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Over the past ten years I have conducted a number of research, teaching and publication activities dealing with migration studies, urban inclusion and exclusion dynamic, community based activation and its relation with urban policies and planning mechanisms, urban regeneration and social innovation. On these topics, I had the opportunity to do fieldwork in **different countries** of Europe (Italy, Germany, Spain, The Netherlands), North America (Canada), Africa (South Africa, Kenya) and Latin America (Mexico). I combine theoretical and comparative elaborations with a strong interest in (primarily qualitative) fieldwork.

A key milestone in my research career was the award of the **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship** “NEIGHBOURCHANGE-Social innovation and urban revitalization in hyperdiverse local societies” in 2017. Since 2018, I have been active in the **AESOP Thematic Group Public Spaces and Urban Cultures** where I can profit from networking and knowledge exchange with some of the most important scholars in my research field. Since 2014 I am a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the **National Research Group** on Urban Regeneration Urban@IT.

Since 2012 I’ve collaborated with the **SSIIM UNESCO Chair Research Centre** that gave me the opportunity to develop **creative independent thinking** being immersed in an interdisciplinary and international research group. Thanks to this collaboration, in 2013 I had the opportunity to be involved in another **Marie Curie Fellowship Programme in Mexico City** (part of RISE EU Funded Project) collaborating with the Instituto Mora and conducting a field research about urban policies for the inclusion of international migrants in most-deprived neighbourhoods.

I have extensive project management experience. While collaborating with the SSIIM Unesco Chair, I contributed to the **project design and management** of 3 major collaborative research projects: i) Urgent: urban re-generation European network of towns, Europe for citizens Program ii) SHARING SPACE: intercultural cities and collective space, FP7-PEOPLE-2012-IRSES iii) MIUM-TIE, Managing International Urban Migration in Turkey Italy and Spain, EC, Civil Society Dialogue between the EU and Turkey. Within SSIIM UNESCO Chair, I contributed to the conception and design of **10 collaborative research projects**, funded by national and international donors.

Today I’m part of the leading group of **1 million EU-funded ERAMUS+ project named EUREKA** working on the definition of a new European curricula for MA teaching on urban regeneration and social innovation. I’ve just finished a 1-year **research collaboration for the Ministry of Italian Culture** on a national mapping effort of community based action directed to urban regeneration through culture. I’m part of the international research project SOLIVID (led by the University of Barcelona) on mapping and evaluating the impact of community based action in the urban welfare effort during the pandemic outbreak.

I’m among the founder and vice-director of the **Master U-Rise- Urban regeneration and social innovation** at IUAV of Venice, the first Italian Master course on these topics.

During my career, I have been involved in **university teaching**, at both MA and undergraduate levels and I have **supervised** both master students, PhD students and postdoc researchers (see CV for details). I today teach ‘Strumenti per il Riuso e la Rigenerazione Urbana’ at Iuav di Venezia and ‘Innovazione nel governo locale’ at the U-Rise Master.

I have benefited from different **visiting periods** (see CV for details) that gave me the opportunity to delve into different disciplines like Migration and Displacement, Sociology of Innovation and Social Movements and Citizenship, thus sustaining my international profile, independence and creative thinking. Thanks to research expeditions and participation to the most relevant international conferences and networks, I possess a **wide**

international network of collaborators: beside the Universities where I realized research expeditions and visiting periods, I am involved in collaborative research networks with Universidad de Gran Canaria, Universidad de Valladolid, Columbia University NY, and Universidad de Barcelona.

CURRENT POSITIONS

Nov 2021- to present: Assistant Professor (RTD-B) in Urban Planning, Università Iuav di Venezia (IUAV)

EDUCATION (all with honors)

Dec 2009 – Dec 2012: PhD in Regional Planning and Public Policy, IUAV, Italy

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Nov 2017-Oct 2020: Marie Curie Global Fellow, for the [Project NEIGHBOURCHANGE](#)- Social Innovation and Urban Revitalization in Hyperdiverse Local Societies, University of Toronto, TUDelft

Oct 2012-Oct 2017: Post-doc researcher at [SSIIM Unesco Chair](#), IUAV

SUPERVISION OF MASTER, PHD AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

