

Dr Angela Romano

CURRICULUM VITAE

Associate Professor

Department of Political and Social Sciences, Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna

Other roles at University of Bologna

- Member of the [Commission for Research](#), Dept. of Political and Social Sciences (since May 2024)
- Member of the Commission for teaching quality, BA International Studies, Dept. of Political and Social Sciences (since 2023)
- Secretary of the Advisory Board, BA International Studies, Dept. of Political and Social Sciences (since May 2025)
- Member of [Forlì Human Rights Interdisciplinary Centre](#), Dept. of Political and Social Sciences (since Jan. 2024)
- Member of the Interdepartmental Centre Punto Europa *CeSIPE* (since Feb. 2024)
- Member of the Bureau of the Departmental Centre for study, training, and documentation *CIVIDEM* (since Sept. 2025)
- Member of the [Topic Group International Relations, AMA Alumni UniBo](#) (since Dec. 2023).

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QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION

Associate Professor: Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale (Italy's National Scientific Habilitation) in History of International Relations; unanimous vote of the Commission (3 Aug. 2018)

PhD in International History, Università degli Studi di Firenze (2006)

Laurea in International Studies (pre-Bologna process), Facoltà di Scienze Politiche 'Cesare Alfieri', Università degli Studi di Firenze (2002). Grade: 110/110 *cum laude*

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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| 28 Oct. 2022 – 27 Oct. 2025 | Senior Researcher/Assistant Professor, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna |
| 1 May 2020 – 27 Oct. 2022 | Lecturer in International Political Economy, School of Social & Political Sciences, University of Glasgow |

1 Oct 2015 – 30 Apr. 2020	Senior Research Fellow and ERC Project Manager Department of History and Civilization, European University Institute (EUI) (<i>Looking West: the European Socialist regimes facing pan-European cooperation and the European Community</i> PanEur1970s – ERC Adv. Grant agreement n. 669194)
1 Jan. – 1 Feb. 2020	Invited Associate Professor Department of Advanced Social and International Studies Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Tokyo
AA.YY. 2017/18 – 2021/22	Invited Associate Professor BA Global Governance, School of Economics, University of Rome-Tor Vergata, Italy
Sept. 2013 – Aug. 2015	Honorary Research Fellow School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Glasgow
<u>** Dec 2013 – Dec 2014 career break due to care taking of severely ill parent.</u>	
Jan. – Mar. 2015	Tutor for ‘Economic and Social History Level 1B’ Economic and Social History, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Glasgow
Nov. 2013 – Jan 2015	External Collaborator (writing an ERC Project) to Prof Federico Romero Department of History and Civilization, EUI
Apr. – July 2013	Guest Teacher Department of International History, LSE
Apr. 2011 – Apr. 2013	Marie Curie Intra-European Fellow Department of International History, LSE
Sept. 2010 – Feb. 2011	Visiting Fellow Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI
Jan. – Feb. 2011	Invited Lecturer on European Integration TSUDA College, EUSI, Tokyo
Nov. – Dec. 2010	Tutor on European Integration History The Middlebury College School in Italy, Florence
Sept. – Oct. 2010	Research assistant (one month) to Prof Kiran K. Patel Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI
Sept. 2009 – Aug. 2010	Jean Monnet Fellow Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI
Sept. 2008 – Apr. 2010	Lecturer in History of North America (fixed term) Università degli Studi di Firenze
Jan. – May 2009	Lecturer in History and Politics of Modern Italy (fixed term) The International Studies Institute at Palazzo Rucellai, Florence, Italy
Jan. 2008 – Apr. 2009	Guest teacher of History of International Organizations Università degli Studi di Firenze
Feb. – Dec. 2008	Tutor on European Integration History The Syracuse University in Florence, Italy

Jan. – Apr. 2008	Lecturer in History and Politics of Modern Italy (fixed term) The International Studies Institute at Palazzo Rucellai, Florence, Italy
May – Oct. 2007	Post-doctoral Research Fellow Department of History and Geography, Università degli Studi di Firenze
May 2006 – Apr. 2007	TA for International History, History of North America, and History of International Organisations Facoltà di Scienze Politiche 'Cesare Alfieri', Università degli Studi di Firenze

RESEARCH PROFILE

Fields of expertise

20th Century International History; Cold War; European processes of integration and cooperation (East and West); Business and Cold War; Transatlantic relations; International regional organisations: NATO; Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE process/OSCE), the UN Economic Commission for Europe, Comecon, EEC/EU; International economic relations; regional economic integration.

INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH GRANTS

(over €260.000)

Apr. 2011 – Apr. 2013	Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship (€193.349,60) EU 7 th Framework Programme (Scientific Evaluation Report Score: 98.6/100)
Sept. 2009 – Aug. 2010	Jean Monnet Fellowship (€24.000) Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI.
May – Oct. 2007	Post-doctoral research grant (€6.000) Department of History and Geography, Università degli Studi di Firenze Research Projects of National Interest (PRIN) 2006-2008: 'Europe, the superpowers and the rise and fall of detente, 1969-1981'.
Jan. 2003 – Dec. 2005	PhD stipendiary grant in International History (€34.200 + research travel allowance) – Università degli Studi di Firenze, Italy.
Nov. 2004	Research Grant (1.225 \$) Gerald R. Ford Foundation Research Travel Grant Program, Ann Arbor, MI, USA

WRITING, LEADERSHIP, AND MANAGEMENT OF GROUP RESEARCH PROJECTS

2015 – 2020	Project writer and project co-manager: <i>Looking West: the European Socialist regimes facing pan-European cooperation and the European Community (PanEur1970s)</i> Funded by ERC-Adv (grant agreement n. 669194; PI: Federico Romero); € 1.811.200.
2011 – 2014	Co-writer and co-manager of the project: <i>Socialist Visions and Policies on European Cooperation</i> with Prof Federico Romero (EUI). Funded by the EUI Research Council.

