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EDUCATION

2010 - 2013

Ph.D. in “International Cooperation” - V. Chizzolini” (University of Bergamo).

Thesis: “*The Development of the Concept of Sovereignty between the Western and the Islamic World*” (History of Political Doctrines / History of Political Institutions / Political Philosophy).

Valuation: A

2008 - 2010

Master Degree in “Human Rights and Ethics of International Cooperation” (University of Bergamo).

Thesis: “*Universal Human Rights to the Challenge of Islam*”.

Valuation: 110 with Honors

2005 - 2008

Bachelor Degree in “Philosophy and Letters” (University of Bergamo).

Thesis: “*The Sacrifice of Isaac. History and Structure of Sacrifice in Pagan, Jewish and Christian Religions*”.

Valuation: 110 with Honors

NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC QUALIFICATION (ASN)

May. 2021 - May. 2030

Achievement of the **National Scientific Qualification (ASN)** for Associate Professor in 14/B1 Academic Recruitment Field (History of Political Thought and Institutions), in particular for the Academic Discipline (SSD): **SPS/03 - History of political institutions**.

Valuation: positive 5/5

ACADEMIC CAREER

2018-21

Research Associate A

University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

Fixed-term researcher A in Scientific disciplinary sector (SDS) of *History of Philosophy* (M-FIL/06)

2021-24

Research Associate B

University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

Fixed-term researcher B in Scientific disciplinary sector (SDS) of *History of political institutions* (SPS/03).

2024-Today

Associate Professor

University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

Fixed-term Associate Professor in Scientific disciplinary sector (SDS) of *History of political institutions* (14/GSPS-03/B).

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

My scientific research activity at the Department of Human and Social Sciences of the University of Bergamo was carried out mainly through two areas which, during the course of his studies, ended up meeting and intertwining:

1- The **History of European Political Institutions** compared to those of the Middle East, specifically referring to the development of the concept of Sovereignty;

2- The **Foreign Policy of the European Union**, highlighting its limits and opportunities from a historical, legal and institutional point of view, concentrating its analysis on the re-proposal of a "different" concept of sovereignty, which aims to safeguard the political construction of European ideal and, at the same time, the economic-political-institutional relations between the various member states.

The convergence of these two research paths has led to the historical analysis of the evolution of European foreign policy, in particular since the adoption of the Single European Act (SEA) and the ratification of the Maastricht Treaty, and of its actions in the countries of the Mediterranean, with the aim of promoting dialogue and cooperation through partnership actions that are not only bilateral, given the current intergovernmental nature of the EU's external action, but also multilateral. Some of these countries are in fact candidates or potential candidates for membership of the Union: the 2015 ENP review focuses on neighborhood stabilization, a differentiated approach for partner countries and greater participation in strategies by all interlocutors.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025-26

History of philosophical thought (cod. 40005), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

History of Political and Social Institutions (cod. 84105, 14/GSPS-03/B), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

History of Political and Social Institutions (cod. 25351, 14/GSPS-03/B), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

History of Political Doctrines and Institutions (cod. 70056-1, 14/GSPS-03/B), University of Bergamo and University S. Raffaele, Dep. of Political Science and Global Strategies.

2024-25

History of Political and Social Institutions (cod. 84105, SPS/03), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

History of Political and Social Institutions (cod. 25351, SPS/03), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

History of philosophical thought (cod. 40005), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

History of European and international political institutions (cod. 70045-1, SPS/03), University of Bergamo and University S. Raffaele, Dep. of Political Science and Global Strategies.

2023-24

Political and social philosophy (cod. 25322, SPS/03), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

History of philosophical thought (cod. 40005), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

History of European and international political institutions (cod. 70045-1, SPS/03), University of Bergamo and University S. Raffaele, Dep. of Political Science and Global Strategies.

