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I am a social researcher with a Ph.D. in Applied Sociology and Research Methodology from the University of Milano-Bicocca, focusing on socio-environmental conflicts related to plant pathology in Italy. My research intersects Science and Technology Studies and Political Ecology, where I primarily adopt a qualitative approach, though I am well-versed in integrating quantitative methods and mixed-methods approaches. I have a solid track record of scientific publications and presentations at multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary, and transdisciplinary conferences, with extensive experience collaborating and communicating with both natural scientists and lay audiences. Skilled in research project management, grant writing, and communication.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| 2025-present | Postdoctoral Researcher at Interdepartmental Centre for Industrial Agrofood Research Clri-Agrofood
University of Bologna |
| 2021-2024 | Postdoctoral Researcher in “BRIDGES - Building Reflexivity and response-ability Involving Different narratives of knowledGE and Science”.
(www.progetto-bridges.it)
National Research Council
Funded by Fondazione Cariplo |
| 2020-2021 | Postdoctoral Researcher in “Viroplant - Biotechnological Risk Perception in the agri-food sector”.
(www.viroplant.eu)
University of Milano-Bicocca
Funded by Horizon 2020 |

EDUCATION

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| 2016 - 2020 | Ph.D. University of Milano Bicocca.
Applied Sociology and Social Research Methodology
Dissertation Subjects: Sociology of Ignorance/ Social Movements Studies/ Studies of Expertise and Experience
Funded by University Scholarship |
| 2017 - 2018 | Visiting Ph.D. Researcher at Institut de Ciència i Tecnologia Ambientals (ICTA - UAB) (Institute of Environmental Science and Technology) at the Autonomous University of Barcelona. |
| 2012 - 2016 | M.A. University of Turin.
Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology |

Dissertation Subject: Anthropology of Science & Digital Ethnography

2007 - 2012

B.A. University of Bologna.
Anthropological Sciences
Dissertation Subject: Political Anthropology

RESEARCH SKILLS

Qualitative Interviewing
Ethnography/Digital Ethnography
Delphi Method
Focus Group
Surveying
Participatory Research Practices
Stakeholder Mapping
Literature Reviews
Research Project Management
Grant Writing

COMPUTING AND DATA ANALYSIS SKILLS

Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
Google Workspace (Docs, Sheets, Slides, Drive)
Adobe Acrobat Pro
Mendeley, Zotero, EndNote
Microsoft Teams, Zoom, Slack
NVivo, MAXQDA

LANGUAGES

Italian (Native)
English (C2)
Spanish (C1)
Catalan (B1)

PHD DISSERTATION

Title: *Le Due Patologie: Una Sociologia delle Conoscenze sul Disseccamento degli Ulivi in Puglia* (The Two Pathologies: A Sociology of knowledges about the olive decline syndrome in Puglia)

Subjects: Political Sociology of Knowledge, STS, Social Movement Studies, Studies of Expertise and Experience, Sociology of Ignorance, Environmental Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

Giuffredi, R., **Colella, C.**, Colucci-Gray, L., Caretto, A., Spagna, R., & L'Astorina, A. (2024). Beyond Crisis Talk: Making Time for Re-Searching New Narratives of Human Relations With Soil. *Tecnoscienza – Italian Journal of Science & Technology Studies*, 15(2), 39–59. <https://doi.org/10.6092/issn.2038-3460/18076>

Colella, C., Cerbara, L., Crescimbene, C., Giuffredi, R., Colucci-Gray, L., Benessia, A., & L'Astorina, A. (2024). Le narrazioni su scienza, ricerca e società di giovani ricercatrici e ricercatori in Italia. *IRPPS Working Papers*, 1-88. <http://epub.irpps.cnr.it/index.php/wp/article/view/311>

Criscuolo, L., Bordogna, G., **Colella, C.**, Giuffredi, R., Colucci-Gray, L., & L'Astorina, A. (2024). Developing a participatory process for soil fertility: A case study in an urban area of Italy. *Sustainability*. 16(12), 4882; <https://doi.org/10.3390/su16124882>

