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Author of the book *A Political History of National Citizenship and Identity in Italy, 1861-1950*
(Stanford: Stanford University Press)

Research Associate, *Pierre du Bois Foundation for Current History*, Switzerland

Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Nationality: Italian

Place of birth: Rome, Italy

Permanent resident in Geneva, Switzerland; previously domiciled in London, England, UK

EDUCATION

Ph.D., International Relations (International History and Politics), *The Graduate Institute of International Studies* and *Université de Genève*, Geneva, 2007

Master/D.E.S., International Relations (International History and Politics), *The Graduate Institute of International Studies* and *Université de Genève*, Geneva, 2000

Bachelor of Arts/B.A., European Studies (French and Politics), *University of London - Queen Mary and Westfield College*, London, England, 1998 (First Class Honours)

Erasmus Exchange Programme, *Université François Rabelais*, Tours, France, 1996-1997

Diploma di maturità, *Liceo Scientifico*, Poggio Mirteto in Sabina (Rieti), Italy, 1991

RESEARCH INTERESTS

-Statelessness, Nansen passports and refugeehood in interwar and wartime Europe (1922-1945)

-Nationality, citizenship and identity in historical and comparative perspectives

-The "Others" in citizenship studies (i.e. foreigners, colonial subjects, migrants, women)

-Italian history

-Modern European history

-Colonialism and expansionism

PUBLICATIONS

Stanford book

- *A Political History of National Citizenship and Identity in Italy, 1861-1950*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2013. [Finalist in the 2014 Frances Richardson Keller-Sierra Prize, sponsored by the Western Association of Women Historians, USA]

Cambridge article

- "Italy's Informal Imperialism in Tianjin during the Liberal Epoch, 1902-1922." *The Historical Journal* 59, n. 2 (2016): 447-468.

Other articles and contributions in edited volumes

- “Cittadinanza, imperialismo e questioni di genere: Riflessioni sul caso italiano, 1922-1943.” in *preparation*
- “Citizenship and Identity Issues in the Italian Concession of Tientsin (1902-1922).” In *Ideas and Identities: A Festschrift for Andre Liebich*. Edited by Jaci Eisenberg and Davide Rodogno, 43-62. Bern: Peter Lang, 2014.
- “Separatist Nationalism in Contemporary Nation-States.” In *Identity and Conflict: Security Forum*. Edited by Alexandre Vautravers and Eugene James, 46-59. Geneva: Webster University, 2008.
- “Guida alle fonti militari conservate presso l’Archivio della Società delle Nazioni di Ginevra.” *Bollettino dell’Archivio dell’Ufficio Storico* 7/8 (2004): 17-42.

Book reviews

- “Review of *Il papa non deve parlare. Chiesa, fascismo e guerra d’Etiopia*, by Lucia Ceci.” *Journal of Modern Italian Studies* 17, n. 5 (2012): 665-666.
- “Review of *Gli ebrei in Albania sotto il fascismo. Una storia da ricostruire*, by Laura Brazzo and Michele Sarfatti, eds.” *Il mestiere di storico: Rivista della Società Italiana per lo Studio della Storia Contemporanea* 2 (2011): 191.
- “Review of *Italian National Identity in the Scramble for Africa: Italy’s African Wars in the Era of Nation-Building, 1870-1900*, by Giuseppe Maria Finaldi.” *Journal of Modern Italian Studies* 16, n. 2 (2011): 296-297.
- “Review of *Mussolini’s Greek Island: Fascism and the Italian Occupation of Syros in World War II*, by Sheila Lecoecur.” *European History Quarterly* 41, n. 1 (2011): 140-141.
- “Review of *Italian Colonialism: Legacy and Memory*, by Jacqueline Andall and Derek Duncan, eds.” *European History Quarterly* 39, n. 2 (2009): 312-313.
- “Review of *Italian Colonialism*, by Ruth Ben-Ghiat and Mia Fuller, eds.” *European History Quarterly* 37, n. 3 (2007): 463-465.

Other publications

- “The Confiscation of Our Co-Citizens’ Passports within the ISIS Context: Reflections on the State’s Passport Regime, Past and Present.” *Papiers d’actualité / Current Affairs in Perspective Fondation Pierre du Bois pour l’histoire du temps présent* n. 3 (March 2016): 1-7.
- “‘La Ligue Nord pour l’indépendance de la Padanie:’ Entre séparatisme et fédéralisme.” *Revue militaire suisse* (October 2010): 56-60.
- “Citizenship, Statelessness, and Human Rights.” *The Sylff Newsletter* n. 19 (September 2007): 9-11.

