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STUDIES ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- **From 01/12/2023:** Research fellow at the University of Gastronomic Sciences - Pollenzo. Scientific Supervisor: Prof. Michele F. Fontefrancesco. Project: "SAFWA - Best Integrated Pest Management for Safe Water."

STUDIES

- **17/07/2023:** PhD in Philosophy and Human Sciences – M-DEA/01. University of Milan, Department of Philosophy. Thesis: "(Re)Learning from the pandemic: making community during Covid-19". Tutor: Prof. Stefano Allovio
- **15/12/2017:** Master's Degree in Philosophical Sciences. University of Milan, Department of Philosophy. Thesis: "The Ontological Turn and the debate in contemporary anthropology". Supervisor: Prof. Stefano Allovio, advisor: Prof. Gaetano Mangiameli. 110/110 cum laude.
- **16/06/2015:** Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy. University of Milan, Department of Philosophy. Thesis: "Foucault critic of Hobbes: the new categories of politics". Supervisor: Prof. Marco Geuna. 108/110

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

- **October - December 2023:** Teaching assignment in Cultural Anthropology for the academic year 2023/2024 within the Nursing Degree Course activated by the Poliambulanza Foundation from the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Rome – Faculty of Medicine and Surgery “A. Gemelli”. Total hours: 15.
- **A.a 2022-2023:** Tutoring activities - Degree Course in Social Sciences for Globalisation (Unimi). Professor in charge: Angela Biscaldi. 40 hours.
- **January 13, 2023:** lecture "Anthropology of/on/beyond development". Course of Cultural Anthropology, University of Milan, Faculty of Political Science, degree course in Social Sciences for Globalization. Professor in charge: Angela Biscaldi. 4 hours.

- **January 9, 2023:** lecture "Mesoamerican traditional medicine in the face of Covid-19". Degree course in Nursing Sciences, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore. Professor in charge: Laura Volpi. 2 hours.
- **June 6 and 7, 2022:** lecture "(Re)Learning from the pandemic: *hacer comunidad* facing Covid-19" in the context of the School of Globalisation 2022 "Globalisation and Health Policies", University of Milan, Faculty of Political Science, degree course in Social Sciences for Globalization. Professor in charge: Angela Biscaldi. 2 hours.
- **March 14, 2022:** lecture "Rethinking Development in the Light of Covid19, Oaxaca, Mexico", in the "Workshop on Co-operative Development Pathways in Latin America", Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, degree course in Political Science and International Relations. Professor in charge: Laura Volpi. 2 hours.
- **September 28, 2021:** lecture "Anthropology of/on/beyond development". Course of Cultural Anthropology, University of Milan, Faculty of Political Science, degree course in Social Sciences for globalization. Professor in charge: Angela Biscaldi. 2 hours.
- **September 30, 2020:** lecture "Anthropology of/on/beyond development". Course of Cultural Anthropology, University of Milan, Faculty of Political Science, degree course in Social Sciences for Globalization. Professor in charge: Angela Biscaldi. 2 hours.
- **April 16, 2020:** lecture "Anthropology and development". Cultural Anthropology 24 cfu course, Università Cattolica di Piacenza, Professor in charge: Laura Volpi. 2 hours.
- **February - May 2019:** teacher at Nicola Moreschi high school of Milan. 288 hours.
- **November 2018:** collaboration to the realization of the didactic kit "'900 - The season of rights", in "School of European Citizenship, an educational proposal of Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli".

