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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., History**
2011

Sciences Po, Paris, France and Catholic University, Milan, Italy (*cotutelle de thèse*)
 Thesis: *The Movement of 1977 in Italy*
 Advisors: Marc Lazar and Paolo Colombo
 Distinction: “Very honorable, with Committee praise”
- MA, International Relations and European Integration**
2007

Catholic University, Milan, Italy
 Dissertation: *Elements for a Political and Institutional History of Communist Romania*
 Final grade: 110/110 with honors
- Erasmus Exchange Program**
2005–2006

Sciences Po, Paris, France
- BA, Political Science and International Relations**
2005

Catholic University, Milan, Italy
- High School Diploma, Classical Humanities**
2001

Liceo Classico, Verbania, Italy

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- Assistant Professor, Political Science**
2025

The City College of New York
 New York, USA
- Lecturer, History**
2020–2024

Columbia University
 Department of History
 New York, USA
- Adjunct Assistant Professor, Modern European History**
2019

Barnard College
 Department of History

New York, USA

- **Associate Research Scholar**
Columbia University
 European Institute
 New York, USA

2017–2020
- **Agnese N. Haury Post-doctoral Fellow**
New York University
 Center for the United States and the Cold War
 New York, USA

2017
- **Post-doctoral Fellow, History of Political Institutions**
Catholic University
 Department of Political Science
 Milan, Italy

2013–2016
- **Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library Visiting Fellow**
Yale University
 New Haven, USA

2014
- **Post-doctoral Fellow, Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence**
Yale University
 Jackson School of Global Affairs
 New Haven, USA

2012–2013

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- (2022) *Up Against the Law: Radical Lawyers and Social Movements, 1960s–1970s*. Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press
- (2015, reprint 2017) *Il movimento del 1977 in Italia*. Roma: Carocci

Peer-reviewed articles:

- (forthcoming) “Lawyers’ Activism, International Law, and Human Rights in the Cold War Era: The Emergence of Radical Legal Internationalism,” *Law and History Review*
- (2022) “Studenti senza terra: la diaspora palestinese in Italia, tra solidarietà, politica e violenza,” *Mediterranea—ricerche storiche* 19, no. 54: 69–104
- (2020) “Transnational Relationships between the Italian Revolutionary Left and Palestinian Militants during the Cold War,” *Journal of Cold War Studies* 22, no. 4: 31–70

- (2016) “A Bloodless Guerrilla Warfare: Why U.S. White Leftists Renounced Violence Against People During the 1970s,” *Terrorism and Political Violence* 28, no. 5: 928–949
- (2014) “I dibattiti degli intellettuali italiani nel 1977: segnali di una svolta culturale?,” *Mondo contemporaneo. Rivista di storia* 10, no. 1: 57–74
- (2013) “*In the belly of the beast*. Ipotesi sul contenimento della violenza dei *white radicals* americani,” *Mondo contemporaneo. Rivista di storia* 9, no. 3: 115–145
- (2013) “Gli apparati di polizia di fronte al movimento del ’77: organizzazione e dinamiche interne,” *Ricerche di Storia Politica* 16, no. 2: 161–182
- (2013) “Il racconto degli anni di piombo sulla stampa quotidiana nazionale (1996-2010),” *Rivista di Politica* 4, no. 1: 105–115
- (2010) “Colpirne uno per salvarne cento. Il processo ai Ceaușescu e le strategie di transizione nella Romania post-comunista,” *Contemporanea. Rivista di storia dell’800 e del ’900* 13, no. 1: 53–78
- (2007) “Elementi per una storia istituzionale della Romania comunista: il dispotismo di Nicolae Ceaușescu,” *Giornale di Storia Costituzionale* 7, no. 2: 233–252

Book chapters:

- (2022) “Avvocate militanti negli Stati Uniti: impegno collettivo e forza dell’esempio,” in *Bianca Guidetti Serra e l’avvocatura militante. Tra fonti e storiografia*, eds. Francesco Campobello and Santina Mobiglia, 71–87. Soveria Mannelli: Rubbettino
- (2020) “Le premesse di una nuova sinistra,” in *La meglio gioventù. Dalla Pantera ai nuovi movimenti*, ed. Checchino Antonini, 29–37. Roma: Left
- (2020) “Reagire alla crisi nel XX secolo: spontaneità sociale e ipotesi radicali dopo lo shock petrolifero del ’73,” in *Italia creativa. Condivisione, sostenibilità e innovazione*, eds. Laura Bovone and Carla Lunghi, 23–41. Roma: Donzelli
- (2019) “«Il Pci era di un altro mondo»: il confronto impossibile tra sinistra storica e movimento del ’77,” in *Il ’77, da vicino e da lontano. Per una riflessione sul PCI nel dopoguerra*, eds. Mauro Boarelli, Carlo Ginzburg and Nadia Urbinati, 17–27. Bologna: Biblioteca de «l’Archiginnasio»
- (2019) “Representing Political Violence in the Underground Press: The Case of the Movement of 1977,” in *The Last Avant-Garde: Alternative and Anti-Establishment Reviews (1970-1979)*, ed. Andrea Chiurato, 81–98. Sesto San Giovanni: Mimesis
- (2019) “La generazione introvabile. Destra radicale e movimento del ’77,” in *Il movimento del ’77. Radici, snodi, luoghi*, eds. Simone Neri Serneri and Monica Galfré, 127–141. Roma: Viella

