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PROFILE

I am an historian of political thought based at the Polytechnic of Turin, Italy. I am a Ph. D. in Modern and Contemporary History obtained at the University of Pavia and at the University of Innsbruck. I have previously worked as a post-doc fellow and adjunct professor at the Department of Human Studies of University of Pavia (2016-2017) and at the Department of History, Culture and Civilization of the University of Bologna (2017-2021). In 2021 I obtained the National Scientific Habilitation (ASN) for Associate Professor (2021-30) in 14/B1 History of political doctrines and institutions. My research interests involve the history of scientific and political thought, particularly in the German area from XVIII to XX century. I have inquired the history of spatial concepts in the framework of the formation of geography as a modern science; the relationship between space and history in political thought; the origin and ideological background of the history of concepts; Marxian theory of history and global space. I am currently studying the relationship between politics and technology in the field of cybernetics and artificial intelligence, with a particular focus on the way in which algorithms transform the constitution of the social, its forms of knowledge and structures of domination.

RESEARCH

EXPERIENCES

Assistant Professor with time contract

2021 – 2024

DIST- Interuniversity Department of Regional and Urban Studies and
Planning, Polytechnic and University of Turin.

Research Fellowships in History of Political Thought

2017 – 2021

Department of History Culture and Civilization, University of Bologna.

Research Assistant of the Research Group “Towards a Global History of Political Concept”

2017

Academy of Global Humanities and Critical Theory (University of Bologna, University of Virginia and Duke University).

Research Fellowship in History

2016 – 2017

Department of Humanities – University of Pavia.

Research project: *Land und Herrschaft di Otto Brunner in the light of the spatial turn: the borders of the concepts of territory.*

Research Grant

01.2016 – 02.2016

Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main – Historisches Seminar.

Research project: *Otto Brunner's Land und Herrschaft in der gegenwärtigen Debatte über den globalen politischen Raum.*

Research Grant DAAD – German Academic Exchange Service

03.2015 – 04.2015

Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main - Historisches Seminar.

Research project: *Carl Ritters intellektuelle Tätigkeit in Frankfurt am Main (1798-1813).*

EDUCATION

Ph. D. in Political Communication from Antiquity to 20th Century

University of Pavia – University of Innsbruck

2011-2014 (awarded in 2015)

Title of the dissertation: *Communicating space and locating history.*

German geography and political discourse in 19th century. Grade:

Excellent with recommendation for publication.

Master degree in Philosophical Sciences

University of Bologna

2008-2010

BA in Philosophy

University of Bologna

2004-2008

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Lecturer

2023-2024, Polytechnic of Turin

Module on “Intelligent Infrastructures” and on “Politics and Technology”
– BA Degree.

Module on “History, Spaces and Theories of Capitalism” – Master Degree.

Lecturer

2022-2023, Polytechnic of Turin.

Module on “Intelligent Infrastructures” and on “Politics and Technology”
– BA Degree.

Module on “Critique, Crisis, Project: For a Politics of Technology” – Ph.D.
Program in “Architecture, History and Project”.

Lecturer

2021-2022, Polytechnic of Turin.

Module on “Intelligent Infrastructures” (Global Challenges Courses //
Mobility) – BA Degree.

Lecturer

2021, Department of History Culture and Civilization, University of
Bologna.

Module on “History of Political Thought” – BA Degree.

Lecturer

2020, Department of History Culture and Civilization, University of Bologna

Module on “History of Political Thought” – BA Degree.

Lecturer

2019, Department of History Culture and Civilization, University of Bologna

Module of “Political Theory” – Master Degree.

Guest lecturer

2018, Department of History Culture and Civilization, University of Bologna

8 hours-module on the History of Political Thought – International Master Degree on “Global Cultures”

Guest lecturer

2017, Department of History Culture and Civilization, University of Bologna

8 hours-module on the History of Political Thought – International Master Degree on “Global Cultures”.

Ph.D. Lecturer

2017, Department of Humanities, University of Pavia

12 hours-module on “A geography for history: Otto Brunner and the borders of the concept of territory” – Ph.D. Program “Mediterranean Civilizations in pre-classical, classical and medieval age”

Lecturer

2016, Department of History Culture and Civilization, University of Bologna

8 hours-module in the seminar on *Power and Recognition in Hegel, Fanon and Foucault* – Master Degree.

