinesi-israeliani di Cana* (Tesi di Laurea Magistrale, 22 febbraio, Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia)
- Shauna Gamsey, *Challenges in the Periphery. Youth in a Development Town in Southern Israel* (in corso, Katz International School for Desert Studies, Sede Boquer Campus, Ben Gurion University of the Negev)

D.) MEMBERSHIP OF PH.D. COLLEGES

- *Since 01 March 2015*

Member of the PhD college in “Scienze Umane”, *XXX ciclo* and *XXXI ciclo*, University of Perugia (Coordinator: Cristina Papa)

- *Since 01 December 2013*

Member of the PhD college in “Scienze Umane”, *XXIX ciclo*, University of Perugia (Coordinator: Hermann Dorowin)

aa 2015/2016

- Member of the Scholarship selection committee, MA in *Conflict Transformation and Social Justice*, Queen's University Belfast
- *Convener of the Examination Committee (CSJ7004)*, Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice, Queen's University Belfast

aa. 2014/2015

- Member of the Scholarship selection committee, MA in *Conflict Transformation and Social Justice*, Queen's University Belfast
- *Examination Officer*, Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation and Social Justice, Queen's University Belfast

aa. 2007/2008 and following years

- Member of the following exam commissions: "Antropologia Visuale" (Chair: Giancarlo Palombini), University of Perugia

aa. 2009/2010 – 2012/13

- Member of the following exam commissions:
"Metodologia della ricerca etnografica" (Chair Massimiliano Minelli), "Antropologia del turismo e delle culture mediterranee" (Chair Fiorella Giacalone), "Parentela e genere" (Chair Massimiliano Minelli), "Antropologia del Messico" (Chair Massimiliano Minelli), "Antropologia del Medio Oriente e delle culture mediterranee" (Chair Chiara Cipollari), University of Perugia

aa. 2007/2008

- MA Tutor (*contratto di tutorato*) in "Antropologia Economica" per studenti in "Scienze antropologiche", University of Perugia

15/09/2025

Invited presentation (with Piotr Goldstein) “Utopias of Sustainability - Sustainability of Utopias: Challenges and opportunities of multimodal publishing on food sovereignty, (migrant) activism and other politicised topics, Centre for East European and International Studies, Berlin

14-16/09/2025

Invited presentation “Settler Colonialism and Israel: An Empirical Critique”, 12th international conference of the European Association of Israel Studies, University of Potsdam

22-24/06/2025

Invited presentation and session chair “Polyphony: Understanding Israeli-Palestinian Relations in New Terms”, International Mobilization Conference “Democracy, Autocracy, and Protest: Social Movements in Times of Crisis”, San Diego State University, San Diego

09-10/05/2025

Invited Presentation “What is Left is Right? How Collateral Publics Reframe Political Positions in Research on the Israel-Palestinian Space”, international conference “Collateral Publics: Navigating the Unfolding of Anthropological Publics”, University of Konstanz, Germany

06-09/07/2024

Invited presentation “We Eat the Hazelnuts and the Hazelnut Monocrops Eat Us: Resisting Monocrops and Pro-Biotic Citizenship in Italy”, International Mobilization Conference, San Diego State University, San Diego

19-20/03/2024

Invited presentation “Understanding emerging forms of mobilization: The Arab spring in Israel”, Convegno internazionale “Researching living in/with difference creatively”, Center for East-European and International Studies, Berlin

28/06/2023

Invited presentation “Menschenrechtsaktivismus in Isarel/Palaestina: Das Ungesagte, das Ungeahnte und das Unaussprechliche”, Universitaet Innsbruck

27/06/2023

Invited presentation “Transparenz, Vertrauen oder Kontrolle? Aktivismus für Ernährungssouveränität in Italien als emanzipatorische Transparenzstiftung”, Universität Innsbruck

26/10/2022

Invited paper: “Fieldwork, Activism and Research: An Ethnographic Experience of Frictions, Connections and Contradictions”, European University Institute, Florence

30/09-02/10/2022

Chair (with Marion Naeser-Lather) of the international conference “4th Political Imagination Laboratory: Utopias of Sustainability – The Sustainability of Utopias”, EASA-network “Anthropology and Social Movements”, University of Perugia

