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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2008 **Ph.D. The Open University, Geography Discipline, Faculty of Social Sciences, Milton Keynes, (UK).**
Thesis title: “**The Geographies and Audiences of Place Marketing: Trieste’s Bid for 2008 World Expo**”.
Supervisors: Prof. Gillian Rose (Open University) and Prof. Jennifer Robinson (UCL).
Examiners: Prof. John Allen (Open University) and Prof. Mike Crang (University of Durham).
- 2002 ***Laurea Magistralis*** in Eastern Asian Languages and Literatures, Ca’ Foscari, University of Venice, 110/110 *cum laude*.
Thesis title: “The Heritage of Hiroshima”.
Supervisor: Prof. Claudio Minca (Wageningen Univ.)
- 1990 **Sixth Form Certificate**, Kelston Girls High School, Auckland, New Zealand. AFS Year Abroad Programme.

CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Food studies
- Consumption and production
- Post-humanism and critical animal studies
- Place marketing, urban studies and tourism studies
- Cultural geography
- Qualitative research methodologies

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 09/2012- present **Assistant Professor, Institute of Geography, University of Graz, Austria.**
- Teaching 4 courses per year
 - research esp. related to critical food studies, spaces of consumption, and place marketing
 - thesis supervision
 - administrative duties

- 01-30/10/2013 **Visiting Professor, Istituto Universitario Suor Orsola Benincasa, Naples.**
Taught course on qualitative research methods in the social sciences.
- 10/2011-10/2012 **Lecturer** for the course “Geography of Tourism and International Commerce”.
University of Valle d’Aosta, Aosta, Italy.
- developed and taught 45-hour class
 - mentored students
 - exam supervision and marking
- 02-05/2012 **Research Assistant** to Dr. Paolo Giaccaria for the project “La produzione e la codificazione della qualità del cibo: il caso della Razza Bovina Piemontese” (the production and codification of the idea of ‘food quality’: the case of *Piedmontese* breed). University of Turin, Italy.
- Development of research project
 - Selection and interview of research participants
 - Data analysis, research reports and co-authoring of one book chapter and one journal paper
- 07-08/2011 **Research Assistant** to Prof. C. Minca, Head, Cultural Geography Group, Wageningen University, the Netherlands. Project title: “The Geographical Discourse”.
- conducted fieldwork in Italy
 - collected bibliographic material
 - copy-edited book
- 08/2009-06/2011 08/2009-06/2011 **Project and Office Manager.** Cosentina S.r.l., Chiusa di San Michele, TO, Italy.
- Searched for public funds, laws and regulations (renewable energy)
 - Drafted grant applications for business development (photovoltaic)
 - Searched, collated and analysed media coverage
- 10/2008-06/2009 **Researcher (International Fellow in Urban Studies) Johns Hopkins University Institute for Policy Studies, Baltimore, MD, USA.** Project title: “Local Communities Participation in Place-Marketing: Learning from Baltimore”.
- Designed, managed and executed research project on local actors’ (residents, artists, entrepreneurs, institutions) participation in neighbourhood revitalization and image re-styling and marketing
 - Fieldwork (ethnography), data analysis and report writing
- 10/2003-08/2008 **Ph.D. Candidate,** Open University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Geography Discipline, Milton Keynes, UK. Project title: “The Geographies and Audiences of Place Marketing”.
- Designed, developed, executed and communicated research project on the marketing of Trieste, Italy, as one of the candidate cities for the 2008 World Expo and on residents’ perception of their city’s marketed image.
 - Published paper on peer-reviewed journal, presented at seminars, workshops and conferences.

- 10/2002 - 08/2003 **Research Assistant** to Prof. C. Minca University of Venice, Department of Eastern Asian Studies. Project title: “The Spectacle of the City”. Research on two gentrification projects in Trieste, Italy.
- 04-05/2003 **Research Assistant** to Dr. G. Michalko (Geographical Research Institute, Hungarian Academy of Sciences). Project title: “A comparative study of border tourism: the case of Lenti, Hungary, and Trieste, Italy”. Research on Slovenian shoppers’ behaviour and motivations for visiting Trieste.

AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 11/2014 – 10/2016 (Un-)Knowing Food - Herkunft, (Un-)Sicherheit und die Moral des Essens am Beispiel von Fleischprodukten in der Steiermark [(Un-)Knowing Food – Origin, (In-)security and the morals of food: exploring meat production in Styria, Austria. Project Leader with Pro. Ermann. Funded by the Government of Styria. Budget: € 99.000
- 12/12/2014 **Nomination** for the University of Graz **Teaching Award** for the seminar “spaces of consumption”.
- 05/2013-09/2014 **Foodscapes – Food and Regions**, funded by the EU LEADER Programme, with the cooperation of the Leader Regions “Styrian Vulkanland” and “Almenland”, with U. Ermann and R. Renner. Total budget € **70.000**.
- 10/2013-08/2014 Messaggeri della Conoscenza (**Messengers of Knowledge**), funded by the Italian Ministry of Education and Research, for the didactic project “**Qualitative Research Methods for the Social Sciences**” (Project ID 352) taught at Istituto Universitario Suor Orsola Benincasa, Naples, Italy, October 2013. The grant includes funds for 3 scholarship for 3 Italian students who will spend 4 months at Graz University. Total budget: € **33.240**.
- 11/2013-08/2014 Messaggeri della Conoscenza (**Messengers of Knowledge**), funded by the Italian Ministry of Education and Research, for the didactic project “**Place Marketing: impacts and strategies**” (Project ID 224), currently postponed by The University of Calabria, Italy. Total Budget: € **39.720**.
- 2008 **Compagnia di San Paolo Fellowship in Urban Studies**. Total Budget: US \$ **45.000**.
- 2007 A.Ge.I.’s (Association of Italian Geographers) grant for attending the 51st Annual Meeting of Italian Geographers, Cagliari, Sardegna, 26-19 June (€ **1.000**).
- 2002 Cesare Bonacossa’s Prize for best thesis on the history of Eastern Asia, granted by Pavia University, Pavia, Italy (€ **1.300**).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2012-present “Technical English in Contemporary Human and Cultural Geography”, (master, 30-hour class), University of Graz. Language of teaching: English.
- 2012-present “Methods in Urban and Regional Geography (Qualitative Research Methods for the Social Sciences)”, (master, 30-hour class), University of Graz. Language of teaching: English.
- 2013-present “Qualitative Research Methods for the Social Sciences”, (undergraduate, 30-hour class), Suor Orsola Benincasa University, Naples, Italy. Language of teaching: English and Italian.
- 2013-present “Spaces of Consumption” (bachelor, 30-hour seminar), University of Graz. Language of teaching: English.
- 2012 “Geographies of Tourism and Leisure”, (master, 30-hour seminar), University of Graz. Language of teaching: English.
- 2012 and 2014 “Urban and Regional Development”, (master, 30-hour seminar), University of Graz. Language of teaching: English.
- 2011 “Geography of Tourism and International Commerce”, University of Valle d’Aosta, Italy (bachelor, 45-hour course). Language of teaching: Italian.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2015 “Parmigiano-Reggiano: authenticity and imitation”, Conference organised by Società Geografica Italiana at the 2015 Milan World Expo, Milan, Italy, (date to be announced).
- 2014 “Itinerari imprecisi di geografia umana”, Department of Literature and Philosophy, Trento University, Italy, 28/02/2014.
- 2012 “Geographies of Food: Food as commodity – the geographies of a North American Chicken” and “The practices and discourses of quality”; invited lectures for the summer school “Food and Cultural Identity: between Market, Social Sciences and Humanities”, Erasmus Intensive Program LLP, 8-18 September, Sozopol, Bulgaria.
- 2003 Experiments of Social Gentrification. The Case of Trieste’s Cittavecchia, lessons to second and third-year geography undergraduate students (from the School of Geography, University of Leeds) visiting Trieste, April 2003 (4 hours).
- 2002 Materializing Heritage: Hiroshima’s Peace Memorial Park, invited lecture, Ca’ Foscari, University of Venice, Italy.

Completed Master, Laurea Specialistica and Bachelor theses

- Michael Bodner, University of Graz. “Place Branding and the Creative Economy: Graz as a UNESCO city of Design” (2012) (with Prof. U. Ermann)
- Valentina Curetti, University of Turin. “L’indice di Pollenzo: verso la creazione di un nuovo concetto di qualità alimentare” [The Pollenzo Index: towards the creation of a new concept of food quality] (2012) (with Dr. P. Giaccaria)
- Christoph Gahbauer, University of Graz. “The National Park Gesäuse Partnership: from Resistance to Cooperation”.
- Andrea Skant, University of Graz. “The impact of cultural festivals on place marketing images: The case of Graz, Austria”.
- Reithofer Christina, University of Graz, “Following the social life of coffee: Tribeka Café in Graz” (2014).

