

CHIARA MORETTI

PhD in Sociology and Human Sciences

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SUMMARY

In 2018 I obtained a PhD at the University of Strasbourg, in international co-tutorship with the University of Perugia, with a thesis in Medical Anthropology and Sociology of Health. In the last nine years I have conducted a long-term anthropological research, both in Italy and France, focussed on the biomedicine approach to chronic pain and the fibromyalgia syndrome.

I am currently Adjunct Professor of Medical anthropology at the University of Bologna - Medicine and Surgery Degree and research tutor at the Department of Medicine and Surgery - University of Parma.

Member of the UMR7367 Research Unit of the University of Strasbourg, I collaborate as teaching assistant and exam committee member (*Cultore della Materia*) with the Department of History, Anthropology, Religions, Performing Arts (SARAS) at the University of Rome – La Sapienza. Member of the Italian Society of Medical Anthropology (SIAM), the Italian Society of Applied Anthropology (SIAA) and the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA).

Principal fields of study and research interest: medical anthropology, anthropology and history of medical knowledge, anthropology in healthcare settings; chronic pain, fibromyalgia and medically unexplained symptoms; gender, culture and health; access to healthcare services, health promotion.

Education

11/2013 – 06/2018

PhD in Sociology and Human Sciences

University of Strasbourg - École Doctorale Sciences Humaines et Sociales, Perspectives européennes in international co-tutorship with the University of Perugia - Dipartimento di Filosofia, Scienze sociali, Umane e della Formazione

Thesis: *La Douleur non légitime. Une analyse du Syndrome Fibromyalgique*

[*The illegitimate pain. An analysis of Fibromyalgia Syndrome*]

PhD Supervisors: David Le Breton and Giovanni Pizza

01/2008 – 07/2011

MA in Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Alma Mater Studiorum, University of Bologna

MA Thesis: *A Nervi Tesi. Un'analisi antropologica della sindrome fibromialgica*

[*Tense nerves. An anthropological analysis of the fibromyalgia syndrome*]

Thesis Supervisors: Ivo Quaranta and Giovanni Pierini

Final Mark: 110/110 cum laude

09/2003 – 12/2007

BA in Anthropological Sciences, Alma Mater Studiorum, University of Bologna

BA Thesis: *L'esperienza dell'interpretazione. L'etnografia incompleta di un lavoro di campo fallito.*

[*The experience of interpretation. An incomplete ethnography of a failed fieldwork*]

