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Previous academic positions

July 2000-November 2020. Senior Lecturer in English Literature (L-Lin/10), LILEC Department, University of Bologna.

1998-2000. University of Bologna. Adjunct Professor of English Language and Literature.

Education

1996-1998. University of Bologna. Post-doctorate in English Studies.

October-December 1994. University of Canterbury at Kent (UK). Graduate Student in Modern Literature.

March-May 1994. The British Council, Bologna. 'Literature in Translation Course', taught by Tim Parks.

1991-1995. University of Florence. Dottorato di ricerca in Anglistica (Doctorate in English Literature). Thesis: 'La leggibilità del male: genealogia del romanzo poliziesco e del romanzo anarchico.' Director: Professor Guido Fink.

1986-90. University of Bologna. B.A. in Foreign Languages and Literatures. Dissertation: 'Scrittura e lettura nella narrativa di Henry James' (Reading and Writing in the Fiction of Henry James). Director: Professor Guido Fink.

Research activity and publications

- *Research interests*
- *Grants and awards*
- *Publications*
- *Speaker, discussant or chair in conferences, seminars and round tables*

- *Conference organisation*
- *Editorial boards for series and periodicals*
- *Refereeing activity*
- *Research projects since 2000*
- *Collaboration with research centres*
- *Roles in associations and literary prizes*
- *Scientific affiliations*
- *Book reviews*
- *Creative writing*

Research interests

Crime and detective fiction. Anarchist fiction. Transcultural Literature. World Literature. Postmodernist fiction. Modernist fiction. Late-Victorian fiction. The aesthetic movement. 16th-19th Century Travel literature. The formation of the English literary canon. Early-modern literature.

Grants and awards

Proponent of the Early-Stage Research Fellowship that the Institute of Advanced Studies of the University of Bologna awarded to David Levente Palatinus (Slovakia) in 2014.

Distinguished Research Fellow at the Cardiff Humanities Research Institute (CHRI), 25 October – 8 November 2009.

Proponent of the Visiting Fellowship that the Institute of Advanced Studies of the University of Bologna awarded to Prof. Donald Beecher (Canada) in 2009.

Nomination for the Mystery Writers of America's Edgar Awards 2008 (category 'Best Critical/Biographical'). *A Counter-History of Crime Fiction*, London: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2007.

Publications

Una 'versione evoluta di Alexa': il poliziesco incontra l'intelligenza artificiale nei romanzi di Jo Callaghan, forthcoming.

Entries on the English sonnet, Postmodernism and *The Waste Land*, in *Manuale di letteratura e cultura inglese*, forthcoming.

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- ‘The Murder Game: De-Realisation and the Uncanny in Golden Age Detective Fiction’, *Studies in Crime Writing*, 4 (2023): 1-11 <<https://sicw.newberry.edu/index.php/sicw/article/view/58/31>>.
- ‘Impersonalità ed empatia in Katherine Mansfield: un percorso tra letteratura, cinema, filosofia e psicoanalisi’, *DIVE-IN: An International Journal on Diversity & Inclusion*, 2 (2021): 5-30 <<https://dive-in.unibo.it/>>.
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- 'The Aesthetics of Evil: the "artist-criminal" in Victorian literature', International Conference *Pictures of Modernity*, University of Venice, 10-11 May 2007.
- Chair (with Giuliano Pancaldi) of the session 'Epistemology and Science Communication', ACUME2 General Meeting, University of Bologna at Bertinoro, 16-18 March 2007.
- Presentation of a research project entitled 'Science, Pseudo-science and Popular Culture in the Victorian Period and After', ACUME2 Brainstorming, Villa Vigoni, 26-28 November 2006.
- 'Presentation of the Conference', International Conference *Conflicts: strategies of representation of war in postmodern culture*, University of Bologna, 5-7 October 2006.
- 'Shakespeare e il Poets' Corner: memoria culturale e "identità nazionale"', Seminar for Doctoral Students, University of Salerno, 7 June 2006.
- 'Poets' Corner: an illustrated history', CEIR Seminar No. 4, Cardiff University, 7 February 2006.

