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STUDIES

PhD (Dottorato di ricerca)

Modern History, The Suor Orsola Benincasa
University of Naples, 2005.

Dissertation title: "State, Nomads, and
Peasants in Central Asia: Colonization,
Decolonization and Genocide in Semirech'e,
1906-1941". Doctoral advisor: Prof. Andrea
Graziosi

MPhil (Laurea)

History, University of Turin, 2002.

Summa cum laude and honours.

MPhil Thesis Advisor: Prof. Marco Buttino

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2022-present	University of Padua, Italy. Associate Professor of Asian History
2020-2021	Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan. Associate Professor of History
2010-2020	Lingnan University, Hong Kong. Associate Professor of History
2006-2010	University of Trento, Italy. Adjunct Professor of Eastern European History
2006-2007	University of Bologna, Italy. Adjunct Professor of Central Asian History

FELLOWSHIPS

2005-2006	Harvard University, Postdoctoral Fellowship, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies
2003	Harvard University, Visiting Fellow, Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute

RESEARCH GRANTS

2023-2025	<i>Ministry of University and Research, Italy: Progetto di Rilevante Interesse Nazionale (PRIN). Project title: "Water management and environmental change in Central Asia: politics, society and transnational connections (1948-2020s)" (PI)</i>
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- 2020-2021 *Research Grants Committee, Hong Kong: General Research Fund.* Project title: "Borderlands Lives: An Oral History of Migrations from China to Soviet Central Asia, 1949-1976" (grant renounced in July 2020 upon taking academic position outside Hong Kong).
- 2018-2019 *Research Grants Committee, Hong Kong: General Research Fund.* Project Title: "Imperial Borderlands and Transnational Illegal Markets: Opium Trade and Migrations between Russia, Inner Asia and Northeast China (1881-1937)"
- 2017-2018 *Lingnan University, Faculty Research Grant.* Project Title: "Ethnic Categories and Political Struggle in Early Soviet Central Asia: the "National Delimitation" of 1924 at the Local Level"
- 2013-2015 *Research Grants Committee, Hong Kong: General Research Fund.* Project Title: "Water Management and the Aral Sea Crisis: State, Environment and Society in Soviet Central Asia"
- 2012-2013 *Lingnan University, Faculty Research Grant.* Project Title: "Illegal Markets and State-Building in Central Asia: the Turkestan-Xinjiang Opium Trade (1881-1929)"
- 2008-2010 *Istituto per le Ricerche di Storia Sociale e Religiosa, Vicenza, Italy and Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi (ENI) [Co-Investigator].* Project Title: "Religion and Society in Kazakhstan. Institutions and Religious Practices in the Central Eurasian Steppe"

2002-2005

Italian Ministry of Education and Scientific Research, Doctoral Award. Project Title: "State, Nomads and Peasants in Central Asia: Colonization, Decolonization and Genocide in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, 1906-1941"

AWARDS

2010

Best First Monograph Award of the Italian Society for the Study of Modern History (SISSCO) for *Stalinismo di Frontiera* (published 2009)

PUBLICATIONS

Authored Books

1. with Antonio Ferrara, *L'eta' delle migrazioni forzate. Esodi e deportazioni in Europa (1853-1953)* [The Age of Forced Migrations. Exoduses and Deportations in Europe (1853-1953)]. Bologna: il Mulino, 2012, 501 pages.
2. *Stalinismo di frontiera: colonizzazione agricola, sterminio dei nomadi e costruzione statale in Asia Centrale (1905-1936)* [Frontier Stalinism. Agricultural Colonization, Extermination of the Nomads and State Building in Central Asia (1905-1936)]. Rome: Viella 2009, 548 pages.

Edited Books

1. with Riccardo Mario Cucciolla (eds), *Le trasformazioni della Russia putiniana. Stato, società, opposizione*. Rome: Viella, 2024, 260 pages.
2. with Alessandro Catalano and Marcello Flores (eds), *Guerra globale. Il conflitto russo-*

ucraino e l'ordine internazionale. Milan: Corriere della Sera, 2023, 351 pages.

3. with Paolo Sartori (eds), *Islam, Society and States across the Qazaq Steppe (18th - Early 20th Centuries)*. Vienna: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 2013, 352 pages.
4. with Gian Luca Bonora and Paolo Sartori (eds), *Kazakhstan: Religions and Society in the History of Central Eurasia*. Turin-New York: Allemandi, 2009, 304 pages.

Edited Journal Special Issues

1. with Loretta Kim (eds), *Water Environments, State, and Society in China and Central Asia*, special issue of the *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 62/4 (2019).

