ETTORE COSTA

EMPLOYMENT

June 2023May 2026 July 2022Ma	Researcher/Assistant Professor, fixed term (RTDA), Scuola Superiore Meridionale, Naples
2023	Postdoc researcher (Assegno di ricerca), Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa Research Project: "The role of human rights in the European political cultures after the Cold War 1989-1999"
October 2021Februar 2022	NEC International Fellowship, New Europe College, Institute for Advanced YStudy, Bucharest Research Project: "Science and Democracy (and Social Democracy): Scientific Questions for the Party of European Socialists (PES) in the 21st Century"
September 2018- Augus 2020	Postdoc Researcher, Centre for European Research at the University of t Gothenburg (CERGU) Research Project: "From Sputnik to Chernobyl, from optimism to fear: socialists and communists facing science (1957-1986)"
October 2016- June 2017	Visiting Researcher Funded by La Sapienza – University of Rome, hosted at the Institut für soziale Bewegungen, Ruhr Universität Bochum

EDUCATION

November PhD Contemporary History, La Sapienza – University of Rome (funded by **2012-** La Sapienza – University of Rome)

June 2016 Thesis Title: "The Socialist International in the Cold War (1945-1951)".

Supervisor: Professor Giorgio Caredda, Professor Umberto Gentiloni Silveri Visiting Scholar (March-June 2015): University of Exeter, professor Andrew Thorpe

Final degree mark: Excellent

November Master's Degree Contemporary History, La Sapienza – University of Rome
Dissertation Title: "British and Italian socialists. The goal of a socialist foreign policy: the relationship between British Labourites and Italian socialists 19471969". Supervisor: Professor Giovanni Sabbatucci. Final degree mark: 110/110 cum laude.

October BA Degree History, La Sapienza – University of Rome

2006- Dissertation Title: "The British labour movement and Italy. The performance of

2009 the Attlee government: creation, consolidation and diffusion of parliamentary socialism". Supervisor: Professor Vittorio Vidotto. Final degree mark: 110/110 cum laude.

FUNDING and ACADEMIC AWARDS

• Mobility grant for dissertation research abroad, University of Rome - La Sapienza, (August-October 2011, London and Manchester).

- **Master's dissertation award** (XVI edition) from the Fondazione Spadolini Nuova Antologia, Florence (July 2012).
- Three-year scholarship for PhD research degree, University of Rome La Sapienza (November 2012-November 2015)
- Nine-month fellowship for Post-Doc research abroad (October 2016-June 2017), University of Rome La Sapienza
- "Premio Spadolini" Doctoral dissertation award and Medal of the Speaker of the Senate (XXI edition) from Fondazione Spadolini Nuova Antologia, Florence (December 2017).
- **"Premio Minerva," Doctoral research award** (humanities) from La Sapienza Foundation (2017)
- Conference Grant (150 000 SEK) by Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, (F19-1548:1) for the conference "The Century of Sputnik and Chernobyl: Science and the European Left during the Twentieth Century" (April 2020, postponed due to Covid-19 to April 2021),
- Marie Sklodowska Curie Actions MSCA Seal of Excellence 2022
- Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale (National Scientific Qualification), Fascia II, Settore Concorsuale 11/A3 (Storia Contemporanea), 2025-2037

RESEARCH PROJECTS

2012-2016: *The Socialist International in the Cold War (1945-1951)* (PhD Research, University of Rome, La Sapienza): History of the rebirth of the Socialist International. History of socialist internationalism during the Cold War, including transnational contacts among social democratic parties, factional struggle, informal diplomacy, exchange of ideas, and cultural differences.

2016-2017: An international Bad Godesberg? The Oslo Declaration (1962) and socialist revisionism (Postdoc Research, Institute for Social Movements, Ruhr University Bochum): History of socialist revisionism from a comparative and transnational perspective.

2018-2020: *From Sputnik to Chernobyl, from optimism to fear: socialists and communists facing science (1957-1986)* (Postdoc Research, Centre for European Research, University of Gothenburg): Comparative history of Western European socialists and communists (Italy, West Germany, Britain) concerning their attitude science and its shift from optimism to pessimism, with particular attention to the Space Race, the Two Cultures Debate and nuclear power.