BOOK COMPETITION

A Political History...- Finalist in the 2014 Frances Richardson Keller-Sierra Prize Competition, sponsored by the Western Association of Women Historians

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, PUBLICATION SUBSIDIES

- 2014 *Académie suisse des sciences humaines et sociales*, Bern (conference travel grant, 500 CHF)
2012 *Swiss National Science Foundation*, Bern (publication subsidy, 3'000 CHF)
2012 *Maison de l'Histoire de l'Université de Genève*, Geneva (publication subsidy, 1'000 CHF)
2004-05 *The Tokyo Foundation*, Japan, and *The Graduate Institute*, Geneva (Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders – Sylff Fellowship, 15'000 CHF)
2002-03 *Swiss National Science Foundation*, Bern (grant for young researchers, 37'000 CHF)
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Ph.D. THESIS

- 2007 Title: “*Status civitatis* and *italianità*: Origins and Historical Evolution of National Citizenship in Italy, 1861-1950.” Defended: February 2007.
Academic jury: Prof. Andre Liebich, *The Graduate Institute* (thesis supervisor); Prof. Bruno Arcidiacono, *The Graduate Institute* (second reader); Prof. Peter Sahllins, *University of California, Berkeley* (external reader)
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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Since 2015 ***Research Associate***, *Pierre du Bois Foundation for Current History*, Switzerland
Research project: “Italy, the Nansen Passport and Refugeehood, 1922-1945.”
- 2014 ***Post-doctoral research assistant***
[February] Project Director: Prof. Sarah Abrevaya Stein, *University of California, Los Angeles*
Department: History. Research project: “Citizenship, Sephardi Jews and the First World War.” Conducting research in the Italian archives in Rome.
- 2008-2009 ***Post-doctoral research assistant***
[March-April 2009] Project Director: Prof. Aron Rodrigue, *Stanford University*
[Oct.-Dec. 2008] Department: History. Research project: “The Jews of Rhodes (1900-1944).”
[May-July 2008] Conducting research in the Italian Jewish archives in Rome and Milan; writing related reports.
- 2005 ***Doctoral research assistant***
[July-Aug.] Project Director: Prof. Andre Liebich, *The Graduate Institute*, Geneva
Department: International History and Politics. Project: “Roma Diplomacy.” Carrying out research on the political and social integration of Gypsy minorities in Europe.
- 2003-2004 ***Swiss National Science Foundation doctoral research assistant***
2002 [Jan.-June] Project Director: Prof. Andre Liebich, *The Graduate Institute*, Geneva
2001 [Jan.-March] Department: International History and Politics. Research project: “Must Nations Become States?” Carrying out research on Giuseppe Mazzini’s nationalist thought, including research in the *Domus Mazziniana* in Pisa (Italy).
- 2001 [Aug.-Oct.] ***Research assistant***
2000 [July-Oct.] Project Director: Prof. Bimal Ghosh, *International Organization for Migration (IOM)*, Geneva
Department: Research. Project: “The Participation of Migrants in the Development of their Countries of Origin.” Conducting research on return migration and development issues.
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TEACHING POSITIONS (Undergraduate and graduate levels)

- 2008-2015 *Lecturer*, Webster University, Geneva campus
Department: International Relations
Courses taught at the undergraduate level (32-hour courses):
-HIST2020 *Topics in Modern European History*
-HIST2220 *Modern Europe: Nationalism and International History (1789-1945)*
-INTL2700 *Methods of Political Inquiry / Methods of Research*
- Courses taught at the graduate level (36-hour courses):
-INTL5100 *Research Methods and Perspectives*
- 2005-2006 *Teaching Assistant*, The Graduate Institute, Geneva
Department: International History and Politics
Course: *International History and Politics (1815-1991)*, chaired by Prof. Matthew Leitner
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CONFERENCE PAPERS, ROUND TABLES, SINGLE LECTURES, BOOK PANELS

- Donati S., "Citizenship Policies in the Italian Empire, 1922-1943," *Conference: Empires after the First World War: Ideas of Empire, Identity and Citizenship*, Università degli Studi di Trento, School of International Studies, Italy, 19-20 May 2016.
 - Donati S., "*Italiani non regnicoli* and Emigrants of Italy during the Liberal Period: Discussing Citizenship, Migration and *italianità* in Historical Perspective," *Modern Italian History Seminar*, The Institute of Historical Research - University of London, School of Advanced Study, 9 December 2015.
 - "Author meets critics: book panel on S. Donati, *A Political History of National Citizenship and Identity in Italy*," 21st *International Conference of Europeanists*, organized by the Council for European Studies (CES) of Columbia University, Washington, DC, 14-16 March 2014.
 - Donati S., "Citizenship and Identity Issues in the Italian Concession of Tientsin (1902-1922)," *Conference: Ideas and Identities*, The Graduate Institute, Geneva, 3 May 2013.
 - Donati S., "Separatist Nationalism in Contemporary Nation-States," *Webster Security Forum: Identity and Conflict*, Webster University Geneva, 25 April 2008.
 - Donati S., "National Citizenship and Immigration Issues in Contemporary Italy," *Round table: National Identity, Citizenship and Immigration*, Webster University Geneva, 2 April 2008.
 - Donati S., "Definitional Issues and Historical Comparisons between Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany," *Round table: Nationalism and Fascism*, Webster University Geneva, 6 February 2008.
 - Donati S., "The Nature of Fascism," Single Lecture, *The Graduate Institute*, Geneva, Prof. Leitner's seminar, 10 March 2006.
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PEER REVIEWING

- The Journal of Modern History*
 - Contemporary European History*
 - Journal of Contemporary History*
 - Global War Studies*
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LANGUAGES

Italian (native); English (fluent); French (fluent); Spanish (passive knowledge); German (basic)