Journal Articles

1. "Propaganda, storia e politica tra Russia e Asia centrale. I «ventotto eroi della divisione Panfilov» da Stalin a Putin, 1941-2023," ["Propaganda, History, and Politics between Russia and Central Asia. The «Twenty-Eight Heroes of the Panfilov Division» from Stalin to Putin, 1941-2023"] in *Contemporanea, Rivista di storia dell'800 e del '900* 1 (2025): 59-89, DOI: 10.1409/116595. Published, refereed journal.
2. "Gli storici e il genocidio: campi semantici e contesti politici di una categoria in tempo di guerra," ["Historians and genocide: semantic fields and political contexts of a category during wartime"] *Storica* 87 (2023): 7-52, DOI: 10.23744/5601. Published, refereed journal.
3. "Sacrificing the Qazaqs: The Stalinist Hierarchy of Consumption and the Great Famine of 1931–33 in Kazakhstan," *Journal of Central Asian History* 1/2 (2022): 225-272, DOI: 10.1163/27728668-12340008. Published, refereed journal.
4. "Maki dlja bol'shevikov: opium na turkestanosin'czjanskom prigranič'e v 1914-1929 godach," ["Poppies for the Bolsheviks: Opium in the Turkestan-Xinjiang Borderland, 1914-1929"] *Acta Slavica Iaponica* 43 (2022): 127-150. Published, refereed journal.
5. "Colonizzazioni di popolamento, chiusura dei confini e migrazioni forzate in Asia nord-

- orientale (1930-1949)" ["Settlement Colonizations, Border Closures, and Forced Migrations in Northeast Asia (1930-1949)"], *Ricerche di Storia Politica* 3 (2021): 263-274, DOI: 10.1412/102143. Published, refereed journal.
6. "Opium Regimes of Imperial Collapse: The Russian Far East during the Civil War (1917–1922)", *Ab Imperio* 3 (2021): 111-135, DOI: 10.1353/imp.2021.0055. Published, refereed journal.
 7. "Illegal Markets and the Formation of a Central Asian Borderland: the Turkestan-Xinjiang Opium Trade (1881-1917)", *Modern Asian Studies* 54/6 (2020): 1828-1875, DOI: 10.1017/S0026749X18000227. Published, refereed journal.
 8. with Adilkhan Zharasov, "Elusive Rebels: Researching the Uprisings on the Eve of the Great Famine in Kazakhstan (1929-1931)", *KazNU Bulletin: Journal of History* 97/2 (2020): 34-43. Published, non-refereed journal.
 9. "The Benefits of Marginality: The Great Famine around the Aral Sea, 1930-34", *Nationalities Papers* 48/3 (2020): 513-529, DOI: 10.1017/nps.2019.22. Published, refereed journal.
 10. with Antonio Ferrara, "The Dark Side of Connectedness: Forced Migrations and Mass Violence between the Late Tsarist and Ottoman Empires (1853-1916)", *Historical Research* 92/257 (2019): 608-631, DOI: 10.1111/1468-2281.12278. Published, refereed journal.
 11. "Cossacks and Sturgeons: Fisheries, Colonization, and Science around the Aral Sea (1873-1917)", *Journal of the Social and Economic History of the Orient* 62/4 (2019): 626-673, DOI: 10.1163/15685209-12341490. Published, refereed journal.
 12. "Stalinskaya "ierarkhiia potrebleniia" i velikii golod 1931-1933 gg. v Kazakhstane" ["The Stalinist "Hierarchy of Consumption" and the Great Famine in Kazakhstan, 1931-33"], *Ab Imperio* 19/2 (2018): 80-116, DOI: 10.1353/imp.2018.0029. Published, refereed journal.
 13. "Stalinist Spatial Hierarchies: Placing the Kazakhs and Kyrgyz in Soviet Economic Regionalization", *Central Asian Survey*, 36/1 (2017): 73-92, DOI: 10.1080/02634937.2016.1221380. Published, refereed journal.

14. "Towards a Transnational History of Great Leaps Forward in Pastoral Central Eurasia", *East/West: Journal of Ukrainian Studies*, 3/2 (2016): 75-116, DOI: 10.21226/T2XW2F. Published, refereed journal.

15. "Evropeiskaya i amerikanskaya istoriografiya o velikom golode v Kazakhstane" [European and American Historiography on the Great Famine in Kazakhstan], *Otan Tarikhy / Otechestvennaya Istoriya / History of the Homeland*, 70/2 (2015): 100-25, Institute of History and Anthropology named after Ch. Valikhanov, Science Committee of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Published, non-refereed journal.

16. "Dalle carestie allo sterminio? Verso una comparazione delle carestie staliniane in Ucraina e Kazakstan" ["From Famines to Extermination? Towards a Comparison of Stalinist Famines in Ukraine and Kazakhstan"], *Snodi. Pubblici e Privati nella Storia Contemporanea*, 8/1 (2011): 68-92. Published, refereed journal.

17. "Esili incrociati. Percorsi tra la Russia sovietica e l'Asia Centrale, 1920-1938" ["Crossed Exiles. Paths between Soviet Russia and Central Asia, 1920-1938"], *Parolechiave*, 41/1 (2009): 159-78, DOI: 10.7377/70483. Published, non-refereed journal.

18. "Gruppi senza etnicità: alla ricerca delle nazioni in Asia Centrale, 1917-1924" ["Groups without Ethnicity: Looking for Nations in Central Asia, 1917-1924"], *Storica*, 25/43-44-45 (2008): 257-311. Published, refereed journal.

19. "Décoloniser l'Asie Centrale? Bolcheviks et colons au Semireč'e (1920-1922)" ["Decolonizing Central Asia? Bolsheviks and Settlers in Semirech'e (1920-1922)"], *Cahiers du Monde Russe*, 49/1 (2008): 101-43, DOI : 10.4000/monderusse.9121. Published, refereed journal.