- 2011 – 2013 **Co-writer and co-manager of the project:** *Between détente and bipolar constraints: Italy, the PCI, and the Soviet bloc 1968-1981*, with Prof Silvio Pons (Università Roma-Tor Vergata)
Funded by Italy's Ministry of Education, University, and Research, within the scheme Research Projects of National Interest (PRIN); **€ 58.781**
- 2011 – 2013 **Co-writer of the project and team expert on France:** *The roots of the European recognition of the PRC, 1949-1971: National and trans-national actors and strategies*.
Coordinated by Prof Carla Meneguzzi. Funded by the Università degli Studi di Padova

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP/EVENT ORGANISATION

- *Le destre europee del XXI secolo tra radicalizzazione e istituzionalizzazione*. Seminar series, Fondazione Gramsci, Rome, A.Y. 2024–25.
- *Costruire la convivenza internazionale: Voci e progetti per lo sviluppo sostenibile e i diritti umani* Public Engagement event, Alma Mater University of Bologna, Forlì 12-13 April 2024
- *Pan-European economic spaces in the Cold war*
University of Geneva, 9–11 June 2022
with Sandrine Kott (Uni. of Geneva) Thomas David and Pierre Eichenberger (Uni. of Lausanne)
- *Cold War (A)Symmetries: Conflict, Cooperation and Trade*
University Valahia of Târgoviște, Romania, 28-29 October 2021.
Member of the Scientific committee
- *Internationalism(s) and education during the Cold War: Actors, rivalries and circulations*
University of Lausanne, 24–25 June 2021
Member of the Scientific committee
- *The World System of Socialism: Global and Regional Aspects. Towards the 70th anniversary of COMECON formation*
Institute of World History of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 3–4 October 2019
Co-organised with Mikhail Lipkin (Director of the Institute) and Suvi Kansikas (Uni. of Helsinki)
- *The impact of the 1968 invasion on socialist regimes' Westpolitik*
Panel in British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES) Annual Conference, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, UK, 13-15 April 2018
- *The consequences of the Chernobyl nuclear accident on relations between the EEC and Socialist Eastern European countries*
Workshop, Historical Archives of the European Union, EUI, Florence, 30 November 2016.
- *Italy's Eastern policy in the international context (1968–1981)*
Workshop co-organised with Silvio Pons. University of Rome-Tor Vergata, 10 June 2013.
- *Socialist Visions and Policies on European Cooperation*
Co-organised with Federico Romero. EUI, 23–25 May 2013.
- *Cooperation and Integration in Europe in the 1970s: Policies and Views from Central-Eastern Europe*,
Workshop co-organised with Federico Romero. EUI, 9–10 December 2011.
- *'Europe as an International Actor'*
Special session of the International History Seminar, Università degli Studi di Firenze, 15 Feb. 2010.
- *'The EEC and CMEA: 1950s–1980s'*
Panel H2 in WEHC 2009 – XV World Economic History Congress, Utrecht 3–7 Aug. 2009
Co-organised with Mikhail Lipkin (Russian Academy of Sciences) and Kiran K. Patel (EUI)
- *A 50 anni dai Trattati di Roma (50 years since the Treaties of Rome)*

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs (1)

- *From Détente in Europe to European Détente. How the West Shaped the Helsinki CSCE* (Brussels: PIE-Peter Lang, 2009).

Edited works (3)

- A. Romano and F. Romero (eds.), *European Socialist Regimes' Fateful Engagement with the West: National strategies in the long 1970s* (Routledge, first online 2020, printed 2021). Open Access [e-Book](#).
- ([Special issue](#)) A. Romano and V. Zanier (eds.), 'Circumventing the Cold War: The Parallel Diplomacy of Economic and Cultural Exchanges between Western Europe and Communist China, 1949–1964', *Modern Asian Studies* (2017) 51:1.
- ([Special issue](#)) A. Romano and F. Romero (eds.), 'European Socialist Regimes Facing Globalisation and European Cooperation: Dilemmas and Responses', *European Review of History* (2014) 21:2.

Peer-reviewed Articles and Chapters (36)

2025

- (Article, peer reviewed) 'La porosità della cortina di ferro: relazioni intra-europee durante la guerra fredda', *Italia Contemporanea* (accepted 2025)
- Chapter, peer-reviewed) 'From the Council to the Union: The transformation of Central and Eastern Europe's Experience of Regional Integration'. In Rosamund Johnston, Jannis Panagiotidis, Magdalena Baran-Szoltys, Anna Calori, Thúc Linh Nguyễn Vũ, Sheng Peng, Anastasiya Schacht, and Philipp Ther (eds.), [The Routledge Handbook of 1989 and the Great Transformation](#) (Routledge, in printing).

2023

- (Article) 'Cold War and the Russian invasion of Ukraine: The Central and Eastern European experience', *Cold War History* 23(1), Roundtable 'The War in Ukraine', pp. 173–180. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14682745.2023.2162329>
- (Chapter) 'From "Helsinki" and Development Aid to Multipolar Hard Ball'. In Mathieu Segers and Steven van Hecke (eds.) [The Cambridge History of the European Union](#) (Cambridge: CUP 2024), Vol. 1, pp. 393–417.