Colella, C. (2023). Experts and social movements in the circulation of academic knowledge. In W. Keim, L. Rodriguez Medina, R. Arvanitis, N. Bacolla, C. Basu, S. Dufoix, S. Klein, M. Nieto Olarte, B. Riedel, C. Ruvituso, G. Saalman, T. Schlechtriemen, & H. Vessuri

(Eds.), *Routledge handbook of academic knowledge circulation* (1st ed., pp. 454-468). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003290650>

Milazzo, E., & **Colella, C.** (2022). L'emergenza la sentivi ovunque. Temporalità e confini della tecnoscienza e della cura nell'epidemia di Xylella fastidiosa in Salento. *Antropologia*, 9(2 N.S.), 97–121. <https://doi.org/10.14672/ada2022196697-121>

Colella, C. (2022). Emergenza Xylella in Puglia: Scienziati, istituzioni e movimenti a confronto con un “certo” patogeno, una patologia “in disputa”, e piante ad “alto valore”. In A. L'Astorina & C. Mangia (Eds.), *Scienza, politica e società: L'approccio post-normale in teoria e nelle pratiche* (pp. 129–134). Cnr Edizioni. <https://doi.org/10.26324/SIA1.PNS16>

Colella, C. (2021). Agnotologia di un albero secco: Esperti e movimenti nel caso Xylella in Puglia. In A. Cerroni & R. Carradore (Eds.), *Comunicazione e incertezza scientifica nella società della conoscenza: Teoria e casi studio di sociologia del rischio*. Franco Angeli. ISBN 9788835133629

Colella, C., Carradore, R., & Cerroni, A. (2019). Problem setting and problem solving in the case of olive quick decline syndrome in Apulia, Italy: A sociological approach. *Phytopathology*, 109, 187-199. <https://doi.org/10.1094/PHYTO-05-18-0152-R>

Colella, C. (2018). *Eziologie ed etimologie: La costruzione di due problemi. Epidemia 01 – Gli ulivi di Puglia al tempo della Xylella*. ISBN 979-12-200-5742-4

Colella, C. (2016). Distrusting science on communication platforms: Socio-anthropological aspects of the science-society dialectic within a phytosanitary emergency. In L. Di Caro & M. Cataldi (Eds.), *Proc. 2nd Int. Workshop Social Media World Sensors, 10th Int. Conf. Language Resources and Evaluation* (pp. 12-16). <https://ceur-ws.org/Vol-1696/paper3.pdf>

EDITED PUBLICATIONS

Colella, C. et al. (2018) *Epidemia 01 – Gli Ulivi di Puglia Al Tempo della Xylella*. ISBN: 979-12-200-5742-4

Colella, C. et al. (2019) *Epidemia 02 – L'urlo dell'Asino di Michael Taussig ed altre storie da Taranto* (2019). ISBN: 979-12-200-5066-1

Colella, C. et al. (2020) *Epidemia 03 – Cosmopolitiche. Pratiche e Movimenti della Transizione Ecologica*. A cura del Tavolo di Ecologia Politica di Genuino Clandestino.. ISBN 979-12-200-6248-0

Colella, C. et al. (2023) *Epidemia 04 – Non c'è gioco/Senza Frontiere. Scrittura, lotta, privilegio*. ISBN 10.979.12210/28348

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

2023

- **Workshop “Shadows of Knowledge: Capitalism and the Creation of Ignorance”** European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy -June 9th- “Agnotology of a Dessicated Tree: Phytopathological Knowledge and Non-Knowledge in the Case of 'Xylella' in Puglia”
- **Workshop “Decentrale le ecologie: Un dialogo su decolonialità, immaginari e conflitti socio-ambientali”**- University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy -May 30th-

"Colonial Roots, Global Branches: The Circulation of Plants, Pathogens, and Non-Knowledge in the Anthropocene"