2021-2022: Science and Democracy (and Social Democracy): Scientific Questions for the Party of European Socialists (PES) in the 21st Century (Postdoc research, New Europe college, Bucharest): Review of the role of science in the literature concerning the decline of social democracy and comparison between the science policies of twentieth-century and twenty-first-century socialists.

2022-2023: *The role of human rights in the European political cultures after the Cold War 1989-1999* (Research Fellowship, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa): Analysis of the ascent of human rights as a defining feature of social democratic ideology in the 1990s, with a specific emphasis on the displacement of previous ideological commitments.

2023-2026: From Direct Productive Force to Human Capital: The Role of Science in the Economic and Education Policies of Social Democratic and Communist Parties in Postwar Western Europe (Scuola Superiore Meridionale, Naples): The role of science and technological innovation in shaping the economic and education policies of social democratic and Western communist parties, particularly the role of science as a factor in increasing productivity and stimulating economic growth and education as a factor of human capital

FUTURE RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interests cover European political history with a transnational and comparative approach and the political ideas and rhetoric. My current research project is about the evolution of the attitude of the European left towards science and technology in the Cold War era, from the enthusiasm of the late 1950s to the scepticism of 1980s. I also research the role of socialist internationalism in postwar social democratic parties, the relationship of the British Labour Party with Europe, the role of stereotypes and cultural representations in the relations between Northern and Southern Europeans and the application of tools of digital humanities to text analysis for historical research.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Co-organiser of the teaching programme at the Scuola Superiore Meridionale, Naples, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. Responsible for the undergraduate course "Global History of the Cold War: the East-West confrontation and the rise of the Global South" and "Political and Institutional History of the Welfare State." Responsible for the graduate course "Global agents within and without global institutions: internationalism as an ideal and a practice in the twentieth century". Co-organiser of the course on source analysis.

Co-organiser of the Master level introductory course "SF2323 Applied qualitative Research Methods, problems and design", 15 credits Centre for European Studies, University of Gothenburg (2019–2020)

Lecturer for undergraduate and graduate courses at the Department of Literature, History of Ideas and Religion, University of Gothenburg, 2018-2020

Guest lecturer to the Undergraduate and Graduate courses at La Sapienza – University of Rome, 2015-2017.

I am available to hold lectures and courses on Comparative history of the European social democratic and communist parties, Comparative history of Fascism (Italy, Germany, Japan), Italian History (19th to 21st Century), British History (19th to 21st century), European History (19th to 21st Century), Global History of the Cold War.

SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE — UNDERGRADUATE

Tove Artonius, First cycle thesis in European Studies, University of Gothenburg, Autumn 2020

Johanna Ekberg, Executive Master thesis in European Studies, University of Gothenburg, Autumn 2020

Mahesh Karthik, Executive Master thesis in European Studies, University of Gothenburg, Spring 2021

SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE — GRADUATE

Athanasios Angelopoulos, Doctoral thesis, Scuola Superiore Meridionale, 2024-2027 SCIENTIFIC ORGANISATION EXPERIENCE

Chief organizer of Annual Workshop of the Doctoral School of History, Anthropology and Religion (La Sapienza – University of Rome, 14 June 2016)

Co-editor with Mats Andrén for the special issue "Transnationalism in 1950s Europe: ideas, debates and politics", Special issue, *History of European Ideas*, 46:1

Co-chair with Mats Andrén of the workshop *Transnationalism in the 1950s... and Beyond: Ideas, Debates and Theories across Europe* at the XVI International Conference of ISSEI, "Aftershocks: Globalism and the Future of Democracy", 3 July 2019

Chief organiser of the Modern History Seminar Series at the Department of History, University of Gothenburg (2020-2021)

Chief organiser of the Conference *The Century of Sputnik and Chernobyl: The European Left and Science during the Twentieth Century*, Centre for European Research, University of Gothenburg, originally 21-22 April 2020, due to Covid-19 postponed to 20-21 April 2021, sponsored by Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, (F19-1548:1)

