

# Stefania Zucchini

Associate Professor of Medieval History — University of Perugia

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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Stefania Zucchini graduated in **2001** with a **BA in Letters, 110/110 summa cum laude** with recommendation for publication, with a thesis on *the monastery of San Pietro di Perugia from its foundation to the end of the 12th century*. She then completed a **PhD in Historical Sciences** (2005), with a thesis investigating *the Studio of Perugia through the municipality's financial records (1364–1511)*, which laid the foundation for her main research strand.

Specialist training included a **Diploma in Archivistics, Palaeography, and Diplomatics** from the State Archive of Perugia (2004) and a 2002 ERASMUS intensive course on digital methods for historical research. She holds teaching qualifications for secondary education (SSIS, 2006), post-graduate diplomas in history pedagogy (FOR.COM., 2010–2011), and passed the national competitive examination for secondary school teachers (2013). In 2017 she obtained the **National Scientific Qualification (ASN)** for Associate Professor in Medieval History (sector **11/A1**).

## TEACHING AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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### Academic Career

Since **30 November 2021** she has been **Associate Professor of Medieval History (M-STO/01)** at the Department of Letters, Languages, Literatures, and Ancient and Modern Civilisations, University of Perugia. She previously held two fixed-term research positions at the same Department — Type A (June 2015 – June 2018) and Type B (November 2018 – November 2021). Her university career began in **2007** with three-year research fellowships (2007–2010), followed by a teaching support contract (2010–11) and a **European Social Fund** research fellowship (2011–2012) hosted at the Deputazione di Storia patria per l'Umbria under the supervision of Attilio Bartoli Langeli.

### Teaching

She is the holder of **Medieval History** (72 hours, 12 ECTS) for the BA in Letters — cross-listed for Cultural Heritage (9 ECTS) and the MA in Philosophy and Ethics of Relations (12 ECTS) — and teaches **History of Political Institutions in the Middle Ages** (36 hours, 6 ECTS) for the MA in Italian, Classical, and European History (LM 14, from 2019–20). From 2022–23 she co-teaches **Women's History and Gender History** (6 ECTS). She is the supervisor of numerous BA and MA dissertations and a member of the **Doctoral School in History, Arts and Languages in Ancient and Modern Europe** (from 2022–23). In 2026 she co-organised the **First History Championships of the University of Perugia** for upper secondary school students (10 and 24 April).

## INSTITUTIONAL AND ACADEMIC ROLES

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From December 2025 she serves as **Deputy Rector's Delegate for AI for the Humanities and Cultural Heritage** (under Prof. Livio Fanò). Since the academic year 2021–22 she has been **Quality Coordinator** for the inter-degree programme in Letters. From 2020 she has

been a member of the **Board of Directors of the Deputazione di Storia patria per l'Umbria** (previously its Secretary, 2009–2011).

She sits on numerous scientific committees, including the Fondazione ONAOSI's Collegio della Sapienza (2024), ALLI – Atlante Linguistico dei Laghi Italiani (2022), the Research Centre for Medieval Spirituality at UniPG (2019), and the "*Bollettino della Deputazione di Storia patria per l'Umbria*" (scientific committee from 2016; editorial board from 2005). Since 2016 she has been an ordinary member of **SISMED – Italian Society of Medieval Historians**. Among funded projects: **PRIN 2022 Objects in Network** (coord. T. Duranti / unit G. Colesanti, CNR Naples; 2023–26), the **ACCUDIRE** project (digitisation of the UniPG heritage, Fondazione Perugia, 2022–24), and, from 2026, the international project **LAURA** (CNAM Paris and French partners). She is the recipient of the XXIII National Prize for Published History Books "Gustavo Grifoni" (2007) for the edited volume *I capitani di ventura: War and Society in Central Italy during the 14th Century*.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS AND DIRECTIONS

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### History of Medieval Universities and the Studium Perusinum

The most established strand concerns the history of university institutions in medieval Italy, with a primary focus on the **Studium Perusinum**. Drawing on municipal financial records (14th–16th centuries), Zucchini has examined public university funding, the civic role of doctors, student populations (including foreign communities, such as the German students at the *Domus Sapientiae*), and the operation of doctoral colleges. The central monograph is **Università e dottori nell'economia del comune di Perugia** (2008). This strand is anchored by the prosopographical database **Onomasticon**, integrated into the **Héloïse. European Network on Digital Academic History** and the LAURA project.

