

Curriculum Vitae

Viola Castellano

Positions

- 01/10/2022-ongoing, Senior Research Associate, University of Bayreuth
- 01/10/21-30/09/2022, Research Fellow, Department of Education Sciences, Bologna University.
- 2014-2022, Adjunct Professor, Department of Education, University of Bologna
- 7/2019-9/2021, Post-doctoral Fellow, São Paulo Research Foundation, The Brazilian Center for Analysis and Planning, São Paulo.

Education

- 03/04/2014 Phd, Anthropology and Epistemology of Complexity, University of Bergamo, Bergamo, Italy. Grade: excellent/excellent (no corrections).
- 01/03/2013-01/06/2013 Visiting Scholar, Anthropology Department, Graduate Center, City University of New York, New York, USA.
- 01/04/2009 Master, Social Anthropology, Ca' Foscari University, Venice, Italy, 2007-2009. Grade: 110 with honors on 110.
- 30/11/2006 Bachelor, Cultural Anthropology, University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy, 2003-2006.

Fellowships and Awards

- 2022-2025 DFG (German Research Foundation) Individual Research Fellowship
- 2022 PRIN project Genealogies of African Freedoms-GAF (fieldwork funding)
- 2021-2022 Collaborative project 'Borderland Brussels', Latitude Platform and COSMOPOLIS Center for Urban Research, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (PI F. Vanin). Funded by the Brussels Centre for Urban Studies (2020 call for projects)
- 2019-2021 FAPESP (São Paulo Research Foundation) Fully funded Postdoctoral Fellowship.
- 2011-2014 Full Phd monthly scholarship granted by Bergamo University.

Publications

Monographs

-Castellano V., 2023, Set to see us fail. Debating inequalities in the child welfare system of New York. London and New York: Berghahn.

-Castellano V., 2018, Revolving door. I servizi sociali e la riproduzione delle disuguaglianze a New York, Bergamo: Junior.

Peer Reviewed Articles

-Castellano, V. Social connections and ethical entrapments: on doing anthropology of and through the border regime, *Anthropological Theory* (forthcoming)

-Castellano V., 2024, Unruly relationalities: navigating mobility rules in the Italian asylum system, *Focaal* (forthcoming).

-Castellano V., 2023, Politiche come spazio di contestazione? Un'etnografia dell'advocacy nei servizi sociali per i minori, *Rivista di antropologia contemporanea* 4 (2), 311-330.

-Castellano, V. 2023. "Time is on me": Entangled Temporalities Between Italy and the Gambia. *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, 1-16.

-Castellano, Viola. 2023. "Not yet Babylon": Pensare il sistema di asilo e la gestione delle migrazioni attraverso le soggettività politiche di migranti gambiani." *Antropologia* 10, no. 1 (2023): 21-40.

-Castellano, Viola. 2023. Ripensare i processi di precarizzazione come opportunità epistemiche. *Antropologia Pubblica*, [S.I.], v. 9, n. 1, p. 189-197.

-Castellano V., 2022. Voluntary Returns or Forced Choices? Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration Programs in The Gambia, *ROR-n Plattform Series* 1(3). Vienna: Austrian Academy of Sciences. 123-131.

-Castellano V., 2021. The elephant in the room: silencing racialization in welfare regimes, *La Ricerca Folklorica*, n. 76

-Castellano V., 2021. Walking a Fine Line: The Struggle for Parent Advocacy in the NYC Child Welfare System, *City and Society*, 33, no. 3 (2021): 518-541.

-Castellano, V. 2017, "We only have rights over operators": La riappropriazione del regime di sospetto da parte dei richiedenti asilo in un centro di prima accoglienza, *Antropologia Pubblica*, 3(1), 51-74.

Book Chapters

-Castellano, V. 2024. Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration in The Gambia: Aid Workers And Returnees As Implementers and Contesters of Humanitarian Borderwork, in *Transnational Mobility and Externalization of EU Borders Social Work, Migration Management, and Resistance*

Edited by Petra Daňková; Robel Afewerki Abay; Nikos Xypolytas; and Tanja Kleibl, Lexington Books.

-Castellano, V., & Riccio, B. (2023). Migrants self-narrations as cultural critique, In *Anthropological Approaches to Reading Migrant Writing: Reimagining*

Ethnographic Methods, Knowledge, and Power, Deborah Reed-Danahay and Helena Wulff, New York: Routledge, 123-144.

-Castellano V., 2017, The politics of Racial Disproportionality in the New York City child welfare system, in Gribaldo A., Decimo F.,(ed) *Boundaries within: Nation, Kinship and Identity among Migrants and Minorities*, Springer.

-Castellano V., 2014, "Razzismi" in: Riccio B. (a cura di) *Antropologia e migrazioni*, Roma, CISU Centro d'Informazione e Stampa Universitari.

Online Publications (selected)

Castellano V., 2023, Unfinished adulthood: discontinuous precarities as epistemic opportunities, Allegra Lab, <https://allegralaboratory.net/unfinished-adulthood-discontinuous-precarities-as-epistemicopportunities/>.

Castellano V., Casagrande O. (eds), 2023, Encountering precarities: ethnography, spurious solidarity and neoliberal academia, Thematic Thread, Allegra Lab, <https://allegralaboratory.net/encountering-precaritiesethnography-spurious-solidarity-and-neoliberal-academia/>

Castellano V., 2022. "Voluntary Returns or Forced Choices? Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration Programs in The Gambia", ROR-n Plattform.<http://www.ror-n.org/-blog/archives/02-2022> Viola Castellano

Organization of international panels and seminars

-07/2024 Convenor (with Olivia Casagrande) Differential proximities and disjunctive reciprocities. (Un)doing anthropological research through collaborative methodologies and multiple accountabilities. EASA, Barcelona.

-13/10/2023 Convenor (with Fabio Vanin and Olivia Casagrande) (Un)making of Migrant Urban Citizenship and Urban Borderlands, 9th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CRITICAL GEOGRAPHIES, Mexico City

-29/09/2021 (with Helena Manfrinato), Coordinator of the International Seminar "Producing categories in the right to asylum", The Brazilian Center for Analysis and Planning (CEBRAP) and University of S o Paulo (USP).

-28/03/2021 Convenor (with Olivia Casagrande), Challenges and opportunities of shared precarities in the field, Association of Social Anthropology, ASA2021: RESPONSIBILITY

-16/09/2020 Convenor (with Fabio Vanin and Olivia Casagrande), Urban borderlands at the crossroads of anthropology and geography: spatiality, perceptions and social reproduction in a multiscalar perspective, Royal Anrthropological Institute Conference RAI 2020 London.

Presentations in international conferences (selected)

-29/05/2023 "Il ruolo delle associazioni di advocacy e di comunit. nella governance dei servizi sociali negli USA", University of Pisa, Conference on Anthropology of Public Policy

-29/06/2022 Juridical limbos, waitinghood and (im)mobility: reading asylum policies through the lens of Gambians' trajectories in Italy, IMISCOE Conference, Oslo.

-10/06/2022 Interrogating border encounters. Ambiguous social connections and political subjectivities between Italy and the Gambia. Conference of the Association for African Studies in Germany, Freiburg

-06/2021 Gambian migrants in Italy: building new forms of solidarity in the interstices of the

-15/09/2020 "Promoting self-entrepreneurship through post-asylum "voluntary" repatriation programs in the Gambia", RAI 2020 London (online)

-23/07/2020 "Decolonizing practices in mobility's regimes? Disentangling the epistemological stakes of a troubled fieldwork", EASA 2020 Lisbon (online)

