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WORK EXPERIENCE

June 2023 – present: **Postdoctoral Researcher** at University of Bologna, Fine Arts Department on the ERC Project ‘Hostile Environment and the Political Ecology of Border Violence’, focusing on the Central Mediterranean.

April 2020 – March 2023: **Postdoctoral Researcher** at University of Trento, Sociology Department on the Project ‘PRIN 2017 – Debordering activities and citizenship from below of asylum seekers in Italy: policies, practices, people’ with University of Venice, Genoa and Milan (coordinator).

June 2022 – September 2022: **Researcher** (part-time) at Osnabrück University, DeZim Institute, “SAR Project” (Search And Rescue), focusing on the Central Mediterranean.

November 2019 – July 2021: **Research Assistant** (part-time) at Edge Hill University, Law and Criminology Department, on the EXTERN Project, focusing on EU externalization policies and human rights.

July 2019 – November 2019: **Professor** (part time) at University of Palermo, in FARO project (led by Terre des Hommes) aimed at delivering training on identification, referral and first reception of Unaccompanied and Separated Children, with particular attention to those with specific needs.

April 2019 – December 2019: **Consultant** (part time) at Jesuit Refugee Service (Palermo), concerning access to health, social services and labour by person hosted in former SPRAR (SIPROIMI) facilities

April 2017 – March 2019: **Specific Needs Expert** United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) Monitoring, evaluation, advocacy, reporting, aimed at improving and standardizing procedures of identification, referral, and assistance of persons with specific needs among asylum seekers and refugees reaching Italy by sea. Focal point for mental health, psychosocial support and disability issues within the ROSE - Rome Office. Drafting of training packages/tools on **access to health and social services** and of a **factsheet on refugee access to social services**, for internal use as well as training and advocacy purposes with local, national and EU authorities, other international organizations.

November 2016 – April 2017: **Consultant** for Cittadini del Mondo – coordination/reorganization of socio-legal help desk for refugees and migrants at Salam Palace (occupied building in Rome) and multicultural library of the association.

November 2015 – January 2016: **Field Researcher** for International Project MEDMIG – “Unravelling the Mediterranean Migration Crisis”, Coventry University
Conduction of qualitative research on migration routes to Europe and onward movements, through in depth interviews with refugees and migrants.

February – October 2014: **Social Worker** for the SPRAR Project (Protection Service for Asylum Seekers and Refugees) at the Riserva Nuova Reception Centre for Families: case management, planning and

development of individualised projects with refugees; networking with other services/institutions; monitoring and evaluation of projects, in relation to local authorities. Consorzio Casa della Solidarietà, Rome.

2010–2013: **Social Worker** at Domanico Reception Centre for Refugees: legal assistance, socio-sanitary assistance, and recruitment assistance.
Consorzio Casa della Solidarietà, Rome.

2008–2010: **Social Worker** at Vermicino Residence for Housing Emergency: social assistance for families and recruitment assistance.
Domus Caritatis, Rome.

2006–2008: **Trainee Social Worker** at Immigration Office – V Department ‘Social and Health Policies’
First reception for migrants; insertion of migrants into reception centres; management of vulnerable cases; interpreting. Municipality of Rome

2005–2008: **Educator** for a project aimed at the inclusion of Roma families, living in the city’s ‘unauthorized camps’.
Arpj – Tetto Onlus, Rome.

2003–2005: **Educator** for a project aimed at supporting adolescents at risk of exclusion, signalled by social services.
Arpj – Tetto Onlus, Rome.

EDUCATION

October 2017: PhD in Sociology – excellent cum laude.

November 2013- October 2017: **PhD Fellow in Sociology and Applied Social Sciences** (Sapienza University of Rome) **and in Sociology** (Autonomous University of Barcelona – UAB). Title of the research project: *Limits and borders of the right to asylum in the Mediterranean space. Ethnography of some paths of escape from Syria*. (Dir. Enrico Pugliese, in co-direction with Carlota Solé Puig and Natalia Ribas-Mateos)

June 2013: Passed national exam to become **Manager in Public Services** (Register A, Specialist Social Workers), at Roma Tre University.