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

- *Dominare tempi inquieti. Storia costituzionale, politica e tradizione europea in Otto Brunner*, Bologna, Il Mulino, 2020.
- *La prospettiva geografica. Spazio e politica in Germania tra il 1815 e il 1871*, Roma, Edizioni di Storia e Letteratura, 2016.

Papers and Essays in Edited Volumes

- *Politics of algorithms. Technologies, powers, theories*, ed. by Isabella Consolati and Paola Rudan, theme issue of the journal «Scienza&Politica», forthcoming.
- *Algorithms and the history of political concepts*, in «Revista de Filosofía de la Universidad de Costa Rica», forthcoming.
- *Per una semantica del potere algoritmico. Prospettive e problemi*, in «Filosofia Politica», 2/2023, pp. 329-342.
- *Technology, Accelerated History and the Plurality of Historical Times*, in «Geschichtstheorie am Werk», 04/04/2023, <https://gtw.hypotheses.org/14340>.
- *La tecnica come linguaggio planetario. Stato e mondo in Ernst Jünger*, in «Storia del pensiero politico», 1/2023, pp. 27-44.
- *Ordini e contrordini dei tempi. Costituzione, storia e dominio in Otto Brunner*, in «Filosofia Politica», 1/2023, pp. 53-70.
- *Storia concettuale e tecnologia*, in «Atti e rassegna tecnica della società degli ingegneri e degli architetti in Torino», vol. LXXVI, n. 1-2-3, 2022, pp. 26-31.
- *Geografia del movimento storico. Spazio e politica in Carl Ritter*, in *Geopolitica dal pensiero all'azione. Spazio e politica in età contemporanea*, a cura di E. Boria e M. Marconi, Roma, Argos, 2022, pp. 260-277.
- *Breaking the Chain of Time. Marx and the French Historians*, in *Global Marx. History and Critique of the Social Movement in the World Market*, a cura di M. Battistini, E. Cappuccilli e M. Ricciardi, Brill, 2022, pp. 16-27.

- *Le incerte ragioni del dominio. Individui e strutture in Otto Brunner e Max Weber*, in M. Ciolli e M. Ricciardi, a cura di, *Tra melancolia e disciplina. Per una storia costituzionale delle dottrine politiche. Festschrift für Pierangelo Schiera*, Quaderni di Scienza & Politica, n. 13, 2021, pp. 325-345.
- *Der Boden als soziales Band. Friedrich Ratzel's Politische Geographie soziologisch betrachtet*, in P. Chiantera-Stutte e U. Jureit, a cura di, *Denken im Raum. Friedrich Ratzel als Schlüsselfigur geopolitischer Theoriebildung*, Baden-Baden, Nomos Verlag, 2021, pp. 189-210.
- *Towards a Global History of the Concept of State: Otto Brunner and Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak*, in «Politics. Rivista di Studi Politici», 14, 2 (2020), pp. 1-15.
- *Spezzare la catena dei tempi. Marx e gli storici francesi*, in M. Battistini, E. Cappuccilli e M. Ricciardi, a cura di, *Global Marx. Storia e critica del movimento sociale nel mercato mondiale*, Roma, Meltemi, 2020, pp. 41-56.
- *Rovesciare la prospettiva. Sciopero, movimenti e politica transnazionale*, in «Zapruder», 51 (2020), pp. 194-199.
- *Sul concetto del 'politico' in Friedrich Ratzel. Spazio, lotta e movimento*, in «Storicamente», 15 (2019), n. 33, pp. 1-20.
- *Marx e gli 'accidenti' della storia universale. L'India, lo Stato e il mercato mondiale*, in «Scienza&Politica», 31 (2019), n. 61, pp. 153-170.
- [with A. Bogues and R. Laudani], *Theses for a Global History of Political Concepts*, 2018, online edition: <https://aghct.org/political-concepts-thesis>
- *Verso una teoria del presente storico globale. Marx e il problema della contemporaneità*, in «Storia del pensiero politico», 2 (2018), pp. 283-294.
- *Tra il globo e lo Stato. Storia e politica del concetto di spazio in Germania tra Sette e Ottocento*, in «Filosofia Politica», 2 (2018), pp. 267-284.
- *Le Alpi come Verbindungsland. Regione, spazio, confine nella geografia tedesca del Vormärz*, in F. Brunet - F. Huber, a cura di, *Vormärz. Eine Geteilte Geschichte Trentino-Tirols / Una storia condivisa Trentino-Tirolese*, Innsbruck, Universitätsverlag Wagner, 2017, pp. 53-64.
- *Naspi, ovvero del triste tramonto del welfare*, in *Il regime del salario: smart working, smart profit...smart strike?*, Roma, Asterios Editore, 2016, pp. 31-36.