- ‘Londra come cuore di tenebra: il primitivo nel centro dell’impero’, International Conference *Il primitivismo e le sue metamorfosi: archeologia di un discorso culturale*, University of Bologna, 17-19 November 2005.
- “‘A Spectacle to Make the Country Proud’: Lord Tennyson’s Funeral in Westminster Abbey’, International Conference *Ripensare il canone. La letteratura inglese e anglo-americana*, University of Siena, 13-15 October 2005.
- “‘A Freak of Freedom’: British Travellers to the Republic of San Marino’, Fifth International Conference on *England and Italy: Literary and Cultural Relations*, University of Malta, 14-16 September 2005.
- ‘Pilgrims and Heretics at the Shrine: Reassessing the history of Shakespeare’s birthplace’, ACUME International Conference *The Cultural Reconstruction of Places*, University of Reykjavik (Iceland), 24-26 June 2005.
- ‘La dialettica antico-moderno e la formazione del canone letterario inglese tra Cinque e Settecento’, International Conference *Rivoluzioni dell’antico / Révolutions de l’antique*, University of Bologna, 29 November-1 December 2004.
- ‘Shifting Borders: the lure of Italy and the Orient in the writings of 18th and 19th century British travellers’, ACUME International Conference *Sites of Exchange: Cities, Borders, Rivers, Seas*, Istituto Universitario Suor Orsola Benincasa (Naples), 23-25 September 2004.
- “‘English Italianate is Devil Incarnate’: national prejudices and the role of Grandtourists in the hybridisation of European cultural memory’, CYSSE International Conference, *Cultures of Memory/Memories of Culture*, University of Nicosia (Cyprus), 20-22 February 2004.
- ‘Images from an unknown country: Simon Berington’s utopian dreams and their visual representation’, *11th International Congress on the Enlightenment and 34th Annual ASECS Meeting*, UCLA (Los Angeles), 3-10 August 2003.
- “‘The Master in the Middle Distance’: Max Beerbohm, Henry James and literary forgery’, International Conference *Quasi Come: The Beauty of Fake and Forgery in Literature and Art*, Istituto Italiano di Cultura (Los Angeles), 25-27 October 2002.
- ‘Che lingua parla Auguste Dupin? Breve indagine sul poliziesco delle origini’, *I Convegno nazionale sulla letteratura popolare: il caso Sherlock Holmes*, Roseto degli Abruzzi (Teramo - Italy), 5-7 July 2002.
- ‘The “Discovery” of the Apennines. Cultural Memory and the Perception of Landscape’, *La morte del paesaggio / The Death of Landscape*, Summer School 2002, University of Bologna, 24-29 June 2002.
- “‘O for the pencil of Salvator, or the pen of a Radcliff!’: British and American Travellers in the Apennines’, *The Grand Tour Lives On*, The Second International Symposium co-sponsored by the University of Bologna and the University of Denver, Bologna, 26 November 2001.
- ‘Che lingua parla Auguste Dupin?’, International Conference *Il giallo e il nero*, Maison Française, Bologna, 25-26 October 2001.

- ‘Artisti, anarchici e atavismo: il “degenerato” come mostro’, International Conference *Incontrare i mostri: variazioni sul tema nella letteratura e cultura inglese e anglo-americana*, University of Salerno. Fisciano (SA), 12-13 October 2001.
- ‘Il giallo allo specchio: un genere letterario acquista coscienza di sé’, International Conference *Il giallo in biblioteca* (on the occasion of the donation of the Benstock Fund to the Library of the University), SSLMIT, University of Bologna at Forlì, 15-16 June 2001.
- ‘Persecution and Omniscience: Two Gothic Elements in 19th Century Detective Fiction’, University of Cardiff, 2 May 2001.
- ‘James III in the Italian Archives – Between Material History and Iconography’, Restoration to Reform Seminar, University of Cambridge (Pembroke College), 9 February 2001.
- ‘Cosmopolitanism, Orientalism, and the European Identity in *The Europeans*’, American Graduate Seminar, University of Cambridge (Faculty of English), Cambridge, 8 February 2001.
- ‘Mapping the Private Life and the Literary Canon: Ford Madox Ford's *Mightier than the Sword*’, *Ford Madox Ford and the Republic of Letters*. An International Symposium’, University of Bologna, 11-14 January 2001.
- ‘“Murder Will Out”: dreams, detection and the quest for revenge in Medieval and modern English literature’, *Encontro de Literatura Policial*, Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto (Portugal), 23-24 November 2000.
- ‘Prince Camaralzaman and Princess Badoura Come to Tea: Cosmopolitanism and the European Identity in *The Europeans*’, *On Relationships Between the USA and Europe*, European University Institute (Florence), 21-2 May 1999.
- ‘*Mesmeric Revelations*: i racconti di Edgar Allan Poe tra pseudoscienza e hoax’, *Fluidi elettrici e immaginario nella letteratura tra Sette e Ottocento*, Accademia delle Scienze (Bologna), 19-20 February 1999.
- ‘Gli svaghi superflui di un’ennuyée: i soggiorni romani di Anna Jameson’, *Effetto Roma: Viaggiatori inglesi tra Sette e Ottocento*, Istituto Nazionale di Studi Romani (Rome), May 1998.
- ‘A Journey to Melancholy: Anna Jameson’s Italian Travels’, *4th Conference of the European Society for the Study of English Literature*, Debrecen (Hungary), 5-9 September 1997.
- ‘In Defense of Injustice: Dystopian Tensions in L.P. Hartley’s *Facial Justice*’, *Vite di utopia*, Gargnano sul Garda (Italy), 9-11 June 1997.
- ‘Tre profili d’esteta: Gilbert Osmond, Mark Ambient, Gabriel Nash’, *Henry James e le origini del moderno* Seminar for Doctoral Students, University of Bologna, October 1996.
- ‘“A Story to be Hastily Gobbled up”: *Caleb Williams* poliziesco suo malgrado’, *1789-1805: il primo Romanticismo*. A seminar organised by the Centro interdisciplinare per gli studi romantici’, University of Bologna, May 1996.
- Coordinator (together with Alessandra Calanchi and Maria Giulia Fabi) of a Workshop entitled: ‘Marked Bodies: Bearing the Badges of Difference in American

