

Education:

1994 Dottore di ricerca in “Storia dell’Africa”, Università di Siena, Italy (PhD Degree). PhD scholarship awarded by the Italian Ministry of Education and Scientific Research.

1988 “Laurea in Lingue e Letterature Orientali” at the University of Venice, Italy (University degree in Oriental Languages; main courses: Arabic Language, Islamic Studies, Near and Middle East History). Degree awarded with first-class honours.

1988 University of Damascus, Summer Course in Arabic, with award of a Certificate of Knowledge of Arabic Language.

1984-1986 Institut Bourguiba des Langues Vivantes (University of Tunis), Summer Courses in Arabic, with award of Certificates of Knowledge of Arabic Language.

Academic Qualifications and Experiences:

2014 National Qualification to Full Professorship (ASN 2012) in History of Africa (SSD14/2).

November 2007-ongoing : Associate Professor of North Africa and Middle East History and Politics at the Political Science Department of the University of Perugia. Permanent position.

May 2000-November 2006 :Permanent Research Fellow and Lecturer of North Africa and Middle East History and Politics at the Political Science Department of the University of Perugia.

January 1998-April 2002 Lecturer of Arabic language at the Political Science Department of the University of Pavia.

1995-1997 Post-doctoral Scholarship, Department of Historical Sciences, University of Perugia, Italy

Main participations at international conferences (last 10 years):

2018, 15-17 January, Libya between History and Revolution, Università di Napoli L'Orientale (paper presented: Pan-Arabism and National identity in Libya).

2017, 5-6 December, Gli ebrei di Libia a Roma (1967-2017, Camera dei Deputati, Università di Roma Tre (paper presented: Processi, politici, trasformazioni sociali e comunità ebraiche in Libia 1835-1969).

2017, 25 May, The Arab Spring and the Academy Studying the North Africa in the Wake of the Protests, London School of Economics (paper presented : Studying Libya Today: exploring the Past, Understanding the Present and Shaping Future Research Agendas).

2016, 3-4 March La Libye au carefour de l’Afrique et de la Méditerranée, University of Pavia (chair of the panel : migrations et frontières).

2015, 23-25 June La Libye en transition Élités, société civile et segmentarités dans la reconstruction étatique, Ecole française de Rome (chair of the panel: Transition et reconstruction étatique).

2013, 17-19 September, Fare la cittadinanza. Pratiche di esclusione e inclusione, rivendicazioni e soggettività in Medio Oriente e in Europa XI Convegno SeSAMO , University of degli Studi di Pavia (paper presented: Cittadinanza e comunità italiana nella Tunisia coloniale).

2011, 1 July. Les réseaux consulaires italiens en Méditerranée orientale (XVIIIe-XIXe s.) Ecole française de Rome, (paper presented: Les réseaux consulaires italiens au Maghreb de 1840 à 1915).

2010, 23-26 May Arab Responses to Fascism and Nazism, 1933-1945:Reappraisals and New Directions" Tel Aviv University, (paper presented: Fascist propaganda and the Maghrib

2009, 25-27 April. Ten years of Italo-Libyan cooperation in the historical field, Tripoli, Libyan Studies Centre (paper presented: الوثائق الاستعمارية وتاريخ ليبيا وجهات نظر بحثية جديدة -Colonial sources and History of Libya: new research perspectives).

Scientific Committees and Organization of International Conferences:

The Arab Uprisings and National Identities: Interrogating the Politics of Culture and Relations of “Soft Power” in the Maghreb, University of Perugia, 12-13 May 2016.

Ebullient Africa: Conflict, Modernity, Religion, IV ASAI (Associazione per gli studi Africani in Italia) Conference , University of Catania, 22-24 September 2016.

La Libye en transition Élités, société civile et segmentarités dans la reconstruction étatique, Ecole Française de Rome, 23-24 June 2015.

Transformations politiques dans la Méditerranée: enjeux et perspectives, University of Perugia, 9-10 October 2008.

State Building Process in the Former Ottoman Area, University of Perugia, 15-16 December 2005.