29/09 – 01/10/2021

Invited paper: “Frictions in Nature: The Neo-rural Turn of Migrant Activism in Italy”, international conference “Migrant and Minority Activism: Between protest movements and everyday engagement”, Center for East European and International Studies, Berlin

19-24/06/2021:

Session chair (with C. Haemmerling) “We don't need rules!?: practices, contradictions, reflections” and presentation “Grassroot Food Governance and Concrete Utopias on Italy's Food Sovereignty Activism”, 15th conference of the International Society for Ethnology and Folklore (SIEF), Helsinki, Finland [online]

20-24/07/2020:

Session chair (with F. Zerilli) “Platform Capitalism and Its Discontent: Overtourism, gentrification and new forms of activism”, 16th conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA), Lisbon, Portugal [online]

4/6/2019:

Invited lecture “Participatory Guarantees in Practice: An Anthropological Perspective”, ESN conference “Participatory Guarantee Systems: A Tool to Transition toward Sustainable Food Systems”, Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN (FAO)

6-7/12/2019

Chair of the 3rd Political Imagination Laboratory: “What [Not] Can be Said: Fieldwork as Witnessing?”, University of Perugia (28 participants)

8-10/12/2017

Chair of the 2nd Political Imagination Laboratory: “Visualizing and Contextualizing

Ethnographies of Social Movements”, University of Perugia (32 participants)

14-16/10/2016

Chair of the 1st Political Imagination Laboratory, University of Perugia (30 participants)

8-11/06/2016

Coordinator of the panel (with Filippo Zerilli), *NGOs, Grassroot Activism and Social Movements: Understanding Novel Entanglements of Public Engagement*, conference “6th Ethnography and Qualitative Research Conference”, University of Bergamo

30/11/2015

Coordinator of the conference (with Elena Apostoli Cappello) *Emerging Eco-movements: New Challenges of Urban and Rural Activism in Europe and Beyond*, II. Network Meeting “Anthropology and Social Movements”, European Association of Social Anthropology (EASA), Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Institut Interdisciplinaire d'Anthropologie du Contemporain (IIAC), Paris

10/06/2015

Paper “The Social Production of Trust in Food Chains”, Project meeting “Analyses of Food Supply Chains for Risks and Resilience to Food Fraud/Crime”, Institute for Global Food Security, Queen’s University Belfast

14-16/05/2015

Invited paper “The Social Life of Claims. The Bedouin-State Conflict in Israel and the Global Rights Imaginary”, conference “Theorizing Social Movements and Globalization”, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL

20-23/11/2014

Invited paper “Resisting the governance of certification: Farmer’s movements for participatory self-certification of food products in Italy”, conference “Modes of Appropriation and Social Resistance”, Conference of the Romanian Society of Social and Cultural Anthropology (SASCR), Cluj-Napoca

05-08/06/2014

Panel coordinator “Locality, Naturality and Social Movements” and Paper presentation *The Right to Certify. Mobilizing for the Self-Certification of Local Food in Italy*, conference “Of Places and Tastes: Terroir, Locality, and the Negotiation of Gastro-cultural Boundaries”, Perugia Food Studies Conference, Umbra Institute Perugia

25/03/2014

Paper *Political Tourism and the Production of Claims in the Bedouin-State Conflict in Israel*, School of History and Anthropology, Queen’s University Belfast

24-26/10/13

Organization of the conference *Activism, Social Movements and Conflicts: Anthropological*

Perspectives, EASA “Anthropology and Social Movements” network meeting, University of Perugia

30/05/2013

Paper *Pitfalls of alternative development: Understanding Arab-Bedouin cultural claims and citizenship in Israel*, conference “Développements alternatives?” Journée d’étude, Institut d’ethnologie, University of Neuchâtel

12-15/11/2012

Paper *Interrogating politics of claims: Forms of mobilization for Arab-Bedouin rights and citizenship in Israel*, workshop “Nomadic people in desert regions: Rethinking citizenship in the 21st Century from the perspective of marginalized nomadic peoples”, coordinato da Pnina Motzafi-Haller, conferenza “Drylands, Deserts and Desertification (DDD)”, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Sede Boqer Campus