Literature', *Red Badges of Courage. Wars and Conflicts in American Culture*, XIII AISNA Biennial Conference, University of Rome, October 1995.

'Selling England by the Pound – English Mansions and American Owners', *Il centauro anglo-americano: culture di lingua inglese a confronto*, XVII AIA Conference, University of Bologna, February 1995.

'The Sharp Black Line: The Search for Closure in Henry James's Theory of the Novel', *The Insular Dream: Obsession and Resistance*, EAAS Biennial Conference, Luxembourg, March 1994.

'One-Way Words: An Interpretation of Henry James's *In the Cage*', *Technology and the American Imagination: An Ongoing Challenge*, XII AISNA Biennial Conference, University of Venice, October 1993.

Conference organisation

Member of the scientific committee of the international conference *Ereditare Eco. Umberto Eco, l'Università di Bologna e tutti i saperi del mondo*, University of Bologna, 27-29 May 2026.

Member of the scientific committee of the conference *Scandalous! Celebrità, clamori letterari e gossip da Lord Byron a Oscar Wilde*, University of Bologna, 5-6 February 2026.

Member of the scientific and organising committees of the international conference *P.B. Shelley's Contemporaneity/ies: International Bicentenary Conference*, University of Bologna, 20-22 October 2022.

Member of the scientific committee of the Summer School *Questions of Style: Bridging Literature, Linguistics and Translation*, University of Bologna, 21-24 June 2022.

Member of the organising committee of the 12th IASEMS Conference *Making Pictures Speak: Working with Images in Early Modern England*, University of Bologna, 8-10 June 2022.

Member of the Advisory Board of the conference *Detecting Europe in contemporary crime narratives: print fiction, film, and television*, Link Campus University, 21-23 June 2021.

Member of the scientific committee of the Winter School *Patrimonio culturale / Cultural Heritage*, University of Bologna, 16-18 December 2020.

Member of the scientific committee of the Graduate Conference *Letteratura e altri mondi: generi, politica, società*, University of Bologna, 1-2 July 2020.

Member of the scientific committee of the Winter School *La traduzione come metafora / Translation as Metaphor*, University of Bologna, 9-11 December 2019.

Member of the scientific committee of the conference *Wilde World*, University of Bologna, 11 October 2019.

Convenor (with R. Coronato, R. Geftter, A. Petrina and D. Saglia) of the Literary Workshop within the 29th AIA Conference, *Thinking Out of the Box: Questioning Assumptions, Debunking Myths, Trespassing Boundaries*, University of Padua, 4-7 September 2019.