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

- **April 2021 - December 2021:** Doctoral ethnographic research in the Mexican state of Oaxaca. The research focuses on the social transformations triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic in the Mexican state of Oaxaca through the processes of learning, re-learning and re-signification of community knowledge and skills. These processes have been required to cope with Covid-19 and the structural limits of the health and public welfare system that the pandemic circumstance has highlighted. Many villages of Oaxaca adopted several strategies to prevent and treat viral contagion, according to their level of political, alimentary, medical, cultural, and organizational autonomy.
- **May 2017:** Participant observer in the doctoral project "Urban and professional careers of migrants from China to Taiwan: solidarity and resistance in a globalized context" by Dr. Beatrice Zani, Université Lumière Lyon 2/TRIANGLE UMR 5206, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica of Taipei. The research investigates the transformations and segmentations in labor markets both in China and in Taiwan, the process of individualization during women's migratory paths, as well as the forms of resistance vulnerable migrant women can develop during transnational circulation.
- **March 2017:** Research assistant in the research project "Forced migration and the right to the city in Lyon, Paris, Milan and Shanghai" (2016-2018), International Laboratory associated CNRS - ENS Lyon/CASS of Beijing, ENS Lyon/ School of Sociology and Political Science, Shanghai University. The research projects investigates the link between new migratory paths, transnational circulations of young asylum seekers and refugees, the forms of plural discriminations they face within the urban space of the cities they live in and the individual and collective competences they develop to "take part" inside European and Chinese cities. It focuses on young migrants' capacities to produce skills and

competences in a context of institutional, social, economic and moral disqualifications as well as spatial segregation.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- August 2023: Winner of "The Laura Bassi Scholarship" award.

PARTICIPATION TO SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

- SIAA - ITALIAN SOCIETY FOR APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY

PARTICIPATION TO RESEARCH GROUPS:

- **LAS: Laboratory of Social Anthropology, University of Milan**
The Laboratory of Social Anthropology brings together anthropologists from the Department of Philosophy "Piero Martinetti." It promotes research activities, scientific debate, ethnographic investigation, and research projects on themes such as intercultural dynamics and mobility in contexts of social inclusion and exclusion; diverse worldviews and indigenous epistemologies; processes of indigenization connected to technological and environmental transformations; and new possibilities for ethnographic understanding of institutions and platforms in emerging digital frontiers.
- **FUEL: Fuel - Unimi Feminist and Queer Philosophy Lab**
The FUEL Department Laboratory - Feminist and Queer Philosophy explores the research field of feminist thought and queer theories, considering them as fundamental components of contemporary philosophy. It employs an interdisciplinary, intersectional, and decolonial epistemological perspective.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

- **December 16, 2023:** Presentation on "The Return to Normality and Youth Discomfort: Can Anthropology be Part of the Care?" as part of the conference "Social Uses of Anthropology. Heritage, Health, Territories. XI Conference of the Italian Society of Applied Anthropology.
- **November 10, 2023:** Presentation on "The Day of the Dead in Oaxaca (Mexico) during Covid-19" as part of the conference "The Others and Us: Cultures and Disciplines in Dialogue - Conference in Honor of Francesco Remotti" at the University of Turin. Coordinators: Alessandro Gusman (Unito), Javier Gonzalez Diez (Unito).
- **September 22, 2023:** Presentation on "Water in the Veins: Healing the Body-Territory during the Covid-19 Pandemic" as part of the conference "The Return of the Social," Fourth National Conference of the Italian Society of Cultural Anthropology.
- **September 14, 2023:** Presentation on "The 'House of Steam' in Abya Ayala and in Europe, during Pandemic and Post-Pandemic Times: A Two-Way Therapeutic Pluralism" at the international conference "International Conference Sapienza in Trance: Healing, Cooperation, and Imagination," University of Rome La Sapienza. Coordinator: Emily Pierini (University of Rome La Sapienza).
- **June 8, 2023:** discussant in the seminar "Embodying peripheries. Identities, practices and places of periphery in the global south and north", organized by DASTU, Politecnico di

Milano in collaboration with Mapping San Siro Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (PoliMi) and Global Urban Humanities at UC Berkeley.