11-14/07/2012

Paper *Understanding emerging forms of mobilization: The Arab spring in Israel*, workshop “Inspiring alter-politics: anthropology and critical political thinking”, co. Stefano Boni & Ricardo Ciavolella, biennial conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA), Paris

02/06/2011

Paper *Ali, cheeseburger and the framing of claims. NGO activism for Bedouin rights in Israel*, “European Doctoral Program in Roma Issues”, SNPAS Bucuresti, Romania

17-21.04.2011

Panel coordinator (with Cristina Papa) “Practices of environmental justice: negotiating the relation between the social and the ecological sphere”, 10th Congress of the Société Internationale d’Ethnologie et de Folklore (SIEF), Lisbon

06-09/04/2011

Paper *Insurgent Building. Politics of claims and the Bedouin-state conflict in the Israeli Negev*, Workshop “Riots: Protest from the margins or the margins of protest?”, 12th Mediterranean Research Meeting, European University Institute, Florence

12/11/2010

Paper *Confusion in the periphery. Arab-Jewish political tourism and the production of claims in the Negev*, Department “Bona Terra Man in Drylands”, The Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research, Sede Boqer Campus, Ben Gurion University of the Negev (Israel)

30-31/03/2010

Planning and coordination (with Amalia Rossi) of the conference “Engaged Voices? Ethnographic Approaches Toward Social Movements” University of Münster (Germania)

24-27/08/2010

Panel coordinator (with Claudia Liebelt), workshop W025 “Shattered Fields. Rethinking Power and Belonging in Sites of Crisis” e Paper *Toxic Identities? Negotiating Arab-Beduin Identity at the Shadow of an Israeli Toxic Waste Facility*, biennial conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA), Maynooth, Ireland

12/05/2010

Paper *Beyond Borders and Beyond A Monolithic Truth. Activism for Social Justice in Israeli-Palestinian Border Zones*, SNPAS Bucuresti, Romania

29/09-01/10/2009

Paper *Frieden oder Hoffnung? Spielräume der Mobilisierung israelischer Friedensaktivisten*, workshop W19 Formen und Aneignungen transnationaler Politik, biennial conference “Aneignungen, Appropriationen und Camouflage“, German Ethnological Society DGV, Freiburg i. Br, Germany

27/07/2009

Planning and organization of the conference "Approcci antropologici ai movimenti sociali" University Milano-Bicocca, and presentation of the paper *Introduction: for an anthropology of social movements*, international workshop *Engaged Voices? Ethnographic Approaches Toward Social Movements*, University Milan Bicocca

28-31/08/2008

Paper *'Liquid thruth'. How the story of a demolished Beduin village in Israel travels around the world* nel workshop IW04 “Local Encounters with the Global” coo. Regina Roemhild & Vintilă Mihăilescu, biennial conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA), Lubljana, Slovenia

01-04/10/2007

Paper *Ein Hauch von Babel. Aktivisten, NGO's und Journalisten um ein mehrfach abgerissenes Beduinendorf im israelischen Negev*, Max-Planck Institut für Ethnologie, Halle/Saale, Germany

24-26 June 2009 and 19-29 October 2010

Planning and coordination (with Ruth-E. Mohrmann e Barbara Krug-Richter) of „Jahreskonferenz für Doktoranden und Magisterstudenten“, University of Münster, Germany

11 November – 20 December 2009

Planning and coordination (with Paride Bollettin & Andrea Ravenda), International festival of Anthropological Cinema "Contro-Sguardi", Non Government Organization "Controsguardi" and University of Perugia

SELECTED NATIONAL CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND WORKSHOP COORDINATION

29/03/2025

Invited presentation (with Pino Schirripa) “Anti-anti-semitismo, la doppia lama. Il fascismo di Netanyahu e la trappola della narrativa antisemita”, Convegno “L’antropologia ai tempi della destra”, Università degli studi di Milano

11-12/02/2025

Invited presentation “La sinistra e Israele: proiezioni, fantasmi, fantasie”, convegno “Sinistre e popoli: ripensare un rapporto inattuale”, Università degli studi di Pisa

04/05/2024

Invited presentation “La natura non conosce confini? Una contro-geografia bi-nazionale in Israele dopo il 7 ottobre”, serie di seminari organizzati dall’Associazione di antropologia medica” (SIAM), Università di Roma La Sapienza.

