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Roles and academic titles

Full Professor (full-time) of Geography GEOG-01/A (formerly M-GGR/01) at the Department of Education, University of Genoa. He graduated in Literature at the former Faculty of Education of the University of Genoa in 1984. He obtained his PhD in ‘Urban and Regional Geography’ (3rd cycle) at the consortium centres of Genoa, Turin, Florence and Pisa in 1990. In the same year he won the competition for researcher in geography (M-GGR/01) at the former Faculty of Education, a position he held from 1990 to 2005. Since 2005 associate professor always at the Department of Education Sciences (DISFOR); in 2014 qualified for the I fascia in Geography; since February 2016 full professor

CURRENT INSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS (as of 1 May 2025)

Coordinator LM 80 in "Valorisation of Territories and Sustainable Tourism" (ValTeTuS)- II term (a.y.2025 /2027)

Member of the Scientific and Technical Committee Centro del Mare UNIGE (from today)

Member of the UNIGE Sustainability Commission

Member of the UNIGE School of Social Sciences Council

Member of the Social Sciences Doctorate Council (Address Migration and Intercultural Processes)

Scientific Responsible TeTuS Lab- DISFOR Department

Member of the School of Social Sciences Council

Member of the Board and the Governing Council of the UNIGE Multidisciplinary Centre for Teacher Training (CEFORM)

Position outside the University of Genoa

Representative of the University of Genoa in the Steering Committee ITS Liguria_ Academy Tourism- Culture and Hospitality

Representative of the University of Genoa in the National Food Policy Observatory

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PREVIOUS INSTITUTIONAL ROLES

President of the Degree Course in Primary Education Sciences (Four-year degree) from a.a. 2008 to 2013Coordinator of the Single-Cycle Master's Degree Course (LM85bis) in Primary Education Sciences from a.a. 2010 to 2018

Coordinator of the Master's Degree Course (LM80) "Valorisation of Territories and Sustainable Tourism" (ValTeTuS) from a. a 2021 al.a 2024

Coordinator School of Social Sciences Teaching Commission

Member of the University International Affairs Commission

Member of the School of Social Sciences Council from 2014 to 2018

Member of the Board of Directors of the University Centre for the Hanbury Botanic Gardens (GBH)

TEACHINGS

Current (a.y. 2024/25)

- LANDSCAPE AND ENVIRONMENTAL GEOGRAPHY (cod. 83690)DEGREE COURSE - TOURISM SCIENCES: ENTERPRISE, CULTURE AND TERRITORY

INTERCULTURAL GEOGRAPHY (cod. 63625)DEGREE COURSE - EDUCATION AND TRAINING SCIENCES

APPLIED SOCIAL GEOGRAPHY (cod. 67532)

HISTORY AND SOCIAL GEOGRAPHY MASTER'S DEGREE COURSE - PEDAGOGY, EDUCATIONAL DESIGN AND RESEARCH

PLANNING IN THE TOURIST FIELD AT LOCAL AND NATIONAL SCALES (cod. 114235)MASTER'S DEGREE COURSE - VALORISATION OF TERRITORIES AND SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

TURISM AND TERRITORIES OF MADE IN ITALY (cod. 114224)

GEOGRAPHY OF TOURISM AND SUSTAINABILITY

She has been rapporteur/tutor of several doctoral theses (University of Genoa Doctorate in Social Sciences), and of more than 100 Master's or Bachelor's theses (University of Genoa, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Humanities, DISFOR Department and DIEC Department).

Areas of Research

-Sustainable development with particular focus on: Agenda 21, Agenda 2030and Agenda 2063 Socio-environmental indicators, sustainable tourism, ecotourism.

- Environmental Education

-Environmental policy with a focus on environmental planning (protected areas: parks and reserves)

-Cultural and intercultural geography with special attention to Small Island States (specifically: Cape Verde, Saõ Tomé and Principe, Comoros, Seychelles, Mauritius, Maldives) and some African states in particular Nigeria.

