

# ELISA LUCENTE

## Current position:

Postdoctoral research fellow, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Pavia

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Memory studies; Urban history; Contemporary history; Migration history; Digital history

## EDUCATION

- 10/2020 – 05/2024 **PhD in History with honors** – with scholarship  
Università degli Studi di Pavia – Pavia, Italy  
Thesis: “My Ukraine is Here” Journeys of Belonging: a Cultural and Political History of the Ukrainian diaspora in Canada (1945-1991)  
Supervisor: Professor Bruno Ziglioli.
- 09/2017 – 03/2020 **MA with honors in International Cooperation on Human Rights and Intercultural Heritage**, Università di Bologna – Ravenna, Italy  
Thesis in History of Eastern Europe: “The Past is a Foreign Country” Memory Politics in post-Soviet Ukraine: Narratives from the Borderland City of Lviv. Supervisors: Professors Marco Puleri and Mario Angelo Neve.
- 09/2015 – 07/2017 **BA with honors in Scienze Politiche e delle Relazioni Interazionali**  
Università degli Studi di Pavia – Pavia, Italy  
Thesis in Contemporary History: L’Invasione degli Hyksos. La rimozione delle colpe del fascismo in Italia. Supervisor: Professor Bruno Ziglioli.

## RESEARCH POSITIONS

- From 11/2024 **Postdoctoral research fellow**  
Department of Political and Social Sciences, Università degli Studi di Pavia, Italy. Project: “A House to Call Home”: Housing Policies and Dwelling Memories of European Migrants in postwar Toronto and Halifax (1945-1967)

## VISITING AND GUEST POSITIONS

- 04/2025 – 05/2025. **Visiting Researcher**, Dalhousie University – Halifax, NS, Canada  
Research activities
- 10/2021 – 10/2022. **Visiting PhD student**, University of Victoria – Victoria, BC, Canada  
Research activities for PhD Dissertation
- 09/2019 – 12/2019 **Visiting MA student**, Ivan Franko National University – Lviv, Ukraine  
Research activities for master’s thesis

09/2015 – 02/2016 **Erasmus+ student**, University of Vienna – Vienna, Austria

## COURSES

- 04/2023 AISO Oral History School Documentation Centre, – Rome, Italy  
Interpreting the Oral Interview: Methods and Tools.
- 02/2020 Institute for Cultural Diplomacy – Berlin, Germany  
Engaged in an international forum on how art and culture can bridge communities and foster global dialogue, participating in lectures, workshops, and discussions with cultural practitioners, diplomats, and scholars.
- 08/2019 “Transsectoral Urban Lab. Participatory Urbanism beyond Metropolises” – European University Viadrina, Frankfurt Oder, Germany  
Summer school for graduate students on active citizenship and urban development in post-socialist cities.

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

### Teaching Assistant and Tutoring Activities

- A.Y. 2025/26  
*Tutor*, History of Russia – 40 hours (Prof. Marco Puleri), Università di Bologna, Forlì, Italy.
- From A.Y. 2024/25 – ongoing  
*Teaching Assistant*, Contemporary History: Collective Trauma and Memory (Prof. Anna Ferrando), Università degli Studi di Pavia, Italy.
- A.Y. 2023/24  
*Tutor*, Contemporary History – 30 hours (Profs. Bruno Ziglioli and Arianna Arisi Rota), Università degli Studi di Pavia, Italy.
- From A.Y. 2021/22 – ongoing  
*Teaching Assistant*, Contemporary History (Profs. Bruno Ziglioli and Arianna Arisi Rota), Università degli Studi di Pavia, Italy
- From A.Y. 2020/21 – ongoing  
*Teaching Assistant*, History of Political Movements and Parties (Prof. Bruno Ziglioli), Università degli Studi di Pavia, Italy

### Lectures in BA Programs

- A.Y. 2025/26  
*Lecturer*, Contemporary History – 20-hour evening course for working students, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Università degli Studi di Pavia, Italy.
- A.Y. 2024/25  
*Lecturer*, Contemporary History – 20-hour evening course for working students, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Università degli Studi di Pavia, Italy.  
*Seminar Leader*, History and Memory: Historiography, Key Concepts, and Sources – 6-hour

seminar (within the course *Contemporary History: Collective Trauma and Memory*, Prof. Anna Ferrando), Università degli Studi di Pavia, Italy.