26-27/01/2024

Presentation “Orizzonti religiosi e realtà materiali” (con Pino Schirripa), convegno nazionale “Prospettive critiche e prospettive antropologiche”, Università degli studi di Messina

07/06/2023

With Silvia Vignato (Università Milano Bicocca), Serge Tcherkézoff (Ehess), Silvia Barberani, (Università di Milano-Bicocca), Michael Herzfeld (Harvard University), presentation: “Suberservice Anachronism. Troubling Traditionalists and the Politics of National Heritage” (Michael Herzfeld, Duke University Press 2018), La Sapienza – Università di Roma

20/03/2023

Coordination of the conference by Tim Weldon (Rutgers University, USA), “An autonomous food system? How a squatted social center in Prague provisioned for its sustenance”, tavola rotunda con Sarah Sippel (Universitaet Muenster), Uliano Conti (università di Perugia) e Gaetano Martino

24-25/11/2022

Paper “Noi mangiamo le nocciole e i nocciolati mangiano noi: Contestare le monoculture dei nocciolati in Italia centrale”, conference “Neoruralismo, variazioni d’uso di suolo, filiere corte ed economie informali nelle pratiche di consumo e produzione alimentare”, Università degli studi di Macerata

22-23/09/2022

Invited presentation “Antropologia della burocrazia: Un dialogo immaginario tra David Graeber e Michael Herzfeld”, conference “La forza materiale dell’immaginazione”, La

13/04/2022

Presentation (with Maurizio Canavari) dell'intervento "Economia, potere e cibo. Quale equilibrio per non soccombere?", Fondazione UPAD, Bolzano/Bozen

11/06/2021

Presentation "Il lato oscuro della trasparenza: Certificazioni ufficiali e garanzie partecipatorie nell'agricoltura eco-sostenibile", convegno "Agenda 2030 e innovazione giuridica per la sostenibilità agro-alimentare", Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza, Università degli studi di Perugia

05/09-16/12/2020

Coordinator (with Pnina Motzafi-Haller) del ciclo di seminari "Methodologies of Ethnographic Research: Post-positivism, auto-ethnography, and current shifts in social sciences" , PhD-prorgams in "Scienze Umane" and "Legalità, culture politiche e democrazia", Università degli studi di Perugia

02/11/2020

Presentation "The utopia of de-acceleration and frictions of class in the Israeli periphery", panel "Slowdown. Progettare tempi sostenibili o cedere alle "alternative infernali"?", coordinato da Pietro Meloni e Andrea Valzania, VIII Convegno nazionale della Società Italiana di Antropologia Applicata (SIAA)

03/07/2020

Invited presentation "Utopie neorurali", rassegna "Nuove prospettive sull'ambiente" (Coordinatore: Fabio D'Andrea), Università degli studi di Perugia

17/05/2020

Invited presentation (with Pietro Meloni) "Antropologia dell'alimentazione: Produzione, consumo, movimenti sociali", Accademia delle Belle Arti Firenze

20/11/2019

Invited presentation "Politiche della fiducia e ecofrizioni nell'attivismo neorurale in Italia", Università degli studi di Sassari

08/10/2019

Presentation "Frontiere affettive: paure, proiezioni e pratiche in Israele/Palestina", convegno "Fines et sacrae: Pratiche rituali e forme religiosi attraverso i confini", Università di Perugia

13/06/2019

Conference chair "Archivi Demoetnoantropologici: il patrimonio alimentare immateriale della Regione Umbria", Università dei Sapori

18/02/2019

Invited presentation "Atti di solidarietà: Spazi del divenire in Israele/Palestina", Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia, La Sapienza – Università di Roma