Currently supervising

PhD

- Bruckner Heide, University of Graz, “(Un-)Knowing Food – Origin, (In-)security and the morals of food: exploring meat production in Styria, Austria”.

Bachelor and Diploma

- Redlbacher Christopher, University of Graz, “Urban Gardening in Graz”
- Wengler, Simone, University of Graz, “Conspicuous Consumption”.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

(2013) “Alternative Food Networks tra il locale e il globale. Il caso del Presidio della Razza Bovina Piemontese” [**Alternative Food Networks between the local and the global: the case of the Slow Food Presidium of the Piedmontese cattle breed**], (with P. Giaccaria) in *Rivista Geografica Italiana* 122, pp. 225-240.

(2009) “**Multiculturalism and Time in Trieste: Place-marketing Images and Residents’ Perceptions of a Multicultural City**”, in *Social & Cultural Geography*, 10 (3): 279-97.
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/14649360902756622>

(In preparation) “**Contemporary Geographies of Consumption**” in *Erdkunde* (invited paper with U. Ermann; to be submitted February 2015)

(Submitted) “**Dead Liveness/Living Deadness Thresholds of Non-Human Life and Death**” (with P. Giaccaria) submitted to *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*.

Books

(2012) *Breve Manuale di Geografia Umana* [**A Short Handbook of Human Geography**], (with C. Minca), CEDAM, Padova.

Book chapters

(2015) “**Il Parmigiano-Reggiano: paesaggio e pratiche**” in Conti S. and Quaini M. (eds.) *Patrimoni italiani: Paesaggi, Sapori e Colori*. Torino, Pearson.

(2015) “**Breed contra Beef: the making of the Piedmontese cattle**” in Emel, J. and Neo, H. (eds.) *Political Ecologies of Meat*, Routledge, London and New York (with P. Giaccaria)
<http://www.sponpress.com/books/details/9780415736947/>

(2013) “Il sistema agro-gastronomico piemontese: tra qualità e radicamento: il caso della carne di razza Piemontese” [**The Piedmontese agro-gastronomic system: between quality and embeddedness: the case of the Piedmontese cattle breed**], (with P. Giaccaria) in P. Giaccaria, Rota, F.S. and Salone, C. (eds.) *Praticare la territorialità*, Carocci, Roma, pp. 135-154.

(2005) “Spettacolo e gentrificazione sociale a Trieste” [**Spectacle and Social Gentrification in Trieste**], (with C. Minca), in *Lo spettacolo della città* (Minca, C. ed.), CEDAM, Padua, 35-74.

(2005) Hiroshima, una città-impresa alla ricerca di una nuova identità [**Hiroshima, an entrepreneurial city in search for a new identity**], in *Lo spettacolo della città* (Minca, C. ed.), CEDAM, Padova, 217-248.

Book reviews and articles in non peer-reviewed journals

(In print) Book review for *Tourism Analysis* of: Garth Lean, Russell Staiff and Emma Waterton (eds.) *Travel and the Imagination*, Farnham, Burlington: Ashgate Publishing Limited, 2014.

(In print) Book review for *Territorio* of: Chiara Rabbiosi, *Nuovi itinerari del consumo. Gli outlet village tra esperienza dello shopping e dinamiche territoriali*, Maggioli, 2013.

(2014, in print), paper: “La geografia del cibo” (Food’s geographies), in *Il Bollettino della Società Geografica Italiana*.

(2014) Conference report: “Foodscapes: access to food, excess of food”, in *Il Bollettino della Società Geografica Italiana*, 2014, 2, pp. 266-268.

(2013) Conference report: “Foodscapes: Access to Food, Excess of Food”, *Rundbrief Geographie*, Vol. 245, pp. 36-39 (with U. Ermann and R. Renner).

(2013) Book Review of *La Geografia in Campo* (Alaimo, A. Pacini, 2012), in *Rivista Geografica Italiana*, 3, pp. 287-288

(2013) Book Review of *Altri turismi. Viaggi, esperienze, emozioni*, (Marra E., Ruspini E. 2010), FrancoAngeli, in *Rivista Geografica Italiana*, 4, 455-457.

