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CURRENT POSITION

November 2021- Associate Professor, Early Modern History, Department of Political Science, Roma Tre University, Rome (Italy)

PI of the ERC Project: HOLYLAB “A global economic organization in the early modern period: The Custody of the Holy Land through its account books (1600-1800)” _ ERC-2020-COG_GA no. 101001857

Honorary fellow at the Centre for the Study of the Renaissance (University of Warwick)

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2016-2018 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow (IF-EF) (H2020-MSCA-IF-2014_ST), University of Warwick, Centre for the Study of the Renaissance.

2015-2016 EURIAS Junior Fellow at the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin

2014-2016 Adjunct professor in “History of Islamic countries”, University of Enna-Kore (Italy)

2010-2013 Lecturer of Early Modern History, Faculty of Political Science, University of Palermo (Italy)

2010 (from March to June) Researcher at the Orientalisches Institut of the Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg (Germany), under the supervision of Prof. R. Elger. Topic: Geographical names in the work of the Arab Traveller Ibn Battuta (14th century)

2009-2010 (from September to March) Researcher at the Orientalisches Institut of the Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg (Germany), under the supervision of Prof. J. Paul, in the framework of the Collaborative Research Centre “Differenz + Integration”, – Universitäten Leipzig und Halle-Wittenberg, Topic: Fortresses in Medieval Syria

2008-2009 Research collaborator of the chair of Early Modern History, Faculty of Political Science of the University of Palermo

EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC QUALIFICATIONS

2016 Award of the Italian National Academic Habilitation at Associate Professor Level in the field of Early Modern History

2016 Award of the Italian National Academic Habilitation at Associate Professor Level in the field of History of Islamic Countries

2008 *Ph. D.* in Human Rights, University of Teramo (Italy), Faculty of Law. Title of the dissertation: *The Effects of Globalization on the Welfare State in Italy and Tunisia*, supervisor: Prof. F. Rimoli, Full Professor of Comparative law

2002 BA and MA (Laurea), Classics, [Grade: 110/110 *cum laude*] University of Pisa, Faculty of Humanities. Dissertation in Arabic Literature, title: *Al-Masrah, a Theatre Review in Nasser's Egypt*, supervisor: Prof. Daniela Amaldi, Full Professor of Arabic Literature.

1996 High School Diploma [Grade: 60/60] Liceo classico “Vittorio Emanuele II”, Palermo (Italy)

OTHER RESEARCH GRANTS AND PARTICIPATION IN COLLECTIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS

2020 “Gregg Wells Small Research Award”, Centre for the Study of the Renaissance, University of Warwick

2017 Grant awarded by the Humanities Research Centre, University of Warwick, "Summer Research Fund" (£ 400)

2010-2014 Scientific coordinator (for the University of Palermo) of the research project "Beyond "Holy War". Managing Conflicts and Crossing Cultural Borders between Christendom and Islam from the Mediterranean to the extra-European World: Mediation, Transfer, Conversion (XVth-XIXth Century)", financed by the Italian Ministry of the University, FIRB: Investment Fund for Basic Research (funding 846,000 Euro, 225.686,00 to the unit I led at the University of Palermo)

2007/2008 Post-Graduate Scholarship awarded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for a 9-months period of study and research at Tel-Aviv University (Israel)

2003-2006 Three-year Ph. D scholarship awarded by the University of Teramo (Italy)

2002 Three-month research scholarship awarded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the Cairo University (Egypt)

Event-related grants

- 2016 Grant awarded by the Humanities Research Centre, University of Warwick "Funding for conferences scheme" (£347)
- 2008 Grant awarded by the "Società internazionale di studi francescani" to participate at the training seminar "Religious history and Franciscan Studies" (1-2/07/2008) in Assisi (Italy)