18/12/2018

Presentation “La valutazione: uno sguardo dietro le quinte”, conference “Progetti e progettazione europea: esperienze, aspetti tecnici e opportunità. Dipartimento di Filosofia, Scienze Sociali, Umane e della Formazione (Fissuf), University of Perugia

20-21/04/2018

Keynote speech *Rivendicare identità collettive: opportunità, ambiguità, contraddizioni*, convegno “L’identità nelle scienze sociali. Individui, gruppo e comunità”, Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche, Università degli Studi di Perugia

12/12/2018

Presentation “Video e voci dei protagonisti del cibo italiano”, conference “L’anno del cibo italiano: il patrimonio immateriale enogastronomico”, Palazzo Donini, Perugia

22/02/2017

Presentation “Ethnographic Fieldwork in Legal Gray Areas of Food Production: Perils and Opportunities of Participant Observation”, Event/Conference “Food Fraud Detectives: Understanding the Challenges of the Food System”, NI Science Festival & Inst for Global Food Security, Queen’s University Belfast

21/02/2017

Presentation “The Opaque Side of Transparency: Passion and Audit in Food Activism in Italy”, Conference “Food Fraud Risk and resilience along the Food Chain”, Food Standard Authority & Inst for Global Food Security, Queen’s University Belfast

08/11/2016

Coordination of the event *Presentation of the “Peasant Activism Project”* and screening and debate session of the documentary *An Experimental Path* with Fabrizio Loce Mandes (School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics and Cahal McLaughlin (Chair in Film Studies, School of Arts, English & Languages, Queen’s University Belfast

07/11/2016

Paper *The Perils of Planning: Contradictions and Frictions in Official and Alternative Planning in Israel’s Negev Desert*, School of Planning, Architecture and Civil Engineering, Queens University Belfast

17/05/2016

Paper *Fiducia o trasparenza? Riappropriazioni del diritto di certificare e movimenti neorurali*, Dottorato in “Scienze Umane”, University of Perugia

16/12/2015

Paper *Studiare illusioni? La vita sociale delle rivendicazioni arabo-beduine in Israele/Palestina*, coordinated by Mario Diani, Dipartimento di Sociologia e Ricerca Sociale, University of Trento

28/04/2015

Panel coordinator “Quali saperi dovrebbero trasmettere l’ora alternativa alla religione?”, conference “L’istruzione religiosa nell’Europa delle differenze”, Palazzo Donino, Regione dell’Umbria (progetto finanziato dal Fondo Europeo per l’Integrazione dei Cittadini di Paesi Terzi [FEI])

26/03/2015

Paper *Neo-salafismo in Israele. Il caso della città arabo-palestinese Rahat in Israele*, Conference “Nuovi italiani: Tanti interrogativi, tante prospettive”, Palazzo Donino, Regione dell’Umbria

17/02/2015

Seminar *La mossa giusta? Atti di rottura ed etnografia dei movimenti sociali*, Dottorato in “Scienze Umane”, Università degli studi di Perugia

12/02/2015 e 17/03/2014

Seminar *Programmi per la gestione e formattazione di bibliografie: un’introduzione*, Dottorato in Scienze Umane, University of Perugia

14/01/2015

Paper *Tra protezione o mercato? Ripensare l’autonomia dell’agricolture*, Conference nazionale della Confederazione Italiana Agricoltori, Campobasso

06-07/03/2014

Panel coordinator, panel IV, and Paper presentation *Spazi del divenire in Israele/Palestina*, conference “Ricerca attivista e ricerca militante: nuove sperimentazioni, Università degli studi di Modena e Laboratorio di etnografia dei movimenti sociali (LEMS), Milan

7/11 – 9/11/13

Paper *L’implosione dell’utopia? Uno sguardo etnografico sulle trasmutazioni delle relazioni solidali a partire dal movimento dei kibbutzim (Israele)*, conference biennale dell’Associazione Nazionale degli Antropologi Universitari (ANUAC), University of Turin

22/05/2010

Paper *L’implosione del (con-)testo. Ripensare le relazioni sociali nello spazio israelo-palestinese*, Museo Dinamico del Laterizio e delle Terrecotte, Marsciano.