- *Aus den Zeiten in die Gegenwart der Räume: Carl Ritter e la scienza dei prodotti*, in «Atti dell'Accademia Roveretana degli Agiati», IX, 56 (2015), pp. 43-55.
- *La splendida miseria. Kant e la civiltà coloniale*, in «Filosofia Politica», 3 (2013), pp. 479-498.

Book reviews

- G. Simondon, *Del modo di esistenza degli oggetti tecnici*, in «Filosofia Politica», 2/2022, pp. 363-366.
- M. Basso, *La città, alba dell'Occidente. Saggio su Max Weber*, in «Filosofia Politica», 3/2021, pp. 565-566.
- G. Imbriano, *Der Begriff der Politik. Die Moderne als Krisenzeit im Werk von Reinhart Koselleck*, in «Filosofia Politica», 1/2020, pp. 166-168.
- Delfanti, *The Warehouse. Workers and Robots at Amazon*, in «Il Manifesto», 11 gennaio 2022.
- Del Vecchio, *Un'amicizia stellare*, in «Filosofia Politica», 1/2019, pp. 185-187.
- H. Harootunian, *Marx after Marx. History and Time in the Expansion of Capitalism*, in «Filosofia Politica», 2/2018, pp. 354-356.
- F. Tönnies, *La teoria sociale di Spinoza*, in «Filosofia Politica», 3/2017, pp. 547-549.
- P. Macherey, *Hegel o Spinoza*, in «Filosofia Politica», 1/2017, pp. 166-169.
- N. Brenner, *Explosions/Implosions. Towards a Study of Planetary Urbanization*, in «Filosofia Politica», 2/2015, pp. 260-262.
- S. Elden, *The Birth of Territory*, in «Filosofia Politica», 3/2014, p. 540-542.
- W. Brown, *La politica fuori dalla storia*, in «Filosofia Politica», 2/2013, pp. 365-370.
- V. R. Lozano, *La veja Roma en el joven Hegel*, in «Filosofia Politica», 1/2013, pp. 177-179.
- M. Aliscioni, *El capital en Hegel*, in «Filosofia Politica», 2/2012, pp. 329-331.
- L. Basso, *Socialità e isolamento. La singolarità in Marx*, in «Filosofia Politica», 3/2011, pp. 528-530.

Translations

- From German and English to Italian: H. Marcuse, *Filosofia e politica. Scritti e interventi. 5*, Roma, Manifestolibri, 2019 (capp. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 22).
- From English to Italian: M. Sawyer, *Temporalità radicale, realismo fittizio e rivoluzione come contesto. Implosione sonora del moderno*, in «Filosofia Politica», 3/2017, pp. 445-458.
- From English to Italian: A. Honneth, *Sulla povertà della nostra libertà. Grandezza e limiti della dottrina della vita etica di Hegel*, in «Filosofia Politica», 1/2016, pp. 9-24.
- From English to Italian: M. Vatter, *Il-limitato e s-corporato. Dalla corporazione al comune passando per il trust*, in «Filosofia Politica», 3/2013, pp. 447-464.

CONFERENCES &

WORKSHOPS

22 November 2023. Invited speaker at the international conference “Crisis. Sovereignty Europe” (University of Bologna). Paper: *Acceleration, technology, revolution. Reinhart Koselleck and the world-history of Europe*.

30 September 2023. Speaker at the international conference of the History of Concepts Group “Agency of Concepts in Interface Regions: Asymmetries, Asynchronities, and Discontinuities” (University of Warsaw). Paper: *Political representation without concepts? Bruno Latour and the politics of technology*.

7 June 2023. Organizer and speaker at the seminar dedicated to the book *Ideology* by Carlo Galli (Polytechnic University of Turin).

14 March 2023. Guest Lecturer at the Laboratory of History of Philosophy “Marx and Politics” (University of Rome III). Lecture: *Marx and the critical history of technology*.

