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## Background and main thematic areas

He graduated *cum laude* in Architecture and Planning in 1993, got a PhD in Urban, Territorial and Environmental Planning and, from 2001 to 2010, he was Contract Professor at Politecnico di Milano in the courses of "Planning and Local Development", "Urban and Regional Systems Analysis" and in the "Laboratory of Urban Planning".

He is lecturer and speaker at seminars and courses in Italian, European and non-European universities, as well as in public entities, cooperatives and consortia.

He got two post-doc research grant in DiAP-Department of Architecture and Planning of Politecnico di Milano in the research program:

- "The role of alternative economies in local development policies" (2006-2007).
- "Analytical issues, for integrated territorial government" (2008-2009).

Since the early 90's he has been working on local development policies with a participatory and self-sustainable approach. He has developed these issues in Italy and abroad working on the relationships between land, environment, social networks and rural development, with a particular focus on issues connected with urban and periurban food systems.

He works both in Italy and around the world with on-field-projects, theoretical and methodological research with social, economic and institutional actors at different levels (Local Authorities, development agencies, regional and national governments, OECD, EU Commission, Council of Europe, FAO, UNDP, etc.), teaches in courses, seminars and lectures in universities and institutions in Italy and abroad.

These activities integrates original research skills, process management, organization of social networks and consultancy to institutions that have been developed and implemented even in the areas of participatory and integrated programs and plans for Local Authorities (Pisl, PIT, Local Agenda 21; AQST, Projects Leader, etc.), in the evaluation of urban and regional planning (PGT, PTCP, area plans, SEA, EMAS, etc.) and in legislative and regulatory activities.

He has used these skills to contribute to the foundation and to moderation of solidarity economy networks at local, national and international level and to the definition and consolidation of the concept of urban food policies and their practical implementation in Italy and at EU and international level.

Now he works mainly as partner in ESTà - Economia e Sostenibilità ([www.assesta.it](http://www.assesta.it)), a non profit think tank that is focused on the promotion of the culture of sustainability, on community resilience and on circular economy through a participatory and strategic approach to public policies, the start up of social enterprises and the promotion of innovative high level training courses on sustainability topics, with a focus on food policies.

## Main roles and selection of activities

- Coordinator for the activities of EStà in the H2020 project "AfricanFoodLinks" to develop policy-oriented researches in 15 African cities towards their food policies.
- Coordinator of the analysis of the policies and social initiatives on food and climate in 18 European cities in the context of the EU-DEAR project Food "Wave" (2021).
- Responsible for the technical and scientific support for the creation and implementation of a Food Council in the city of Torino in the context of the EU H2020 project "Fusilli" (2021).
- Coordinator of the analysis of the food system of four municipalities in the metropolitan area of Dakar in the context of the EU project ECOPAS (2019-2020)
- Member of the EStà working group for the master plan "L'Innesto" for the regeneration of the abandoned railway yard Greco-Breda in Milan in the context of (winner project of the C40 international bid "Reinventing Cities" for a carbon-free neighborhood).
- Member of the EStà working group for the feasibility study for the Municipality of Milan to use the food system as a key for urban regeneration of Quartiere Gallaratese, a neighborhood of 30.000 inhabitants in the periphery of Milano (2019-2020).
- Coordinator of the report on 50 best practices of urban food policies in the context of FAO Knowledge Platform on Urban Sustainable Food Systems (2018).
- Scientific coordinator of researches to map and analyze experiences and networks of actors working on urban food recovery and redistribution (Cremona, Milano, Torino).
- Coordinator of the module on Urban Food Policies in the context of the Master "Cibo e Società" managed by Università Bicocca di Milano and EStà (2019-2021).
- Co-Director of the Master course "Alimentar la metropoli: estrategias y políticas alimentarias" in the context of the Strategic Plan of the metropolitan city of Barcelona, Catalunya-Spain (2017).
- Scientific coordinator of the researches on governance in the international research project URBAL on "Urban driven innovation of the food system", led by CIRAD and EStà in partnership with INRA, Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore), Wilfrid Laurier University, and the universities of Brasilia, Cape Town, Hanoi and New York (2017-2020).
- Member of the International Advisory Committee of the FLEdGE international research and knowledge sharing partnership (Food: Locally Embedded Globally Engaged), based in the Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at Wilfrid Laurier University and in the Balsillie School for International Affairs, Toronto-Waterloo (Canada) (from 2016).
- From 2014: scientific coordinator of the methodologies of the Food Policy of Milan (Italy) and of related local and international activities within the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP).
- Responsible of the Italian focal point of the RUA Foundation ([www.ruaf.org](http://www.ruaf.org)), global leader in research, advice and actions on urban agriculture and sustainable food systems.
- Past President of Urgenci (2010-2015), a worldwide association that brings together the different types of networks and associations of Local Partnerships between Producers and Consumers (Community Supported Agriculture) in their various national and continental forms (e.g. Teikei in Japan, AMAP in France, CSA in the English-speaking world, ASC in Canada, etc..)
- In this role he's been participating to the World Committee on Food Security of FAO in the context of the "consumers constituency" in the contexts of the Civil Society Mechanism of the World Committee on Food Security of FAO.
- Research and technical support activities to the Social Cohesion Division of the Council of Europe the role of consumers and local communities in creation of local food systems and sustainable development policies to build a common platform on the relationships between EU institutions and solidarity economies (2010-2011).
- Member of the Working Group "Constructing indicators of progress and well-being with the citizens and the communities" within the OECD Global Project "Measuring the Progress of

Societies Beyond GDP" (2008-2010).

- Participant of Technical Consultation Groups of the "Food for cities" multi-disciplinary group that unites the different FAO operative units working on issues of urban and peri-urban agriculture and urban food policies (from 2008).
- One of the founders of RES, Italian Network of Social Economy (2002) and a member of the European Platform of RIPESS (Intercontinental Réseau pour la Promotion de l'Economie Sociale et Solidaire) and IRIS (Inter-réseau des Initiatives Solidaires)
- 2000-2001: responsible for Italy's communication of the EU Commission's LIFE program.
- Between 2000 and 2018 he has worked in several European projects (Takis City Twinning, Interreg, Equal, Life, 7 th Framework Programme) and in international cooperation projects in Africa, Asia, Middle East and Latin America (EuropeAid, UNDP) on issues related to territorial food policies.
- From early 90's he was engaged in region Lombardy as activist-researcher in several actions, projects and networking activities concerning the role of sustainable agriculture

## Selection of books and articles

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- Calori A., *Agricoltura, città e stili di sviluppo nell'evoluzione dell'agenda istituzionale mondiale*, in "Territorio", 1/2012
- Calori A., *Geopolitica e progetto di territorio tra le campagne e le città*, in: Bocchi S. (a cura di), "Un nuovo rapporto città campagna" (Touring Club Italiano-Giunti 2011)
- Calori A., *Dal consumo alla produzione. Note sulla nuova centralità della terra*, in Perrone C., Zetti I. (by) "Il valore della terra. Teoria e applicazioni per il dimensionamento della pianificazione

territoriale", Franco Angeli, Milano 2011

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- Calori A., Innovazione sociale e economie territoriali nel Parco Agricolo Sud Milano, in Magnaghi A., Fanfani D. (by) "Patto Citta' Campagna. Un Progetto di Bioregione Urbana per la Toscana Centrale", Florence University Press, Firenze 2009.
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