- A.Y. 2023/24  
*Seminar Leader*, Cinema between Public Use and Political Use of History – 10-hour seminar (within the course *History and Cinema*, Prof. Vittorio Poma), Università degli Studi di Pavia, Italy.

#### Lectures in PhD Programs

- “From Margins to Mainstream: Conceptual Limits and Methodological Challenges in Refugee, Forced Migration, and Diaspora Studies”  
4-hour lecture, 10 February 2025 – Università degli Studi di Pavia, Italy.

#### Guest Lectures

- “Beyond the Post-Soviet: Exploring the Impact of 1991 on the Ukrainian Diaspora in Canada”  
2-hour lecture, 8 May 2024 – MIREES Workshop Series, University of Bologna (Forlì), Italy.
- “The Politics of Cultural and Intellectual Production in the Ukrainian Diaspora in Canada”  
2-hour lecture, 17 February 2023 – Seminar Series, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 12/2022 – ongoing    **Member of the editorial staff** for “Storia Urbana. Rivista di studi sulle trasformazioni della città e del territorio in età moderna”, (ISSN 0391-2248).  
Management of the publication process and copyediting.  
A-ranked journal for disciplinary group 11/HIST-03
- 05/2019 – 08/2019    **Cultural Office Internship** – General Consulate of Italy in Vancouver
- 2018                    **Library Assistant** – Biblioteca San Vitale, Ravenna, Italy.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- Postdoctoral Research Support Grant – SISSCo, (€500), 2025
- GLOBEC Grant – University of Pavia, for organizing an international winter school (€6,000), 2025
- Prize “Giuseppe Mango e Lucia Fortunato” – Award for best thesis on 20th–21st century geopolitics (€1,600), 2025
- *Travel grant* – SSHA to participate as a panelist the 48th SSHA Conference, 2022
- *Scholarship for dissertation abroad* – University of Bologna, 2019

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### Peer-reviewed articles (double-blinded)

- 2025 (ENG)            *The nation on the Catwalk: Traveling memories of belonging in the Miss Kiev Pageant in Winnipeg (1979–1984)*. Special Issue Memory in Transit. *Memory Studies*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/17506980251397837>

- 2023 (ENG) *The Ukrainian Women's Movement in Emigration (1945-1951): Domesticity, Nationalism, and Feminism in Displaced Person Camps*. Special Issue *Transnational Feminist Movement in History. Convergences, Intersections and Tensions*. *Contemporanea, Rivista di storia dell'800 e del '900*, 4, 547-571. doi: 10.1409/108688. (A-ranked journal for disciplinary group 11/HIST-03).
- 2021 (ENG) *"The Moon Was Not Stalinist" Post-Soviet Memory: Narratives from the Borderland City of Lviv*. *eSamizdat*, XIV, 137-152.

#### Working Papers

- 2024 (ENG) *1991: Narratives of (Non)-Return in the Ukrainian Diaspora in Canada*. Working Paper Series 2024/11, Canadian Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration, Toronto Metropolitan University.

#### Conference Proceedings

- 2024 (IT) *Nella famiglia libera e nuova. Il conflitto simbolico: L'ideologizzazione di Taras Shevchenko nella diaspora ucraina in Canada*. In *Conflicting Subjects. Between Clash and Recognition* (pp. 97-116). Atti della Student Conference 2021 dell'Università di Pavia, Pavia University Press.

#### Book Reviews

- 2025 (IT) Review of Adorni, Daniela, & Tabor, Davide (eds.), *Pensare la città. Condizione abitativa e politiche pubbliche nel "triangolo industriale" (1950-1980)*. Collana *I libri di Viella*, n. 472. Roma: Viella, 2024, in *Ricerche di Storia Politica*, 3/25, p. 207.
- 2024 (IT) Review of Ottolenghi, Walter, & Realini, Franco (eds.), *Quando c'era la cortina di ferro: storie di un destino ritrovato tra due Europe* (Milano: Biblion Edizioni, 2023, 547 pp.), in *Ricerche di Storia Politica*, 3/24, p. 303.