Thesis Supervisors: Francesca Sbardella

Final Mark: 109/110

Research Experiences

01/2020 – to date	<p>Anthropologist in the project <i>I.C.A.R.E. – Integration and Community Care for Asylum and Refugees in Emergency</i> Promoted by the AOU Meyer - Global Health Centre (Tuscany Region), co-funded by the Internal Security Fund or Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (FAMI) and carried out in collaboration with the University of Bologna and the Centre for Research and Study in International and Intercultural Health (CSI) - University of Bologna (Scientific coordinator: Ivo Quaranta). The project foresees anthropological supervision addressed to health operators working in public healthcare consulting in Tuscany, in order to strengthen skills and therapeutic approach towards migrants (applicants and beneficiaries of international protection) in order to improve and facilitate the access to healthcare services.</p>
05/2020 – 10/2020	<p>Anthropologist in the multidisciplinary research <i>Transition from traditional to e-learning during Covid Era: perceived quality of education life in health profession post-graduate students</i> Research project promoted by the Department of Medicine and Surgery, University of Parma Scientific Supervisor: Leopoldo Sarli The research aimed to explore perceptions, experiences and representations relating to the quality of educational life in students/health professionals who attended master courses at the Department of Medicine and Surgery - University of Parma by experiencing, due to the Covid-19 emergency, the transition from classic classroom teaching to e-learning.</p>
01/2017 – 05/2019	<p>Anthropologist for the study <i>The Bio-psycho-social markers on Fibromyalgia Syndrome</i> Scientific Supervisor: William Raffaelli. The research, through ethnographic interviews, involved the collection of life histories of women with fibromyalgia syndrome and the comparison of emerging data with biological and psychological test results. The aim of the study was to identify new diagnostic evaluation techniques and to outline innovative and effective therapeutic approaches for fibromyalgia patients.</p>
11/2014 – 04/2016	<p>Ethnographic fieldwork finalised to the PhD thesis: <i>La Douleur non légitime. Une analyse du Syndrome Fibromyalgique</i> The research has been carried out within a diagnosis and treatment center for the fibromyalgia syndrome located in a public hospital in Italy. The study aimed to analyse the biomedical tools for diagnosis and management of the fibromyalgia, and to approach the patients lived illness experiences. During this time, I have attended more than ninety medical consultations and conducted ethnographic interviews, with fibromyalgia patients and with professionals involved in the treatment of the syndrome such as rheumatologists, pain therapists and psychologists. The research has been published in the book: <i>Il Dolore Illegittimo. Un'etnografia della sindrome fibromialgica</i> [<i>The illegitimate pain. An ethnography of fibromyalgia syndrome</i>], 2019, Edizioni ETS.</p>
01/2014 – 01/2015	<p>Research assistant for the study: <i>La douleur chronique : une analyse de maladies contestées</i> Scientific coordinator: David Le Breton. The ethnographic research has been carried out within two pain clinics (the first located in a French public hospital and the second in an Italian public hospital). During the fieldwork period I observed fifty medical consultations and conducted fifty ethnographic interviews both with people suffering from chronic pain and pain therapists working in the two different national contexts. The aim of the research was to gather the life histories of people suffering from chronic pain. Several interviews conducted with the patients have been published in the book <i>Tenir. Douleur chronique et réinvention de soi</i>, David Le Breton, 2017, Ed. Métailié.</p>
05/2012 – 07/2012	<p>Visiting graduate student sojourn at the University of Strasbourg for the research project: <i>Les aspects socio-historiques de la douleur chronique entendue comme maladie</i> [<i>Socio-historical aspects of chronic pain framed as a disease</i>] Deepening of the MA thesis, following the dissertation and in view of the publication of the book: <i>A Nervi Tesi. Un'analisi antropologica della sindrome fibromialgica</i>. Supervisor: David Le Breton, Ivo Quaranta.</p>
02/2012 – 04/2012	<p>Visiting graduate student sojourn at the Oregon State University, US for the research project: <i>The prevalence of the female gender in the epidemiology of fibromyalgia</i> Deepening of the MA thesis - following the dissertation - Supervisor: Kristin K. Barker.</p>

Stage at Social Action for Health - Network and alliance team, London for the research project: *Social Determinants of health - GP practices*

Project Manager: Tina Hight. The research aimed to assess healthcare needs in a specific population target living in peripheral and marginal districts of the city and, at the same time, had the purpose of evaluating the quality of basic healthcare services and the access modalities to this last.

Publications

2020, Chiara Moretti, *Il senso della colpa ai tempi del Covid-19 [The sense of the guilt in Covid-19 era]* Instant book, notttempo, Milano,

2020, Chiara Moretti, *La triste storia dell'eccedenza. Saperi a confronto nell'approccio al dolore cronico inteso come esperienza multidimensionale [The sad story of the surplus. Compared knowledge in the approach to chronic pain framed as a multidimensional experience]* Article published in «L'Uomo. Società Tradizione Sviluppo», Vol. IX, n.2, pp. 61-82.

2019, Chiara Moretti, *Il Dolore Illegittimo. Un'etnografia della sindrome fibromialgica [The illegitimate pain. An ethnography of fibromyalgia syndrome]* Book, Edizioni ETS, Pisa.

2017, Chiara Moretti, *Sympathetic Character. La retorica dell'inefficacia nei processi diagnostici della Sindrome Fibromialgica [Sympathetic Character. The rhetoric of inefficacy in the diagnostic processes of Fibromyalgia Syndrome]* Article published in «AM - Rivista della Società Italiana di Antropologia Medica», n. 43-46 - Research Section, pp. 177-200.