- (2016) “Frames of Injustice across Borders: Revolutionary Left and Police Repression in Italy, France, and the United States,” in *Revolutionary Violence and the New Left: Transnational Perspectives*, eds. Alberto Martín Álvarez and Eduardo Rey, 185–202. New York-London: Routledge
- (2015) “From Legitimation to Rejection of Violence: The Shifting Stance of the Radical Milieu in Italy During the 1970s,” in *Political Violence in Context: Time, Space and Milieu*, eds. Lorenzo Bosi, Niall Ó Dochartaigh and Daniela Pisoiu, 253–276. Colchester: ECPR Press
- (2012) “*Ceci n’est pas un mouvement: il ’77 e la sua rappresentazione*,” in *Comprendere il dissenso. Etnografia e antropologia dei movimenti sociali*, eds. Alexander Koensler and Amalia Rossi, 159–169. Perugia: Morlacchi
- (2010) “Luigi court au devant du danger : Luigi Manconi évoque Lotta Continua et les années 1970,” in *L’Italie des années de plomb : le terrorisme entre histoire et mémoire*, eds. Marc Lazar and Marie-Anne Matard-Bonucci, 381–396. Paris: Autrement

Other scholarly publications:

- (2022) review of 1960. *L’Italia sull’orlo della guerra civile. Il racconto di una pagina oscura della Repubblica*, by Mimmo Franzinelli and Alessandro Giaccone. Milano: Mondadori, 2020, *Modern Italy* 27, no. 4: 444–445
- (2022) review of *Il «lodo Moro». Terrorismo e ragion di Stato 1969-1986*, by Valentine Lomellini. Roma-Bari: Laterza, 2022, *Italia Contemporanea*, no. 300: 325–327
- (2021) review of *L’incredibile storia dell’Isola delle Rose*, by Sydney Sibia, 2020. *Il mestiere di storico* 13, no. 1: 138–139
- (2019) “Sulle tracce della ‘città invisibile’,” in *Quarant’anni dopo: documenti dagli archivi e dalle biblioteche bolognesi*, eds. Valentina Gabusi and Mauro Maggiorani, 137–142. Bologna: Archiginnasio
- (2019) “The Echo of a Distance,” in *Forbidden to Forbid: Counter-culture in Italy, 1968–1977*, ed. Melania Gazzotti, 18–19. Brescia: Corraini
- (2018) review of *Il ’77 tra storia e memoria*, by Alessio Gagliardi. Castel San Pietro Romano: Manifestolibri, 2017, *Il mestiere di storico*, no. 2: 194
- (2017) “The Radical Left after 1968: From Ideological Craze to Reconfiguration of Politics,” *International Labor and Working-Class History* 42, no. 92: 213–226
- (2016) Mario Giovanni Ceci, Guido Panvini, Luca Falciola, Monica Galfré, Giovanni Gozzini, Carlo Fumian, “I terrorismi italiani degli anni ’70 e ’80,” *Passato e presente* 33, no. 97: 27–57

Translations:

- (2015) Boulay de la Meurthe, “Teoria costituzionale di Sieyès. Costituzione dell’anno VIII,” in Paolo Colombo, *Emmanuel Sieyès: le idee, le istituzioni. Con in appendice l’opera di Antoine Boulay de la Meurthe, Théorie constitutionnelle de Sieyès. Constitution de l’an VIII, 1836*, Macerata: EUM, 95–139 [*Théorie constitutionnelle de Sieyès. Constitution de l’an VIII*, Paris: Paul Renouard, 1836]
- (2012) Daniel J. Mahoney, “Due critici della ‘menzogna’ ideologica: l’incontro di Raymond Aron con Aleksandr Solzenicyn,” *Rivista di Politica* 3, no. 3: 59–70 [*Two Critics of the Ideological “Lie”: Raymond Aron’s Encounter With Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn*]
- (2012) Richard Hofstadter, “Lo stile paranoico nella politica americana,” *Rivista di Politica* 3, no. 1: 25–44 [*The Paranoid Style in American Politics and Other Essays*, New York: Knopf, 1965]