30-31/03/2010

Paper *Introduzione: etnografia e paradigmi dello studio di movimenti sociali* all'interno del conference “Approcci antropologici ai movimenti sociali”, parte delle giornate di studio “Movimenti sociali e società civile” nel quadro delle attività didattiche di dottorato in "Antropologia del Mondo Contemporaneo" coordinate da Alice Bellagamba, University of Milano-Bicocca

16/06/2009

Presentation of the monograph *Amicizie vulnerabili. Coesistenza e conflitto in Israele*, evento coordinato da Giorgio Bonamente (Università di Perugia), Salone d'Onore della Giunta Regionale, Perugia

29-31/05/08

Paper *Cambiare il mondo e aprire il cuore? Negoziare modelli di convivenza nel Negev (Israele)*, workshop “Lavori in corsi 1: Spazi”, coordinato da Cristina Papa (Università di Perugia), conference biennale dell'Associazione nazionale universitaria degli antropologi culturali (ANUAC), Matera

22/10/2007

Paper *Costruttori instancabili. L'attivismo trasversale 'arabo-ebraico' intorno ad un villaggio arabo-beduino demolito in Israele* all'interno dei seminari su “Resistenze e pratiche egualitarie”, coo. Stefano Boni, "Laboratorio di Etnologia", Università degli studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Modena

18/06/07

Paper *Contraddizioni, connessioni e frizioni nel deserto del Negev al seminario Ritorno dal campo: problemi, spunti e riflessioni*, Dottorato Internazionale in “Antropologia e Etnologia”, Dipartimento Uomo & Territorio, University of Perugia

07/11/05

Paper *L'implosione dell'utopia. Come interpretare la crisi del movimento dei kibbutzim in Israele?*, seminar *(R)esiste un'alternativa? Prospettive dell'economia solidale*, coo. Michelango Giampaoli & Alex Koensler, University of Perugia

PUBLICATIONS

A.) BOOKS

In press, *Voices of Reason: Solidarity Activism and the Separatist Imagination in Israel/Palestine*, SUNY Press, New York

2025 (with Christine Haemmerling and Marion Naeser-Lather), *Utopias of Sustainability – The Sustainability of Utopias. A Multimodal Intervention*, Morlacchi University Press, Perugia

2020 (monograph, with Stefano Boni e Amalia Rossi) *Etnografie militanti: prospettive e dilemmi*, Meltemi, Milano

2019 (monograph, with Pietro Meloni) *Antropologia dell'alimentazione: consumo, produzione e movimenti sociali*, Carrocci, Milano

2015 (monograph) *Israeli-Palestinian Activism: Changing Paradigms*. Ashgate, Farnham (book series “Social Movements, Protest, and Culture”)

2012 (edited with Amalia Rossi) *Comprendere il consenso. Etnografia e antropologia dei movimenti sociali*, Morlacchi Editore

2008 (Monograph) *Amicizie vulnerabili. Diario di campo su coesistenza e conflitto in Israele* (Prefazione by Cristina Papa, includes the DVD: *La verità liquida. Demolizioni e ricostruzioni di un villaggio beduino in Israele*, documentary Italy-Israel; 43.00). Morlacchi Editore, Perugia

B.) SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES

2024: *Novanta secondi. Violenza e affetto in zone ibride israelo-palestinesi durante la guerra*

tra Hamas e Israele, AM-Antropologia medica, 56, pp. 17-42

2024: “Un razzo non è niente”. Condividere il dolore, oltre i confini tra Israele e Gaza, all’inizio della Guerra, Dialoghi Mediterranei, 65

2023 *Surviving in an Age of Transparency: Emancipatory Transparency-Making in Food Governance in Italy*, American Anthropologist [open access, Rivista di fascia A, Area 11/A5], 125 (3) pp. 546-558.

2023 (with Marion Naeser-Lather): *Fieldwork as Witnessing: Anthropological Knowledge-Making between Openness, Blind Spots, and Intervening* (essay), Anuac, 12(1), pp. 109-124.