- Social geography with a focus on the phenomenon of migration and Human Development Indicators (HDI) and OECD indicators, specifically the study of the condition of women and children in many sub-Saharan African countries

-Coastal area management with particular focus on the waterfront, sea uses, protected areas, fishery resources and tourism.

- Tourism with particular attention to sustainable tourism, to the ‘new tourism’ the ‘third age’ and root tourism and the phenomenon of Overtourism.

Scientific Activity

The scientific production includes about 100 publications including books, manuals, articles and various contributions, numerous reviews, bibliographical reports, notes and newsletters resulting from collaboration with leading geographic journals, collaborations on systematic geography volumes for university and high school teaching, as well as various editorships.

Scientific activity can be divided into four periods: the one that corresponds to the three-year period of overtime as a researcher (1990-1993), the following one (1994-2004) in which he matured an extensive production, but at the same time oriented towards specific fields of study of human geography paying attention to continuously update his research on the basis of the evolution of Italian and foreign scientific thought and (from 2005 to 2015) that as associate professor of geography in which he developed a particular interest in socio-cultural and intercultural geography (see work on migration and aspects of inter-culturality) and latterly in gender geography, focusing his research both on the social effects of environmental issues (environmental policy) as well as on targeted investigations into the status of women in sub-Saharan African countries (gender geography), and again in the area of social geography and tourism, research was undertaken in the area of third age tourism. The fourth period (from 2015 to the present) corresponds to the assumption of service as a full professor and the main research interests still focus on intercultural geography (in particular with regard to food, UNESCO cultural landscapes, migration processes), the geography of tourism (from a critical perspective) the applied research privileges Sub-Saharan Africa.

Collaborations with research groups and study institutions:

- from 1993 to 1995, acted as regional coordinator of the research group 'Urban Change and the Environment. The case of the north-western Mediterranean' (of which Prof. B. Cori of the University of Pisa was the national coordinator);

_ in 1996, Scientific Coordinator of the MIUR Research Unit 'The Administrative Limits of the Minor Districts of Liguria and the Conterminous Regions' (12 months)

- from 1997 to 2000, he acted as regional coordinator of the ‘Urban Change Liguria’ research group as part of the CNR national project ‘’ (of which Prof. G. Cortesi of the University of Pisa was national coordinator)

- in the 2000-2001 academic year he took part in the working group in charge of drawing up the Beigua Park Plan, coordinated by prof. arch. G. Gambino of the University of Turin;

- from 2000 to 2006 she was part of the A.GE.I research group ‘Geography of Religion’, coordinated by prof. G. Galliano of the University of Genoa

- from 2003 to 2005 she was part of the PRIN of the Cofin - Miur research group: ‘DISCI - Historical Dictionary of Italian Cartographers’, national coordinator Prof. Ilaria Caraci of the University of Roma Tre

- From 2006 to 2008 she was part of the Genoese unit coordinated by Prof. Anna Elisa Calcagno Maniglio within the PRIN - Miur research group ‘Changes in the Ligurian Coastal Landscape and Sustainable Tourism Development’.

- From 2007 to 2012, he served as a contact person for the University of Genoa on the international “Task Force” on environmental education (sponsored by the Ministry of the Environment) as part of the so-called “Marrakech Process”, aimed at developing a ten-year framework of programmes for sustainable consumption and production.

- Since aa. 2006/2007 he has been part of the research group within the framework of the Convention of the Faculty of Education with the University of Valle d'Aosta, renewed in November 2012.

- Since 2006-2007 she has been conducting research in working progress (on the analysis of socio-economic-cultural problems in sub-Saharan African countries) as part of a collaboration on socio-urban dynamics at the study centre of the Departments under SOCIAL SCIENCE Abuja University -PMP 117 (Nigeria). Part of this research was presented in a contribution to the XXXI Congresso Geografico Italiano held in Milan in June 2012.