2022

- ([Article](#)) 'Parallelism, Asymmetry and Convergence in Cold War Europe', *Politique européenne* 2022/2 (N° 76), pp. 146–172. DOI: 10.3917/poeu.076.0146

2021

- (Chapter) '[Pan-Europe](#): A continental space for cooperation(s)', in A. Romano and F. Romero (eds.), *European Socialist Regimes' Fateful Engagement with the West: National strategy in the long 1970s* (Routledge, first online 2020, printed 2021): 31–49.

2020:

- (Chapter) 'Die Rolle der EWG-Länder im Prozess der Konferenz über Sicherheit und Zusammenarbeit in Europa – Trilaterale Blockverhandlungen', in Michael Borchard, Stefan Karner, Hanns Jürgen Küsters and Peter Ruggenthaler (Hg.), *Entspannung im Kalten Krieg: Der Weg zum Moskauer Vertrag und zur KSZE* (Graz; Wien: Laykam): 703–719.

2019

- (Chapter) (with Laurien Crump). 'Challenging the superpower straitjacket (1965–1975): Multilateralism as an instrument of smaller powers'. In L. Crump and S. Erlandsson (eds.), *Margins for Manoeuvre in Cold War Europe: The Influence of Smaller Powers* (Routledge): 13–31.
- (Chapter) 'The EC and the Socialist World: The Ascent of a Key Player in Cold War Europe'. In U. Krotz, K.K. Patel, and F. Romero (eds.), [Europe's Cold War Relations: The EC Towards a Global Role](#) (New York: Bloomsbury Academic): 51–69.
- ([Chapter](#)) 'Concluding remarks: Tourism across a porous curtain'. In S. Bechmann Pedersen and C. Noack (eds.), *Tourism and Travel during the Cold War: Negotiating Tourist Experiences across the Iron Curtain* (Routledge): 190–206.

2018

- (Chapter) (with Martin D. Brown) 'Executors or Creative Deal-Makers? The Role of the Diplomats in the Making of the Helsinki CSCE', in S. B. Snyder and N. Badalassi, [The CSCE and the End of the Cold War: Diplomacy, Societies and Human Rights, 1972-1990](#) (New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books): 43–73.
- (Chapter, re-print of peer-reviewed article) 'Re-designing Military Security in Europe: Cooperation and Competition between the European Community and NATO during the early 1980s', in Kiran Klaus Patel and Wolfram Kaiser (eds.), [Multiple Connections in European Cooperation: International Organizations, Policy Ideas, Practices and Transfers 1967–1992](#) (London: Routledge): 109–135.

2017

- ([Article](#)) 'Re-designing Military Security in Europe: Cooperation and Competition between the European Community and NATO during the early 1980s', *European Review of History* 24:3, *Special Issue: Multiple Connections in European Cooperation: International Organizations, Policy Ideas, Practices and Transfers 1967–1992*, pp. 445–471.
- ([Article](#)) 'Waiting for de Gaulle: France's 10-year Warm-Up to Recognition of the People's Republic of China', *Special issue of Modern Asian Studies* 51:1.
- ([Article](#)) 'Circumventing the Cold War: The Parallel Diplomacy of Economic and Cultural Exchanges between Western Europe and Communist China, 1949–1964: An Introduction', *Special issue of Modern Asian Studies* 51:1. Co-authored with V. Zanier.

2016

- ([Chapter](#)) 'British Policy Towards Socialist Countries in the 1970s: Trade as a Cornerstone of Détente', in Effie Pedaliu, John Fisher, and Richard Smith (eds.), *The Foreign Office, Commerce and Foreign Policy in the Twentieth Century* (London: Palgrave), vol. 2: 465–485. (Print 2016; online 17 Feb 2017).

2015

- ([Article](#)) '承认之前: 法国对中华人民共和国的政策' (Before Recognition: French policy towards the People Republic of China', *Lengzhan guoji shi yanjiu* (*Cold War International History Studies*) No. 19/20 (Summer/Winter): 95–118. – in CHINESE

2014

- ([Article](#)) 'European Socialist Regimes facing Globalisation and European Cooperation: Dilemmas and responses: Introduction', in the above-mentioned special issue of *European Review of History* 21:2, 157–164. Co-authored with F. Romero.
- ([Article](#)) 'Untying Cold War Knots: The EEC and Eastern Europe in the long 1970s', *Cold War History* 14: 2, 153–173.
- ([Chapter](#)) 'G-7s, European Councils and East–West Economic Relations, 1975–1982', in E. Mourlon-Druol and F. Romero (eds.), *International Summitry and Global Governance. The Rise of the G-7 and the European Council, 1974–1991* (London and New York: Routledge): 198–222

- (Chapter) 'Shaping Pan-European Cooperation in the 1970s: Soviet Initiatives and the EEC-Nine's Response', in Claudia Hiepel (ed.), *Europe in a Globalizing World 1970–1985* (Baden-Baden: Nomos): 27–48
- ([Chapter](#)) 'The Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe: A Reappraisal', in Artemy M. Kalinovsky and Craig Daigle (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of the Cold War* (London and New York: Routledge): 223–234.
- (Chapter) 'Diplomazia commerciale come preparazione al riconoscimento della RPC. La Francia tra missioni commerciali, concorrenza europea e vincoli transatlantici (1953-1964)', in Carla Meneguzzi Rostagni and Guido Samarani (eds.), *La Cina di Mao, l'Italia e l'Europa negli anni della Guerra fredda* (Bologna: Il Mulino), pp. 177–211.