TEACHING

- *Contemporary Comparative Politics* (undergraduate) 2025–
The City College of New York
- *The Politics of Protest* (undergraduate) 2025–
The City College of New York
- *European Integration* (undergraduate and graduate) 2022–
Columbia University
- *Political Violence in Twentieth Century Europe* (undergraduate and graduate) 2021–
Columbia University
- *Radical Politics: Europe, 1960s to the Present* (graduate) 2020–
Columbia University
- *Modern European History* (undergraduate) 2019
Barnard College
- *World History* (undergraduate) 2014–2015
Catholic University
- *History of Political Institutions* and *World History*, Teaching Assistant 2007–2012
Catholic University

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- The European radical left in the 1980s and 1990s
- Human Rights and leftist activism

- Political trials and transnational legal mobilizations
- Neofascist countercultures
- The birth of political ecology in Europe

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

- *Beyond Liberal Internationalism and Socialism: The International Association of Democratic Lawyers*, at OAH Conference on American History, New Orleans, April 2024
- *The National Lawyers Guild from McCarthy to the Black Panthers*, at Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, March 2024
- *Communism is Dead, Long Live to Revolution? The Italian Radical Left and the Crisis of 1989–1991*, at Columbia-LSE Seminar in European Politics, Conflict and Culture, Columbia University, New York, February 2024
- *Fighting or Leveraging the Law? Radical Lawyers' Dilemmas and Experimentations in the 1960s and 1970s*, Oxford University, November 2023
- *Radical Lawyers in the Global Cold War Context*, at American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, October 2023
- *La Pantera al di là del muro: giovani di sinistra nel nuovo disordine internazionale*, at L'Italia di fronte alle sfide del nuovo (dis-)ordine internazionale, Università Statale di Milano, Italy, June 2023
- *Radical Lawyering in the Social Movements of the 1960s and 1970s*, Suffolk Law School, Boston, February 2023
- *Connective Action*, at History Lab: Uso politico della storia e archivi della *connective action*: quali sfide per il futuro?, Fondazione Feltrinelli, Milan, September 2022
- *La Pantera ha fiuto ma non morde: come storicizzare il movimento del 1990?*, at Il movimento studentesco del 1990. Storia, memoria, Sapienza Università di Roma, Rome, Italy, January 2020
- *So Close, Yet So Far: Italian Neofascism and Revolutionary Left in the Late 1970s*, at European History & Politics Workshop, Columbia University, New York, April 2018
- *Un '77 anche a destra?*, at Il movimento del '77, Università di Firenze, Florence, Italy, November 2017
- *The Representation of Political Violence in the Magazines of the Movement of 1977*, at Sixth Annual Conference of the European Society for Periodical Press, IULM, Milan, June 2017
- *Movimento e Pci: le ragioni di un dialogo impossibile*, at Il '77 da vicino e da lontano, Biblioteca dell'Archiginnasio, Bologna, May 2017
- *Making the Revolution with Legal Advisors: The National Lawyers Guild and the Movement (1965–1975)*, at Cold War Seminar, New York University, New York, April 2017
- *“Caro Michele” and the Clash between the Old Left and the New Left in Italy*, at Department of Italian, Columbia University, New York, March 2017
- *Red Help: avvocati e sovversivi negli Stati Uniti degli anni '60 e '70*, at Workshop di Storia, Catholic University, Milan, Italy, March 2017
- *Social Movements and Political Violence in Italy (1968–1980)*, at Ruhr-Universität, Bochum, Germany, January 2017