2022-23

OFA – General culture (cod. 25181 e cod. 40070), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

Contemporary Philosophy, Politics and Culture 4 (cod. 25290), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

History of philosophical thought A-B (cod. 40005 mod. 1-2), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

History of political and social institutions (cod. 84105, SPS/03), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

2021-22

OFA – General culture (cod. 25181 e cod. 40070), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

Contemporary Philosophy, Politics and Culture 4 (cod. 25290), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

History of philosophical thought A-B (cod. 40005 mod. 1-2), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

History of Italian integration in Europe (cod. 84099, SPS/03), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

2020-21

OFA – General culture (cod. 25181 e cod. 40070), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

Contemporary Philosophy, Politics and Culture 4 (cod. 25290), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

History of philosophical thought A (cod. 40005 mod. 1), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

History of Italian integration in Europe (cod. 84099, SPS/03), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

2019-20

OFA – General culture (cod. 25181 e cod. 40070), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

History of Philosophy (cod. 25132), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

Philosophical History of the Body (cod. 25264), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

Contemporary Philosophy, Politics and Culture 3 (cod. 25291), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

Contemporary Philosophy, Politics and Culture 4 (cod. 25290), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

2018-19

OFA – General culture (cod. 25181 e cod. 40070), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

Infancy in History of Philosophy (cod. 25260), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

Seniority in History of Philosophy (cod. 25262), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

Work in History of Philosophy (cod. 25263), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

2017-18

History of Philosophy 5 (cod. 25207), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

History of Philosophy 6 (cod. 25208), University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

TEACHING ASSISTANT

2016-19

History of Political and Social Institutions, University of Verona, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

2015-19

History of Religion, University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

2012-13

Educational Policies and History of Arab-Islamic Countries, University of Bergamo, Dep. Philosophy and Letters.

History and institutions of Africa, Asia and the Americas, University of Bergamo, Dep. Philosophy and Letters.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2025

Visiting Professor at the IEE-ULB (INSTITUT D'ÉTUDES EUROPÉENNES PÔLE EUROPÉEN JEAN MONNET – Université Libre de Bruxelles).

Research activity in the field of European institutions and the EU enlargement policies from the Maastricht Treaty to the early 2000s accessions.

2016-18

Research Fellow: *"The concept of sovereignty in the epistemology of complexity: for a new idea of plural Europe"*, University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences.

2016-17

Research Assistant: *"Training needs of teachers and socio-cultural educators for migrants in the province of Bergamo"*, University of Bergamo, CQIA - The Academy for Teaching and Learning Quality.

2015-16

Research Fellow: *"Immigration in the province of Bergamo"*, University of Bergamo, CST - Lelio Pagani Centre for Territorial Studies.

2014-19

Research Assistant in *ECUD Project - Education et Culture de la Démocratie*, UNESCO Chair (University of Bergamo) and European Council, with the University of Setif (Algeria) and the University of Tirana (Albania).

2014-15

Research Fellow: *"Universities in the new century: between territorial educational facilities and social institutions"*, University of Bergamo.

2013-19

Research Assistant of UNESCO Chair (University of Bergamo).

2012

Visiting student at SOAS - The School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.

Attendance of the academic course MA in *"Origins and Early Development of Islam: Problems and Perspectives"*.

2012

Summer School *"Una rilettura de los fundamentos de la Democracia Occidental"*, UNESCO Chair of Bergamo (University of Bergamo) and Rioja (University of Malaga).

2011-12

Collaborator in IPPE Project *"Indicateurs sur la Participation des Parents dans l'Ecole obligatoire"*, UNESCO Chair of Bergamo (University of Bergamo).

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND TASKS

2025-Today

Member of the Committee for the Third Mission – the university's outreach and public engagement activities – for the Department of Human Sciences at the University of Bergamo.

2024-Today

Member of the teaching board of the **Ph.D. course** in "*Human Sciences and New Welfare*", University of Bergamo.

2021-Today

Member of TOLC Commission for access to the degree program in Educational Sciences, University of Bergamo.

2020-22

Contact person for incoming orientation of the degree program in Educational Sciences, University of Bergamo.

2018-Today

Member of the Human and Social Sciences Department Board, University of Bergamo.

2018-Today

Contact person for the curricula of the degree program in Educational Sciences, University of Bergamo.

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIP

2021-Today

Reviewer for:

- Biblion Edizioni
- Studium
- Nuova Secondaria

2021-Today

Member of the **Society for Studies in the History of Institutions**.

2022-Today

Member of **AISIP** (Italian Association of History of Political Institutions).

2023-Today

Member of **ICHRPI** (International Commission for the History of Representative and Parliamentary Institutions).

PARTICIPATION IN BOARDS OF SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS

2020-Today

Chief Editor in Scientific Journal "*Studium*" (ISSN 0039-4130).