2022

- **EASST Conference "Politics of Scientific Futures"**-Madrid, Spain-July 6th–9th
Panel 070: "Crisis Talk at the Border of Science and Policy: A Reading of Research-Policy and Socio-Environmental Discourses" (Co-authored)-Panel 048: "Across Boundaries and Into Visions: Reflections from Transdisciplinary Research on Soil Fertility" (Co-authored)

2021

- **Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Conference "Knowledge and Power: Epistemic Conflicts in Democracy"**-University of Essex, UK-July 29th–30th-"Infected Agnotology – How Scientists and Environmental-Social Movements Dealt with the Knowledge and Ignorance about a Plant Pathology in Southern Italy"

2020

- **EASST/4S Conference** (Prague, Czech Republic)-August 18th–21st-Session-VR-9: "Global Pathogens, Local Pathologies: Social Movements-and Scientific Knowledge in the Case of *Xylella fastidiosa* in Italy"

2019

- **POE3 Conference "Il Valore e le Cose – Teoria, Critica e Nuove Prospettive"**
Pisa, Italy-November 28th–29th-"Norme del Territorio e Regole della Conoscenza: Gli Ulivi di Puglia nell'Ecologia Politica"
- **2nd European Conference on *Xylella fastidiosa***-Ajaccio, France-October 29th–30th-Session 6: "Living with *Xylella*: The Dynamics of Knowledges within *X. fastidiosa* 'Sociopathosystems' in Puglia and Corsica" (Co-authored with Fiona Panziera, Marc Barbier, Françoise Charrier – INRA Paris)
- **XIV ESA Conference**-Manchester, UK-August 20th–23rd-RN12_07b: "Problem Setting and Problem Solving in the Case of Olive Quick Decline Syndrome in Apulia, Italy"

2018

- **ESA Mid-Term Conference**-Catania, Italy-October 4th–6th-RN27: "Undone Science and 'Undone Policy' in the Mediterranean: Problem Setting and Problem Solving of (Emerging) Plant Pathologies in Italy and Spain"
- **EASST Conference**-Lancaster, UK-July 25th–28th-Session A05: "The 360° Approach as Undone Science: Knowledges about a Plant Pathology in Apulia"
- **XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology**-Toronto, Canada-July 15th–21st-RC23: "Contingency-Based Expertise in the Case of Olive Quick Decline Syndrome in Apulia"

ORGANIZED ACADEMIC PANELS & CONFERENCES

2023

- ***Global Pathogens, Local Pathologies: Toward a More-than-Human Understanding of Biosecurity***-9th STS Italia Conference-Bologna, Italy-June 28th–30th

2022

- ***Global Pathogens, Local Pathologies: How Agricultural Epidemics Are Shaping Global and Local Agrarian and Environmental Change***-5th Biennial Conference of the European Rural History Organization (EURHO) – Rural History 2021-Uppsala, Sweden-June 20th–23rd

2021

- ***Temporalità Specifiche: Futuri Territoriali Tra Pratiche e Conoscenze Nelle Relazioni Inter-Specie***-Third SIAC National Conference – Future: Anthropologies of the Future, the Future of Anthropology-Rome, Italy-September 22nd–25th

OTHER SELECTED ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

2019

- *Expertise at Stake: Technoscience and Public Participation in the Post-Truth Age- 5th STS Italia Summer School-Pisa, Italy*

2018

- *Ignorance and Non-Knowledge: What Consequences for Democratic Governance, Politics, and Policy?-University of Vienna- Austria*

DISSEMINATION

Colella, C. 2019. *Xylella come “socio-fitopatologia”: gli altri mondi abitati dal batterio* 07-03-2019 “Il Bo Live – Scienza e Ricerca”

<https://ilbolive.unipd.it/it/news/xylella-come-sociofitopatologia-altri-mondi>

Colella, C. 2017. *Il Caso Xylella fastidiosa in Salento: Un’esperienza di Lurking Etnografico tra Dilemmi Etici e Necessità* 27-09-2017 “Il Lavoro Culturale.”

<http://www.lavoroculturale.org/lurking-etnografico-xylella-salento/>