### **PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES & SEMINARS**

#### Panelist

- 2025 *Costruire il mosaico multiculturale: migrazioni, diritto all'abitare e cittadinanza attiva nel Canada del secondo dopoguerra*. Officina SISI, Università di Bologna - Campus Forlì.
- 2025 *Striking to be Canadians. Immigrant workers and the question of belonging in postwar Toronto*. International Conference of the Italian Association of Canadian Studies, Università L'Orientale di Napoli.
- 2025 *Roundtable "Voci, memorie, generazioni. Prospettive di ricerca per una storia orale della diplomazia italiana"*, Università di Pavia.
- 2024 *Travelling Memories of Belonging in the Ukrainian Diaspora in Canada (1945-1991)*, TMU Migration Working Group, TMU-CERC.
- 2023 *The Nation on the Catwalk: Miss Kiev and Practices of Belonging in*

- Winnipeg (1979-1984), Transnational and Global History Seminars - University of Oxford.
- 2023 *The City of 'Others': Temporal Topographies in Lviv*, 29<sup>th</sup> International Conference Council of European Studies – University of Iceland
- 2022 *Ukrainian Memories from the Camp: Life as a Displaced Child after WWII*, 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Social Science History Association – Chicago
- 2022 “The End of the Soviet Union and the Conflict in Ukraine”, University of Pavia
- 2021 *The Symbolic Conflict: Taras Shevchenko in the Ukrainian Diaspora in Canada*, Student Conference 2021 – University of Pavia

## ORGANIZATION OF WINTER SCHOOLS, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS

- 2025 Scientific coordinator of the Winter School “The Future of the Past. Research Pathways in Digital Humanities and Memory Studies” (10-12 December). WS organized at the University of Pavia and co-funded by University of Toronto and infoclio.ch.

### Member of the organizing committee of conferences

- 2023 *Circulating histories. Forms and limits of exchange from ancient times to the contemporary age*. 6 June 2023 – University of Pavia, Italy.
- 2022 *By what authority? The historical narration as a (de)legitimizing instrument*. 23-24 May 2022 – University of Pavia, Italy.

### Seminars, roundtables and workshops

- 2025 Roundtable discussion: “Voci, Memorie, Generazioni. Per una storia orale della diplomazia italiana”. Organized with Prof. Arianna Arisi Rota. November 2025 – University of Pavia, Italy.
- 2023 Seminar Series “Sguardi a Est. Politiche della memoria e costruzioni nazionali” Organized with Prof. Bruno Ziglioli. May 2023 – University of Pavia, Italy.

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- 2024 Seminar: "*Genealogical Tourism: Family Stories, Places of Memory, Roots*" Part of the study trip “Il tempo della storia”
- 2024 "*Fleeing from the East: Refugees, Displaced Persons, and Exiles after World War II*" March 15, 2024. Seminar in High School – IIS Faravelli, Stradella.
- 2024 Seminar: "*The Roots of the Ukrainian Question*" February 23-24, 2024 – Associazione Culturale Testimoni e Protagonisti
- 2022 Lecture as part of the course-competition "Il tempo della storia"

## MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATIONS

From 2022 – Italian Society for the Study of Contemporary History (SISSCO)

From 2021 – Memory Studies Association (MSA)

From 2020 – Italian Association for Ukrainian Studies (AISU)

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Italian: Native
- English: Advanced (C2)
- German: Intermediate (B1)
- Ukrainian: Basic (A2)
- French: Beginner (A1)
- Mandarin Chinese: Beginner (A1)

## OTHER CERTIFICATES AND SKILLS

- TEFL/TESOL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language), The TEFL Org, 2024  
Credential ID: 249143
- Digital Competence (DigComp 2.2) Intertek Italia, 2025, level: C2 (highly specialized)
- Art & Inquiry: Museum Teaching Strategies, The Museum of Modern Art, 2024  
Credential ID: G32XT6GNJW2E
- Management of Arts & Cultural Organizations, University of Maryland, 2024  
Credential ID: QBG6BL4KQGBU
- Foundations of UX Design, Google, 2024; Credential ID: W2F94LY8X6P7
- Generative AI: Foundation Models, IBM, 2024; Credential ID: QV56YPQF39FC
- Generative AI: Impact & Ethics, IBM, 2024; Credential ID: 3VKHVWV6SDA2
- Generative AI: Introduction & Applications, IBM, 2024; Credential ID: TEABEYYYYZ8B
- Generative AI: Prompt Engineering Basics, IBM, 2024; Credential ID: DYGNZFB5USYE

## VOLUNTEERING

- Jan 2024 – Jun 2024      GASC – Gallery of Modern Art, Villa Clerici, Milan  
Front-desk duties
- From 2015                Collaboration with "*Il tempo della storia*", an annual history course and competition open to high school students in the Province of Pavia. Initially a winner of the program, I have been contributing as a member of the teaching commission and board.

Pavia, 12/02/2026

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