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RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Researcher at the University of Gastronomic Sciences of Pollenzo

September 2025 - present / European Project ALL-FACTS - Agroecology Living Labs for accelerating transition, within the Agroecology Partnership - September 2021 - August 2025 / H2020 Project RADIANT - Realising Dynamic Value Chains for Underutilised crops

University lecturer

since October 2022 / at the University of Gastronomic Sciences in Pollenzo - Master of Agroecology and Food Sovereignty; Master of Gastronomy: World Food Cultures and Mobility; Master of Applied Gastronomy: Culinary Arts; Bachelor Course in Agrobiodiversity Management - since 2024 / at the University of Salento - Master in *Gastronomie Territoriali*

Research Consultant

May - September 2024 / Wageningen University, Research Group - Social and Economic Research (WSER)

Senior researcher supervising data collection and analysis for the "Global Food Systems Transformation Case Studies" project commissioned by GAIN - Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition.

November 2019 - December 2019 / The Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (PBL), Den Haag, the Netherlands
Research title: "Food policies in European Member States".

Trainer - Agroecology and Sustainable Agricultural and Food Systems

2024 - Trainings on agroecology for the Soft GreenAgri Lab - Santa Chiara Lab, University of Siena; training on sustainable food systems for the Bio-waste Academy, 2024 -Training *Seminare Comunità* - Humus Job, April 2022 and 2023; Legambiente Training, 2022; Summer school "Sciences in the Kitchen" July 2023 at UNISG

EDUCATION and QUALIFICATIONS

PhD at the University of Gastronomic Sciences of Pollenzo

October 2018 – November 2022 / PhD Program in Eco-gastronomy, Education and Society

Research title: "New highlander farmers and agroecological transitions in the Western Italian Alps - Cultivating and co-creating communities and commons" - Academic residency at Schumacher College (October-November 2021)

MSc in Environmental Biology - Biodiversity Conservation

September 2014 - April 2017 / Dep. of Life Science and System Biology, University of Turin, Italy

Thesis title: "Evidence based approaches for habitat restoration and conservation of Maculinea butterflies"

Evaluation: 110/110 Cum Laude

BSc in Biological Science

September 2011- July 2014 / University of Turin, Dep. of Life Science and System Biology, Italy

Curriculum: Ecology and Environmental Biology - Thesis title: "Climate change indicators: butterflies in alpine environments"

Courses at Wageningen University

September 2017 - October 2018 / Wageningen University, The Netherlands

Ecological Methods certification for expert use of software: SPSS, R, CANOCO. **Empowerment for sustainability**

Feminist Participatory Action Research (FPAR) Foundational Course

June - October 2026 / Feminist Participatory Action Research (FPAR) Academy

Certificate in a critical, participatory methodology for analysing intersecting structures of power and oppression

PUBLICATIONS

- I. Moreira, D., Santos, C., da Silva, M. N., Pinto, E., Knez, M., Iannetta, P., Tran, F., Czeplédi, A., Bassignana, C. F., Migliorini, P., Landschoot, S., Dewitte, K., Haesaert, G., Mattas, K., Chiffolleau, Y., & Vasconcelos, M. W. (2026). Underutilised Crops for a

- II. Bassignana, C. F., Bruno, V., & Migliorini, P. (2025). A novel framework for assessing ecosystem services through agroecological practices. *Frontiers in Agronomy*, 7. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fagro.2025.1648022>
- III. Bassignana, Chiara Flora, Gabriele Volpato, Paola Migliorini. (2025). "Relocalising Agriculture and Renewing Agrobiodiversity in the Western Italian Alps through Co-Creation of Agroecological Knowledge and Practices." *Agriculture and Human Values*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10460-025-10730-3>
- IV. Bassignana CF, Bairati L, Bruno V and Torri L (2025) Consumers' perceptions and attitudes toward a novel labeling framework for underutilized crops: a cross-national comparison. *Front. Sustain. Food Syst.* 9:1629395. doi: 10.3389/fsufs.2025.1629395
- V. Bassignana, C. F., Laurenti, C., & Migliorini, P. (2025). Natural resource management and food systems: Social and gender dimensions. In *Reference Module in Food Science*. Elsevier. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-443-15976-3.00051-9>
- VI. Rastorgueva N., Bassignana C.F. (corresponding author), E. Angarita, A. Fasso, J. Hassink, M. Goris, U. Schmutz, J. Conroy, S. Dinç, A. Wezel & P. Migliorini (2025): Agroecological Living Labs as entry points for transition towards sustainable food systems: a novel framework for the evaluation of living labs at different scales, *Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems*, DOI: 10.1080/21683565.2025.2477215
- VII. Bassignana, C.F.; Merante, P.; Bellière, S.R.; Vazzana, C.; Migliorini, P. Assessment of Agricultural Biodiversity in Organic Livestock Farms in Italy. *Agronomy* (2022), 12, 607. <https://doi.org/10.3390/agronomy12030607>
- VIII. Bassignana, C. F., & Volpato, G. (2022). The relighting of community ovens in the Western Italian Alps as a process of commoning The relighting of community ovens in the Western Italian Alps. *Food, Culture & Society*, 00(00), 1–24. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15528014.2022.2100082>
- IX. Sevilleja, Cristina G., Frank Van Langevelde, Juan Gallego-Zamorano, Chiara F. Bassignana, and Irma Wynhoff. 2022. "Sod Translocation to Restore Habitats of the Myrmecophilous Butterfly Phengaris (Maculinea) Teleius on Former Agricultural Fields." *Ecology and Evolution* 12 (9): 1–14. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ece3.9293>
- X. Wynhoff I., Kolvoort A. M., Bassignana C. F., Berg M. P., Van Langevelde F., 2016 - Fen meadows on the move for the conservation of Maculinea (Phengaris) teleius butterflies
- XI. (Accepted for publication) Bassignana, Chiara Flora & Paola Migliorini - Agrobiodiversity renewed by visionary farmers: the role of underutilised crops in mobilising local knowledge, activating alternative food networks and building resilience - Anthology "Sustainable Agroecology. Actors, Practices, Experiences and Perceptions" VS Springer Eds: Becerril, Martinez, Jha, Tuiider, Thiel

OTHER RELEVANT ROLES

Vice-president of the Italian Association of Agroecology (AIDA) since July 2026 - Appointed for trainings and research on "Feminisms and Agroecology" for the - <https://www.agroecologia.eu/>

Board Member of Agroecology Europe since March 2026 and coordinator of the Gender and Intersectionality Working Group - Agroecology Europe - <https://www.agroecology-europe.org/>

Environmental Educator - workshops for primary and middle schools, with association Filo Educativo, since 2020

Artistic director for the production of the institutional video for Slow Food (December 2021)

Director and screenwriter of the digital video course "Food, Community, and Good Economy" for S-nodi Education (November 2020-January 2021) <https://edu.s-nodi.org/>