- Member of the scientific and organising committee of the international conference *Myth and Dream / The Dreaming of Myth – Sogno e mito / sognare il mito*, University of Bologna, 23-24 May 2019.
- Member of the scientific and organising committee of the international conference *Global F(r)ictions*, University of Bologna, 6-7 December 2018.
- Member of the scientific and organising committee of the conference ‘*The Gothic Galaxy: Intersections and Metamorphoses*’, University of Bologna, 15-16 September 2016.
- Member of the scientific committee of the conference *Thank you, Guido! Guido Fink nell’università e in altri luoghi del sapere*, University of Bologna, 23-24 June 2015.
- Member of the scientific committee of the conference ‘*In the Public Sphere*’: *Crime, Transgression and Subversion in Shakespeare and Early Modern England*, University of Bergamo, 28-29 May 2015.
- Member of the scientific committee of the IASEMS Graduate Conference at the British Institute of Florence, *Humour in Shakespeare’s Arcadia: Gender, Genre, and Wordplay in Early Modern Comedy*, 23 April 2015.
- Member of the scientific committee of the conference #LetterariaMente: *Incontro di studi sull’insegnamento delle letterature*, University of Bologna, 16-17 April 2015.
- Member of the scientific committee of the conference *Maps and Borders*, University of Lecce, 29-30 May 2014.
- Convenor (with L. Bandiera and G. Angeletti) of the Literary Workshop within the 26th AIA Conference, *Remediating, Rescripting, Remaking: Old and New Challenges in English Studies*, University of Parma, 12-14 September 2013.
- Member of the scientific committee of the conference *Rethinking Early Modern: Critical Approaches*, University of Padua, 17-18 May 2013.
- Member of the scientific committee of *Urbinoir 2012: Il lato oscuro delle parole / The Dark Side of Words*, University of Urbino, 28-30 November 2012.
- Member of the scientific committee of *Urbinoir 2011*, University of Urbino, 1-3 December 2011.
- Member of the scientific committee of the international conference *Shakespeare e la nuova scienza in età early modern/ Shakespeare and the New Science in Early Modern Culture*, University of Roma Tre, 9-10 June 2011;
- Member of the scientific and organising committees of the conference: *Early Modern English Studies in Italy*, University of Bologna, 23 April 2010.
- Member of the scientific and organising committees of the conference *Detective Fiction / Crime Fiction: teorie e applicazioni didattiche*, University of Tuscia at Viterbo, 3-4 December 2009.
- Convenor (with Elena Spandri) of a special session entitled ‘Symbolic Borders, Imagined Communities’ within the international conference *Transnational Identities – Reimagining Communities*, University of Bologna, 12-15 March 2008.
- Member of the scientific and organising committees of the International conference *Conflitti: strategie di rappresentazione della guerra nella cultura postmoderna*, Università di Bologna, 5-7 October 2006.

Member of the scientific committee of the international conference: *Il primitivismo e le sue metamorfosi: archeologia di un discorso culturale*, Università di Bologna, 17-19 November 2005.

Member of the scientific and organising committees of the conference *Fluidi elettrici e immaginario nella letteratura tra Sette e Ottocento*, Bologna, Accademia delle Scienze, 19-20 February 1999.

Coordinator (with Alessandra Calanchi and M.G. Fabi) of a Workshop entitled 'Marked Bodies: Bearing the Badges of Difference in American Literature', XIII AISNA Biennial Conference *Red Badges of Courage. Wars and Conflicts in American Culture*, University of Rome, October 1995.

Editorial boards for periodicals

Member of the Scientific/Editorial Board of *InterArtes*, <https://www.iulm.it/speciali/interartes/home/>.

Member of the Editorial Board of *Crime Fiction Studies*. <https://www.euppublishing.com/loi/cfs>.

Member of the International Advisory Board of *CLCWeb: Comparative Literature and Culture*, <http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/clcweb/>.

Member of the Advisory Board of *Studies in Crime Writing*. <http://sicw.newberry.edu/>.

Member of the Editorial Board of *Linguae &* (University of Urbino). www.ledonline.it/linguae.

Member of the Editorial Board of *TransPostCross: letteratura culture* (University of Bologna). <http://transpostcross.it/>.

Refereeing

Referee for the following journals: *Academic Quarter*, *Altre modernità*, *Annali di Cà Foscari*, *Between*, *European Journal of Life Writing*, *Il confronto letterario*, *Intersezioni*, *JEMS*, *Lingue e Linguaggi*, *mediAzioni*, *Modernism/modernity*, *Mosaic*, *Polythesis*, *Ricerche di pedagogia e didattica*, *Rilune*, *Textus*, *Translation: A Transdisciplinary Journal*, *TransPostCross*. Referee for Bloomsbury, CEU Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Purdue University Press, and for the series *Skenè. Texts and Studies*.

Research projects since 2000

Member of the Progetto di Eccellenza *Diversity and Inclusion* (Dipartimenti di Eccellenza), 2018-22 (active in the groups Rivista, Officine dell'interculturalità, Summer/Winter Schools).