December 2012: Graduate from the Sapienza University of Rome, after a Master’s degree in **Planning and management of social policies and services**. Title of the thesis: *The crisis of the Lampedusa Model. A case study on management of mixed migration flows from North Africa* (Dir. Maria Stella Agnoli). Conduction of quantitative and qualitative research and evaluation.

December 2009: Passed national exam of enabling to the profession of **Social Worker** (Register B, Social Workers), at Roma Tre University.

January 2009: Graduate from the Sapienza University of Rome, after a Master’s degree in **Sciences and techniques of social work**. Title of the thesis: *Social policies for Roma and Sinti in Rome* (Dir. Nicoletta Stame).

September 2003 – September 2005: Student at the Sapienza University of Rome in EU **Architecture**. July 2003: **Scientific High School** (Istituto Massimiliano Massimo, Rome)

ADDITIONAL COURSES

▪ 8 – 10 May 2019: “**Corso intensivo di aggiornamento per operatori legali specializzati nel settore della protezione internazionale “Il c.d. decreto legge Salvini 113/2018 (L.132/2018): Prime interpretazioni giurisprudenziali e prassi applicative”**”, organized by ASGI and Spazi Circolari

2017 -2018: Completion of mandatory training courses within UNHCR training programme: **Protection Induction Programme, Basic Security in the Field, PSEA (Prevention against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse) and many others.**

6-14 June 2016: “**Open Sea Summer School on Migration, Sea Border Control and Human Rights**” – University of Napoli “L’Orientale” - The Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on Migrants’ Rights in the Mediterranean

6-18 July 2015: **International Summer School “Cultures, Migrations and Borders”** – University of the Aegean – Plomari (Lesvos).

3-5 October 2013: **Specialist course for legal operators in the Right to International Protection** ASGI, A Buon Diritto, Senza Confine
Rome (Italy)

28 May 2013 – 26 June 2013: **Course for socio-sanitary operators: Intercultural mediation: instruments and methodologies**
Programma Integra
Rome (Italy)

23-28 May 2013: Workshop – **Taking charge of refugees with mental discomfort. Needs of beneficiaries and answers of care and reception systems**
Aelle il Punto ONLUS in collaboration with Programma Integra – Kairos Project
Rome (Italy)

9-30 May 2013: **Non-places’ cities. Urban refugees: a worldwide phenomenon, new models of reception**
Jesuit Refugees Service – Centro Astalli
Rome (Italy)

10-13 December 2012: **Specialist course in European protection of human rights**, Unione Forense per la Tutela dei Diritti Umani Rome (Italy)

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

- C. Denaro (2024) La “battaglia legale” nel Mediterraneo centrale: dal “reato di solidarietà” alla (de)criminalizzazione della disobbedienza civile, *Rivista Studi sulla Questione Criminale*.
- C. Denaro and P. Boccagni. (2023) Challenging ungrievability for people missing at sea. Search infrastructures, spaces of public mourning, and claims for justice. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 1-26.
- C. Denaro and F. Esposito. (2023) Using Vulnerability-Centred Health Assessment as a Tool for the Differential (De)Valuing of Human Life: The Case of Italian ‘Illegal Decrees’ for Selective Sea Rescues, *Border Criminologies*, Oxford, Law Faculty.
- Giuffré, M., Denaro, C., & Raach, F. (2022). On ‘Safety’ and EU Externalization of Borders: Questioning the Role of Tunisia as a “Safe Country of Origin” and a “Safe Third Country”. *European Journal of*

Migration and Law, 24(4), 570-599.