Participation in National and International Research Projects:

2015-2017: principal investigator, international research project: National Identities After 2011: Interrogating the Politics of Culture and Relations of Soft Power in the Maghrib, funded by 'Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche, Università degli Studi di Perugia, Ricerca di base 2015.

2016: 'Libya Country expert'. Participation in the international project Historical V-Dem project. Varieties of Democracy, coordinated by The Department of Political Science at the Univ. of Gothenburg, Sweden and the Kellogg Institute at the Univ. of Notre Dame, USA.

2013-2015: participation in the international project State of the Art. Reviews of the literature on Arab families, coordinated by Univ. of California, Davis and co-founded by Doha International Family Institute.

2012-2015: participation in the national project PRIN 2010-2011. Stato, pluralità e cambiamento in Africa (PI Pierluigi Valsecchi, University of Pavia).

2008 -2010: participation in the international project Arab Responses to Fascism and Nazism 1933-1945. Reappraisal and New Directions, coordinated by Tel Aviv University.

2008-2010: principal investigator, international research project Transformations politiques dans la Méditerranée: enjeux et perspectives funded by the national inter-university cooperation programme (Facoltà di Scienze Politiche di Perugia, Faculté de Sciences Juridiques, Economiques et Sociale) 'Université Cadi Ayyad, Marrakech and Faculté de Sciences Politiques, Economiques et Juridiques Ain Sebaa, Université Hassan II, Mohammedia Casablanca).

2003-2005: participation in the national project PRIN 2003 "Costruzione e dinamiche di sviluppo degli stati successori dell'Impero ottomano 1829- 1960 (PI Armando Pitassio, University of Perugia).

1999-2006: participation in the international research project "Italo-Libyan relationships", founded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1998-2000: participation in the national project: "L'idea mediterranea. Storia, ideologia, prospettiva" , funded MURST 1998 (PI Salvatore Bono, University of Perugia).

1996-1997: participation in the national project: "Problemi storiografici nelle relazioni fra mondo cristiano e mondo islamico nel Mediterraneo (sec.XVI-XX)" ,funded by the CNR (PI Salvatore Bono, University of Perugia).

1994-1997: participation in the national project: "Il Mediterraneo fra Europa e Islàm: storia di una frontiera dal secolo XVI", funded 40% (PI Salvatore Bono, University of Perugia).

1992-1995: participation in the Italo-Tunisian research project focused on the role played by the Italian scholar and lawyer David Santillana on the modernization of the Tunisian law (Italian PI Francesco Castro, Università di Roma Tor Vergata).

1991-1994: participation in the national project "La schiavitù nei Paesi islamici nell'età moderna e contemporanea" funded by the CNR (PI Salvatore Bono, University of Perugia).

1990-1993: participation in the national project "Egitto e Maghreb nei secoli XVIII-XX".

1989: participation in the national project ""Presenza italiana nell'Africa mediterranea." funded 40% (PI Salvatore Bono, University of Perugia).

Phd Boards ("Collegio dei Docenti"):

2014-ongoing "Politica, Politiche Pubbliche e globalizzazione" , Università degli Studi di Perugia"

2011-2013 "Human Sciences" Università degli Studi di Macerata.

2009-2011 "Storia, politica e istituzioni dell'Area mediterranea nell'età contemporanea" Università degli Studi di Macerata.

2007-2009 “Storia dell’età contemporanea nei secoli XIX e XX Federico Chabod”, Università degli Studi di Bologna.

Advisory, scientific and Editorial boards of scholarly journals:

Member of the scientific board Contemporanea 2012-ongoing.

Member of the editorial board Afriche e Orienti 2005-ongoing.

Member of the scientific board L’Année du Maghreb, 2012-ongoing.

Member of the advisory board Journal of Libyan Studies, 2000-2003.

Advisory Boards of scholarly organizations:

Member of the board of directors Sesamo (Società per Gli studi sul Medio Oriente, Italian Middle east studies Association) 2002-2004.