- Progetto d'Ateneo 2007 (participation) ‘Localizzazione/delocalizzazione dei processi formativi: dalla ricerca didattica alla progettazione per l'educazione all'ambiente e al territorio’ (University project 2007 (participation) ‘Localization/delocalization of educational processes: from didactic research to planning for environmental and territorial education’ (scientific coordinator: Prof. Renza Cerri).

- 2008 University Project (participation) "Territory, environment, education: languages, landscapes, cultural dimensions for interdisciplinary didactic planning" (scientific coordinator: Prof. Pino Boero)

- PRIN 2009 project (participation) " Power denied. Approcci di genere al tema delle ineguaglianze‘ (in charge of the local research unit prof.ssa L. Battaglia) in ’ Donne Politica, Potere e Pensiero della contemporaneità" (national scientific coordination prof.ssa M. Forcina, University of Lecce)

University Project 2011 (scientific coordination) ‘ From climatic stays to Third Age Tourism: what opportunities for Liguria’; University Project 2012 (scientific coordination) ‘ From climatic stays to Third Age Tourism: what opportunities for Liguria’ II phase; University Project 2013 (scientific coordination); University Project 2014 (scientific coordination), Elderly People Historical Memory of the societies of Africa. Survey on the conditions of the elderly in African countries Adheres to the AGEI Research Group "Geography and Gender

OLIVOS Project 2016/2018 Project Coordinator Field and Distance Education (Teacher Training Courses) of the Italian School ‘OLIVOS’ in Buonos Aires (Argentina) in collaboration with the Master's Degree Course (Single-Cycle) LM85 bis

Project KA107_2019/2022 AZERBAIJAN, (Coordinator) Partner : BAKU EURASIAN UNIVERISTY and AZERBAIJAN UNIVERSITY OF LANGUAGES (Baku, Azerbajan)

Project (2020- 2023) (Coordinator) ‘ Self-Learning Atlas of Ancient European CulTures ’ Partner: Universidad de Zaragoza, Universite' Bordeaux Montaigne, Alteritas -Interactions between peoples, NCLOUD Srl, Universite' Bordeaux Montaigne, Finnish Forskningscentrum för Europeisk Flerspråkighet -FEF, Uniwerytet im. Adama Mickiewicza w Poznaniu (Wojciech Sowa), I Liceum Ogólnokształcące im. Władysława Broniewskiego w Świdniku, Institut El Pont de Suert, ERASMUS+ KA2 2020 “SELECT 2020-1-IT02-KA201-079057”

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS (last 5 years)

2025- Contribution in Book - - I patrimoni UNESCO in Africa: Risks and Conflicts (in collaboration with Giampietro Mazza, in S. Benetti, S. Cerutti, G. Pettenati ‘Geografia e Patrimonio’ Firenze, Società di Studi Geografici, pp. 275-286, ISBN 9788894690170

2023- Monograph - (in collaboration with G. Mazza), Il mosaico dell'Africa Sub-sahariana. Sustainability and geopolitics, Carocci, Rome.

2022 - Monograph - (in collaboration with A. Siri), AFRICA IN TEMPO DI COVID-19. Riflessioni di antropologia medica e di geografia della salute Libreriauniversitaria.it, Padova ISBN 9788833593302

2022 - Contribution to a review. (in Collaboration with Migliorini, L.; Rania, N.; Ferrari, J. R.) Unaccompanied migrant minors in Europe and U.S.: A review of psychological perspectives and care challenges, in JOURNAL OF PREVENTION & INTERVENTION IN THE COMMUNITY, pp. 273-285, https://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10852352.2021.1918613

2022 - Article in review. (in collaboration with G. Mazza, G. Zanolin) L'albergo diffuso tra ricettività ed esperienza. Riflessioni a partire dalla Liguria e Sardegna, in ANNALI DEL TURISMO, Vol.XI pp. 69- 83

2022 - Contribution in Book. Territory, toponyms and encounters (in collaboration with F. De Boni and K. Mamayusupova) in F. DE BONI, K.MAMAYUSOPOVA (edited by) LO SPAZIO DI RICERCA E L'ESPERIENZA INTERCULTURALE ISBN: 9788833593661. In CONTEMPORARY LIBRARY vol. I Libreriauniversitaria.it, Padua, pp. 85-128.