2017, Chiara Moretti, « *Mon corps c'est contre ma nature!* » : histoires de corps réduits et récits révolutionnaires. Une analyse ethnographique de la fibromyalgie [“My body is against my nature!”: stories of reduced bodies and revolutionary tales. An ethnographic analysis of fibromyalgia] Article published in: «Strathèse», 2017, n. 6, Corps modifié, online.

2017, Elisa Arnaudo, Chiara Moretti, William Raffaelli, *La percezione del dolore cronico quale problema sanitario in due popolazioni con e senza esperienza di dolore cronico [The perception of chronic pain as a health problem in two populations with and without experience of chronic pain]* Article published in «Pathos - Rivista di Federdolore e della Società italiana dei clinici del dolore», vol. 24, n. 2, online.

2015, David Le Breton e Chiara Moretti, *Entre douleurs et souffrances, [Between pain and suffering]* Curatorship of the number 53, «Revue des Sciences Sociales», Presses Universitaires de Strasbourg.

2015, Chiara Moretti, *Maladie, ou pour le dire mieux, le mal a dit. Racontez- moi comment tout a Commencé [Maladie, ou pour le dire mieux, le mal a dit. Tell me how everything has started]* Article published in «Revue des Sciences Sociales», 2015, n. 53, pp. 58-65.

2014, Chiara Moretti, *Ricostruire un sapere: Quando con SF si intende Solo Fantasia e Solo Femminile [Recreating a knowledge: when SF means “Simply Fantasy” and “Simply Female”]* Article published in «AM - Rivista della Società Italiana di Antropologia Medica», 2014, n. 37-38, pp. 457-471.

2013, Chiara Moretti *A Nervi Tesi. Un'analisi antropologica della sindrome fibromialgica [Tense nerves. An anthropological analysis of the fibromyalgia syndrome]* Book - publication of the MA thesis - 2013, Aracne Editrice, Roma.

2013, Chiara Moretti, *Coping with chronic pain in everyday life: The case of the Fibromyalgia Syndrome*, Book chapter in *Chronicity, Care and Complexity*, R. Richards, J. Creek (ed.) 2013, pp. 231-239, Inter-disciplinary Press, Oxford.

Forthcoming

Chiara Moretti, “Stare” nell'antropologia. Pratiche e negoziazioni, aspettative e disillusioni [“Staying” in anthropology. Practices and negotiations, expectations and disillusion] Book chapter, in *La professionalizzazione dell'antropologo medico nella sanità pubblica italiana* (temporary title), M. Castaldo, M. C. Segneri (ed.), Licosia Edizioni - Collana Contaminazioni.

Chiara Moretti, *Normal and abnormal: a question of perspective? The case of fibromyalgia, an invisible disease*, Book chapter, in *Bioethics and the Five Senses. Conference Proceedings*, P. Grassi, R. Zammit (ed), Tau Editrice.

Papers at Conferences

Fare (in) tempo Cosa dicono gli antropologi sulle società dell'incertezza - VIII Convegno Nazionale SIAA (Società Italiana Antropologia Applicata) Università di Parma, 2-6/12/2020 (live conference streaming)

Contribution: "Noi siamo andate avanti". Rinegoziare un intervento antropologico nei consultori toscani ai tempi di COVID-19 (Luul Balestra, Brenda Benaglia, Michela Marchetti, Chiara Moretti)

Quale salute e per chi al tempo della crisi? - III Convegno Nazionale SIAM – Società Italiana di Antropologia Medica, Sapienza Università di Roma, 15/09/2020- 19/02/2021 (live conference streaming)

Contribution: "Sono fatte così culturalmente": percezione, narrazione e negoziazione di un intervento antropologico nei consultori toscani" (Luul Balestra, Brenda Benaglia, Michela Marchetti, Chiara Moretti)