20. with Paolo Sartori, "Waqf in Turkestan. The Colonial Legacy and the Fate of an Islamic Institution in Early Soviet Central Asia (1917-1924)", *Central Asian Survey*, 26/4 (2007): 475-98, DOI: 10.1080/02634930802017929. Published, refereed journal.

21. "Famine in the Steppe. The Collectivization of Agriculture and the Kazak Herdsmen, 1928-1934", *Cahiers du Monde Russe*, 45/1-2 (2004): 137-192, DOI: 10.4000/monderusse.8681. Published, refereed journal.

22. "La denomadizzazione nel Kazakistan sovietico" ["Denomadisation in Soviet

Kazakhstan”], *Contemporanea. Rivista di storia dell'800 e del '900*, 5/3 (2002): 507-538, DOI: 10.1409/7692. Published, refereed journal.

23. “The Collectivization Famine in Kazakhstan, 1931-1933””, *Harvard Ukrainian Studies*, 25/3-4 (2001): 237-51. Cambridge, MA: Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute. Published, Refereed Journal; subsequently reprinted in H. Hryn (ed.) *Hunger by Design: The Great Ukrainian Famine and Its Soviet Context*, Cambridge, MA, 2009, pp. 103-116.

Book Chapters

1. “Colonizzazione e russificazione nel Kazakistan sovietico,” in *Il nazionalismo russo. Spazio postsovietico e guerra all’Ucraina*, a cura di Andrea Graziosi e Francesca Lomastro, pp. 175-199, Rome: Viella, 2024, Published, Non-refereed.
2. with Riccardo Mario Cucciolla, “Introduzione. Un nuovo, peculiare regime di tipo fascista in Russia,” in *Le trasformazioni della Russia putiniana. Stato, società, opposizione*, edited by Riccardo Mario Cucciolla and Niccolò Pianciola, pp. 7-29, Rome: Viella, 2024, Published, Non-refereed.
3. with Alessandro Catalano, “Introduzione: il mondo dopo il 24 febbraio,” in *Guerra globale. Il conflitto russo-ucraino e l’ordine internazionale*, edited by Alessandro Catalano, Marcello Flores, Niccolò Pianciola, pp. 7-26, Milan: Corriere della Sera, 2023, Published, Non-refereed.
4. “Donbass: il pretesto per l’invasione”, in *Russia. Anatomia di un regime*, edited by Marcello Flores, pp. 93-121, Milan: Corriere della Sera, 2022, Published, Non-Refereed
5. with Riccardo Mario Cucciolla, “La «promessa infranta»: la Russia e l’allargamento della NATO,” in *Ucraina. Assedio alla democrazia*, edited by Marcello Flores, pp. 57-73, Milan: Corriere della Sera, 2022, Published, Non-Refereed
6. with Marianne Kamp, “Collectivisation, Sedentarisation, and Famine in Central Asia” in *Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Central Asia*, edited by Rico Isaacs and Erica Marat, pp. 41-55, London: Routledge, 2021, Published, Non-Refereed
7. "Scales of Violence: Connecting the 1916 Uprising to Wars and Revolutions (1914-1923)", in *The Central Asian Revolt of 1916: Rethinking the History of a Collapsing*

Empire in the age of War and Revolution, edited by Cloe Drieu, Aminat Chokobaeva and Alexander Morrison, pp. 169-190, Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2020, Published, Refereed

8. "Nomads and the State in Soviet Kazakhstan", in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History*. Oxford University Press, 2019, Published, Refereed
9. with Loretta Kim, "Watering the Land-Based Empires", *Journal of the Social and Economic History of the Orient* vol. 62, no. 4 (2019): 525-559. Published, Non-Refereed
10. with Paolo Sartori, "Introduction: Towards a Connected History of the Qazaq Steppe", in *Islam, Society and States across the Qazaq Steppe (18th - Early 20th Centuries)*, edited by N. Pianciola and P. Sartori, pp. 9-26, Vienna: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 2013, Published, Non-Refereed
11. "Interpreting an Insurgency in Soviet Kazakhstan: The OGPU, Islam and Qazaq 'Clans' in Suzak, 1930", in *Islam, Society and States across the Qazaq Steppe (18th - Early 20th Centuries)*, edited by N. Pianciola and P. Sartori, pp. 297-340, Vienna: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 2013, Published, Refereed
12. "I 'nomadi' in Kazakistan: categoria analitica e trasformazione sociale (1920-1928) ['Nomads' in Kazakhstan: Analytical Category and Social Transformation (1920-1928)]", *Integrazione, assimilazione, esclusione e reazione etnica. Vol III*, edited by G. Giraud, A. Pavan (ed.), pp. 38-63, Oradea: Editura Muzeului Țării Crișurilor, 2012. Published, Non-Refereed
13. with Paolo Sartori, "Il waqf in Turkestan: un'istituzione islamica nell'Asia Centrale sovietica (1917-1924) [Waqf in Turkestan: an Islamic Institution in Soviet Central Asia, 1917-1924]", in Carla Tonini (ed.), *Riforme, espropri, restituzioni: sistemi di proprietà nel XX secolo* (Roma: Aracne, 2011), pp. 97-134. Published, Non-Refereed
14. "Orthodoxy in the Kazakh Territories (1850–1943)", in *Kazakhstan: Religions and Society in the History of Central Eurasia*, edited by Gian Luca Bonora, Niccolò Pianciola, and Paolo Sartori, pp. 237-54, Turin-New York: Allemandi, 2009, Published, Non-Refereed
15. with Tamara Volkova, "Between Migration and Deportation: Protestants and Catholics in the Kazakh Steppe (19th and 20th Centuries)", in *Kazakhstan: Religions and Society in the History of Central Eurasia*, edited by Gian Luca Bonora, Niccolò Pianciola, and Paolo

