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

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION:

PhD, International Relations (International History and Politics), *The Graduate Institute of International Studies* and *Université de Genève*, Geneva, Switzerland, 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, UK, 1998 (First Class Honors)

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

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

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- Citizenship, nationality 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
- Migration, asylum and statelessness

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### PUBLICATIONS:

#### 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]

#### Peer-reviewed journal articles and contributions in edited volumes

- “Inclusion, Exclusion and Belonging: Past and Present Perspectives on Citizenship, in Europe and Beyond,” in *Handbook on Global Law, Crime and Justice* [in preparation]
- “‘Cittadinanza’, ‘sudditanza’ e ‘nazionalità’ in contesto imperiale: Riflessioni sul caso italiano tra guerra e dopoguerra, 1914-1925.” [submitted]
- “Italy’s Informal Imperialism in Tianjin during the Liberal Epoch, 1902-1922.” *The Historical Journal* 59, n. 2 (2016): 447-468.
- “Gender, Empire and Citizenship Issues: A Survey of Research Paths and Scholarly Debates on the Italian Case Study in Comparative Perspective.” *Comparativ: Zeitschrift für Globalgeschichte und vergleichende Gesellschaftsforschung* (Special Issue: *Ideas of Empire after the First*

*World War: Redefining Identity and Citizenship in Colonial Empires*, edited by Sara Lorenzini) 26, n. 6 (2016): 90-106.

- “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 and Oxford: 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.

#### **Archival guide to historical sources**

- “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**

- “Switzerland and the Facilitated Naturalization of ‘Third-Generation Foreigners’.” *Papiers d’actualité / Current Affairs in Perspective - Fondation Pierre du Bois pour l’histoire du temps présent*, n. 1 (January 2018): 1-8.
- “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, USA

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## 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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## PhD 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 Sahlins, *University of California, Berkeley* (external reader)
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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

- 2015-present **Research Associate**, *Pierre du Bois Foundation for Current History*, Switzerland  
Current projects:  
-research on “Citizenship in Europe, North America and South Asia since the 19<sup>th</sup> century,” leading to my article entitled “Inclusion, Exclusion and Belonging: Past and Present Perspectives on Citizenship, in Europe and Beyond,” to be included in *Handbook on Global Law, Crime and Justice*.  
  
--research on “Citizenship and Italian Imperialism in North Africa and East Asia, 1914-1925,” leading to my article entitled “Cittadinanza, sudditanza e nazionalità in contesto imperiale: Riflessioni sul caso italiano tra guerra e dopoguerra, 1914-1925”  
  
Past projects:  
-research on “Italy’s Informal Imperialism in Tianjin, 1902-1922”, leading to my published article in *The Historical Journal* (Cambridge University Press).  
  
-research on “Gender, Citizenship and Empire”, leading to my published article in *Comparativ*.  
  
2018 [Sept.-Oct.] **Post-doctoral research assistant**  
Project Director: Prof. Cyrus Schayegh, *The Graduate Institute*, Geneva  
Department: International History. Research project on the “Institut Colonial International (ICI), Brussels, 1920s-1930s.” Conducting archival research in Rome on various Italian colonial officials and ICI members.

- 2014  
[February] **Post-doctoral research assistant**  
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  
[March-April 2009]  
[Oct.-Dec. 2008]  
[May-July 2008] **Post-doctoral research assistant**  
Project Director: Prof. Aron Rodrigue, *Stanford University*  
Department: History. Research project: "The Jews of Rhodes (1900-1944)." Conducting research in the Italian Jewish archives in Rome and Milan; writing related reports.
- 2005  
[July-Aug.] **Doctoral research assistant**  
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  
2002 [Jan.-June]  
2001 [Jan.-March] **Swiss National Science Foundation doctoral research assistant**  
Project Director: Prof. Andre Liebich, *The Graduate Institute, Geneva*  
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.]  
2000 [July-Oct.] **Research assistant**  
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 programs):

- Sept.-Dec. 2018 **Lecturer**, *John Cabot University, Rome*  
Department: History and Humanities  
Undergraduate Course (45 hours):  
-HS 210-2 *Nineteenth-Century Europe and the World*
- 2008-2015 **Adjunct Faculty/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*  
-INTL6250 *Graduate Thesis - Reader*
- 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., "Citizens, Colonial Subjects and Others: Italy's Citizenship Regime in the Imperial Context during Fascism," Single Lecture, Global History Division, Osaka University, Japan, 18 December 2018.
- Donati S., "The Activities of the Italian Shipping Company Lloyd Triestino, 1919-1941," *International Workshop: Maritime Labour across the Oceans, 1860s-1960s*, Osaka University, Japan, 15 December 2018.
- 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*," *21<sup>st</sup> 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. Matthew 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; Contemporanea: Rivista di storia dell'800 e del 900*

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

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**CITIZENSHIP(s)**        -Italian  
  
                                  -Swiss and Genevan (*nationalité suisse et genevoise*)

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