2022 (with Stefano Boni e Amalia Rossi), *A Concise Look at Militant Ethnographies: Dilemmas and Prospects*, Journal Condition humaine / Conditions politiques. Revue internationale d'anthropologie du politique, 4

2021 [Forum contribution], *Trying a Sobrero?* (Forum “New climate change activism: before and after the Covid-19 pandemic”), Social Anthropology, 29(1), pp.232-234

2020 *Antonio Gramsci, Waddah Charara and Walter Benjamin: A walk on the wild side of intellectual militancy* (review article), Anuac 9, 1, pp. 251-259

2020 *The Neorural Turn: Concrete Utopias in Italy's Food Sovereignty Activism*, in: Mobilization: An International Quarterly 25, 1, pp. 101-119

2019 *Affective Borderlands. Experiences in Practice of the Neo-Zionist Settling Enterprise in Israel*, Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, 48, 5, pp. 700–725

2018 *Reinventing Transparency. Governance, Trust and Passion in Activism for Food Sovereignty in Italy*, in: “Ethnologia Europaea” 48, 1, pp. 50-68

2017 (with Cristina Papa) *L'uomo accademico flessibile: due casi a confronto*, in: “Anuac” 6,1, pp. 83-88

2016 *Acts of Solidarity: Crossing and Reiterating Israeli-Palestinian Frontiers*, in: “International Journal of Urban and Regional Studies” 40, 2, pp. 340-356 [rivista classe A, 11/A5, Italian Ministry of Education]

2016 (with Cristina Papa): *Che cosa richiede il cambiamento? Percorsi postgramsciani per un'etnografia politica della contemporaneità*, in: Lares: Quadrimestrale di studi demoetnoantropologici, LXXXI, 2-3, pp. 407-426

2016: *Islamismo e terrore: un grande Jihad contro il senso comune* (essay), Anuac 4, 2, pp. 51-66

2015: *Auto-certificazioni*, in: AM - Antropologia Museale (sp. issue “Etnografie del mondo contemporaneo II.: il post-agricolo e l'antropologia”) 34, pp. 29-32

2015: *Muri permeabili? Limiti ed opportunità delle forme di solidarietà israelo-palestinese*, Antropologia (special issue edited by L. Jourdan), 2, pp. 171-184

2014: *Human Rights, Local Plights. Implications of Human Rights Activism for Arab-Bedouin*

Citizens in Israel, ISCTSJ Working Papers Series, no. 04-14

2013: *Frictions as opportunity: mobilizing for Arab-Bedouin ethnic rights in Israel*, in: *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 36(11), pp. 1808-1828 [rivista classe A, 11/A5]

2013: *Le conflit comme performance: contestation et politique de l'espace des bédouins arabes en Israël*, in: *L'Homme et les Sociétés*, no 188/189, pp. 205-226

2013 (with Cristina Papa): *Introduction: Beyond Anthropocentrism. Changing Practices and Politics of 'Nature'*, sp. ed. "After anthropocentrism? Environmental conflicts, social movements and power" (eds. C. Papa e A. Koensler), *Journal of Political Ecology*, vol. 20, art. no. 17-21, pp. 288-294

2012: *Insurgent Building: Emerging Spatial Politics in the Bedouin-State Conflict in Israel*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 37(1), pp.46–60

2012: *Studiare frizioni: attivisti, giornalisti e beduini intorno ad un villaggio fantasma in Israele*, *ANUAC Rivista* 1(2), pp. 1-24 [rivista classe A, 11/A5]

2011: *Frieden oder Hoffnung? Spielräume der Mobilisierung von Friedensaktivisten in Israel*, in: *Zeitschrift für Ethnologie/Journal of Ethnology* 136(1): 1-19

2011 (with Cristina Papa): *Political Tourism in the Israeli-Palestinian Space*, *Anthropology Today* 27(2), pp. 13-17

2010: *Practices of Reality. Demolitions and Reconstructions of Ghost Village in Israel*, in: *Cultural Politics* 6(3), pp. 357-382

2005: *Protesta e potere intorno alla costruzione di un nuovo insediamento nel deserto del Negev*, in: *Achab – Rivista di antropologia* 11, 2/2005, pp. 32-38

2004: *The Frontier Within: Land Politics, Resistance and Bedouin Identity in the Negev*, in: *News from Within*, vol. 23, 2, June 2004, pp. 19-22

C.) BOOK CHAPTERS

2024 *Positionierung als Prozess: Ambiguität und multiple Wirklichkeiten in Israel/Palästina und Nordirland*, in: *Position beziehen, Haltung zeigen!? Bedingung und Problem kulturwissenschaftlicher Forschung* (ed. Marion Näser-Lather & Timo Heidinger), Waxmann verlag, Muenster, pp. 99-116.