Participation in collaborative research project

- 2009-2010 Participation in the Collaborative Research Centre "Differenz + Integration", Universitäten Leipzig und Halle Wittenberg
- 2007-2008 Participation in the collaborative research project "Schiavi neri, mori e bianchi nel Mediterraneo di età moderna", directed by Prof. Giovanna Fiume and funded by the University of Palermo and the Italian Ministry of Research (ex 60%)
- 2005-2007 Participation in the National Research Program PRIN, "Cosmopolitismo costituzionale e dimensione giuridico politica delle libertà nell'area euro mediterranea", coordinated by Prof. F. Rimoli (University of Teramo) and sponsored by the Italian Ministry of University and Research

Non-Stipendiary Visiting Fellowships

- 2013 Visiting fellow at Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv
- 2011 Visiting fellow at Queen Mary University, London
- 2007-08 Visiting fellow at the "Cegla Center for Interdisciplinary Research of the Law", Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

a. Courses developed

Postgraduate Level

2017 (Sommersemester) Methodenübung taught at Friedrich-Meinecke-Institute Modern History, Freie Universität, Berlin, in the framework of the M.A. in Global History. Title: "The Mediterranean in the Early Modern Period: Circulations and Crossings"

2012 Blockseminar (30 h.) at the Orientalisches Institut, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, title: "Conversion and the Islamic Court Records"

2011-2012 Long-Term course "Social History of the Early Modern World" at the University of Palermo (Italy), (16 weeks, weekly 2-hour lectures and seminars, c. 15 students)

2011 Blockseminar (10h.) at the Orientalisches Institut, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, title "Religious Conversion in the Ottoman Middle East"

Undergraduate Level

2014-15 Long-Term course, "History of Islamic Countries" at the University of Enna-Kore (Italy) (16 weeks, weekly 2-hour lectures and seminars, c. 30 students)

2013-14 Long-Term course, "History of Islamic Countries" at the University of Enna-Kore (Italy) (16 weeks, weekly 2-hour lectures and seminars, c. 30 students)

b. Other teaching experience - postgraduate

2018 Seminar Tutor within the M.A. *Culture of the European Renaissance*, University of Warwick, Centre for the Study of the Renaissance

14/06/2017 Guest seminar, for the Forschungskolloquium Frühe Neuzeit, at the Historisches Seminar, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, with the title: "Migration across the Early Modern Mediterranean: Methodological Challenges"

16/09/2016 Guest seminar for the course *Anthropologie historique des chrétiens en Islam*, EHESS (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales), Paris, with the title: "The Custody of the Holy Land and the circulation of objects and food across the early modern Mediterranean"

21/06/2016 Guest seminar for the Forschungskolloquium *zur Geschichte der Frühen Neuzeit*, Freie Universität, Berlin, with the title: "Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land. Networks and the Circulation of Goods and People during the Early Modern Period"

25/05/2011 Research seminar within the M.A. *Islam and the West*, Queen Mary University of London, with the title: "Conversion in the 17th Century District of Jerusalem"

2010-2011 Seminar tutor in the course of Early Modern History, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Palermo (10 weeks, 2-hour seminars per week, c. 10 students)

c. Supervision

2013-2014 University of Enna-Kore (Italy), supervision of 1 undergraduate dissertation in History of Islamic Countries

2010-2013 University of Palermo (Italy), supervision of 1 MA thesis in History of the Mediterranean; 3 Undergraduate dissertations on History of Islamic countries, Early Modern History, History of the Mediterranean

PUBLICATIONS

a. Monographs

1. *Una terra di intersezioni. Storia e istituzioni della Palestina di età moderna*, [A Land of Intersections. History and Institutions of Early Modern Palestine], Carocci, Roma, 2015 (158 pages)
2. *Passages of Faith: Conversion in Palestinian Villages (17th Century)*, Harrassowitz Verlag, Wiesbaden, 2014 (171 pages)

b. Articles in referred journals

3. "Geographical Mobility and Community-Building in Seventeenth-Century Palestine: Insights from the Records of Bethlehem's Catholic Parish", *Continuity and Change* 35, 2(2020)
4. "Catholicism decentralized" (with B. Kümin), *Church History*, 89, 2 (2020)
5. "The Sale on Credit as a Form of Assistance to Ottoman Peasants: A Case from 17th-Century Palestine", *Turcica*, 50 (2019), 117-146
6. "'Pour l'embellissement et le service de ces Lieux saints.' La circulation des objets de dévotion vers les sanctuaires de Terre sainte (XVII^e siècle)", *Archives de Sciences Sociales des Religions*, 183 (2018), 227-245