2013

(Chapter) 'More Cohesive, Still Divergent: Western Europe, the US and the Madrid CSCE Follow-Up Meeting', in Kiran K. Patel and Ken Weisbrode (eds.), *European Integration and the Atlantic Community in the 1980s* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press): 39–58.

2012

- (Chapter) 'I processi d'integrazione e cooperazione in Europa. Origini, relazioni, interdipendenza' in M. Campus (ed.), *Sviluppo, crisi, integrazione. Temi di Storia delle relazioni internazionali per il XXI secolo*, (Milano: Mondadori): 215–41.
- (Chapter) 'The EC Nine's Vision and Attempts at Ending the Cold War', in F. Bozo *et al.* (eds.), *Visions of the End of the Cold War in Europe, 1945–1990* (New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books): 134–46.
- (Chapter) 'The European Community and the Belgrade CSCE', in V. Bilandzic, D. Dahlmann and M. Kosanovic (eds.), *From Helsinki to Belgrade: The First CSCE Follow-up Meeting and the Crisis of Détente* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht): 205–24.

2011

(Article) "Looking Eastward", in Romero F. *et al.* 'The international history of European integration in the long 1970s. A round-table discussion on research issues, methodologies, and directions', *Journal of European Integration History* 17: 2, 353–60.

2010

(Chapter) 'The Main Task of the European Political Cooperation: Fostering Détente in Europe', in P. Villaume and O. A. Westad (eds.), *Perforating the Iron Curtain: European Détente, Transatlantic Relations, and the Cold War, 1965–1985* (Copenhagen: Museum Tusculanum Press): 123–41.

2009

- ([Article](#)) 'Détente, Entente or Linkage? The Helsinki CSCE in U.S.-Soviet Relations', in *Diplomatic History*, 33:4. 703–22.
- (Chapter) 'A Single European Voice Can Speak Louder to the World. Rationales, ways and means of the EPC in the CSCE experience', in M. Rasmussen and A. Knudsen (eds.), *The Road to a United Europe. Interpretations of the Process of European Integration* (Brussels: Peter Lang): 257–70.

2008

- (Chapter) 'La Comunità europea e il blocco sovietico negli anni Settanta', in A. Bitumi, G. D'Ottavio, G. Laschi G. (Eds.), *La Comunità europea e le relazioni esterne 1957–1992* (Forlì: Edizioni Clueb, 2008): 107–31.

2007

- (Chapter) 'Western Europe's Self-Assertion Towards the Superpowers: The CSCE Chance and Its Aftermaths', in A. Deighton and G. Bossuat (eds.), *The EC/EUs: a world security actor?* (Paris: Soleb): 152–69.

- (Chapter) 'The Nine and the Conference of Helsinki: A Challenging Game with the Soviets', in J. Van der Harst (ed.), *Beyond the Customs Union: The European Community's Quest for Deepening, Widening and Completion, 1969–1975* (Bruxelles: Bruylant): 83–104.
- (Chapter) 'La CEE di fronte alla Conferenza di Helsinki', in A. Varsori (ed.), *Alle origini del presente: L'Europa occidentale nella crisi degli anni '70* (Milano: Franco Angeli): 115–43.

2004-2006

- (Article) 'Alleanza Atlantica e CSCE (1969–75): prove tecniche di un "polo europeo"', in *Ventesimo Secolo*, no. 9 Anno V (2006): 79–114.
- (Chapter) 'Behind closed doors. Contacts between EEC and CMEA in the early 70s', in C. Meneguzzi Rostagni (ed.), *The Helsinki Process. A Historical Reappraisal* (Padova: CEDAM, 2005): 107–22.
- (Article) 'L'Italia alla Conferenza di Helsinki 1972–75: tra cooperazione politica europea e interessi nazionali', in *Annali della Fondazione Ugo La Malfa*, Volume XIX (2004): 221–44.

Forthcoming

- (Chapter, peer-reviewed) 'The European Community and Gorbachev (1985-1991): change of tune, promises and substance'. In Elena Dundovich and Simone Paoli, eds., *The Euro-Russian Entente: Brussels and Moscow between Convergence and Divergence (1985-1994)*, Palgrave Macmillan
- (Monograph) *The European Community and Eastern Europe in the long 1970s: Challenging the Cold War order in Europe* (London and New York: Routledge).

Book and article reviews (5):

- V. Fava. "Between Business Interests and Ideological Marketing: The USSR and the Cold War in Fiat Corporate Strategy, 1957–1972." *Journal of Cold War Studies* 20:4 (Fall 2018): 26–64. *H-Diplo Article Review* no. 899 (19 November 2019), <https://hdiplo.org/to/AR899>
- P. Winand, A. Benvenuti and M. Guderzo (eds.), *The External Relations of the European Union* (Brussels: Peter Lang. 2015) – in *Journal of European Integration History* 22:1 (2016): 177–180.
- F.J.G. Bozek, 'Britain, European security and freer movement: the development of Britain's CSCE policy 1969–1972', *Cold War History*, 13:4 (2013): 439–461, *H-Diplo Article Review* no. 512 (13 Feb 2015), <http://tiny.cc/AR512>
- P. Ignazi, G. Giacomello and F. Coticchia, *Italian Military Operations Abroad. Just Don't Call It War*, London, Palgrave Macmillan, 2012 – on [LSE Review of Books](#) (4 July 2012) and on [European Politics and Policy at LSE](#) (on 8 July 2012).
- F. Bozo, M.-P. Rey, N. P. Ludlow and L. Nuti (eds.), *Europe and the End of the Cold War. A reappraisal*, London and New York, Routledge, 2008 – in *Journal of European Integration History*, 14:2 (2008): 174–175.