Sartori, pp. 255-72, Turin-New York: Allemandi, 2009, Published, Non-Refereed

16. "L'Europa degli spostamenti forzati di popolazione, 1912-1953 [Forced Population Transfers in Europe, 1912-1953]", in *Le lettere aperte. 1939-43: l'Alto Adige delle Opzioni* [Open Letters. 1939-43. The 'Options' in Alto Adige], edited by C. von Hartungen, F. Miori, T. Rosani, 2006, pp. 19-44, Bolzano/Bozen: La Fabbrica del Tempo, 2006. Published, Non-Refereed.
17. "Kazakhskie pastukhi mezhdru kollektivizatsiei i golodom, 1928-1934 gg." [The Kazakh Herdsmen between Collectivization and Famine]", in *Kazakhstan i Rossiia (obshchestva i gosudarstva)*" [Kazakhstan and Russia: Societies and States], edited by Dmitrii Furman, pp. 79-113, Moscow: Prava cheloveka, 2004, Published, Non-Refereed

Review Essays and Book Reviews (selection)

1. "Environment, Empire, and the Great Famine in Stalin's Kazakhstan" (contribution to a book forum on Sarah Cameron, *The Hungry Steppe: Famine, Violence, and the Making of Soviet Kazakhstan*, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2018), *Journal of Genocide Research* (2020): 1-5.
2. Book Review of *Beyond the Steppe Frontier: A History of the Sino-Russian Border*, by Sören Urbansky (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2020), *Slavonic & East European Review* 98/1 (2020): 578-579.
3. Review Essay: "Ukraine and Kazakhstan: Comparing the Famines (Roundtable on Soviet Famines)" (based on Anne Applebaum, *Red Famine: Stalin's War on Ukraine*. New York: Doubleday, 2017), *Contemporary European History* 27/3 (2018): 440-44.
4. Book Review of *Xinjiang and the Modern Chinese State* by Justin M. Jacobs (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2016), in *The Chinese Historical Review* 24/2 (2017): 190-192.
5. Book Review of *Broad is My Native Land: Repertoires and Regimes of Migration in Russia's Twentieth Century* by Lewis H. Siegelbaum and Leslie Page Moch (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2014), in *Annales. Histoire, Sciences Sociales* 71/4 (2016): 1044-1047
6. Book Review of *Making Uzbekistan: Nation, Empire and Revolution in the Early USSR* by

Adeeb Khalid (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2015), in *Connexe: Les espaces postcommunistes en question(s)*, 2016.

7. Book Review of *Fictions Nationales. Cinéma, empire et nation en Ouzbékistan (1919-1937)* by Cloé Drieu (Paris: Khartala, 2013), in *Revue d'études comparatives Est-Ouest* 46/2 (2015): 222-228
8. Book Review of *Moscow 1937* by Karl Schlögel, in *Rivista Storica Italiana* 126/2 (2014): 646-654.
9. Book Review of *Speaking Soviet with an Accent: Culture and Power in Kyrgyzstan* by Ali İğmen, Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2012), in *Slavonica* 20/1 (2014): 74-75.
10. Book Review of *Kazakhstan. Ethnicity, Language and Power* by Bhavna Dave (London: Routledge, 2007), in *Cahiers du Monde Russe* 50/4 (2009): 896-899.
11. Book Review of *Tribal Nation: The Making of Soviet Turkmenistan* by Adrienne Lynn Edgar, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2004), in *International Review of Social History* 50/3 (2005): 507-510.
12. Review Essay: "Grano e fucili. Micropolitica di una guerra civile." [Grain and Guns. The Micropolitics of a Civil War]" (based on Marco Buttino, *La rivoluzione capovolta. L'Asia Centrale tra il crollo dell'impero zarista e la formazione dell'URSS*, [The Revolution Turned Upside Down: Central Asia between the Collapse of the Tsarist Empire and the Formation of the USSR], Naples: L'Ancora del Mediterraneo, 2003), *Quaderni Storici* 40/2 (2005): 623-637.