Member of the HORIZON 2020 Project *Detecting Transcultural Identity in European Popular Crime Narratives — DETECt* (Grant Agreement n. 770151), expected duration 40 months since 1st April 2018.

Proponent (with Giuliana Benvenuti and Rita Monticelli) of the research project *Millennium Novels, Global Readers*, which the Academy of Global Humanities and Critical Theory (<http://aghct.org>) financed with a grant of 5000 euros in May 2017.

European Thematic Network ‘ACUME2. Interfacing Sciences, Literature & Humanities: An Interdisciplinary Approach’ (2006-9). Member of Subprojects 1 and 2.

European Thematic Network ‘ACUME. Cultural Memory’ (2003-6). Member of the Scientific Board and of Subproject 3 ‘Places and Memory’.

Research Project ‘Il primitivismo e le sue metamorfosi: archeologia di un discorso culturale’ (2003-5). Member.

Research Project ‘Scrivere e rappresentare i conflitti nel Novecento: volontà di testimoniare e difficoltà del dire’ (2003-5). Member.

European Thematic Network ‘COTEPPRA. Comparative Thematic Network’ (1999-2001). Member.

PRIN “Immagini e raffigurazioni della mostruosità nella comunicazione letteraria e culturale d'Inghilterra ed America dalle origini mitiche all'età contemporanea” (1999-2001).

Collaboration with research centres

Member of the Departmental Research Centre on Utopia, Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, University of Bologna.

Member of *Power to the Pop* – Observatory on contemporary Pop Cultures, Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, University of Bologna.

Member of CISR (Inter-university Centres on the Study of Romanticism), University of Bologna.

Formal external collaboration with the Inter-Departmental Research Centre on Noir, University of Urbino.

Roles in associations and literary prizes

Member of the judging panel (with Angela Smith and Janka Kascakova) for the ‘Katherine Mansfield Society Essay Prize’ 2022.

Member of the Scientific Committee for the “Premio di Traduzione Noir Tullio Dobner” 2020 (University of Urbino).

Member of the judging panel for the “Premio Scerbanenco” 2019 (Noir in Festival).

Member of the Executive Board of IASEMS (Italian Association of Shakespearean and Early Modern Studies), appointed as Treasurer, between May 2009 and June 2015.

Member of the judging panel (with Gerri Kimber and Claire Davison) for the ‘Katherine Mansfield Society Essay Prize’ 2014.

Member of the judging panel for the ‘Premio Paolo Zanolini per gli studi letterari’ 2013.
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Scientific affiliations

AIA (Associazione Italiana di Anglistica) – ESSE (European Society for the Study of English).

IASEMS (Italian Association of Shakespearean and Early Modern Studies).

KMS (Katherine Mansfield Society)

Crime Studies Network.

International Crime Fiction Association.

Book reviews

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Stephen Knight, *English Industrial Fiction of the Mid-Nineteenth Century: The Voice of the People*, *DIVE-IN: An International Journal on Diversity & Inclusion*, 4.1 (2024): 181-184 <<https://dive-in.unibo.it/>>.

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Laura Tosi (with Peter Hunt), *The Fabulous Journeys of Alice and Pinocchio: Exploring their Parallel Worlds* (2018), *Linguae &*, 18.1 (2019): 107-110.

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Edward Chaney, *Genius Friend: G. B. Edwards & the Book of Ebenezer Le Page*, no place: Blue Ormer Publishing, 2015, *Linguae &*, 15.2 (2016): 87-90

Suman Gupta, *Philology and Global English Studies: Retracings*, Basingstoke (Hampshire): Palgrave Macmillan, 2015, *Philology*, 2 (2016): 335-338.

Thomas A. Prendergast, *Poetical Dust: Poets' Corner and the Making of Britain*, Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015, *The Review of English Studies*, 67 (2016): 1005-1007.