7. "La fabrication des objets de dévotion en Palestine, de l'époque moderne au début du XIX^e siècle : le témoignage des maquettes et d'une icône de pèlerin récemment acquis par le MuCEM" (with Émilie Girard), para.1-3, *Archives de Sciences Sociales des Religions*, 183 (2018), 247-260
8. "Né si potevano castigare per la libertà del loco e il dominio che vi è': cattolici e protestanti nell'Impero ottomano attraverso i *dubia* e le *facultates*", *Mélanges de l'École française de Rome*, 129/1 (2017), 201-213
9. "Protestants' Conversion to Catholicism in the Syro-Palestinian Region (17th century)" *Zeitschrift für historische Forschung* 41/3 (2014), 401-422
10. "Getting by the Resort of the Pilgrims': The Franciscan Friars of Jerusalem and their Anglican Guests (1600-1612)", *Giornale di Storia*, 13(2014), 1-17
11. "The Payment of the Pool Tax and the Disappearance of the Christians from Palestinian Countryside", *The Journal of Economic and Social History of the Orient*, 56(2013), 631–652
12. "The Ottoman Administration of Justice in Early Modern Travellers' Accounts", in R. Elger, U. Pietruska (eds.), *Ottoman culture seen from the margins. Arabophone Missionaries, Greek-orthodox "Aufklärer" and Damaszene lovers of popular novels (17. – 19. Jh.)*, *Orientwissenschaftliche Hefte*, 32 (2013), 97-111
13. "Khubb as iqtā' in Four Authors from the Ayyubid and Early Mamluk Period", *The Mamluk Studies Review*, XVI (2012), 103-22
14. "La corte islamica e gli abitanti cristiani del distretto di Gerusalemme (secolo XVII)" [The Islamic court and the Christian inhabitants of Jerusalem (17th century)], *Società e Storia*, 138 (2012), 791-806
15. "Conversioni nel Vicino Oriente Ottomano e diffusione del cattolicesimo a Betlemme" [Conversions in the Ottoman Middle East and the Spread of Catholicism in Bethlehem], *Quaderni Storici*, 131 (2009), 549-578
16. "Il diritto musulmano e la schiavitù" [Mulim Law and Slavery], in G. Fiume (ed.), *Schiavitù religione e libertà nel Mediterraneo tra medioevo ed età moderna*, *Incontri mediterranei*, 1-2 (2008), 61-82
17. "La nuova Carta araba dei diritti dell'uomo fra tradizione e innovazione" [The New Arab Charter on Human Rights between Tradition and Innovation], *Giurisprudenza Costituzionale*, 2 (2005), 1480-1509
18. "Al-Masrah, una rivista di teatro nell'Egitto di Nasser" [Al-Masrah, a Theatre Review in Nasser's Egypt], *Egitto e Vicino Oriente*, 26 (2003), 109-117