Bioethics and the Five Senses, University of Malta, 1-4/10/2020 (live conference streaming)

Contribution: "Normal and abnormal: a question of perspective? The case of fibromyalgia, an invisible disease"

Un'antropologia per capire, per agire, per impegnarsi, II Convegno Nazionale SIAM – Società Italiana di Antropologia Medica, Università degli Studi di Perugia, 14-16/06/2018

Contribution: "La triste storia dell'eccedenza e altri stravaganti racconti sul sapere "carino-antropologico"

Corps meurtris, beaux et subversifs : Réflexions transdisciplinaires sur la modification corporelle, Université de Strasbourg, 28-30/04/2016

Contribution: «Mon corps c'est contre ma nature!»: histoires de corps réduites et récits révolutionnaires. Une analyse ethnographique de la Fibromyalgie

Le Corps, la Santé, la Médecine, Congrès du Collège des Enseignants de Sciences Humaines et Sociales en Médecine et Santé COSHSEM, Université Claude Bernard, Lyon, 24-26/06/2015

Contribution: "Construire le savoir. Une analyse anthropologique de la Fibromyalgie"

Antropologia Medica e Strategie per la Salute, I Convegno Nazionale SIAM – Società Italiana di Antropologia Medica, Sapienza Università di Roma, 21-23/02/2013

Contribution: "Ricare un sapere: Quando con SF si intende Solo Fantasia e Solo Femminile"

Making Sense of Chronicity. A Health, Illness and Disease Project, 2nd Global Conference Inter-Disciplinary.Net, Mansfield College, Oxford, UK, 30/08 – 1/09/2012

Contribution: "The experience of chronic pain and the balance between destruction and Reconstruction"

Uncertainty and disquiet, 12th EASA Biennial Conference EASA – European Association of Social Anthropologists, Université de Nanterre, 10-13/06/2012

Contribution: "Tense nerves. Normality, subversion and reconstruction in the experience of chronic pain"

Teaching

Adjunct Professor of Medical anthropology at the University of Bologna - Medicine and Surgery Degree (A.A. 2020-2021)

Other lessons taught

Strumenti di indagine qualitativa: l'etnografia e l'intervista [Tools for qualitative research: the ethnographic method and the ethnographic interview] Lesson taught with the students of the 1st level University Master's Degree in "Family nurse practitioners", University of Parma, Department of Medicine and Surgery, 26/03/2021 – 15/04/2021.

La ricerca qualitativa per le professioni sanitarie: l'approccio fenomenologico e l'etnografia [Qualitative research for health professionals: phenomenology and ethnography] Lesson taught with the students of the 1st level University Master's Degree in "Critical care nursing" University of Parma, Department of Medicine and Surgery, 11/03/2021.

La ricerca qualitativa: l'approccio etnografico [Qualitative Research: the ethnographic approach] Lesson taught with the students of the 1st level University Master's Degree in "Case/care management", University of Parma, Department of Medicine and Surgery, 19/03/2021.

Il dolore cronico da una prospettiva antropologica [Chronic pain from an anthropological prospective] Lesson taught with the students of the 1st level University Master's Degree "Palliative care and pain management" University of Parma, Department of Medicine and Surgery, 25/01/2021.

Il dolore come esperienza complessa [Pain as a complex experience] Lesson taught with the students of the Medical and psychological Anthropology Course (BA in Intercultural Communication and BA in Social work - Course held by Roberto Beneduce), Università di Torino, 25/11/2020.

Per una riflessione sul dolore [Reflecting on pain] Lesson taught with the students of the Medical Anthropology Course (MA in Ethno-Anthropological Disciplines - Course held by Pino Schirripa) Sapienza Università di Roma, 11/11/2019.

Il dolore in antropologia medica [Pain in medical anthropology] Lesson taught with the students of the I year of Medicine and Surgery Degree (Course held by Giovanni Pizza), University of Perugia, 28/10/2019.

