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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Date of birth	18/10/1970

WORK EXPERIENCE

• Dates (from – to) 2017- today Associate Professor in Cultural Anthropology (M-DEA 01)
University of Milan Bicocca- Department of Human Science for Education

2005-2017 Researcher in Cultural Anthropology (M-DEA 01)
University of Milan Bicocca- Department of Human Science for Education

2019 March-June Visiting Professor at the ISS Institute of Social Studies The Hague (NLD), lectures on cultural aspects of climate change

2011 March-June
Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Sociology, University of Paris 8, course title: “The politics of nature”

• Name and address of employer
• Type of business or sector

1997-2004
Researcher Associated at Institute Française du Proche-Orient (IFPO), Amman (Jordan).

• Occupation or position held
• Main activities and responsibilities

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

• Dates (from – to) 25/11/2003 PhD in Cultural Anthropology, title of the thesis: “Facing home. Palestinian belonging in a valley of doubt”, supervisor Prof. Wouter van Beek, Department of Cultural Anthropology, University of Utrecht (NL).

1995

Master Thesis in Philosophy and Cultural Anthropology, title of the thesis: « from charismatic reign to development cooperation : the construction of belonging in an Hindukush valley (Pakistan) »

**PERSONAL SKILLS
AND COMPETENCES**

*Acquired in the course of life and career
but not necessarily covered by formal
certificates and diplomas.*

MOTHER TONGUE

ITALIAN AND DUTCH

OTHER LANGUAGES

English (fluent), French (fluent), German (good), Arabic (good),
Swahili (beginner)

- Reading skills
- Writing skills
- Verbal skills

**SCIENTIFIC SKILLS
AND COMPETENCES**

*Living and working with other people, in
multicultural environments, in positions
where communication is important and
situations where teamwork is essential
(for example culture and sports), etc.*

MAIN RESEARCH INTEREST:

SOCIO-CULTURAL ASPECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE, CULTURAL PATTERNS IN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT,
WATER MANAGEMENT AND IRRIGATION, CULTURAL ECOLOGIES, SOCIAL VALUES OF
FOOD AND SYMBOLICAL ASPECTS OF FOOD PRODUCTION AND NETWORKS

-SINCE 2005 LECTURER IN CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY, AND
ANTHROPOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT , COURSES IN MASTER (WATER AND
COOPERATION, UNIMIB), SEMINARS IN DACS (DOTTORATO SCIENZE
ANTROPOLOGICHE ED ETNOLOGICHE) WITH FOCUS ON SOCIO-CULTURAL
DYNAMICS IN CLIMATE CHANGES AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, AND
WATER AND CULTURE RELATIONSHIPS

MAIN FIELDWORKS: PAKISTAN, JORDAN, PALESTINIAN OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES, EGYPT, ITALY, TANZANIA

-SINCE 2017 LECTURER OF THE MA ON FOOD STUDIES (UNIMIB) ON
ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF AGRICULTURE

-SINCE 2005 SUPERVISOR OF 200 THESIS (BA, MA, AND PHD)

**ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS
AND COMPETENCES**

*Coordination and administration of
people, projects and budgets; at work, in
voluntary work (for example culture and
sports) and at home, etc.*

Experience in interdisciplinary research programs on socio-cultural
aspects of environmental relationship and agro-pastoral patterns of
management (conferences, collective fieldworks, coordination)

2017-2019: Sistemi Agricoli e Sviluppo Sostenibile (SASS). Funding
body: MIUR –FIRST, Coordinator of the Anthropological group on

socio-cultural networks of food in Tanzania

2015-2017, Coordinator of the laboratory on “Anthroposphere”, within the multidisciplinary research program on climate changes “The future has already happened”, coordinated by the Museum of Science and technology Leonardo da Vinci, Milan, with the University of Milano Statale and University of Milan-Bicocca.

2013-2015, member of the scientific committee of Lab-EXPO (Fondazione Feltrinelli) “The cultures of food between sharing practices and exclusion” (directed Prof. Fabietti), several international seminars in Milan.

2008-2011 Researcher within the international and interdisciplinary research program (2007-2011): “*Tanmia. Le Développement: Fabrique de l'action publique dans le monde arabe*”, partners IFPO (Amman, Beirut), IUED (Ginevra), Institut de recherche sur le Maghreb Contemporain (Tunisi), Lebanese Center for Policies Studies (Beirut). Coordinator on the internal seminar on “Dynamics of knowledge and expertise in development”.

2004-2007

Researcher in cooperation with Mission Régional Agricole (MREA), Amman (Jordan) With International Water Institute (IWMI), Colombo (Sri Lanka) on “Historical trajectories on River basins: a perspective on the human-environment nexus”
PI of the interdisciplinary team research on the river basin management in the Jordan Valley.

Books

1-Van Aken, M., 2020, *Campati per aria, eleuthera*, Milano.

2-Fiamingo, C., Ciabbari, L., Van Aken, M., (2014, a cura), *I conflitti per la terra. Tra accaparramento, consumo e accesso indiscriminato*, Altravista, Lungavilla.

3-Van Aken, M., *La diversità delle acque. Antropologia di un bene molto comune*, Altravista, Lungavilla, 2012;

Main articles

4-2021 *Down to air*. Palestinian memories and practices of weather relatedness, in *The Anthropocene of Weather and Climate: Ethnographic Contributions to the Climate Change Debate*. Ed. by Paul Sillitoe. Oxford: Berghahn, 249-270

5-2021, Decarbonizzare l'immaginario culturale, in *Che cos'è la transizione ecologica. Clima, ambiente, disuguaglianze sociali, per un cambiamento autentico e radicale*, Ruggieri, G. a cura, Altraeconomia, San Giuliano Milanese, pp.173-179.

6-Van Aken, M. De Donato, A., 2018, Gender and Water in the Middle East. Local and Global Realities, in: *Water Security Across the Gender Divide*, C. Fröhlich, G. Gioli Roger Cremades • H. Myrntinen, Springer, 2018, pp.61-82.

7- Van Aken, M, 2018, Coltivare cibo baladii in Palestina Le politiche della natura, tra terra e aria, *Antropologia Pubblica*, 4 (1), pp.97-127.

8-Van Aken, M., 2017. Grabbing farming citizenship in the Middle East. Peasant realities of land and water and their disconnections, in: Problems and progress in land, water and resources rights at the beginning of the third millennium, C. Fiamingo (a cura), online version, Altravista, Broni, pp.235-253.

9-Van Aken, M. Fabietti, U., Barberani, S., Riva, F., Carosso, M., Bargna, I, Badii. M., 2015, *Food Culture among Sharing and Exclusion Practices*, in: *Laboratorio Expo. The Many Faces of Sustainability*, S. Veca (ed), Milano, Feltrinelli, pp.35-65

10-Van Aken, M., 2015, *Virtual Water, H2O and the De-socialisation of Water. A Brief Anthropological Journey*, in: *The water we eat. Combining virtual water and water footprint*, Antonelli M., Greco F. (eds), Springer, London, pp. 103-121.

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