

Curriculum Vitae

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ADDRESSES

MOB.

E-MAIL

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION PhD Architecture/Urban Planning, MA Architecture

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- HeritAP, Network of Heritage Practitioner in the Asia-Pacific Region (since 2019)
- AAHC, Association of Italian Scholars in China (since 2016)
- Italian National Society of Architects and Urban Planner No. 2748 (since 2008)

COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

- Council of OurWorldHeritage Foundation (OWH) (since 2021)
- UNESCO expert on urban heritage and the *HUL Recommendation* (since 2020)
- Scientific board of the Postgraduate Master *Urban Heritage and Global Tourism* (MHT) at Università Iuav di Venezia (2018-2019)
- Editorial Board of *Built Heritage* journal (since 2017)

COUNTRIES of WORK EXPERIENCE Italy, the Netherlands, Albania, Iran, China, Indonesia, Vietnam, the Philippines.

LANGUAGES

Italian	mother tongue
English	professional working proficiency
Chinese	regular
French	regular
Farsi	basic

SHORT RESUME

I am an architect and PhD urban planner specialising in urban/rural conservation and development. Since 2016, I have served as Director of Urban Planning and Research Fellow at WHITRAP, a UNESCO Category 2 Research Centre dedicated to urban conservation, in Tongji University, Shanghai, PR China. At WHITRAP, I have conducted a research agenda on the preservation of small settlements and rural areas, collaborating on grassroots projects in villages and acting as a planning consultant for local governments, institutions and NGOs. In addition, I organised conferences, exhibitions, training courses, and publications (scientific papers, reports, conference proceedings, etc.) on the conservation and management of historic areas and World Heritage sites. Before moving to China, I conducted comparative studies on urban conservation in Italy, Latin America and the Middle East (Iran and Iraq) and curated exhibitions and publications on this subject, collaborating with Iuav University and La Triennale di Milano (2015), Tongji University and UNESCO (2018). In Italy, I worked as an urban planner on post-earthquake reconstruction (L'Aquila 2011) and participated in research programs in the same field (Emilia Region 2013). Prior, I worked as a registered architect (since 2008), focusing mainly on urban renovations, receiving awards for urban contests (Sassuolo 2012, Ancona 2011, Durres 2009).

In 2014, I obtained a doctorate at the Politecnico di Milano, researching post-earthquake reconstruction and sustainable development. I studied architecture at TU Delft and Iuav University of Venice where I graduated with honours in 2008.

I am a UNESCO expert in urban heritage and *Historic Urban Landscape* and a member of HeritAP-Network of Heritage Practitioners for the Asia and Pacific Region. I participate in the Council of OurWorldHeritage Foundation (OWH) for civil society involvement in World Heritage protection, and I am a member of the editorial board of *Built Heritage* Journal.

In 2021, I obtained the Seal of Excellence for a H2020-Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowship proposal regarding South-South and Trilateral Cooperation (SSTC) projects for rural development involving China and UN agencies in low-income Asian countries.