Editor for the special issue 'From Sputnik to Chernobyl: Science and the European Left during the Cold War', *History of European Ideas*, Forthcoming

REVIEWER EXPERIENCE

Bloomsbury Academic

Modern Italy 1353-2944 (Print), 1469-9877 (Online)

International Review of Social History 0020-8590 (Print), 1469-512X (Online)

Italia Contemporanea 0392-1077 (Print), 2036-4555 (Online)

The Foundation for Baltic and East European Studies

SCIENCE COMMUNICATION EXPERIENCE

Organiser of the event "Why spend our taxes on space travel"? (4 April 2019) at the International Science Festival Gothenburg

Co-Organiser of the event on the future of the EU and EU science polices (6 May 2022) at the International Science Festival Gothenburg

Coordinator for the GHG Area of the Scuola Superiore Meridionale of the school orientation programme "Orientamento attivo nella transizione Scuola – Università nell'ambito del PNRR", 2023-2024. I delivered 12 two-hour lessons

RELEVANT RESEARCH SKILLS

- Vast experience in researching state and private archives in Italy, Britain, Germany, France, Sweden and the Netherlands.
- Mother-tongue Italian speaker, proficient English speaker (C2, Cambridge ESOL Certificate of Proficiency in English), competent German speaker (Goethe Zertifikat B2), competent Swedish speaker (B2), good reading comprehension of French
- Programming in R language.
- Training and experience with quantitative text analysis and text mining (including Clustering, Topic Modelling, Sentiment Analysis, Classification through machine learning, Social media analysis). Certificate in "Data Science: Text Analysis using R" from London School of Economics and Political Science (2022)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Società italiana per lo studio della storia contemporanea (2015-2024)

REFERENCES

- Prof. Stefan Berger, Director of the Institute for Social Movements, Ruhr University Bochum <u>stefan.berger@ruhr-uni-bochum.de</u>
- Prof. Andrew Thorpe, professor of Modern British History, University of Leeds, <u>A.J.Thorpe@leeds.ac.uk</u>
- Prof. Mats Andrén, Professor of History of Ideas and Science, University of Gothenburg, <u>mats.andren@lir.gu.se</u>
- Prof. Daniela Luigia Caglioti, Professor of Contemporary History, University of Naples, Federico II, <u>caglioti@unina.it</u>
- Prof. Andrea Graziosi, Professor of Contemporary History, University of Naples, Federico II,
- Prof. Umberto Gentiloni, professor of Contemporary History, University of Rome La Sapienza, <u>umberto.gentiloni@uniroma1.it</u>
- Prof. Giorgio Caredda, professor of Contemporary History, University of Rome La Sapienza, giorgio.caredda@uniroma1.it

BOOKS

Costa, Ettore. *The Labour Party, Denis Healey and the International Socialist Movement: Rebuilding the Socialist International during the Cold War, 1945–1951.* Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018, DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-77347-6.

SPECIAL ISSUES

Andrén, Mats, Costa, Ettore (2020) (Eds), "Transnationalism in 1950s Europe: ideas, debates and politics", Special issue, *History of European Ideas* 46, no. 1 (2020)

Costa, Ettore (Forthcoming) (Ed), 'From Sputnik to Chernobyl: Science and the European Left during the Cold War', Special Issue, *History of European Ideas*, Forthcoming

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES and CHAPTERS

Costa, Ettore. 'Il "Campo Sperimentale" Del Socialismo: La Vittoria Laburista Del 1945 e i Suoi Riflessi Sulla Sinistra Italiana'. *Dimensioni e Problemi Della Ricerca Storica*, no. 2 (2011): 1141, DOI: 10.7376/70357.

