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

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

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

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- Citizenship, nationality and identity in historical and comparative perspectives
- The “Others” in citizenship studies (i.e. foreigners, colonial subjects, Jews, migrants, women, refugees)
- Italian history
- Modern European history
- Colonialism and expansionism
- Migration, asylum and statelessness

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

- ❖ “The Roman Question Revisited through the Citizenship Lens, 1870-1929” (*in preparation*)
- ❖ “‘Cittadinanza’, ‘sudditanza’ e ‘nazionalità’ in contesto imperiale: Riflessioni sul caso italiano tra guerra e dopoguerra, 1914-1925.” *Italian Culture* 39, n. 2 (2021): 155-173.
- ❖ “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 Lecoœur.” *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

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 research activities and project:
-“The Roman Question Revisited through the Citizenship Lens, 1870-1929” (article in preparation).

-active participation in the research seminar series “Migrations, citoyenneté et frontières administratives: le cas italien” at the École française de Rome, in partnership with Università Roma Tre and Università di Bologna, academic year 2022-2023.

Past projects:

-research on Citizenship, Subjecthood and Nationality in the Italian Imperial Context, 1914-1925 (published article in *Italian Culture*).

-research on Italy's Informal Imperialism in Tianjin, 1902-1922 (article published in *The Historical Journal* by Cambridge University Press).

-research on Gender, Citizenship and Empire (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: “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. 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.

TEACHING POSITIONS (Undergraduate and graduate programmes):

- Sept.-Dec. 2018 **Lecturer, John Cabot University, Rome**
Department: History and Humanities
Undergraduate Course (39 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 Dr. Matthew Leitner

CONFERENCE PAPERS, ROUND TABLES, SINGLE LECTURES, BOOK PANELS (selected):

- Donati S., "Boundaries of Citizenship and *Italianità*: 'Ins', 'Outs' and 'In-betweens' in Italy's African Colonies, 1919-1939", *Conference: Citizenship and Identity in Italy and the United States*, American Academy in Rome, Italy, 9-10 February 2023 forthcoming.
- Donati S., "Naturalizzazioni nella storia: Il caso italiano, 1865-1925", *Seminar: Devenir italien en Italie: l'étude des naturalisations dans le passé et aujourd'hui*, as part of the research seminar series "*Migrations, citoyenneté et frontières administratives: le cas italien*", École française de Rome, Italy, 13 December 2022.
- 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*," *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, within Dr. Matthew Leitner's seminar, 10 March 2006.

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*

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

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

PLACE OF BIRTH Rome, 1972