Hypertexts

1. "Forced Displacement of Populations", in "Museo virtuale delle intolleranze e degli stermini" [Virtual Museum of Intolerance and Exterminations], 2002. Project supported by the Italian Parliament. http://www.akra.it/amis/english/spo_en.html

ORGANISATION OF CONFERENCES, PANELS, WORKSHOPS, SUMMER SCHOOLS

1. Workshop: "Genocidio: eventi e categorie tra storia e diritto" ["Genocide: events and categories between history and law"], University of Padua, 13 May 2025.
2. Workshop: "Idropolitica e relazioni internazionali tra campo socialista e Medio Oriente, 1945-1991" ["Hydropolitics and international relations between the socialist camp and the Middle East, 1945-1991"], University of Padua, 20-21 March 2025.
3. Conference: "Empires of Water: Water Management and Politics in the Arid Regions of China, Central Eurasia and the Middle East (16th-20th centuries)", Lingnan University and the University of Hong Kong, 26-28 May 2016. International conference (40 participants) with four keynote speakers from the US, China and the Netherlands. (<http://www.ln.edu.hk/history/conference/wc2016/>)
4. Conference: "Religion and Society in Central Eurasia: New Sources for the Religious History of Kazakhstan", The Institute for Research in Social and Religious History, Venice, Italy, 29-30 October 2009. International conference.
5. Workshop: "New Research about Central Asia", C entre d' tude du monde russe, caucasien et centro-europ en (CERCEC), French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), Paris, 8 June 2007 (Co-organiser with I.Ohayon, P. Sartori, J. Thorez, T. Trevisani).
6. Summer School of Central Asian Languages and Cultures (Samarkand, Uzbekistan), established by the Samarkand State Institute of Foreign Languages in collaboration with the Universities of Turin and Bologna, 2007 (Organiser and academic director).
7. Summer School of Central Asian Languages and Cultures (Samarkand, Uzbekistan), established by the Samarkand State Institute of Foreign Languages in collaboration with the Universities of Turin and Bologna, 2006 (Co-organiser).
8. Conference Panel: "Nation Building through Nation Destroying? Stalinism in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan", World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Columbia University, New York, 25 March 2006.

INVITED TALKS

1. "States of Economic Exception: Entangled Sovereignties and the Cross-Border Economy

in Northeast Asia, 1898-1930", University of Oxford, November 2024

2. "Grey zones: Opium Trade, Migrations, and Empires in Central and Northeast Asia, 1900s-1930s", Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, March 2023.
3. "Governing the Russian Far East-Manchuria Borderlands: Markets, Violence and Collaboration in a Cross-Border Society, 1920s-1930s", École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Paris, January 2023.
4. "Velikii golod v Kazakhstane: kontekstualizatsiia, sravnenie, kontseptualizatsiia" [The Great Famine in Kazakhstan: Contextualization, Comparison, and Conceptualization], Institute of History and Ethnology "Ch.Ch. Valikhanov", Almaty, February 2021.
5. "Was Soviet Rule in Central Asia 'Colonial'?", Roundtable discussion, Oxford Seminar for the Caucasus and Central Asia, University of Oxford, October 2020.
6. "Symbiotic Empires in Northeast Asia: The Opium Economy in the Russo-Chinese Borderlands, 1890s-1930s", Sciences Po, Paris, May 2020.
7. "The History of Energy and the Environment in the Anthropocene", Roundtable discussion, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, April 2019
8. "The Aral Sea Fisheries and the Environmental History of Settler Colonialism in Central Asia, 1873-1917", Department of History, The University of Sydney, Australia, March 2019
9. "Opium trade and migration across the Russian/Chinese borderlands, 1870s-1930s", China Studies Centre, The University of Sydney, Australia, March 2019
10. "Managing Natural Resources from Tsarist to Stalinist Central Asia: Colonization and Fisheries in the Aral Sea, 1870s-1930s", Asia-Pacific Research Center, Hanyang University, Seoul, South Korea, May 2017.
11. "Stalin's Great Famine in Kazakhstan: Collectivization and Starvation in Nomadic Central Asia", University of Vilnius, Lithuania, April 2017.
12. "One Belt One Road: Possible Impacts on the Regional and Global Relations", The

University of Hong Kong, March 2016.

13. "Between Shadow Economy and State Monopoly: Opium in the Turkestan-Xinjiang Borderland, 1881-1929", European University at St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, March 2015.
14. "Alye maki Issyk-Kulia: trgovlia opiem, migratsiia i prigranichnoe prostranstvo mezhdur Turkestanom i Kitaem (1900-1929)" [The Scarlet Poppies of the Issyk-Kul': Opium Trade, Migrations and the Border Zone between Turkestan and China (1900-1929)], Deutsches Historisches Institut, Moscow, April 2014.
15. "The Great Soviet Famine in Kazakhstan (1931-1933)", Institute of History, Ukrainian Academy of Science, Kyiv, Ukraine, June 2006.
16. "Kazaks and Kyrgyz from Stolypin to Stalin: Colonization, Decolonization and Extermination (1906-1934)", Harriman Institute, Columbia University, April 2006.
17. "Decolonization in Semirech'e, 1920-22", Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, February 2006.
18. "Famine and the Soviet Regime: Nomads, Peasants, and the State in Kazakhstan, 1928-1936", Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, November 2003.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

Courses Taught

- | | |
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| 2024-2025 | University of Padua, "Storia dell'Eurasia", Yr 1-2
Postgraduate, 42 hours |
| | University of Padua, "Storia dell'Asia", Yr 1-3
Undergraduate, 42 hours |