- **May 8, 2023:** speech "(Re)Learning from the pandemic: *hacer comunidad* in the facing Covid-19 (Oaxaca, Mexico)", in the context of the International Seminar "Latin America and Pandemic: Solidarity, Resilience and Creative Responses", Università di Padova. Coordinators: Silvia Romio (UC Louvain) and Donatella Schmidt (DISSGEA, Unipd).
- **January 23, 2023,** participation in the Podcast "The Words of the Future", Episode 2 "Community", <https://www.raiplaysound.it/audio/2023/01/Le-parole-del-futuro-Ep02-Comunita-5933f1fe-a8c9-43b3-90ef-1bd2c79a5307.html>
- **May 25 and 26, 2022:** member of the Scientific Committee and organizer of the conference "Transformations. Synergistic practices for the virtuous city" - Project "Civis. The virtuous city: inclusion and sustainability" funded under the Research Support Plan - Seal of Excellence - SoE SEED 2020 - University of Milan
- **March 14, 2022:** speech "(Re)knowing the human", with Cinelli R., Malaspina R., Volpi L., in the context of the conference *Unknown Unknowns. Le geografie della diaspora*, Triennale Milano. Coordinator: Pupak Tahereh Bashirrad (Triennale Milano)
- **February 5, 2022:** speech "Indigenous peoples facing Covid19, between social inequalities and cultural strategies.", in the context of *Health, Research and Culture*, Second Seminar of the City of Bellinzona by Fondazione Sasso Corbaro.
- **December 16, 2021:** speech "Cuidar la Tierra, cuidar con la Tierra: processes of community regeneration during the pandemic", in the context of *Next Generation: Anthropological Perspectives*, IX Congress of the Italian Society of Applied Anthropology.
- **September 24, 2021:** speech "Caring for the body and the community: indigenous processes of (re)learning during the pandemic. The case of Huitzo, Oaxaca", in the context of *Future Anthropologies, Future of Anthropology*, Third National Conference of the Italian Society of Cultural Anthropology.
- **September 9, 2021:** speech "The actuality of Ivan Illich's thought theories and practices of descolarization in Oaxaca de Juárez", in the context of the XXX National Conference of PhDs in Philosophy, Fondazione Collegio San Carlo, Modena.
- **December 2, 2020:** speech "Experiments in mutualism at the time of the pandemic: the Mutual Aid Relays.", in the context of *Making (in)Time*. VIII SIAA National Conference.
- **December 19, 2019:** speech "The 'Monstrous Alliance' between Philosophy and Anthropology to go beyond the Development.", in the context of the Interdisciplinarity Doctoral Seminar III workshop, *Humanities at the Crossroads: The Ethics and Politics of Interdisciplinarity Research*, University of Malaga.
- **December 14, 2018:** Moderator at the conference *La banalità del male* - Milan, Palazzo Reale, dedicated to the critical actualization of Hannah Arendt.

PUBLICATIONS

- **2021:** «Raúl Zibechi, Tiempos de colapso. Los pueblos en movimiento, di Elena Fusar Poli», in D'Angelo L., Pinzolo L., Pozzoni G. (a cura di), *New materialism*, n.19, Mimesis Edizioni, Milano-Udine, 2021, pp.231-234
- **2020,** "The relevance of Fanon and Dussel's thought: critical perspectives on decolonization and identity through the case study of the performance "Pink Attack" in Milan", in *ECHO*, n.2, p.110-115, <https://ojs.cimedoc.uniba.it/index.php/eco/article/view/1213>>
- **2020,** "Review of Tim Ingold, 2020 *Anthropology. Rethinking the world*, Milan, Meltemi", in *Anthropology*, vol.7, n.2 n.s., Ledizioni SRL, Milan
- **2020,** "From the windows on the quarantine: screens, balcony, neighborhood", in *The right distance. Small ethnographic observatory on isolation*, edited by DACS - University

of Milan - Bicocca, 26/03/2020,
<https://osservatoriolagiustadistanza.blogspot.com/2020/03/milano-quindicesimo-giorno-dalla.html>

- **2019**, "The limits of sustainability. The choice between economic system and planetary system," in InNatura, year V - n.3, Bastioni Editori, Rome

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Italian: native speaker
- English: excellent reading, expression and comprehension skills (C1/IELTS level)
- Spanish: excellent reading, expression and comprehension skills (C1 level)
- German: good reading, expression and comprehension skills (Fit In Deutsch B level)
- French: good reading, expression and comprehension skills
- Portuguese: good reading, expression and comprehension skills