Costa, Ettore. 'The Socialist International and Italian Social Democracy (1948-50): Cultural Differences and the "Internationalisation of Domestic Quarrels": The Socialist International and Italian Social Democracy (1948-50)'. *Historical Research* 91, no. 251 (February 2018): 160–84, DOI:10.1111/1468-2281.12210

Costa, Ettore. "Like Romans Becoming Italians": Italy as the Negative Paradigm for British Decline in the Language of the Press and Denis Healey'. *Modern Languages Open*, no. 1 (2018), DOI: <u>http://doi.org/10.3828/mlo.v0i0.162</u>

Costa, Ettore. 'Whoever Launches the Biggest Sputnik Has Solved the Problems of Society? Technology and Futurism for Western European Social Democrats and Communists in the 1950s'. *History of European Ideas* 46, no. 1 (2020): 95–112, DOI: 10.1080/01916599.2019.1703855

Andrén, Mats, and Ettore Costa. 'Introduction: Transnationalism in the 1950s Europe, Ideas, Debates and Politics'. *History of European Ideas* 46, no. 1 (2020): 1–12, DOI: 10.1080/01916599.2019.1703856

Costa, Ettore. 'Not Giving Up Sovereignty: The British Labour Party's Alternative Vision of International Cooperation, 1933–1951'. In *European Integration Beyond Brussels: Unity in East and West Europe Since 1945*, edited by Matthew Broad and Suvi Kansikas, 117–39. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2020, <u>https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-45445-6_6</u>

Costa, Ettore. 'The Western European Left and the First Moon Landing: The Fall of Scientific Enthusiasm and the Ebb of Socialism'. *The International History Review*, 44, no. 6 (2022): 1347-1368, <u>https://doi.org/10.1080/07075332.2022.2046129</u>

Costa, Ettore, 'From East-West Balancing to Militant Anti-Communism: The Socialist International and the Beginning of the Cold War, 1947–1949', *Journal of Cold War Studies*, 24.2 (Spring 2022), 95–131 <u>https://doi.org/10.1162/jcws_a_01044</u>

Costa, Ettore, 'The Comintern and the Labour and Socialist International: Struggling over Democracy and Working-Class Unity', *Dimensioni e problemi della ricerca storica*, 2022.1 (2022), 223-242, <u>https://doi.org/10.13133/2723-9489/1430</u>

Costa, Ettore, 'Taking the Measure of Social Democracy: Exploring the Ideology of the Socialist International through Topic Modeling'. *Journal of Digital History*, 2.1 (2022), <u>https://doi.org/10.1515/jdh-2022-0001</u>

Costa, Ettore. 'The West German and Italian Left in the "Two Cultures" Debate: Trasnationalization and Localization (1964–1969)'. *Central European History* 57, no. 3 (September 2024): 377–98. <u>https://doi.org/10.1017/S0008938924000013</u>.

Costa, Ettore. 'Prospérité, Socialisme Ou Écologisme ?: Retour Sur Le Débat de l'Internationale Socialiste de 1977 Sur l'énergie et Le Nucléaire'. *Parlement[s], Revue d'histoire Politique* n° 40, no. 3 (21 November 2024): 159–78. <u>https://doi.org/10.3917/parl2.040.0159</u>. Costa, Ettore. 'La Socialdemocrazia Di Ingvar Carlsson: Ambizioni Socialiste e Neoliberalismo in Svezia Tra 1974 e 1994'. *Rivista Storica Del Socialismo* IX, no. 2 (October 2024): 81–96.

Costa, Ettore. 'Denis Healey : agnostic or the original Eurosceptic?' In *The Labour Party and European Integration: A Biographical Approach*, edited by Matthew Broad and William King, Bristol: Bristol University Press, 2025 [Approved for publication, forthcoming]

CHAPTERS and REVIEWS

Costa, Ettore. 'Labour's Euroscepticism and the Socialist International (1948-1952)'. In *Euroscepticisms, Resistance and Opposition to the European Community/European Union*, edited by Daniela Preda and Guido Levi, 363–74. Bologna: Il Mulino, 2019.