Keynote Speeches

- 08 Oct 2025 'Cooperation across, within and beyond Cold War blocs: structures, dynamics and agents' Conference: *Spaces of Opportunities. Expert Networks, Research Collaboration and Science Diplomacy in the Socialist World* University of Freiburg, 8–10 October 2025
- 29 Oct. 2021 'Cold War (A)Symmetries: closing keynote' Conference *Cold War (A)Symmetries: Conflict, Cooperation and Trade* University Valahia of Târgoviște, Romania

- 11 Dec. 2019 'Asymmetry, Parallelism, and Convergence in Cold War Europe'
Conference 'L'Europe au XXe siècle – Une Europe asymétrique'
University of Luxembourg
- 7 Apr. 2017 'A Much Porous Curtain'
Conference 'Crossing the Iron Curtain: Tourism and Travelling in the Cold War'
University of Amsterdam

Guest Lectures and Invited Seminar Talks

- 27 Feb. 2024 'Studying elites: the case of European socialist states'
Research Seminar, Dept. of History and Civilization, EUI
- 7 Apr. 2023 ['When Western Europe defined continental relations: The European Community challenging the Cold War order in Europe'](#)
International History Seminar, Institute of Historical Research, School of Advanced Studies, University of London.
- 6 Dec. 2019 'Looking West: The European Socialist regimes facing pan-European cooperation and the European Community'
Research Seminars in Contemporary History, Luiss School of Government and Dept. of Political Sciences of University of Roma Tre
- 6 Mar. 2019 'The Business of Détente in Cold War Europe'
Seminar 'Business, Finance and the Making of Europe in the Twentieth Century', 4–6 Mar. 2019, EUI
- 8 Nov. 2017 Presentation of the ERC-funded project *PanEur1970s*
Rethinking European Integration (REI) Research Group, Centre for Modern European Studies (CEMES) at University of Copenhagen
- 13 Mar. 2017 ['Circumventing the Cold War. The parallel diplomacy of economic and cultural exchanges between Western Europe and Socialist China in the 1950s'](#)
Re-Thinking the Cold War: Distinguished Visiting Speaker Series – Cultures of the Cold War Network, University of Sheffield
- 16 Nov. 2016 'The Business/Government Synergy in Pre-Gaullist France's China Policy'
LSE International History Research Seminar
- 31 Oct. 2016 'Circumventing the Cold War: The Parallel Diplomacy of Economic and Cultural Exchanges between Western Europe and Socialist China in the 1950s and 1960s'
Oxford International History of East Asia Seminar, University of Oxford
- 24 Oct. 2016 'The political economy of East-West relations in the 1970s and 1980s'
International History seminar series, School of International Relations, Ca' Foscari Venice
- 4 Dec. 2014 'European Détente and national economic Interests: British Business, the Foreign Office, and UK's Eastern Policy'
Economic & Social History Seminar Programme, University of Glasgow
- 20 Mar. 2013 'An actual international actor: The EEC and East-West relations'
European Integration History Seminar, University of Reading
- 2 May 2012 'Unofficial, yet intensive. The relations between the European Community and communist Europe in the 1970s'
European Integration History Seminar, University of Reading
- 9 Feb. 2012 'The European Community and Eastern Europe in the Long 1970s'
International History & Politics Seminar, European Studies Centre, St Antony's College – University of Oxford.

- 19 Oct. 2011 'Unofficial, yet intensive: The relations between the European Community and communist Europe in the 1970s'
International History Research Seminar, LSE.
- 13 May 2011 'EC's Ostpolitik: Origins and consolidation of the EC policy towards the Socialist bloc, 1969-1983'
International History Seminar, Historisches Institut, Universität Duisburg-Essen.
- 4 Feb. 2011 'Détente and Europe' – Workshop discussing my book *From Détente in Europe to European Détente*, TSUDA College, EUSI Tokyo.
- 18 Feb. 2010 'From Détente in Europe to European Détente'
Lecture to MA class of *History of International Relations between North America and Europe*, Ca' Foscari University of Venice
- 18 Nov. 2009 'The Italian Political System', Invited lecture, NYU Florence
- 19 Nov 2008 'The Italian Political System', Invited lecture, NYU Florence

Invited presentations in international academic conferences and workshops (a selection)

- *Jacques Delors and the transformation of the European Community (1985–1995)*
European Commission, European Parliament, Fondazione Gramsci, Fondazione Demo. Spazio Europa, Roma 30–31 January 2025
Paper: 'The Delors Commission, the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe'
- *Ten Years of Hopes for a New Europe: Moscow and Brussels from 1985 to 1994*
Università di Pisa, 26–27 Jan 2023
Paper: Relations between the EEC and the USSR in the Gorbachev era (1985–1991): the European point of view"
- *Varieties of Economic Nationalism in Cold War Europe: Small State Responses to Economic Change, 1960s-1980s*
Institut für Osteuropäische Geschichte, University of Vienna, 19-20 September 2022
Book launch: Romano A. & Romero F., *European Socialist Regimes' Fateful Engagement with the West. National Strategies in the Long 1970s* (Routledge, 2020).
- *Human Rights and the Transformation of Political and Christian Cultures in the Late 20th Century*
Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, 10–11 December 2020
Paper: 'The place of human rights in EEC strategies'
- *The World System of Socialism: Global and Regional Aspects. Towards the 70th anniversary of COMECON formation*
Institute of World History of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 3–4 Oct. 2019
Paper: 'The EEC attitude towards COMECON and Pan-European cooperation in the 1970s'
- *The basis of Ostpolitik and détente in the Brezhnev era, 1964-1975*
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research on War Consequences (University of Graz), Russian Academy of Sciences, and Russian State Archive of Contemporary History (RGANI). Political Academy, Vienna, 26-27 Sept. 2019
Paper: 'The Role of the EEC Countries in the CSCE Process/trilateral Block Negotiations'
- *European Historical Economics Society Conference 2019*
Paris School of Economics 29–31 Aug. 2019
Paper: 'Getting involved, via Europe first: The strategies and choices of European socialist countries vis-à-vis the 1970s globalizing trends'
- *Prosopography in International and Economic History*
EUI RSCAS and University of Glasgow, EUI Florence 17–18 May 2018
Paper: 'The human factor in EC's unofficial relations with Socialist bloc countries'