(2007) Review of *Cultural Geography. A Critical Dictionary of Key Concepts*, (Atkinson, D. et Al. 2005), in *Bollettino della Società Geografica Italiana*.

(2005) Paper: Il turismo da shopping frontaliero: un confronto tra Lenti (Ungheria) e Trieste (Italia) [**Cross-border shopping tourism: a comparison between Lenti (Hungary) and Trieste (Italy)**], (with G. Michalko and C. Minca), in *Turistica*, 2, pp. 21-40.

(2002) Book review of *Postmetropolis: Critical Studies of Cities and Regions*, (Soja, E., 2000) in *Bollettino della Società Geografica Italiana*, 12, 3, 691-693.

JOURNAL REFEREEING

I act as peer reviewer for the following academic journals:

- *International Journal of Regional and Urban Research* (2007-present)
- *International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food* (2014)
- *Geoforum* (2014)
- *Rivista Geografica Italiana* (2007-present)
- *Ephemera. Theory & Politics in Organization* (2013)
- *The German Journal of Economic Geography* (2013)
- *Journal of Travel & Tourism Marketing* (2014)
- *Journal of Research in Economics and Business: Central and Eastern Europe*
- *Journal of Geography and Geology* (2008-2011)

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Tiny animal remains and the in-between life and death: animal life's spectrality in the marketing of the Piedmontese bull's semen, paper accepted for *Geographien des Kleinen // Small Geographies*, *Neue Kulturgeographie* XII, 30./31. January 2015, Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg.

Becoming Eataly, Branding the Nation, the Place, the Product, International Workshop, 20 November, 2014, University of Graz, Austria.

Teaching strategies for economic geographers and Why we write, Summer Institute in Economic Geography, 25 July, 2014 Frankfurt, Germany.

Mobilizing the quality of Piedmontese beef: the transformation and commodification of animal life under Biocapitalism, (with Paolo Giaccaria), "The politics of the commodification of nature", IGU, 18-22 August, 2014, Krakow, Poland.

Mobile thresholds of bovine and human co-constitution, (with P. Giaccaria), "Consumed, entangled, intermingled, co-constituted? Eating and the co-production of bodies", RGS-IBG, 27-29 August, 2014, London, UK,

The biocapitalism of dead life, (with P. Giaccaria), paper presented at the session "Lively Commodities", AAG, Tampa, FL, USA, 8-12 April, 2014.

Quality and embeddedness in AFN: the case of the Piemontese cattle breed, in **Alternative Food Networks: The biopolitics of quality and embeddedness**, (with P. Giaccaria), EUGEO Conference, Rome, Italy, September 2013.

People's Participation in Place-marketing: revitalizing Station North as an Art & Entertainment District, Baltimore, MD, paper presented at *IPS Seminar Series*, May, 2009, JHU, USA.

The audience of place-marketing images: encounters with Trieste – a ‘real’ ‘multicultural’ city, paper presented at the session *Processes of place reinvention in regional towns*, Second Nordic Geographers Meeting, 2007, Bergen.

Investigating the audiences of place-marketing images, paper presented (by invitation) at the seminar *Whither Trieste*, 2005, School of Geography, Politics and Sociology, University of Newcastle, UK.

L’heritage di Hiroshima, paper presented (by invitation) at the seminar series *I lunedì della geografia cafoscarina*, 2003, University of Venice, Italy.

CONFERENCE AND SESSION ORGANIZATION

Foodscapes Beyond the Alternative/Conventional Food Networks Binary, (with U. Ermann and R. Renner), 2014 STS conference, Graz, May, 2014

Foodscapes: Access to Food, Excess of Food, (with U. Ermann and R. Renner), Castle of Seggau, 22-25 September, 2013.

Alternative Food Networks: The biopolitics of quality and embeddedness, (with Paolo Giaccaria), two sessions organized at the EUGEO Conference, Rome, Italy, September 2013.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

Member of:

- Società geografica Italiana
- International Urban Fellows Association Johns Hopkins Institute for Policy Studies.
- Association of American Geographers

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Language	Comprehension		Spoken		Written
	Hearing	Reading	Interaction	Production	
English	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
French	Good	Good	Sufficient	Basic	Basic
German	Basic	Basic	Basic	Basic	Basic
Italian	Native	Native	Native	Native	Native

References available upon request