14-17 November 2022. Invited speaker at the international conference “Orders of Global Power. *Grossraumpolitik* in the 20th and 21st century”

(Villa Vigoni, German-Italian Centre for the European Dialogue). Paper: *The geography of cyberspace. Spatial concepts and digital technologies.*

15-17 July 2022. Invited speaker at the conference “The Sciences go to War. Social Sciences, Political Discourse and Public Dimension during the First World War” (University of Padua). Paper: *From political geography to geopolitics. Halford Mackinder and the politics of reconstruction.*

7-9 April 2022. Speaker at the international conference of the History of Concepts Group “Global Modernity: Emotions, Temporality and Concepts” (Freie Universität Berlin). Paper: *Conceptual history and the concept of capitalism.*

4 April 2022. Invited speaker at the training program “The Crisis and the Sciences” (Fondazione Gramsci Emilia Romagna). Paper: *The crisis of subjectivity and artificial intelligence. New forms of the relationship between technology and politics.*

26 February 2022. Invited speaker to the workshop “Society and its Disciplines” (University of Padua). Paper: *Domination and History. Otto Brunner and the historical criterion of the political.*

24 June 2021. Invited speaker at the cycle of workshops “The Use and Abuse of Algorithms for Life: on Artificial Intelligence and Power” (University of Bologna). Presentation and discussion of L. Parisi, *Contagious Architecture. Computation, Aesthetics and Space.*

25 May 2021. Invited speaker at the book presentation of C. Schmitt, *Romanticismo politico*, organized by the publishing house Il Mulino.

17 March 2021. Invited speaker at the workshop “Otto Brunner and Max Weber: untimely dialogues on history, power and capitalism” (University of Bologna). Paper: “*Brunner and Weber: domination and history*”.

19 February 2021. Invited speaker at the cycle of workshops “Antonio Rosmini and domestic society” (University of Trient). Paper: “*The whole house in Otto Brunner: concepts and critical perspectives*”.

5 February 2020. Invited speaker at the training program “Identity, Borders and Transgression” (Fondazione Gramsci Emilia-Romagna).

Paper: *“From Kantian Cosmopolitanism to the Border as a geographical and political question in Germany in XIX century”*.

2-5 December 2019. Invited speaker at the International Conference “Orders of global powers. The political and geopolitical reception of the spatial theory of the works of Friedrich Ratzel in twentieth and twenty-first-century Europe (I)” (Villa Vigoni, German-Italian Centre for the European Dialogue). Paper: *“Friedrich Ratzel and the Concept of Space”*.

11-12 October 2019. Organizer and speaker at the international conference “Otto Brunner (1898-1982) thinker and historian of politics” (University of Pavia). Paper: *“Domination without the State: Otto Brunner reads Max Weber”*.

6-7 April 2018. Invited speaker at the international conference “Towards a Global History of Political Concepts. Theoretical Foundations and Practices” (African Studies Department, Brown University, US). Paper: *“A Global History of the Concept of State: Brunner and Spivak”*.

16 March 2018. Invited speaker at the “Laboratory of Political Analysis – Images of Marx” (Fondazione Gramsci Emilia-Romagna). Paper: *“The accidents of universal history. Colonies, accumulation and the world market”*.

4-5 May 2016. Invited speaker at the conference “Cantieri Ancora Aperti 2016” (University of Pavia). Paper: *“The geography of Weltgeschichte. Hegel reads Ritter”*.

29-30 May 2015. Invited speaker at the international conference “Landkarten im Kopf. Raumvorstellungen in Geschichte und Geographie“ (Universität Innsbruck). Paper: *“Eine Geographie der geschichtlichen Bewegung. Neudenken des Raumes in der Ritterschen Schule”*.

11-12 December 2014. Invited speaker at the international conference “Vormärz - una storia condivisa trentino-tirolese” (University of Bolzano). Paper: *“Regions, space, territory in the German geography of the first half of the XIX century”*.

18 April 2013. Invited speaker at the workshop on “Past and Future. The Time as Space of action of political communication” (University of

Bologna). Paper: “*Temporality and Space: America as the land of the future in German geography at the end of 18th century*”.

AFFILIATIONS

AND TITLES

National Scientific Habilitation (ASN) for Associate Professor (2021-30) in 14/B1 History of political doctrines and institutions.

Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal “Filosofia Politica”.

Member of the Italian Association of the Historians of Political Thought.

Member of the History of Concepts Group.

Member of the Steering Committee of Biennale Tecnologia (Polytechnic University in Turin).

Member of the Directive of the Research Center Theseus_Technology, Humanity and Society (Polytechnic University in Turin).

Member of the Research Center on Theory of the Project (tdpLAB) (Polytechnic University in Turin).

LANGUAGES

Italian (native)

German (proficient)

English (proficient)

French (good)