- Eva Taylor, *Carta da zucchero*, Ravenna, Fernandel, 2015, *Linguae &* 15.1 (2016): 67-70.
- Stephen Knight, *Secrets of Crime Fiction Classics: Detecting the Delights of 21 Enduring Stories*, Jefferson (NC): McFarland, 2014, *Linguae &* 14.2 (2015): 83-86.
- Sergio Guerra, *Figli della diaspora: romanzo e multiculturalità nella Gran Bretagna contemporanea (1950-2014)*, Fano: Aras Edizioni, 2014, *Linguae &*, 14.1 (2015): 79-81.
- Maddalena Pennacchia Punzi, *Shakespeare intermediale: i drammi romani*, Spoleto (PG): Editoria & Spettacolo, 2012; Gilberta Golinelli, *Il testo shakespeariano dialoga con i nuovi storicismi, il materialismo culturale e gli studi di genere*, Bologna: Odoya, 2012, *Dialogoi: rivista di studi comparatistici*, 1 (2014): 151-54.
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- Mads Rosendahl Thomsen, *Mapping World Literature: International Canonization and Transnational Literatures*, London: Continuum, 2008, *TransPostCross: letteratura e culture* 1 (2011). <<http://www.transpostcross.it/>>
- Heather Worthington, *Key Concepts in Crime Fiction*, Basingstoke – New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011, *Linguae &* 2 (2011): 91-94. <<http://www.ledonline.it/linguae/>>
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- Jon Lellenberg, Daniel Stashower and Charles Foley (eds), *Arthur Conan Doyle: A Life in Letters*, *Sherlock Magazine*. <<http://www.sherlockmagazine.it/notizie/3103/>>
- John Meade Falkner, *Lo Stradivario perduto*, Valentina Poggi (ed.), *Linguae & Rivista di lingue e culture moderne* 1 (2007): 83-86. <<http://www.ledonline.it/linguae/>>
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- Joseph Wiesenfarth (ed.), *History and Representation in Ford Madox Ford’s Writings*, *Studi di estetica* 32 (2005).
- Benedetta Bini (ed.), *Esercizi di lettura. Scritti in onore di Mirella Billi. Caffè Michelangelo* X.2 (May-August 2005): 67-68.

- Roberta Ferrari (ed.), *Gli abissi di Alfeo: La dimensione memoriale nella letteratura in inglese. Rivista di Letterature moderne e comparate* 58.1 (gennaio-marzo 2005): 105-107.
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- 'How (Not) to Read an Italian Classic: *The Betrothed*', *The Cambridge Quarterly* 28.1 (1999): 80-3.
- Ornella De Zordo, *En Travesti: figurazioni del femminile nella narrativa inglese. Merope* 26 (January 1999): 168-72.
- Robert Browning, *Andrea del Sarto, Pictor Ignotus, Fra Lippo Lippi*. Francesco Rognoni (ed.), *Merope* 23 (January 1998): 161-63.
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- Robert Browning, *L'anello e il libro. (The Ring and the Book)*, Translated by Simone Saglia with a Preface by Franco Buffoni, *Testo a fronte* 14 (March 1996): 185-88.
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‘La lettera rubata’, *Delitti di carta*, 1 (November 2003): 21-26.

Institutional activities

Member of the Executive Board of the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures of the University of Bologna, since May 2024.

Head of the LILEC Department (Lingue, Letterature e Culture Moderne) of the University of Bologna between May 2021 and May 2024.

Member of the Space Allocation Board, Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, University of Bologna, since October 2018.

Coordinator of the Degree Programme in Foreign Languages and Literatures, Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, University of Bologna, between 1st October 2018 and 2nd May 2021.

Member of the Executive Board of the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures of the University of Bologna, between May 2018 and November 2020.

Member of the VRA (Valutazione Ricerca Ateneo – University Research Assessment) Panel no. 10, since August 2017.

Member of the Examining Board for a position as Fixed-term Lecturer in English Literature at the University of Bologna (SSD L-LIN/10 LETTERATURA INGLESE, DISP. DIR. REP 2546 PROT. 53304 30/6/2015).

Member of the Quality Assurance Board, Degree Programme in Foreign Languages and Literatures, since June 2014.

Coordinator of an Erasmus Exchange with UCL, University College London, since October 2013.

Member of the Examining Board for a position as Fixed-term Lecturer in English Literature at the University of Bologna (SSD L-LIN/10 LETTERATURA INGLESE, DISP. DIR. REP 1141 Prot. 16419 12/4/2013).

Member of the Examining Board for the Secondary School Traineeship (TFA) at the University of Bologna between July and November 2012.

Member of the Students’ Orientation Board of the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures of the University of Bologna since November 2011.

Member of the Examining Board for a position as Lecturer in English Language and Translation at the University of Ferrara, (SSD L-LIN/12 – Lingua e traduzione – Lingua inglese, Nomina, GU n.89 21/11/2006).

Member of the Executive Board of the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures of the University of Bologna between July 2003 and October 2008.

Coordinator of three Erasmus Exchanges (University of Edinburgh, University of Manchester, University of Leicester) since 2004.

Member of the Executive Board of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures of the University of Bologna between October 2000 and October 2006.