2024: *La rivincita dei vinti? Comprendere I movimenti per la sovranità alimentare nell'Italia centrale*, in: *Voci da piccoli mondi: Le eredità toscane di Nuto Revelli* (ed. Caterina Di Pasquale), Pacini, Pisa, pp. 213-230.

2016: *Emerging Spheres of Resonance: "Clandestinely Genuine" Food Networks and the Challenges of Governing Sustainability in Italy*, in: *Envisioning Sustainabilities in Times of Disaster* (edited by Fiona Murphy and Pierre McDonagh), Cambridge Scholars Press,

Cambridge

2014: *Cinque passi per una buona prassi*, in: "Identità e pluralità nel dialogo interreligioso" (ed.: Carla Barbarella), Alisei Pubblicazioni (Collana KOSMOS), Perugia, pp. 171-218

2012: *Per un'antropologia dei movimenti sociali: etnografia e paradigmi dell'analisi dei movimenti*, in: "Comprendere il dissenso. Etnografia e antropologia dei movimenti sociali" (eds.: Alexander Koensler and Amalia Rossi), Morlacchi Editore, Perugia, pp. 47-57

2012 (with Amalia Rossi): *Introduzione: comprendere il dissenso*, in "Comprendere il dissenso. Etnografia e antropologia dei movimenti sociali" (eds.: Alexander Koensler and Amalia Rossi), Morlacchi Editore, Perugia, pp. 13-35

2010 (with Cristina Papa): *Coesistenza e conflitto nel deserto del Negev*, in: "Miti di guerra, riti di pace" (eds. Concetta Masseria & Donato Lo Scalzo), Edipuglie, Bari, pp. 23-32

2010: *Cambiare il mondo e aprire il cuore? Negoziare modelli di convivenza nel Negev (Israele)*, in: "Saperi antropologici, media e società civile nell'Italia Contemporanea. Atti del I. Conference nazionale dell'Associazione Nazionale Universitaria degli Antropologi Culturali (ANUAC)" (eds. Luisa Faldini & Eliana Pili), CISU, Roma, pp. 443-450

2010: *Turismo sostenibile e sostenibilità militare. Connessioni parziali intorno a un progetto di sviluppo dal basso nel deserto del Sinai*, in: "Esperienze nel continente africano. Il turismo come strumento di sviluppo locale sostenibile" (eds. Francesca Bianchini, Chiara Cipollari, Elisa Magnani & Cristina Notarangelo), Cisu, Roma, pp. 251-265

2009: *Il beduino e la tenda: un'associazione fatale. Dinamiche di protesta e potere intorno alla costruzione di un nuovo insediamento in Israele*, in: "Annali della Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia dell'Università degli Studi di Perugia 2007/08", XLV, XXXI, pp. 95-131

D.) JOURNAL EDITORSHIP

2013 (with Cristina Papa): *After anthropocentrism? Environmental conflicts, social movements and power*, special issue, Journal of Political Ecology, vol. 20, art. no. 17-21

E.) DOCUMENTARIES

2018 (con F. Loce-Mandes): *De-commodifying Foodways* (Italy/UK 87 min. Distribuito attraverso: www.peasantproject.org.

2016 (con F. Loce-Mandes): *An Experimental Path* (Italy/UK, 38 min.). Distribuito attraverso: www.peasantproject.org.

2008: *La verità liquida. Demolizioni e ricostruzione di un villaggio beduino in Israele*, documentario Italia-Israel 2008; 43.00 min. In: Alexander Koensler, Amicizie vulnerabili. Coesistenza e conflitto in Israele Morlacchi Editore, Perugia

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