June 2016- June 2020: Supervision of the PhD candidates Martina Massari, Francesco Campagnari, Paolo Robazza in Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Bologna, University of Strathclyde, IUAV

Sep 2016-May 2018: Scientific Supervisor of 3 Research Fellows for 2 Projects on Urban Regeneration and social innovation in the field of cultural industries, Project Funded by European Social Funds, IUAV

2014- to present: Supervision of more than 50 Master thesis, Master U-Rise

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

2021-2022: Professor for the course ‘Re-use and urban regeneration’, Bachelor degree on Urban Planning, IUAV

2020-2021: Professor for the course ‘Urban Planning’, Bachelor Degree on Architecture, IUAV

2019-2020/2020-2021: Professor for the course on ‘Community Planning’, Bachelor degree on Urban Planning, IUAV

Sep 2015- June 2017: Visiting Professor, VIU-Venice International University, Course on “Globalization, Ethics Welfare and Human Rights. City, Difference and Immigration”, Venice, Italy

Oct 2015- Oct 2016: Lecturer at the course (MA Level), Laboratory of Urban Analysis and Urban Design, Master Degree on Urban Planning, IUAV

Since 2014: Lecturer at Master U-Rise for the course Innovation in Local Governments IUAV

ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES (selection)

October 2020: Organization of the closing International Conference for the Marie Sklodowska-Curie, Making Room. Social Innovation in Urban Planning, IUAV

July 2017: Member of the organizing committee of the 2019 AESOP Congress: Planning for Transition. Dealing with complexity in contemporary planning practice, IUAV

28th-30th June 2017: Organization of the "Policy Workshop on Neighbourchange", 14th IMISCOE Annual Conference, Erasmus University of Rotterdam

INVITED SPEAKER (SELECTION)

Comparative Urbanism in Toronto and London: Urban Development, Governance, and Activism, organized by University of Toronto/ UCL London in Toronto 03/04- 04-2018

Toronto a Divided City. Towards a more Unite City. What trends must we reverse? Can we? How? University of Toronto, Innis College on Urban Studies 20-03-2018

Feltrinelli Camp. A two-day international workshop for young European researchers in the field of Urban Studies, Fondazione Feltrinelli, Politecnico di Milano e International Panel on Social Progress-Princeton/Parigi, Milan 16/17-02-2018

MasterClass "In/out: designing urban inclusion", Bruxelles, MetroLab Brussels, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Université Catholique de Louvain 23-01-2017

AWARDS

Gianfranco Martini Scholarship assigned by The European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA) for the research activity on local democracy and community engagement in process of transformation of multicultural societies 17-05-2019

PERIODS ABROAD AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

- Apr 2018-Apr 2020: Visiting researcher TUDelft, Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment
- Nov 2018-Jan 2019: Visiting researcher, IGOP Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona
- Sept 2011- Sept 2016: Research Fellow, The Open University, UK
- Oct- Nov 2014: Marie Curie Research Fellow, Instituto Mora, Mexico City
- Feb 2011-Mar 2011: Visiting Researcher at the Centre for the Sociology of Innovation, Paris
- Aug 2009- Sept 2009: Research Fellow at the University of the Witwatersrand, African Centre for Migration & Society, Johannesburg

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Nov 2021- to present: Member of the Scientific Board at the Doctoral School, IUAV

February 2020- to present: Vice-director of U-Rise Master, IUAV

INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION

2017: **Founders of the University Spin Off** EST-Educazione, Società, Territori, dealing with urban regeneration, social innovation and local development at IUAV

PARTICIPATION TO SCIENTIFIC AND EDITORIAL BOARD

June 2015 to present: Member of the Editorial Board, Tracce Urbane, Italian Journal of Urban Studies, University La Sapienza, Rome, Italy

Gen 2012 to present: Member of Scientific Advisory Board, Laboratorio Studi Urbani, University of Ferrara, Italy

MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

Dec 2014 to present: Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of @UrbanIT, National Center for Urban Policies, Italy

Feb 2018 to present: Member of the AESOP Thematic Group 'Urban Space and Public Cultures', Association of European Schools of Planning, UK