2022- Contribution in book. Symbols and signs in urban spaces (in collaboration with F. De Boni) in F. DE BONI, K.MAMAYUSOPOVA (edited by) LO SPAZIO DI RICERCA E L'ESPERIENZA INTERCULTURALE ISBN: 9788833593661. In CONTEMPORARY LIBRARY vol. I Libreriauniversitaria.it, Padua, pp. 163 -200,

2022- Contribution in Book- Segni e simboli degli alimenti e del cibo nel terzo millennio (in collaboration with F. De Boni) in F. DE BONI, K.MAMAYUSOPOVA (edited by) LO SPAZIO DI RICERCA E L'ESPERIENZA INTERCULTURALE LO SPAZIO DI RICERCA E L'ESPERIENZA

INTERCULTURALE - ISBN: 9788833593661. In CONTEMPORARY LIBRARY vol. I Libreriauniversitaria.it, Padua, pp. 145-161.

2022 - Contribution in book. Sustainable development, environment, cultural diversity and interculture in F. DE BONI, K.MAMAYUSOPOVA (edited by) LO SPAZIO DI RICERCA E L'ESPERIENZA INTERCULTURALE ISBN: 9788833593661. In CONTEMPORARY LIBRARY vol. I Libreriauniversitaria.it, Padua, pp. 11-40.

2022- Book contribution - Il contagio da Covid-19 in Liguria tra reticolarità interregionale e mobilità turistica (in collaboration with G.Amoretti, F. De Boni, G. Zanolin,) In E. Casti, A. Riggio (a cura di) ATLANTE COVID-19 GEOGRAFIE DEL CONTAGIO IN ITALIA A.Ge.I, Roma, pp. 139-156. - ISBN: 978-88-942641-6-6

2021-Book contribution . (in collaboration with E. Bernardini). Two Unesco cultural landscapes: the Langhe-Roero and Monferrato wine-growing landscapes and the Prosecco Hills of Conegliano and Valdobbiadene, in Benedetta Castiglioni, Matteo Puttilli, Marcello Tanca (edited by) Oltre la convenzione. Pensare, studiare, costruire il paesaggio vent'anni dopo, pp. 1111-1130, Florence, Società di Studi Geografici - SSG, ISBN 9788890892677

2021 - Article in journal. Relations between a Country and a Continent: China and Africa. A first and not a simple matter..... , in GEOPOLITICAL, SOCIAL SECURITY AND FREEDOM JOURNAL, vol. 4 pp.80 - 104 , Chişinău, DE GRUYTER, https://dx.doi.org/10.2478/gssfj-2021-0013

2020- Journal article (in collaboration with E. Bernardini, A. Siri) Culture, health and well-being sit in places. Impact of COVID-19 on the African Society: geo-anthropological perspectives, in GEOPOLITICAL, SOCIAL SECURITY AND FREEDOM JOURNAL, Chişinău, DE GRUYTER, pp. 65-103

2020 - journal article (“fascia A”) - Sustainable tourism attitude and preference in Italian adults: Value orientation and psychological need satisfaction (in collaboration with Cardinali, P.; Migliorini, L.) . pp. 1-11, In SUSTAINABILITY vol. 12, DOI: 10.3390/su122410517.

2020 - journal article - COVID-19 AND DIFFUSION IN AFRICAN SPACES. UNA LETTURA GEO-ANTROPOLOGICA (in collaboration with E. Bernardini) in DOCUMENTI GEOGRAFICI Scopus Code, 2-s2.0-85089257014, ISSN 2281-7549 University of TOR VERGATA, pp.501-514.

2020- Volume/ Handbook - Dalla multicultura all'intercultura. Spaces and geographical instruments (Second Edition- revised) (in collaboration with F. De Boni) McGraw- Hill, Milan, 374pp. ISBN: 9788838699054