2020-Today

Member of the Editorial Committee in Scientific Journal "*Instituta. Rivista di Storia delle Istituzioni Europee e Internazionali*" (BIBLION Edizioni, ISSN 2785-5872).

CONFERENCES

25-28 Sep. 2023

Conference: *"75th Conference of the International Commission for the History of Representative and Parliamentary Institutions (ICHRPI)"*, Rome-Naples.

Scientific seminar intervention entitled: *"Relations between the European Parliament and the common foreign and security policy"*.

30 Sep. 2022

Conference: *"Maastricht and the European institutions: thirty years after the birth of the EU"* Historical Archive of Presidency of Republic, Rome.

Scientific seminar intervention entitled: *"The Institutions of EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy"*.

27 May 2019

Conference: *"Italy in the European Union. History, institutions, politics, integration"*, University of Bergamo.

Conference organization and scientific seminar intervention entitled: *"Sovereignty and the idea of a federal Europe"*.

14 Jul. 2014

Conference: *"La democrazia e i diritti dell'uomo"*, UNESCO Chair of Bergamo.

Scientific seminar intervention entitled: *L'evoluzione del concetto di sovranità dal Medioevo all'epoca moderna e contemporanea*.

1 Apr. 2014

Conference: *"Bergamo 2. (035) un'idea di città in un mondo nuovo; le nuove possibilità di sviluppi urbani"*, University of Bergamo, CST - Lelio Pagani Centre for Territorial Studies.

Scientific seminar intervention entitled: *"Diritti dell'uomo e cooperazione internazionale nelle nuove possibilità di sviluppi urbani"*.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

26-27 Jun. 2023

Art, Creativity and neuroscience, University of Bergamo, Dep. of Human and Social Sciences and Dep. of Letters, Philosophy and Communication.

Mar-May 2024

The European Union: yesterday, today and tomorrow. Towards the 2024 European Parliament elections, University of Bergamo, Dep. of Law, Economic Sciences and Human and Social Sciences.

PUBLICATIONS

- *Sovranità. Percorsi di un'idea tra Occidente e Islam*, Carocci, Roma 2016, pp. 288. ISBN 9788843082872 / 8843082876.
- *Arabia pre-islamica*, in "Nuova Secondaria", 6, 2018, pp. 45-51.
- *La giustizia come elemento fondante del potere politico tra Europa e Islam*, in "Humanitas", 73, 2018, pp. 254-276.
- *Il carisma politico tra la crisi della democrazia liberale e l'impronta costituzionale dell'Islam sciita*, in "Studium", 1, 2018, pp. 77-96.
- *Lo sforzo nell'ermeneutica del Corano: l'tjihad. Riflessioni sulle implicazioni politiche del messaggio islamico*, in E. Giannetto (a cura di), *Di stelle, atomi e poemi*, Aracne Editrice, Roma 2018, pp. 105-117.
- *Introduzione e curatela del volume L'Italia nelle istituzioni europee. Storia, politica, integrazione*, Carocci, Roma 2020, pp. 11-18. ISBN 978-88-290-0106-4
- *La sfida del federalismo nella complessità istituzionale europea* in G. Zucchelli, L. Tedoldi (a cura di), *L'Italia nelle istituzioni europee. Storia, politica, integrazione*, Carocci, Roma 2020, pp. 123-142.
- *Globalisation and Politics: Conceptualisation of Charismatic Power by the Modern State*, in "Review of Social Sciences", 1, 2020, pp. 12-24.
- *La sovranità dell'Impero ottomano*, in "Le Carte e la Storia", 2, 2020, pp. 84-93.
- *Introduzione alla sezione Anniversari* in "Studium", 1, 2021, pp. 141-142.
- *La politica estera dell'Unione Europea. Problematicità e prospettive*, in "Instituta", 1, 2022, pp. 143-157.
- *Introduzione. Cosa vuol dire Europa? e curatela del volume L'Unione Europea e il Mediterraneo. Processi storici, assetti istituzionali e dinamiche politiche nella dimensione euromediterranea*, Biblion Edizioni, Milano 2025, pp. 7-17. ISBN 978-88-3383-497-9
- *L'identità europea nella sua azione di politica estera mediterranea*, in G. Zucchelli (a cura di), *L'Unione Europea e il Mediterraneo. Processi storici, assetti istituzionali e dinamiche politiche nella dimensione euromediterranea*, Biblion Edizioni, Milano 2025, pp. 33-66.

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