

Key words

#ClimateChange
#FoodPolicy
#AlternativeFoodNetworks
#Social_Innovation
#ExperimentalistGovernance
#CaseStudy
#ProcessTracing

SKILLS

Public speaking
Self-management
Problem solving and
strategical thinking
Creativity
Empathy
Research and information
management

STATISTICAL
SOFTWARE
NVivo
Microsoft Office
Qualitative methods of
research
Process tracing

Italian *MT*
English ●●●●●
French ●●●○○
Spanish ●●○○○

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Academic positions

- Nov'24-Present: Research Fellow for the project "SEED2SCALE – National competence center for social innovation" – Department of Economics
- Sep '24- Present: Teaching tutor – Sociology of Culture. Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna (Prof. Riccardo Prandini)

Dissemination, relator

- Nov '24: Guest lecturer. Academic course of urban studies and climate change – UNIBO (Dr. Alessandra Landi) – topic: "Rethinking food systems: the emergence of Alternative Food Networks"
- Apr '25: Guest lecturer. Academic course of Sociology of Food Consumption – UNIBO (Dr. Teresa Carlone)- Topic: "Le reti di cibo alternative: il caso di Campi Aperti"
- Apr '25: Guest lecturer. Academic course of Social Innovation – UNIBO (Dr. Giulio Ecchia) – topic: «Social innovation and food: The case of Alternative Food Networks»
- 2020- present: Writer at *DueGradi* (Italian web magazine about climate change)
- Dec' 2022: Relator. Academic course of Sociology - UNIBO (Dr. Giulia Ganugi). Topic: food and governance

Projects

- 2022: Research assistant for the UNA Europa project's "Digitalized exclusion, public opinion, and the right to housing in Europe"

Conferences

- **2024: SISCC – abstract**
“Governance sperimentale e Alternative Food Network: riflessioni critiche su framework teorico e applicazione a due casi studio sul territorio bolognese”
- **2023: ESRS – abstract**
“Local experimentalist governance for Alternative Food Networks: a framework theory building”
- **2023: STS – abstract:**
“Agrifood system crisis and experimentalist governance as a new solution”
- **2023: SISCC – abstract:**
“Local experimentalist governance: analysis of two cases in the city of Bologna”
- **2023: SISEC – abstract:**
“Civic disobedience and alternative food networks: the case of “Genuino Clandestino”
- **2022: SISEC – abstract:**
“Alternative food network: the bottom-up response to the agrifood crisis”
- **2021: 1st international conference on sociohydrology. Abstract:**
“Discussion about experimentalist governance and water management in cities”

EDUCATION

- **2020- 2024: Ph.D. “Future Earth, Climate Change and Societal Challenges”** (University of Bologna – Italy)
- **2023: visiting Ph.D. student at Wageningen University and Research – Rural Sociology group**
- **2016-2019 M.Sc. in Economic Policy | Final grade: 110/110 cum laude**
- **2013-2016 Bachelor Degree in Economics and Management**
- **2022: Radboud University (NL) – Summer School – Introduction to Process Tracing**
- **2022: Mura (Spain) – NEWral: European youth generating new rural narratives**
- **2021: FoodE Winter School - Sustainability Assessment of City-Region Food Systems**
- **2017: NHH – Bergen: Summer school – Natural resources management and policy**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **2020: Market Analyst, sustainability business unit – Nomisma S.p.A. (Bologna)**
Activity of support in managing sustainable development projects with both local and national businesses and public administration.
Topics covered through projects: environmental assesment, cost-benefit analysis, ecosystemic services evaluation, non-financial declaration and urban regeneration.
- **2018-2019: Project Intern – Design Thinking – AlmaCube srl**
Collaborated in an international, multidisciplinary team to tackle real-world innovation challenges for partner companies. Applied design thinking to develop user-centered solutions, culminating in a final presentation at Stanford University. Participated in international workshops in China (Hefei), Japan (Kyoto), and the USA (California) to co-develop strategies and prototypes with global peers.

PUBLICATIONS

- Chinaglia S. (2024) Governance of alternative food networks through the lenses of experimentalist governance: insights from the city of Bologna. Doctoral Thesis. Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna. Available at: <https://amsdottorato.unibo.it/11402/>
- Ganugi G, et al. "The right to housing in the digital era: emerging trends in Southern Europe" - Housing Studies. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02673037.2025.2461130>
- Chinaglia, S. (2024) "Innovazione sociale nel sistema alimentare: il caso delle reti di cibo alternative"; book chapter in "Verso Ecosistemi di Innovazione Sociale. Un Percorso di Capacity Building", FrancoAngeli.
- (forthcoming) Chinaglia S., Duncan J.- "The role of localised experimentalist governance in facilitating the understanding of political dimensions of AFNs: The case of Campi Aperti", The International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food.

FINAL PHD THESIS

GOVERNANCE OF ALTERNATIVE FOOD NETWORKS THROUGH THE LENSES OF EXPERIMENTALIST GOVERNANCE: INSIGHTS FROM THE CITY OF BOLOGNA

ABSTRACT:

This research comes at a time of concern over the resilience of the current food system. Current practices have proven to be disruptive from an environmental, societal, and economic point of view and have raised international awareness that translated into a complex and lively set of innovations, also known as Alternative Food Networks (AFNs). AFNs have emerged in recent years, driven by a shared commitment to challenge and transform the conventional food system. Available literature already provides definitions and conceptualizations of AFNs. However, there is still a need for a deeper understanding of the governance of AFNs, which would allow us to gather a holistic vision of the set of innovations these networks generate. Available literature already highlights some features of AFNs that still need clarification and advocates for a better understanding of their transformative role. To do this, I make use of rich qualitative data from the study of two farmers market Associations in Bologna, and I apply process tracing to look specifically at the causal mechanism involved in the internal governance of the Associations and to trace their participation and influence on the municipal food policy process in Bologna (chapter 6).

Two research questions guide the thesis:

RQ1: To what extent and effect does the internal governance of AFNs align with an experimentalist governance framework?

RQ2: What are the relations between modes of internal governance of AFNs and their engagement in municipal food policy?

This research highlighted a new set of relations and innovations from the two case studies that enrich the debate on AFNs and their governance. Moreover, it unveiled a set of relations among AFNs, neighbourhoods in the city of Bologna, the municipality of Bologna, and the Emilia Romagna region that provided novel knowledge of the complex relations and mechanisms related to the interaction of AFNs with policy-makers and their attempts to contribute to the creation of a transformative local food policy.

In the first chapter of this thesis, I provide a literature review of the scholarship on AFNs, highlighting the research gap in their governance. In Chapter 2, built on a literature review on experimentalist governance, I present the analytical framework that guided this thesis. In Chapter 3, I describe the methods and methodology used for my study, the context of which is explained in Chapter 4. The empirical analysis of this research is carried out in chapters 5 and 6, where results are presented and later discussed in chapter 7.