University of Padua, "Migrations in World History", MA level, 42 hours

2023-2024

University of Padua, "Storia dell'Eurasia", Yr 1-2
Postgraduate, 42 hours

University of Padua, "Storia dell'Asia", Yr 1-3
Undergraduate, 42 hours

University of Padua, "Migrations in World History", MA level, 42 hours

2022-2023

University of Padua, "Storia dell'Eurasia", Yr 1-2
Postgraduate, 42 hours

University of Padua, "Storia dell'Asia", Yr 1-3
Undergraduate, 42 hours

University of Padua, "Migrations in World History", MA level, 42 hours

2021-2022

University of Padua, "Migrations in World History", MA level, 42 hours

University of Padua, "Storia dell'Asia Centrale", Yr 1-3
Undergraduate, 42 hours

Nazarbayev University, "History of Kazakhstan", Yr 1-2
Undergraduate, 45 hours

Nazarbayev University, "History of the Soviet Union: Politics, Society, Culture", Yr 1-3 Undergraduate, 45 hours

	Nazarbayev University, "Topics in Eurasian Studies", Postgraduate seminar, 14 hours
2020-2021	Nazarbayev University, "History of Kazakhstan", Yr 1-2 Undergraduate, 90 hours
	Nazarbayev University, "Central Asian History II", Yr 1-3 Undergraduate, 45 hours
	Nazarbayev University, "Introduction to World Environmental History", Yr 1-3 Undergraduate, 45 hours
	Nazarbayev University, "Central Asia after World War II", PhD seminar, 20 hours
2019-2020	Lingnan University, "History of Central Asia: From the Silk Road to the Belt and Road", Yr 2-4 (New Curriculum) Undergraduate, 42 hours
	Lingnan University, "Historical Research and Writing: Communism in Global History", Yr 2 (New Curriculum) Undergraduate, two sections of 42 hours each
	Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (visiting), "The Age of Forced Migrations in Eurasia, 1853-1953", Postgraduate, 10 hours
2018-2019	Lingnan University, "Historical Ideas and Methods", Yr 2 (New Curriculum) Undergraduate, two sections of 42 hours each
2017-2018	Lingnan University, "Historical Ideas and Methods", Yr 2 (New Curriculum) Undergraduate, two sections of 42 hours each
2016-2017	Lingnan University, "World History & Civilisations", Yr 2 (New Curriculum) Undergraduate, two sections of 42 hours each
	Lingnan University, "Historical Ideas and Methods", Yr 2

	(New Curriculum) Undergraduate, two sections of 42 hours each
2015-2016	Lingnan University, "World History & Civilisations", Yr 2 (New Curriculum) Undergraduate, two sections of 42 hours each
	Lingnan University, "World Environmental History", Yr 2-4 (New Curriculum) Undergraduate, 42 hours
	Lingnan University, "Historical Ideas and Methods", Yr 2 (New Curriculum) Undergraduate, two sections of 42 hours each
2014-2015	Lingnan University, "Russia and the Former Soviet Union: Politics, Economy and Society", Yr 2-4 (New Curriculum) Undergraduate, 40 hours
	Lingnan University, "Historical Ideas and Methods", Yr 2 (New Curriculum) Undergraduate, two sections of 40 hours each
2013-2014	Lingnan University, "World Environmental History", Yr 2-4 (New Curriculum) Undergraduate, 42 hours
	Lingnan University, "Historical Ideas and Methods", Yr 2 (New Curriculum) Undergraduate, two sections of 42 hours each
2012-2013	Lingnan University, "History of Modern Islamic Societies", Yr 2-3 Undergraduate, 42 hours
	Lingnan University, "History of Russia and Inner Asia", Yr 2-3 Undergraduate, 42 hours
	Lingnan University, "Comparative World Civilizations since 1500", Yr 1-3 Undergraduate, 42 hours
	Lingnan University, "Historical Ideas and Methods", Yr 1 Undergraduate, two sections of 42 hours each
2011-2012	Lingnan University, "History of Modern Islamic Societies", Yr 2-3 Undergraduate, 42 hours
	Lingnan University, "History of Russia and Inner Asia", Yr 2-3 Undergraduate, 42 hours

- Lingnan University, "Historical Ideas and Methods", Yr 1 Undergraduate, two sections of 42 hours each
- 2010-2011
- Lingnan University, "Comparative World Civilizations since 1500", Yr 1-3 Undergraduate, 42 hours
- Lingnan University, "History of Modern Islamic Societies", Yr 2-3 Undergraduate, 42 hours
- Lingnan University, "Historical Ideas and Methods", Yr 1 Undergraduate, two sections of 42 hours each
- 2009-2010
- University of Trento, "Nationalisms and the State in the Western Regions of the Tsarist Empire", MA, 30 hours (Seminar course).
- University of Trento, "From Nicholas II to Putin: Russia and the Soviet Union in the Twentieth Century", Yr 2-3 Undergraduate, 30 hours.
- 2008-2009
- University of Trento, "Wars, Ethnic Cleansing and State-Building in Europe, 1912-1953", MA, 20 hours.
- University of Trento, "The Tsarist Empire and the Rise of Nationalisms", Yr 2-3 Undergraduate, 20 hours.
- University of Trento, "The Soviet Union from Lenin to Gorbachev", Yr 2-3 Undergraduate, 20 hours.
- Institute of Military Studies of the Italian Army, "Geopolitics and geo-economy of Central Asia", 10 hours.
- 2007-2008
- University of Trento, "The Soviet Union from Lenin to Gorbachev", Yr 2-3 Undergraduate, 20 hours.
- University of Trento, "The Tsarist Empire as a Multiethnic and Multireligious Polity", Yr 2-3 Undergraduate, 20 hours.
- University of Trento, "From the Ottoman Empire to Republican Turkey, 1774-1950", Yr 2-3 Undergraduate, 20 hours.
- 2006-2007
- University of Trento, "The Soviet Union from Lenin to Gorbachev", Yr 2-3 Undergraduate, 20 hours.