- *Mobility and Leisure Travel in the Cold War*
Centre for European Research, University of Gothenburg, 7–8 Dec. 2017
Paper: 'Tourism and Human Contacts in the Framework of the CSCE Process'
- *Helsinki 40 Years After: International Reordering and Societal Change, 1975–1990*
Université Sorbonne Paris Cité (SPC)/Research Programme "Sociétés plurielles", 11–12 Dec. 2015
Paper: 'Executors or Creative Deal-Makers? The Role of the Diplomats in the Making of the Helsinki CSCE', co-authored with Dr Martin Brown (Richmond University)
- *5e Congrès Asie et Pacifique 2015*
GIS Asie and Réseau Asie & Pacifique (CNRS), Paris, 9–11 Sept. 2015
Paper: 'Waiting for de Gaulle: France's 10-year warm-up to the recognition of the PRC'
- *Reframing Diplomacy: New Diplomatic History in the Benelux and Beyond*
Leiden University, 6–7 September 2013
Paper (with Martin D. Brown): 'The Diplomatic Culture of the CSCE, 1969–1975'
- *"Mauersprünge"/Loopholes in the Iron Curtain. Economic contacts and cooperation in the 1970s and 1980s* – Institut für Osteuropäische Geschichte der Universität Wien, 18–19 April 2013
Paper: 'Synthetic Fibres, Authentic Links: The Courtaulds Plant, Sir Norman Wooding, and the East'
- *Economic entanglements in East-Central Europe and the COMECON's Position in the Global Economy (1949–1991)* – GWZO, University of Leipzig, 14–16 November 2012
Paper: 'EEC's Perceptions of the Socialist integration and consequent actions towards the Comecon'
- *Russia and EU: Past and Present. The 20th Anniversary of the 1989 Agreement between the USSR and European Community*
The Institute of World History of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and the Delegation of the European Commission in Russia, Moscow, 9–10 November 2009
Paper: 'Beyond Non-Recognition: Relations between the EC and the Soviet Union in the 1970s'
- *WEHC 2009 – XV World Economic History Congress*
Department of History, Utrecht University, 3–7 August 2009
Paper: 'The European Community and Communist Europe in the 1970s'
- *U.S.-Soviet Relations in the Era of Détente, 1969–1976*
U.S. Department of State, Washington DC, 22–23 Oct. 2007
Paper: 'Détente, Entente or Linkage? The Helsinki CSCE in U.S. relations with the Soviet Union'
- *Russia and the European Union: Past and Present*
The Institute of World History of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and the Delegation of the European Commission in Russia, Moscow, 23–25 March 2007
Paper: 'Beyond non-recognition: the EC and the Soviet Union in the 1970s'

Invited as Discussant/Chair in international academic conferences and workshops

- *Knowledge from the Margins, Marginal Knowledge? Sources, Scope and Legitimacy of Critical Economic Knowledge*
Sciences Po Grenoble, Université Grenoble Alpes, 12–13 June 2025
- *The Twilight of Internationalism Visions and Projects of World Order at the End of the 20th Century*
Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, 5–6 June 2025.
- *The Bretton Woods Twins and Structural Adjustment Programs in the Era of Neoliberal Globalization*
Corvinus University Budapest, 26–28 settembre 2024.
- *Planning and Programming in European Cooperation and Integration: The Past of a Rejuvenated Idea (1957–1992)*
European University Institute, Firenze, 16–17 settembre 2024
- *5th Annual Graduate Conference on the History of European Integration*

European University Institute, 5–6 September 2024

- *Experts' networks and the political and economic transformations of 1989*
Università di Venezia "Ca' Foscari", 3–4 June 2024
 - *Riforme e idee di socialismo anni 70-90 in Italia-Ungheria-Jugoslavia*
Università degli Studi di Firenze, Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche e Sociali, 15 Dec. 2022
 - *Businesses, banks and the making of Europe's Economic and Monetary Union (EMU), 1957-1992*
Business School, University of Glasgow, 25-26 April 2022.
 - *The Second World Does Business? Enterprise in the GDR and Yugoslavia*
Centre for Business History in Scotland, University of Glasgow, 30 Nov–1 Dec. 2018
 - *The European Construction in the 1980s-1990s and the Present Crisis*
Fondazione Istituto Gramsci and Sciences-Po Paris, Rome, 8–9 Nov. 2018
 - *L'incontro del comunismo riformatore e della Chiesa Cattolica con i diritti umani (1975-1991)*
Workshop PRIN 2015, Università Roma Tor Vergata, 15 June 2017
 - *Global 1989 Workshop*
Organized by James Mark (University of Exeter), Humboldt University, Berlin, 13 June 2017
 - *Global Socialism and Post-Socialism*
Workshop by James Mark and the Research Group 1989 after 1989, University of Exeter, 13 May 2015
 - *Creating a Common Cultural Past and Present? The EU, its Cultural Capitals, and the Effects of Europeanization*
RSCAS, EUI. Florence, 4–5 June 2010
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COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