c. Chapters in edited volumes

19. "Religious orders, networks and (global?) mobility", in P. Nelles, S. Salzberg, *The Mechanics of Mobility in the Early Modern World*, Amsterdam University Press, 2020 (Accepted, 8,000 words)
20. "Trading in Spiritual and Earthly Goods: Franciscans in Semi-rural Palestine", in B. Heyberger, C. Windler et al. (eds.), *Catholic Missionaries in Early Modern Asia: Patterns of Localization*, Routledge 2019, 126-141
21. "An Unusual Setting: Interactions between Protestants and Catholics in the Ottoman Empire", in S. J. G. Burton, M. Choptiany, P. Wilczek (eds.), *Religious Minorities and Majorities in Early Modern Europe: Confessional Boundaries and Contested Identities*, Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, Refo500 Academic Studies Series, 2019, 189-211
22. "Missionari cattolici ed Ebrei nella Palestina Ottomana" [Catholic Missionaries and Jews in Ottoman Palestine], in S. Di Nepi (ed.), *Storie intrecciate. Rappresentazioni e conoscenza dell'Islam nell'Italia moderna*, Edizioni di Storia e letteratura, 2015, 111-130

23. "The Spread of Catholicism in Seventeenth-Century Palestinian Villages (17th century)" in W. de Boer, A. Maldavsky, G. Marcocci, I. Pavan (eds.), *Space and Conversion: A Global Approach*, Brill, 2015, 81-102
24. "Il rapporto con l'altro nei paesi del Medio Oriente: i migranti", [The relationship with "the other" in Middle eastern Countries: Migrants], in F. Bilancia, F. Di Sciullo, F. Rimoli (eds.), *Paura dell'altro. Identità occidentale e cittadinanza*, Carocci, 2008, 233-252

d. Edited volumes

25. Guest editor (with S. Di Nepi) "Contact on the Move", a special issue of *Studi e Materiali di Storia delle Religioni*, 84, 2(2018)

d. Reviews

26. Book Review: *Union in separation. Diasporic groups and identities in the Eastern Mediterranean (1100-1800)*, Wolfgang Kaiser et al. (eds.), *Zeitschrift für historische Forschung*, 44, 2(2017), 303-304
27. Book Review: *Contested Conversions to Islam. Narratives of Religious Change in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire*, by Tijana Krstic, *Mediterranean Historical Review*, 28 (2013), 82-86
28. Conference Review: *The German-Israeli Minerva School on Slavery and Slave Trade in the Mediterranean Region in the Medieval Period (1000-1500): Studies in Christian-Muslim-Jewish Interactions (Jerusalem, 2-7/09/2007)*, *Quaderni storici*, 126 (2007), 247-248

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND IMPACT

Host (together with Beat Kümin) of the weekend's twitter takeover of the Ecclesiastical History Society (@EcclesHistSoc) on "Parish, Religion, Catholicism and Migration" (20-23/11/2020)

Participation in the virtual round-table *Conversation on Europe*, in a session titled: "Migration in the Mediterranean: A Historical Perspective" (12/11/2019). *Conversation on Europe* is organized by the European Studies Center at the University of Pittsburgh and is free, open to the public and available on YouTube, for more information see: <https://www.ucis.pitt.edu/esc/events/coe>

Participation in BBC4's 'Making History' radio programme (10 July 2018)

Organization of the Public engagement event: "Ideas Café: Parish and Migration in Past and Present", St. John the Baptist Church, Berkswell, UK (6 June 2018)

"Five Lessons History Can Teach Us about Migration" published on Warwick Knowledge Centre (<https://warwick.ac.uk/newsandevents/knowledge/arts/migration>) (24 July 2018)

"Migrants Have Crossed the Mediterranean for Centuries- But They Used to Head from North to South", published on www.conversation.com/uk. Downloads 11,000 for the English version and 4,808 for the Spanish translation (26 June 2018)

"Migration in Historical Perspective. An Interview with Prof. Leo Lucassen" published on <https://www.opendemocracy.net/> (11 August 2017)

ORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

2018 "Refugees and Forced Migrations: Addressing New and Old Challenges", workshop organized with Marianna Fotaki, Warwick Business School, 12/07/2018

2018 "Sixteenth Warwick Symposium on Parish Research –Parish and Migration", organized with Beat Kümin, Warwick University, 12/05/2018