University of Trento, “The Tsarist Empire as a Multiethnic and Multireligious Polity”, Yr 2-3 Undergraduate, 20 hours.

University of Bologna, MA course: “Central Asia and its Neighbourhood Context”, 10 hours.

2003-2004

University of Turin, Teaching assistant (course of History of Eastern Europe, prof. Marco Buttino, “History of Soviet Central Asia”), Yr 2-3 Undergraduate, 30 hours.

Newly Designed Courses

2022

“Storia dell’Eurasia”, Yr 1-2 Postgraduate (University of Padua)

“Storia dell’Asia”, Yr 1-3 Undergraduate (University of Padua)

“Storia dell’Asia Centrale”, Yr 1-3 Undergraduate (University of Padua)

“Migrations in World History”, MA level (University of Padua)

2020

“Introduction to World Environmental History”, Yr 1-3 Undergraduate (Nazarbayev University)

2018

“Comparative Modern Revolutions (France, China, Russia)”, Yr 3-4 Undergraduate (Lingnan University)

“China and the Global Opium Trade”, Yr 3-4 Undergraduate (Lingnan University)

2017

“History of Central Asia: From the Silk Road to the Belt and Road”, Yr 2-4 Undergraduate (Lingnan University)

“Russia and Eastern Europe: History through the Arts”, Yr 2-4 Undergraduate (Lingnan University)

2014

“Russia and the Former Soviet Union: Politics, Economy and Society”, Yr 2-4 Undergraduate (Lingnan University)

- 2011 “History of Russia and Inner Asia”, Yr 2-4 Undergraduate (Lingnan University)
- 2009 “Nationalisms and the State in the Western Regions of the Tsarist Empire”, Yr 1-2 Postgraduate (University of Trento)
- “From Nicholas II to Putin: Russia and the Soviet Union in the Twentieth Century”, Yr 2-3 Undergraduate (University of Trento).
- 2008 “Wars, Ethnic Cleansing and State-Building in Europe, 1912-1953”, Yr 1-2 Postgraduate (University of Trento)
- “The Tsarist Empire and the Rise of Nationalisms”, Yr 2-3 Undergraduate (University of Trento)
- 2007 “From the Ottoman Empire to Republican Turkey, 1774-1950”, Yr 2-3 Undergraduate (University of Trento)
- 2006 “The Soviet Union from Lenin to Gorbachev”, Yr 2-3 Undergraduate (University of Trento)
- “The Tsarist Empire as a Multiethnic and Multireligious Polity”, Yr 2-3 Undergraduate (University of Trento)
- “Central Asia and its Neighbourhood Context”, Yr 1-2 Postgraduate (University of Bologna)

Teaching-Related Grants

- 2017-2019 Lingnan University Teaching Development Grant: “Developing the ‘Reacting to the Past’ Teaching Methodology at Lingnan and in Asia” (Co-Investigator, HKD 199,870 [EUR 22,925])
- 2011-2012 Lingnan University Teaching Development Grant: “Broadening the Scope of Teaching with Primary Sources in History Courses” (Principal Investigator, HKD 200,000 [EUR 22,942])

POSTGRADUATE LEVEL

Membership in Academic Boards

- PhD program in Historical, Geographical and Anthropological Studies, joint graduate school by the University of Padua and the Ca' Foscari University of Venice. <https://dottoratogesta.it/en/home-en/>
- PhD program in Global History and Governance (GHG), Scuola Superiore Meridionale (SSM), Naples. <https://www.ssmeridionale.it/global-history-and-governance-ghg/>

Postgraduate Research Supervision

PhD, University of Turin/HSE	Halina Ruleva 2023-, Dissertation title: "Agents and Repertoires of Power: Regulating Foreign Labor Migration from the North-West of the late Russian Empire" (Co-Supervisor)
PhD, Scuola Superiore Meridionale	Adrian J. Cabrera Bibilonia 2023-, Dissertation title: "The Problem and Business of Opium in Cuba: Asian Migration, Trade, and Medical Discourse (1847-1926)" (Principal Supervisor)
PhD, Nazarbayev University	Arslan Akanov, 2023-. Dissertation title: "Titular Nationalism: Ethnocrats and Technocrats in the Late Soviet-Era Kazakhstan" (Co-Supervisor)
PhD, Lingnan University	Aleksei Malikov, 2017-2020. Dissertation title: "From Soviet Periphery to Kazakh Heartland: Economic Crises, Ethnic Politics, and the Great Russian Return Migration from Kazakhstan, 1970-2000" (Principal Supervisor)
PhD, Lingnan University	Ylber Marku, 2014-2017. Dissertation title: "Sino-Albanian Relations during the Cold War" (Co-Supervisor).