Fibromialgia, dolore e sofferenza [Fibromyalgia, pain and suffering] Lesson taught with the students of the IV-year class School of Osteopathy, C.E.R.D.O. Rome, 07/06/2019.

L'esperienza del dolore [The experience of pain] Contribution focused on the lived experience of chronic pain presented during the ECM conference (Continuing Education in Medicine) "Siamo tutti uguali davanti al dolore?", Brescia, 08/06/2019.

Osservazioni su diagnosi e terapia nella Fibromialgia [Observations on diagnosis and therapy in Fibromyalgia] Contribution presented during the ECM conference (Continuing Education in Medicine) "Dal corretto riconoscimento alla gestione ottimale della malattia, II Focus sulla Sindrome Fibromialgica", Ravenna, 20/04/2013.

Research contract and scholarship

- 05/2020 – to date Research Fellowship awarded by the University of Parma, Department of Medicine and Surgery
- 05/2015 – 12/2018 Scholarship awarded by ISAL Foundation - Research Institute for the Study of Pain
- 01/2014 – 12/2014 Research contract of the University of Strasbourg
Research project: *La douleur chronique : une analyse de maladies contestes*
- 03/2012 – 07/2012 Scholarship provided by the University of Bologna
Research project: *Les aspects socio-historiques de la douleur chronique entendue comme maladie*

Awards

Prix de Thèse 2019, PhD Thesis Award granted by the University of Strasbourg Foundation.

Collaboration with journal

Member of the Editorial Board and Referee for *AM. Rivista della Società Italiana di Antropologia Medica*

Editorial activities

Storie virali – Atlante, Portale Treccani

Tribune of critical reflection and anthropological, historical, philosophical, artistic and medical discussion about the Covid-19 epidemiological crisis.

Editorial Board: Andrea Carlino, Maria Conforti, Virginia De Silva, Chiara Moretti
http://www.treccani.it/magazine/atlante/speciali/Storie_virali/Storie_virali.html

Tutorship

Tutor in the 1st level University Master's Degree "Case/Care Management in hospital and on the territory for the health professions", University of Parma, Department of Medicine and Surgery (May 2020 – current)

Research Tutor in the 1st level University Master's Degree in "Critical Care Nursing" University of Parma, Department of Medicine and Surgery (May 2020 - current).
Research project: Suspending caring in emergency situations

Seminar organization

(30/11/2018), *Dolore senza valore: la sfida per una parità di diritti*, Biblioteca del Senato “Giovanni Spadolini” di Roma, Sala Capitolare. Seminar addressed to medical specialists in pain therapy, organized in collaboration with the ISAL Foundation - Research Institute for the Study of Pain.

(29/09/2017), *Sofferenza e Insofferenza. Riflessioni sul corpo del reato*, Biblioteca del Senato “Giovanni Spadolini” di Roma, Sala degli Atti Parlamentari. Seminar addressed to medical specialists in pain therapy, organized in collaboration with ISAL Foundation - Research Institute for the Study of Pain.

(23/09/2016), *I colori dell'alleanza. Una rete solidale per la cura del dolore*, Biblioteca del Senato “Giovanni Spadolini” di Roma, Sala degli Atti Parlamentari. Seminar addressed to pain therapy specialists, general practitioners and rheumatologists, organized in collaboration with ISAL Foundation - Research Institute for the Study of Pain.

(25/09/2015), *Che destino ha il dolore?* Biblioteca del Senato “Giovanni Spadolini” di Roma, Sala degli Atti Parlamentari. Seminar addressed to health professionals working in the field of pain and chronic pain, organized in collaboration with the ISAL Foundation - Research Institute for the Study of Pain.

Skills

Languages

Italian: Mother tongue

French: Advanced

English: Advanced

Personal

Writing and communication skills

Qualitative analysis skills through the ethnographic method

Creative and critical thinking

Ability to manage long-term research projects

Social orientation

Ability to work in team or independently

Rome, April 2021