Since 2024	External expert for European Research Agency (ERA)
Since July 2023	Member of the Bureau of Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) as representative of Fondazione Gramsci
Since 2023	Scientific Advisory Board Member of <i>Sicurezza e politica internazionale</i> academic publication series, Edizioni Nuova Cultura
Since Nov 2022	Member of the Bureau of the Association Internationale d'Histoire Contemporaine de l'Europe
Since 2022	External expert for the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)
2022-2026	Scientific Advisory Board member , Swedish Research Council-funded research project 'Tourism Governance and the Making of Europe (1918-1957)', P.I. Sune Bechmann Pedersen (Lund University)
Since Nov 2020	Member of the permanent roundtable at Permanent Mission of Italy to the OSCE Vienna (gathering academics, think-tank experts and diplomats— <i>upon invitation only</i>)
Since 2020	External reviewer for Romanian Ministry of Education and Research's National Council for Scientific Research (CNCS) and its Executive Agency for Higher Education Research Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI)
Since 2020	External reviewer for FWF Austrian Science Fund
Since 2019	Co-editor of the digital version of the <i>Routledge Encyclopedia of the Cold War</i>
Since 2018	Member of the Scientific Steering Committee , Fondazione Gramsci (Rome) and President's delegate for international relations and European projects

- Frequently: **Blind reviewer for academic publishers:** *Palgrave Macmillan; Routledge; Bloomsbury Academic.*
- Frequently: **Blind reviewer for academic journals:** *Contemporary European History; Cambridge Review of International Affairs; Cold War History; Diplomacy & Statecraft; Diplomatica: A Journal of Diplomacy and Society; European Review of History; Journal of Energy History; The International History Review; Post-Soviet Affairs.*

MEMBERSHIPS

- Associate member of Italian think tank *Istituto Affari Internazionali* (IAI)
- Cold War Research Network – [CWRN](#)
- New Diplomatic History Network – [NDH](#)

TEACHING PROFILE

At University of Bologna (since 2022/23):

- Bachelor Degree in International Studies (English-taught): International History course (1st year)
- Master di 2° livello professionalizzante in Funzioni Diplomatiche e Internazionali: Storia delle relazioni internazionali
- Master in International and Diplomatic Sciences: International History course

At University of Glasgow (2020 to 2022):

- Masters': Regional Economic Integration and Organisation (designed and taught), 2021/2022
- Masters: Business in the Global Economy (SPS 5004) (team-taught course), 2020/2021
- Honours (4th year undergraduate level in Scotland): Politics of the European Union (designed and thought with Dr Myrto Tsatatika), 2020/2021, 2021/22 and 2022/23.
- BA/undergraduate: Economic and Social History: Themes in Globalisation, 1914 to ca. 2008 (**course convenor** 2021/2022).

At BA Global Governance, University of Roma Tor Vergata (since 2017/18):

- *Europe in the Global World*
2021/22 and 2022/23 (with Dr Valeria Zanier)
- *Global History*
2020/21 (with Prof. Daniela Felisini) and 2021/22 (with Dr Federico Pachetti)
- *History of International Relations*
2017/18 (with Prof. Silvio Pons); 2018/2019 and 2019/20
- *European Union Politics* (with prof. Daniela Felisini)
2017/18; 2018/2019 and 2019/20
- *History & Civilization* – 1st year course (taught in modules) ***Course convenor**
Every year from 2017/2018 to 2021/22

From 2008 to 2020 at other institutions

Research seminars

- ‘Cooperation and integration in postwar Europe’ (with Prof Federico Romero and Dr Pal Germuska)
Dept. of History and Civilization, EUI – Spring Semester 2017

Courses at Masters’ level

- *From Division to Cooperation to Integration: Western and Eastern Europe 1947–2007*
Department of Advanced Social and International Studies
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Tokyo, Tokyo 14–31 January 2020
- *Crisis Decision-Making in War and Peace, 1914–1991*
LSE International History Dept., 2011/2012 and 2012/13.
- *The External Relations of the EU in Historical Perspective*
EU Intensive Course, TSUDA College, EUSI Tokyo, 29 Jan.–6 Feb. 2011

Courses at BA level:

- *The Cold War and European Integration, 1947–1992* – LSE International History Dept., 2012/13
- *European Integration History* – The Middlebury College School in Italy (Florence), Fall 2010
- *History and Politics of Modern Italy from WW II to the Present* – The International Studies Institute at Palazzo Rucellai, Florence, Spring 2008 and Spring 2009
- *History of North America* – Università degli Studi di Firenze, Fall 2008
- *History of International Organisations* – Università degli Studi di Firenze, Spring 2008
- *History of International Organisations*, The Syracuse University in Florence, Spring and Fall 2008.

SUPERVISION AND MENTORING

- **5 Postdoctoral fellows:** Dr Pavel Szobi; Dr Elitza Stanoeva; Dr Maximilian Graf; Dr Adelina Stefan; Dr Benedetto Zaccaria (at EUI, ERC-funded project *PanEur1970s*, 2016–2020).