### Political and Institutional History of Medieval Umbria

A second axis addresses the political and institutional history of Umbria between the 12th and 15th centuries: city-territory relations, statutory norms, dynamics of power, lords and condottieri (Braccio da Montone, Federico da Montefeltro), and relations with the Papal State. Key contributions include *Mater e domina* ("Nuova Rivista Storica", 2020) and a major study on statutory norms and city-countryside relations (2022).

### Monastic and Religious History

Research into Umbrian monasticism (10th–12th centuries), begun with the thesis on **San Pietro di Perugia**, covers monastic foundations, monastery-diocese relations, and medieval confraternities.

### Women's History and Gender History

A sustained commitment to women's and gender history in the Middle Ages, developed within two national PRIN projects, is articulated in studies on female education, women in institutions, and female testamentary material culture (*Non solo stoffe*, 2026).

### Digital History and Public Engagement

From prosopographical database design and the **ACCUDIRE** project to reflection on generative AI in history teaching (UniUrb webinar and MOOC, 2026), Zucchini consistently integrates digital tools into both research and outreach.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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### Monographs and Edited Volumes

- 2008** *Università e dottori nell'economia del comune di Perugia*, Deputazione di storia patria per l'Umbria, Perugia (Fonti per la storia dello Studium Perusinum, 2).
- 2023** *La tradizione degli Studia comunali nelle città di età moderna*, ed. C. Frova and S. Zucchini, Firenze, Leo Olschki.
- 2006** *I capitani di ventura. War and Society in Central Italy during the 14th Century*, ed. S. Zucchini, Ugucione Ranieri di Sorbello Foundation.

### Articles and Book Chapters (selection)

- 2026** *Non solo stoffe: gli oggetti nei testamenti femminili della Perugia del Quattrocento*, in *Oggetti scritti*, Genova, Società Ligure di Storia Patria, pp. 365–393.
- 2025** *Umbria pontificia: statutes and customs in the construction of the Papal State in the 13th century*, in *La libertà di decidere*, Firenze, Edifir, pp. 401–416.
- 2024** *Hosting the Roman Curia: Papal Mobility and its Effects on Central Italian Cities in the 13th Century*, in *Papstreisen im Mittelalter*, Freiburg, Herder, pp. 149–182.
- 2024** *Federico da Montefeltro: l'arte della guerra e le condotte*, in *Federico da Montefeltro nel terzo millennio*, Urbino, University Press, pp. 43–69.
- 2023** *Doctoral Colleges and University: Their Role in Graduate Examinations in Medieval Italian Universities*, in *Examens, grades et diplômes*, Paris, Editions de la Sorbonne, pp. 107–118.
- 2023** *Il finanziamento degli Studia di fondazione comunale nel basso medioevo: Perugia and Siena*, in *Annali di Storia delle Università Italiane*, XXVI (2023/1), pp. 7–18.
- 2021** *The Financing of Perugia University (14th–15th Centuries)*, in *CIAN-Revista de Historia de las Universidades*, 24 (2021), pp. 34–62.
- 2020** *Mater e domina. Territorial Ambitions of the Municipality of Perugia (12th–14th centuries)*, in *Nuova Rivista Storica*, CIV/I (2020), pp. 139–192.
- 2019** *German Students at the Domus Sapientiae of Perugia (15th century)*, in *Quellen und Forschungen aus italienischen Archiven und Bibliotheken*, 99 (2019), pp. 150–200.
- 2022** *Interactions between City and Countryside in Late-Medieval Statutory Norms: Umbria*, in *I rapporti fra città e campagna allo specchio della normativa statutaria*, Naples, Federico II University Press, pp. 63–120.
- 2017** C. Frova, S. Zucchini, "Onomasticon": a database for the history of the University of Perugia, in *Annali di Storia delle Università Italiane*, 21/1 (2017), pp. 117–134.
- 2013–2019** *Encyclopaedia entries in the Dizionario Biografico degli Italiani (Treccani)*, and *Dizionario biografico dei giuristi italiani (Il Mulino)*: Angelelli, Bartolini, Coppoli, Mazzancolli, Montesperelli, Oddi, Onesti, Perigli, Saccucci, Tigrini, Tommaso della Bordella.

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