2017 "Migration in interdisciplinary perspective", organized with Prof. Beat Kümin, Warwick University, 03/03/2017

2016 "People Trade Gifts and Beyond: The Circulation of Goods and Practices between the Ottoman Empire and Europe (16th-19th Centuries)", organized with C. Vintilă-Ghițulescu, Centre Marc

Bloch/Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin

2014 "Christian-Islamic Interactions. Mobility, Connections, Transformations (1450-1800)" organized with G. Marccoci and S. Di Nepi, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa

INVITED TALKS

15-16/10/2020 "Global interactions, imperial expansion and Catholic missions (1500-1700)", paper presented at the workshop *Empires connectés. Les missionnaires comme agents impériaux (XVIe-XIXe siècles)* Université de Bretagne-Sud, France

16-17/06/2019 "Mediterranean Migration and Landscape Changes", given at the conference *The Architecture of Migration, Clues of Transcultural Exchanges in the Mediterranean Built Environment*, De Montfort University, Leicester

30/01/2019 invited talk at the Early Modern History Seminar Series, University of Durham

13-15/12/2018 "Networks and Circulation between Europe and the Middle East: The Perspective of the Franciscans Account Books (17th century)", given at the Research seminar *Forschungen zur Geschichte der Frühen Neuzeit* University of Bern, Bern

30/05-01/06/2017 "A Peculiar Case of Rural Mission: The Franciscan Minors in the Villages of the Jerusalem District (17th Century)", given at the workshop *Catholic Missionaries as Local Agents in Asia (17th-18th centuries)*, École française de Rome, Istituto svizzero e Deutsches Historisches Institut, Roma,

20/02/2018 invited talk at the STUDIO Seminar, Warwick University, with the title "Missionaries and Mobility between the Ottoman Empire and Early Modern Italy"

16/10/2016 "Christian Minorities, Judicial Courts and Administrative Authorities in the Ottoman Empire", presented at the workshop *Administration ottomane et communautés religieuses*, Institut d'Histoire Nicolae Iorga, Bucarest

28-29/10/2016 "Consumption, Religion and Networks", presented at the conference *Luxury and Consumption in South-Eastern Europe (15th-19th centuries)*, European Institute, Bucarest.

CONFERENCE PAPERS (SELECTED)

"Refugee Crises: from the Middle Ages to 2018" presented at the workshop *Refugees and Forced Migrations: Addressing New and Old Challenges*, Warwick Business School, Coventry, 2018

"Migration in Palestinian parishes", presented at the *Sixteenth Warwick Symposium on Parish Research –Parish and migration*, Warwick University, Coventry, 2018

"Bridging the past and the present: Mediterranean migrations between historical perspective and contemporary challenges", presented at the workshop *Migratory Experiences across the Mediterranean, Middle East and North Africa: Negotiating Policy Effect*, University of Warwick, Coventry, 2017

"Digital tools, monasteries and early modern mobility", presented at the conference *Monasteries in the Digital Humanities*, Częstochowa, 2017

"Peasants negotiating the access to resources: requests of collective loans in 17th century Palestine", presented at the *14th International Congress of Ottoman Social and Economic History (ICOSEH)*, University of Sofia, Sofia, 2017

"The protestant Reformation and the confrontation between faiths: the Ottoman Empire as a case study (17th-18th century)", presented at the conference *Jews, Christians, and Muslims in the Reformation Era*, Nuremberg, 2017

“Catholic faith and mobility within the Middle East and across the Mediterranean: continuities and fractures (17th-18th century)”, presented at the *BRISMES Annual Conference 2017*, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, 2017

“The Custody of the Holy Land and the circulation of people and objects between Western Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean”, presented at the *Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting*, Chicago, 2017

“The Loan in Kind as a Form of Assistance to Ottoman Peasants: a Case from 17th-Century Palestine”, presented at the *Turkologentag*, Hamburg, 2016