- **3 PhD researchers:**

At University of Glasgow:

- Aidan Ratchford, “Ernesto ‘Che’ Guevara: Trade and Goodwill Missions and Economic Analysis, 1959-1965”, PhD Programme in Economic and Social History, ESRC Doctoral Studentship (since Sept. 2021).
- Gabit Gabdullin, “Eurasian Economic Union: Political and socio-economic implications”, PhD Programme in Politics (since Jan. 2021).

At EUI (within ERC-funded PanEur1970s project)

- Aleksandra Kormonicka: ‘Poland Opening towards the West, 1970-1980’ (2016–2020)
- **21 Masters’ Dissertations:** 18 at University of Glasgow (since May 2020); 2 at LSE (2011–12), 1 at Università degli Studi di Firenze (2007–08)
- **18 BA dissertations:** 5 at University of Glasgow (since May 2020); 7 at University of Rome Tor Vergata (2018 to 2020); 1 at LSE (2012–13); 5 at Università degli Studi di Firenze (2006 to 2010)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- 12–13 Apr. 2024 **Coordinator of the event**, *Costruire la convivenza internazionale: Voci e progetti per lo sviluppo sostenibile e i diritti umani*, Forlì.
- Sept. 2023 **Invited expert**, Netherlands Scientific Council for Government Policy (WRR), Report '[The Netherlands in a Fragmenting World Order](#)'.
- 14 March 2022 Closed doors **experts meeting**, *Towards an EU eastern strategy As Russia marches West, the EU enters a new stage*, Karl-Renner-Institut, Vienna.
- Partners: European Parliament; Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS); Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation; Fondazione Gramsci; Karl-Renner-Institut, Vienna; Fondation Jean-Jaurès; Foundation Max van der Stoel.
- 2 Feb. 2022 **Interview** with Mr Vesa Siren, correspondent for *Helsingin Sanomat*, on Finnish President Sauli Niinistö's initiative for a Helsinki Summit in 2025 on "human responsibilities". <https://www.hs.fi/ulkomaat/art-2000008554455.html>
- 17 June 2021 **Policy brief**: [Is Russia interested in multilateralism and should the EU engage with it?](#), EU-Russia Relations Series, Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS).
- 16 Oct. 2020 **Invited expert in OSCE Security Days expert roundtable**: "Revitalizing Trust and Co-operation in Europe Lessons of the Paris Charter", Prague. Session 1.
- Recording available at <https://www.osce.org/secretary-general/465549>
- 23 May 2018 **Blog post** for Bruegel: 'The Iranian nuclear deal crisis: Lessons from the transatlantic dispute on the Siberian gas pipeline in 1982' (with Emmanuel Mourlon-Druol).
- 13 Aug. 2015 **Blog post** for LSE: 'Forty years later, the signing of the Helsinki Final Act continues to have an impact on European security', EUROPP European Politics and Policy (with M. D. Brown).

Open Lectures and Round Tables for the wider public

- 21/10/2025 Lecture, "Idee, tentativi e scelte varie di Europa unita. Il percorso non lineare dalla guerra all'Unione", Training course for school teachers, "Post '45: il mondo nuovo dopo la Guerra totale. Riflessioni fra passato e presente", organizzato da Istituto storico toscano della Resistenza e dell'età contemporanea, Firenze
- 07/2025 Lecture, "EU/RUSSIA: storia delle relazioni tra i due giganti del continente Europa (1950-1995)", Training course for school teachers, CeSIPE, Università di Bologna, Forlì.
- 5 Oct. 2024 "Disegnare il nuovo ordine economico internazionale: Il sistema di Bretton Woods al centro della Pax Americana"
1944 La Conferenze di Bretton Woods: guerra, economia, geopolitica, Mostra didattica storica, Associazione Nazionali Invalidi e Mutilati di guerra e Comune di Forlì, Forlì.
- 30 May 2024 "Europa"
Il passato e il presente: temi e parole chiave, seminar series by Fondazione Gramsci and Demo-La fondazione, Rome.
- 22 Sept. 2022 "Amicizie pericolose? Germania e Italia e Russia"
Festival "*Lector in Fabula*", Fondazione di Vagno, Conversano (BA), (with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung)
- 22 Mar. 2021 "GDR's economic links and relations across the Iron Curtain. People's roles in opening up and nourishing East German relations with the non-socialist part of Europe", in *NOWALL*

Project's webinar: Europe, GDR and the Cold War: from the Euromissiles Crisis to the Reunification <https://nowalleurope.eu/2021/03/16/1179/>

- 1 Mar. 2019 *Il futuro dell'Europa* series: "European Sovereignty To Advance A Progressive Agenda" Talk by Maria João Rodrigues (President of [FEPS](#) – Foundation for European Progressive Studies), comments by Prof Biagio de Giovanni, Prof Silvio Pons, Dr Angela Romano, Valdo Spini (President of [Fondazione Circolo Fratelli Rosselli](#)). Fondazione Gramsci, Rome.
- 19 Oct. 2018 "L'Unione Europea: genesi, istituzioni, organismi. Anatomia di una creatura polimorfica, imponente... e giovane"
Opening lecture for the 3rd edition of Scuola Popolare Antonio Gramsci Ghilarza (Italy), [Fondazione Casa Museo Antonio Gramsci di Ghilarza Onlus](#)
- 29 Jan. 2011 'Italy in the EU', Civil Open Lecture, TSUDA College, EUSI Tokyo
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LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian: native speaker

English: fluent

French: fluent

German: A2

Spanish: passive knowledge

Romanian: basic reading