Teaching experience

- *Courses*
- *Seminars*
- *Teaching activity in doctorates*
- *Supervision and co-supervision of PhD and MA theses*
- *Research doctorate boards and doctorate examining boards*
- *External examiner for MA / Ph.D. theses and peer reviewer for postdoctoral fellowships*

Courses taught

2024/25 Third year course 'Criminal and Detective Minds'. First year course 'Magicians, witches and fairies in the English Renaissance Theatre: Knowledge, power, nature and gender'.

2023/24 Third year course "'The past is a foreign country': Love, Sex, War and the English Country House'. First year course 'Magicians and witches in the English Renaissance Theatre: Knowledge, power and gender'.

2022/23 Third year course 'Criminal and Detective Minds'. First year course 'Magicians and witches in the English Renaissance Theatre: Knowledge, power and gender'.

2021/22 Third year course "'The past is a foreign country': Love, Sex, War and the English Country House'. First year course 'Magicians and witches in the English Renaissance Theatre: Knowledge, power and gender'.

2020/21 Third year course 'From the Gothic to the Psychological Thriller'. First year course 'Magicians and witches in the English Renaissance Theatre: Knowledge, power and gender'.

2019/20 Third year course 'Detective Deeds and Criminal Minds'.

2018/19 Third year course "'The past is a foreign country': Love, Sex, War and the English Country House'.

2017/18 Third year course 'From the Gothic to the Psychothriller'.

2016/17 Third year course "'The past is a foreign country': Love, Sex, War and the English Country House'.

- 2015/16 Third year course 'From the Gothic to the Psychothriller'.
- 2014/15 Third year course "'The past is a foreign country": Love, Sex, War and the English Country House'.
- 2013/14 Third year course 'Crime Fiction and the Gothic'.
- 2012/13 Third year course 'From Poe to Larsson: 19th and 20th century stories of crime and detection'.
- 2011/12 First year course 'Magicians and witches in the English Renaissance Theatre: Knowledge, power and gender'.
- 2010/11 First year course "Etica, crimine e potere nella *Revenge Tragedy* rinascimentale".
- 2009/10 First year course 'The Shadow of Desire: identity and power in the Shakespearean comedies'.
- 2008/09 First year course 'Magicians and witches in the English Renaissance Theatre: Knowledge, power and gender'.
- 2007/08 First year modules 'Violence, ethics and politics in Renaissance Revenge Tragedies'; "'The Science of Deduction": Detection, science and pseudo-science in 19th Century crime fiction'.
- 2006/07 First year modules 'The Invention of Love: Friendship, cross-dressing and identity in the Shakespearean comedies'; "'A Cry against Corruption": Katherine Mansfield's stories between autobiography and experimentation'.
- 2005/06 First year modules "'Peace, I will stop your mouth": Gender, language and authority in Renaissance theatre'; "'Those most mysterious of mysteries": 19th century Sensation Fiction'.
- 2004/05 First year modules 'The Shadow of Desire: identity and power in the Shakespearean comedies'; "'A Cry against Corruption": Katherine Mansfield's stories between autobiography and experimentation'.
- 2003/04 First and second year modules 'The Duty of Revenge: Renaissance Revenge Tragedies'; "'Those most mysterious of mysteries": 19th century Sensation Fiction'.
- 2002/03 First year module 'The Shadow of Desire: identity and power in the Shakespearean comedies'.
- 2001/02 First year module 'The Duty of Revenge: Renaissance Revenge Tragedies'.
- 1999/2000 First year module 'Detective Fiction between the 18th and the Early 20th-Centuries'.

Seminars

- 27-29 May 2019. Academic writing seminar (9 hours) at the 'Scuola Superiore' of the University of Catania.
- 15-18 May 2017. Academic writing seminar (9 hours) at the 'Scuola Superiore' of the University of Catania.
- 9-11 June 2015. Academic writing seminar (9 hours) at the 'Scuola Superiore' of the University of Catania.

2000/01 'Classic and Contemporary Detective Fiction'.

1999/2000 Towards Theory: The evolution of literary studies between the 19th and 20th centuries Seminario

Teaching activity in doctorates

'La sottile linea verde: narrazione e comprensione interculturale', Dottorato in Lingue, Letterature e Culture Moderne: diversità e inclusione, University of Bologna, 8 April 2021.

'Distant reading e generi letterari: il caso poliziesco', Doctorate in Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, University of Bologna, 14 February 2018.

'Ombre e fantasmi: Ian Rankin e l'invenzione del Tartan Noir', Doctorate in Literary and Cultural Studies, University of Bologna, 17 March 2015.