Review of Salm, Christian. *Transnational Socialist Networks in the 1970s: European Community Development Aid and Southern Enlargement*. Palgrave Studies in the History of Social Movements. Palgrave Macmillan UK, 2016 in *Rivista Storica del Socialismo*, 3, n.2, 2018, pp. 205-206

Costa, Ettore. 'Bad Godesberg: Non Solo Una Città Tedesca, Non Solo Tedesca'. In *Forza Di Governo Radicale La Socialdemocrazia e i Sessant'anni Del Programma Di Bad Godesberg*, edited by Jacopo Perazzoli, 16–18. Milano: Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli, 2019. <u>https://fondazionefeltrinelli.it/app/uploads/2019/11/Forza-di-governoradicalejpacuradi_utopie.pdf</u>

Review of Fulla, Mathieu, and Marc Lazar, eds. *European Socialists and the State in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries*. Palgrave Studies in the History of Social Movements. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2020, in *Rivista Storica del Socialismo*, 7, n.1, 2022.

Review of Murphy, Colm, *Futures of Socialism: 'Modernisation', the Labour Party, and the British Left, 1973–1997.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023, in *Rivista Storica Del Socialismo* IX, no. 2 (October 2024): 173-174.

Costa, Ettore. 'Science for Children and Adults: The Space Race in Italian Communist Party Publications, 1957-64'. In *Science Discourses in Cold War European Research Institutions, Cinemas and Media*, edited by Mariana Ivanova and Juliane Scholz, 183–203. Berghahn, 2024.

Costa, Ettore. 'Science and Democracy (and Social Democracy). Scientific Questions for the Party of European Socialists (PES) in the 21st Century'. *New Europe College Yearbook* 2024–2025, no. 1 (2025). <u>https://doi.org/10.58367/NECY.2025.2.4.95-120</u>

INVITED SEMINARS

We are not part of Europe, at least not yet: British Labour's perception of Continental Europe (1940-1987)

Institut für soziale Bewegungen, Ruhr Universität Bochum, 29 May 2017

La Gran Bretagna dalla crisi di Suez alla Thatcher

Together with Marzia Maccaferri

Seminar series: Lottare per organizzarsi, organizzarsi per lottare, Culture, Partiti e Movimenti politici nella Seconda metà del Ventesimo Secolo

Palazzo Pretorio, Prato, organised by the City of Prato and the University of Prato, 13 April 2018

"The Left in the 'Two Cultures' Debate in the 1960s: Comparing Britain, Italy, West Germany" CERGU Working Seminar series, University of Gothenburg, 10 December 2018

The British Labour Party as leader of European socialism: Reviving internationalism in the era of Cold War and nation-state (1945-51) Seminar Series: Les Gauches l'Internationa/The Left and the International, Centre d'histoire

"Decline of the Left or Decline of Parties?"

de Sciences Po. 21 March 2019

"The Future of the Left and the Right in European Politics", Centre for European Studies, University of Gothenburg, 11 October 2019

A Big Step for Mankind...but now what? The 1969 Moon Landing and the Western European Left

CERGU Working Seminar series, University of Gothenburg, 3 December 2019

A Big Step for Mankind...but now what? The 1969 Moon Landing and the Western European Left

Teknik- och vetenskapshistoriska seminariet VT20 (University of Gothenburg and Chalmers University of Technology), 30 January 2020

New Narratives for the Twentieth Century

Modern History Seminar, University of Gothenburg, 10 November 2020

The Scientific Leadership of the World has Passed to the Socialist System: the Italian Communist Party's Discourse on Science in its Adult and Children Publications (1957-1964) Modern History Seminar, University of Gothenburg, 9 February 2021

Science, Democracy and Social Democracy: the Role of Science in the Decline of Social Democratic Parties in the 20th and 21st Century New Europe College, Bucharest, 5 January 2022

La storia dei diritti umani Istituto Ciampi, Scuola Normale Superiore, Firenze, 5 December 2022

The Radiant Future of Socialism: Nuclear Power and Science for the Swedish and Italian Left in 1955

SSM Research Workshop Series, Scuola Superiore Meridionale, 30 January 2024

The Radiant Future of Socialism: Nuclear Power and Science for the Swedish and Italian Left in 1955