- Creta, S., & Denaro, C. (2022). Counter-Narrating the Mediterranean Border Regime and Reclaiming Rights. *The Migration Mobile*, 165.
- Denaro, C., & Boccagni, P. (2022). Migration, Borders and “De-bordering” in Pandemic Times: Voices as Interlocution from Quarantine Ships in Italy. *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, 1-26.
- Denaro, C. (2022) Beyond Violent Raids, Sit-In Evictions and Arbitrary Detention in Tripoli (Libya): How Black Refugee Voices Refuse to be Silenced. *Border Criminologies*, Oxford, Law Faculty.
- (2021, con M. Giuffrè) UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the ‘refugee gap’: Leaving refugees behind?, *Refugee Survey Quarterly*.
- (2021) Politiche di ri-confinamento in tempo di pandemia: l’utilizzo di «navi quarantena» in Italia e l’accesso al diritto di asilo, *Diritto, Immigrazione e Cittadinanza*, fascicolo 3, novembre 2021.
- (2021) Re-Bordering Policies and De-Bordering Practices in Pandemic Times: Offshore Isolation As De Facto Detention, *Border Criminologies*, Oxford Law Faculty, 1 settembre.
- (2021, con D. Dadusc) Criminalising Solidarity: Silencing Critical Voices and Erasing the Critical Gaze on Border Violence, *Border Criminologies*, Oxford Law Faculty, 16 aprile.
- (2021) Documenting and denouncing violence at Eastern European borders: the socio-legal relevance of refugee voices through the production of audio-visual material, in *Handbook on Human Security, Borders and Migration* (Ed. Natalia Ribas-Mateos & Timothy Dunn), UK: Edward Elgar Publishing
- (2020) Voice through Exit: Syrian Refugees at the Borders of Europe and the Struggle to Choose where to Live, *Global Conversation on Refuge* (Ed. Silvia Pasquetti & Romola Sanyal), Manchester University Press
- (2017), Limiti e confini del diritto di asilo nel Mediterraneo. Etnografia di alcuni percorsi di fuga dalla Siria, *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona*.
- (2016), Agency, resistance and (forced) mobilities. The case of Syrian refugees in transit through Italy. *REMHU, Rev. Interdiscip. Mobil. Hum.* vol.24, n.47, pp.77-96.
- (2016), “We have the right to choose where to live”. Agency e produzione di materiale audiovisuale nei percorsi di fuga dalla Siria, *Mondi Migranti*.
- (2016), ‘The Reconfiguration of Mediterranean Migration Routes after the War in Syria: Narratives on the Egyptian Route to Italy and Beyond.’ In: Ribas-Mateos N. (eds.), *Spaces of Refugee Flight: Migration and Mobilities after the Arab Spring in the Eastern Mediterranean*, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.
- (2016), ‘I rifugiati siriani sulle rotte via mare verso la Grecia. Riflessioni sul transito e sullo svuotamento del diritto d’asilo’, *Mondi Migranti*.
- (2015), ‘How to Re-Conceptualize the Right to Asylum in the Lethal Sea-Crossing Age?’, *Refugee Review: Re-conceptualizing Refugees and Forced Migration in the 21st Century*, 2 (1): 199–201.
- (2015), ‘The Mediterranean Sea as transnational space and (struggle) field. Reflections on the critical “sea-watching phenomenon” as a new form of citizenship. *Feministisches Geo-RundMail*, 64: 15-20.

- (2014): “Tra le macerie del ‘Modello Lampedusa’. Riflessioni sullo scarto tra teoria e prassi nell’implementazione del sistema di ricezione dei migranti provenienti dal Nord Africa”, *Prospettive Sociali e Sanitarie*, n. 1/2014, pp. 22-27.

LANGUAGES AND COMPUTING

Italian: Mother Tongue

English (C2)

French, Spanish: Read, Written and Spoken (C1)

Romanian: Read and Spoken (B1)

Arabic: Read and Written (Arabic Fusaha, A1), Spoken (Tunisian and Siro-Lebanese Dialects, B1)

Computer skills: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Adobe (Photoshop, Premier) SPSS 21, PASW 19 (elaboration and treatment of statistical data), NVivo 11 (elaboration and treatment of qualitative data).

MORE INFORMATION

Interests: Reading; writing; playing accordion, guitar, and percussion; photography, video-making; theatre; cinema.

Volunteering: Watch the Med Alarm Phone (since 2014, media work, advocacy, legal team); Street-units with Doctors for Human Rights (MEDU); member of the Association for Juridical Studies on Immigration (ASGI), work-camps in Peru and Romania with Lega Missionaria Studenti (LMS) from 2001 until 2006 (in psychiatric hospitals for adults and minors; with children).

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