“An Unusual Setting: Catholics Meeting Protestants in the Ottoman Middle East”, presented at the conference *Reformed Majorities and Minorities: Confessional Boundaries and Contested Identities*, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, 2014

“As if the monastery were an inn and the friars were innkeepers’: St. Saviour, Jerusalem, as a facilitator of the circulation of people in the Mediterranean, presented at the workshop *Arriving in the Renaissance: Migration, Mobility and Hospitality in Europe and the Mediterranean*, University of Warwick, Coventry, 2014

“Conversion and border crossing in Ottoman Palestine”, presented at the conference *The Lure of the ‘Other’: religious conversion and reversion in the early modern Mediterranean and beyond*, St Mary’s University College, Twickenham, 2012

“Records of conversion from 17th century district of Jerusalem”, presented at the conference *Conversion Narratives in the Early Modern World*, The University of York, York 2011

“Ottoman Palestine through the eyes of Western Travellers”, presented at the workshop *Middle Eastern Literatures of the 18th Century. A Departure towards Modernity?*, Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Lutherstadt Wittenberg, 2010

“Muslim Law and Slavery”, paper presented at the conference *Schiavitù nel Mediterraneo di età medievale e moderna* (Slavery in The Mediterranean, Middle Ages and Modern age), University of Palermo, Palermo, 2007.

PARTICIPATION IN SELECTION COMMITTEES AND EDITORIAL SERVICE

2020- Member of the FIAS Fellowships Selection Committee

2019 Expert evaluator for the Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

2019 External member of the selection committee of the European Joint Doctorate MOVES – Migration and Modernity: Historical and Cultural Challenges – MSCA-ITN-EJD-2018

2019 Referee for *Al-Masāq: Journal of the Medieval Mediterranean*

2018 -2019 Member of the Greg-Wells Undergraduate Essay Prize Selection Committee

2016 -2017 Member of the EURIAS Fellowships Selection Committee

2017 Referee for the *Journal of Global History*

2016 Referee for the historical review *Società e Storia*

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Construction and maintenance of the project webpage <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/projects/earlymodernworldmigration/>
- Construction of a digital database with data gathered from Palestinian parish registers and an associated webpage <https://bethlehemsacraments.warwick.ac.uk/>

ACADEMIC TRAINING

Public engagement

- Workshop “Engaging Diverse Audiences with your Subject Specialism and/or Research”, University of Warwick (12/10/2018)
- Workshop “Evaluating your public engagement activity”, University of Warwick (23/05/2018)
- University of Warwick ‘Impact Lunches’: “Creative outputs. Working with Artists and Creative Practitioners”, University of Warwick (26/04/2018); “Working with Museums and Galleries” (21/03/2018)
- Workshop “Communicating research. Using digital media in teaching and public engagement”, University of Warwick (09/03/2018)

Data Management

- Workshop “Research Data Management Tolls”, University of Warwick (23/04/2018)

IT training

Training in Omekka (2018), Microsoft Excell and Access (2017), University of Warwick

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian (native), English and French (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), German (basic), Latin and Ancient Greek (good), Arabic and Hebrew (working knowledge)

IT: Microsoft Office, Web publishing

RESEARCH IN ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES

Jerusalem:

- Archive of the Custody of the Holy Land (S. Saviour Monastery, Jerusalem)
- Archive of the Latin Parish of Jerusalem, Jerusalem

Palestine:

- Centre for Palestinian Heritage, Abu Dis-Bethany

Israel:

- University of Tel Aviv, Library
- Jewish National Library
- University of Haifa, Library
- Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Library

Tunis:

- Al-Manar University

Cairo:

- The Cairo University Library
- The Library of the American University of Cairo
- The American Research Centre

Italy:

- Archivio della Congregazione per la Dottrina della Fede, Rome
- Archivum Romanum Societatis Iesu, Rome,
- Archivio Segreto Vaticano, Rome.
- Archivio storico della Congregazione De Propaganda Fide

England:

- National Archive.