CERGU Working Seminar series, University of Gothenburg, 13 February 2024

I convegni dell'Istituto Gramsci Giovanni Berlinguer. Sapere e politica, Fondazione Gramsci, 11 April 2024

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Political History Network, University of Reading, 3 December 2014 Contribution: 'The Labour Connection: the Role of International Socialism in the Making of Italian Social Democracy (1947-1951)'

Shaping the Labour Party Conference, University of Bangor, 23-24 March 2015 Contribution: *The expansion of the International Department of the NEC (1946-1953): Fraternal relations as a field of party management*

Humanities Postgraduate Conference 2015, University of Exeter, 30-31 March 2015 Contribution: *The Multilateral Force: a case of opposing trans-national networks (1963-1964)*

Rethinking Contemporary British Political History: A Symposium for Early-Career Scholars, 7-8 September 2015, Queen Mary University of London Contribution: *Labourism and the English language: measuring the peculiarity and influence of the language of the Labour Party with computational linguistic analysis, 1947-1956*

Understanding Political history in and beyond the Nation State, a workshop organised by the Political History PhD Network, Leiden University, 22-23 October 2015 Contribution: South Tyrol and triangular socialist diplomacy (1945-1946): a case study of comparative and entangled history

Communicating International Organisations in the 19th and 20th Centuries, European University Institute, Florence, 10-12 March 2016 Contirbution: *The Socialist International and the global public sphere: missed opportunity or impossible dream? (1947-49)*

Workshop dottorale di Storia, Antropologia, Religioni, Università di Roma – La Sapienza, Roma, 14 June 2016

Contributo: Il mito dell'Internazionale Socialista in Italia: quattro tentativi di adesione dall'inizio alla fine della Prima Repubblica

Gli Euroscetticismi, Resistenze e opposizioni alla Comunità/Unione Europea dalle origini ai giorni nostri, Genova, 29-30 settembre 2016 Contributo: *L'euroscetticismo laburista e l'Internazionale Socialista (1948-1954)*

GCfE, 11th Annual Conference: Reassessing Britain's relations with Europe: from Role model to Enfant Terrible?, University of Birmingham, 11-12 May 2017 Contribution: Socialist Anglophilia and Anglophobia: institutions and culture in the transfer of the British model of socialism during the early Cold War

Competing Visions: European Integration beyond the EC/EU, University of Helsinki, 5-6 October 2017

Contribution: From opposing the International to opposing Federation: continuity in British Labour's vision for international cooperation

XVI International Conference of ISSEI, "Aftershocks: Gloablism and the Future of Democracy", 2–5 July 2019

Contribution: 1950s Images of Nuclear and Space Technology: Envisioning the Social Democratic and Communist Future

The Century of Sputnik and Chernobyl: Science and the European Left during the Twentieth Century, Gothenburg, 20-21 April 2021 Contribution: *The Bee and the Architect: Scientists against Scientism in Italy, Britain and West Germany (1976-1978)*

Cantieri di Storia Sissco 2021, 15 September 2021 Contribution: Socialism and freedom and faith: how 1950s international socialism wrote liberalism and Christianity into its history

SNES Spring Conference 2022, 25 March 2022 Contribution: *Covid-19 in the Crisis of Scientific Authority and Crisis of Socialism: The Science Policies of the Party of European Socialists (PES) during the Twenty-First Century*

Historical Blendings: An Entangled History of Social Democracy and Liberalism in Europe, 2-3 September 2022, Institute for History at Leiden University Contribution: Socialism and Freedom and Faith: How the Socialist International and 1950s revisionism wrote liberalism and Christianity into their history

Labour and European Integration: A Biographical Approach, 9 November 2023, Online workshop Contribution: *Denis Healey*

XXV World Congress of Philosophy, Rome 2024, 1-8 August 2024 Ninth International Karl Jaspers Meeting: Jaspersian Boundary Situations Contribution: Fermi's Children: The Global Responsibilities of Italian Scientists after the Nuclear Bomb