- *The Transnational Relationships Between the Italian Revolutionary Left and the Palestinian Resistance*, at 30th SISP (Italian Political Science Association) National Conference, Milan, Italy, September 2016
- *Transnational Frames of Injustice and Radicalization: The New Left Dealing with Police Repression in Italy, France, and the USA*, at 9th EISA Pan-European Conference on International Relations: The Worlds of Violence, Giardini di Naxos, Italy, September 2015
- *The New Left Criticism of State Repression in Italy, France, and the USA*, at The Armed Left in Latin America, Europe and the USA. Origins and Diffusion of the Revolutionary New Left Wave, Casa de Velazquez, Madrid, Spain, December 2014
- *Wearing a Keffiyeh in Rome: The Transnational Relationship Between the Italian Autonomy and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine*, at 8th ECPR General Conference, Glasgow, Scotland, September 2014
- *Democracy and Disorder: Policing of Protest in Italy, France, and the USA during 1960s and 1970s*, at University of Pavia, Pavia, Italy, December 2013
- *Pathways of an 'Early' Disengagement from Anti-Personnel Violence: The Case of the Weather Underground Organization*, at 7th ECPR General Conference, Bordeaux, France, September 2013
- *State of Exception or State of Weakness? Italy Dealing with the Escalation of Political Violence (1976-1978)*, at States of Violence – States of Exception: Probing the Limits of Sovereign Power, European University Institute, Fiesole, Italy, June 2013
- *I dibattiti degli intellettuali italiani nel 1977: segnali di una svolta culturale?*, at Italia 1977: ambivalenze di una modernità, The Library of the Senate, Rome, Italy, April 2013
- *A Bloodless Guerrilla: Uncovering the Logic of Violence Restraint within American Revolutionary Groups (1968-1981)*, at The Order, Conflict, and Violence Program Speaker Series, Yale University, New Haven, USA, March 2013
- *Rebels Without a Cause? The Movements of 1977 in Italy, between Politics and Depolitization*, at Terrorism and Society: An International Comparative Approach, European University Institute, Fiesole, Italy, March 2012
- *La stampa dinnanzi al terrorismo*, at I racconti della violenza politica sull'Italia degli anni di piombo, The Library of the Chamber of Deputies, Rome, Italy, October 2011
- *L'ordre dans la rue et les rues de l'ordre. Francesco Cossiga et Raymond Marcellin : deux modèles de gestion de la proteste*, at La violence politique en Italie, Allemagne, France dans les années 60-70, Sciences Po, Paris, France, March 2011

MEDIA AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Panelist at the screening of the documentary *A Double Life*, with director Catherine Masud, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, April 2024
- “A New Revolutionary Art: Balestrini and the Great Revolt of the Long 1960s,” Center for Italian Modern Art, New York, March 2024
- “Il radicalismo politico in Europa,” podcast in *Ricercati. Storie dei cervelli italiani nel mondo*, Chora Media, December 2023
- “Sinistra e conflitto dal 1989 ad oggi,” talk at *History Camp: La democrazia non è il mercato. La sinistra e la reinvenzione della democrazia*, Fondazione Feltrinelli, Milan, March 2023
- “Meet the Book Author: Up Against the Law,” *Journal of Law and Society*, October 2022

- “Up Against the Law,” interview in *Law and Disorder Radio*, Pacifica Radio Network, October 2022
- *Azione collettiva e social media: idee per un archivio vivo*, in www.fondazionefeltrinelli.it, April 2022
- Interview in the TV documentary series *Settanta. Quando il personale era politico*, Fondazione Museo storico del Trentino, October 2020
- “Estetica e violenza,” *la Repubblica-Robinson*, February 12, 2017: 14
- “E il movimento del ’77 consumò il parricidio,” *L’Articolo 1*, no. 1 (January 2017): 106–109
- “La fine di Nicolae Ceaușescu,” podcast in *Wikiradio*, Radio 3, December 2014
- “Personal Computer, ovvero la Paura di avere Coraggio. Storia di un’opportunità perduta,” reading with Paolo Colombo, first presented at Officine Olivetti, Ivrea, Torino, November 2014
- “*Noi nu suntem buni de improvizatie*. Per una storia politica della Romania,” reading with Paolo Colombo, first presented at Santa Maria delle Grazie, Milan, March 2013
- “*Through the Barricades*. Fuori dagli anni di piombo, dentro gli anni Ottanta,” reading with Paolo Colombo and Chiara Continisio, first presented at Teatro Litta, Milan, May 2012
- “E saremmo stati salvi. Storia e storie della strage di Piazza Fontana,” reading with Paolo Colombo and Lella Costa, first presented at Camera del Lavoro, Milan, December 2009

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Italian National Scientific Habilitation for associate professor (2023)
- Italian Society for the Study of Contemporary History (SISSCo) National Award for the Best Debut Book (2016)
- Luigi Di Rosa National Award for the Best Book on Italian Contemporary History (2016)
- Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Yale University: Visiting Fellowship (2014)
- Italian National Research Project PRIN, *Sustainable Practices during Times of Crisis: Labor, Consumption, and Participation*: Participant (2012)
- Sciences Po, Paris, Doctoral School: International Mobility Grant (2010)
- Italian National Research Project PRIN, *The People’s Government. Evolutions towards Centralization in the Representative System*: Participant (2007)

LANGUAGES

- Italian (mother tongue); English (proficient in speaking, reading, and writing); French (proficient in speaking, reading, and writing); Spanish (working knowledge)

May 2025