'The Challenges of World Literature: Potentials and Risks of a New Methodological Approach', Doctorate in Philological, Literary, Historical, Philosophic and Artistic Sciences, University of Parma, 24 February 2015.

'Crossing the Green Line: World Literature and Intercultural Understanding', Doctorate in Linguistic, Philological and Literary Sciences, University of Padua, 26 February 2014.

'Blurred Boundaries: Ambivalence and Power in *Macbeth*', Research Doctorate in Modern Languages, Cultures and Society, Department of Comparative Language and Cultural Studies, University of Venice, 27 November 2012.

'The Moretti-Prendergast Debate in the "New Left Review"', Aarhus University, Ph.D. Seminar, September 29, 2010.

'Shakespeare e il Poets' Corner: memoria culturale e "identità nazionale"', Doctorate Seminar, Department of European and Postcolonial Studies, University of Venice, 3 April 2008.

'Shakespeare e il Poets' Corner: memoria culturale e "identità nazionale"', Doctorate in Language, texts and English and American languages, Università di Salerno, 7 June 2006.

Supervision and co-supervision of PhD and MA theses

2018- Co-supervisor for Sara Pini, Research Doctorate in Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, University of Bologna.

2016-. Supervisor for Sara Alessio, Research Doctorate in Literary and Cultural Studies, University of Bologna.

2014-2017. Co-supervisor for Aureliana Natale, Research Doctorate in Literary and Cultural Studies, University of Bologna.

2012-2016. Co-supervisor for Valentina Chiesa. Research Doctorate in Literary and Cultural Studies (27th cycle), University of Bologna.

2009-2012. Supervisor for Fabio Pesaresi. Research Doctorate in European Intercultural Studies (24th cycle), University of Urbino.

Research doctorate boards and doctorate examining boards

President of the Examining Board for the Research Doctorate in Modern Languages, Literature and Cultures (34th cycle), University of Bologna, 16 June 2022.

Member of the Examining Board for the Research Doctorate in European and Extra-European Linguistic, Literary and Intercultural Studies, University of Milan (33rd cycle), 24 June 2021.

May-June 2018. Secretary of the Examining Board for the admission to the 34th cycle of the Research Doctorate in Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, jointly run by the universities of Bologna and L'Aquila.

Since March 2017, Member of the Research Doctorate in Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures; since 2020 Research Doctorate in Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures: Diversity and Inclusion, University of Bologna.

November 2016. Evaluator for the Doctoral Thesis of Andrea Laquidara, Research Doctorate in Humanistic Cultures – Intercultural Studies (29th cycle), University of Urbino.

September 2015. President of the Examining Board for the admission to the 31st cycle of the Research Doctorate in Literary and Cultural Studies, jointly run by the universities of Bologna and L'Aquila.

April 2015. Member of the Examining Board for the Research Doctorate in Comparative Languages, Literatures and Cultures, University of Florence.

April 2013-April 2020. Member of the Research Doctorate in Literary and Cultural Studies, University of Bologna.

20 April 2012. Member of the Examining Board for the Research Doctorate in European Intercultural Studies, University of Urbino.

External examiner for MA / Ph.D. theses and peer reviewer for postdoctoral fellowships

April 2020. External Examiner for Nadia Bracegirdle's Master Thesis, University of Melbourne (Australia).

25 October 2019. External Examiner for the Ph.D. Thesis of Stefano Serafini: *Criminology, Gothic, and the Supernatural in Italian Crime Fiction (1861-1914)*, Royal Holloway.

August 2018. External Examiner for Cassandra Elaine Whitem's Master Thesis, University of Melbourne (Australia).

March 2012. Peer Reviewer for a Post-Doc grant funded by IRCHSS (Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences), Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme 2012.

25 August 2009. External Examiner for the Ph.D. Thesis of William Alder: *Social Class and Social Change in the Maigret Narratives of Georges Simenon*. University of Cardiff, School of English, Communication and Philosophy.

- 18 October 2008. External examiner (Membre du jury) for the Ph.D. Thesis of Alessandra Grillo, *Au pays des vendeurs de vent. Voyages et voyageurs en Laponie et en Finlande du XVe au XIXe siècle: L'invention du récit de voyage aux terres boréales*. Université Paris Sorbonne, École Doctorale III, Littératures Françaises et Comparées.
- 30 May 2003. External Examiner for the Ph.D. thesis of Heather Worthington, *Criminality and Criminography: Textual representations of crime and detection in the British popular press, 1820-1850*. University of Cardiff, School of English Studies, Communication and Philosophy.