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2022-present	University of Padua: Arqus Alliance Department Coordinator
2022-present	University of Padua: member of the Centro Interdipartimentale di Ricerca per gli Studi Interculturali e sulle Migrazioni (CIRSIM)
2011-2015	Lingnan University: Member, Management Board of Internationalisation
2012-2018	Lingnan University: Directed Research Project Coordinator, Department of History
2013-2014	Lingnan University: Member, Faculty Assessment Panel (FAP), Faculty of Arts
2011-2012	Lingnan University: Member, Standing Panel of Scholarships
2010-2012	Lingnan University: Outcome-Based Assessment Coordinator, Department of History

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Peer Review Referee Work

Academic journals:

1. *Ab Imperio*
2. *Acta Slavica Iaponica*
3. *American Historical Review*
4. *Baltic Worlds*
5. *Cahiers du monde russe/ Cahiers d'histoire russe, est-européenne, caucasienne et centrasiatique*

6. *Central Asian Affairs*
7. *Central Asian Survey*
8. *Clessidre. Dialoghi interdisciplinari sulla memoria*
9. *Connexe. Exploring Post-Communist Spaces*
10. *Contemporanea. Rivista di Storia dell'800 e del '900*
11. *Culture Unbound. Journal of Current Cultural Research*
12. *Economic History Review*
13. *Europe-Asia Studies*
14. *Gender & History*
15. *Gutenberg. Rivista di storia del giornalismo e dei media*
16. *Histories of People and Place*
17. *Journal of Central Asian History*
18. *Journal of Contemporary History*
19. *Journal of Eurasian Studies*
20. *Journal of Genocide Research*
21. *Journal of Nationalism, Memory & Language Politics*
22. *Journal of the Social and Economic History of the Orient*
23. *Kritika. Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*
24. *Nationalities Papers*
25. *Niprò. Rivista di studi ucraini*
26. *Politics. Rivista di studi politici*
27. *Popolazione e Storia*
28. *Problems of Post-Communism*
29. *Qualestoria. Rivista di storia contemporanea*
30. *Revolutionary Russia*
31. *Rivista Storica Italiana*
32. *Slavic Review*
33. *Snodi. Pubblici e privati nella storia contemporanea*
34. *Studi Storici*
35. *The Historian*
36. *The Journal of Power Institutions in Post-Soviet Societies*
37. *The Soviet and Post-Soviet Review*
38. *Third World Quarterly*
39. *Transactions of the Royal Historical Society*
40. *Ventunesimo Secolo. Rivista di studi sulle transizioni*

Membership of Journal Boards

2022-present	Member of the editorial board of the <i>Journal of Central Asian History</i> (Leiden: Brill)
2018-2019	Member of the editorial board of <i>China and Asia: A Journal in Historical Studies</i> (Leiden: Brill)
2015-present	Member of the international advisory board of <i>Central Asian Survey</i> (Milton Park: Taylor & Francis)
2009-present	Member of the editorial board of <i>Storica</i> (Rome: Viella).
2014-2016	Central and Inner Asian Field Editor, dissertationreviews.org
2009-2011	Member of the editorial board of <i>Il Mestiere di Storico</i> , the journal of the Italian Society for the Study of Modern History [Società Italiana per lo Studio della Storia Contemporanea (SISSCO)].

Consultancy

2012-2014	Advisor (“International Scholar”) in the framework of the Open Societies Foundations’ “Central Asia and Caucasus Research and Training Initiative” (CARTI) for the CARTI Senior Fellowship research project by Dr. Yerlan Medeubaev (University of Aktobe, Kazakhstan), titled "Inter-Ethnic Relations in Kazakhstan during the years of Khrushchev's Reforms (1953-1964)".
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Translations

2001	Translation from Russian into Italian, editing and notes of: Zhuldzbek Abylkhozhin, “Collettivizzazione, carestia e fine del nomadismo: Kazakhstan, 1929-35” [Collectivization, Famine and the End of Nomadism: Kazakhstan, 1929-35]”, published in Marco Buttino (ed.), in <i>In fuga. Guerre, carestie e migrazioni nel mondo contemporaneo</i> [Put to Flight. Wars, Famines and Population Displacements in the Contemporary World], Naples: L'Ankor del Mediterraneo, 2001, pp. 145-172.
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Former and current membership of professional associations

- European Society for Central Asian Studies (ESCAS)
- Central Eurasian Studies Societies (CESS)
- Società Italiana per lo Studio della Storia Contemporanea [Italian Society for the Study of Modern History] (SISSCO)
- Associazione per lo Studio in Italia dell'Asia Centrale e del Caucaso [Association for Central Asian and Caucasus Studies in Italy] (ASIAC)
- Società Italiana di Storia Internazionale [Italian Society for International History] (SISI)