

PERSONAL DATA

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WORK EXPERIENCE

(PLUS TWO MATERNITY LEAVES)

COMMUNITY EDUCATION POSTS

2005-10
Local High Schools, Bagnatica e Martinengo (Bg)
Teacher of foreign languages to teenage students (and Head of intercultural committees)

2011-13
Treviglio Public Hospital (Bg)
Instructor of public health ethics: relational strategies with a multicultural patient hood

2010-2015
CPIA1 and CPIA2 – Bergamo (Lifelong Learning Centres)
Instructor of ITL2 Italian as 2nd language for migrants (EU funded projects for women and youth)

POST-DOC POSITIONS HELD

2016 – 2020
University of Trento, Dept. Sociology and Social Research
Post-Doc Research Fellow, ERC HOMInG Project
Collaborative qualitative investigation on the nexus between ‘home’ and ‘mobility’
Focus on South Asian diasporas in Europe and their generational shifts
Mixed-methods data collection and comparative analysis across Italy, Britain and the Netherlands

2021 – 2022
University of Torino, Dept. Culture, Politics and Society
Post-Doc Research Fellow, PRIN GeA Project
Collaborative qualitative investigation on gender biases in academia and enterprise work
Focus on collective care for chronic diseases along the life-course
Interview data collection and comparative computer-assisted analysis among Italian city cases

2023 – 2024
University of Genova, Dept. Political and International Sciences
Post-Doc Research Associate
Action-research in educational environs promoting ‘equality in the face of cultural diversity’, partnered with ULB (Bruxelles) *Au delà du préjugés*
Qualitative research with global migrants in Genoa on their reach to freedom of religion, belief and conscience within the frame of PRIN R&ER Project *Religions & Emergency Rules* (Univ. of Pisa)
Committee Member of the local *Observatory on religious and migratory phenomena*

LECTURESHIPS

2022. University of Turin, Dept. Media Studies

BA Course in Intercultural Politics and Labs in Ethnographic methods

2023 – ongoing, University of Milan, Dept. Languages and Cultures

BA Course in Anthropology of Communication [with module Sensory Anthropology for Deaf Studies]

2024 – ongoing, University of Genoa, Dept. Politics and International Studies

MA Course in Social Anthropology [with module Mindful Bodies for students in Health Sciences]

CONSULTANCIES

2023, *UNHCR*

Expert data collector and analyst on longitudinal surveying economic conditions of asylum seekers and refugees in the Ligurian region

2024, *Torino City Hall*

External consultant on applied research project in collecting the (im)material cultural heritage of long-term resident immigrant communities

2025 *CIDCI - Le Réseau ngo*

External consultant on best practices in networking among over 50 diaspora associations across Italy engaged in international development with NGOs and local authorities

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2022 - 2023

University of Milan-Bicocca, Dept. Education

Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Anthropology

Anthropology of Arts and Museums

2012 – 2015

Ce.R.Co. Graduate School, Dept. Human Sciences, University of Bologna

Visiting scholar at MPI-MMG Gottingen (DE) (FYRE Funding winner)

Doctoral Degree in Anthropology of Complex Societies

18 months multisite ethnographic research between Italy and India: “Social divides and transnational values: En-gendering homes in the intergenerational narratives of Punjabi diasporans in northern Italy”

2007 – 2010

University of Turin, Dept. Philosophy

Master of Research in Ethno-Anthropological Studies

Summa cum laude and special mention to final dissertation: “Pregnant with meaning: prenatal care in pluralistic settings” (2011 SVI Award winner for intercultural dialogue)

2005 – 2006

University of Milan-Bicocca, Dept. Education

Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Anthropology

Public Health and Medical Humanities

2000 – 2004

University of Bergamo, Dept. Humanities (*Erasmus* student at University of Extremadura, ES)

Bachelor of Arts (with honors) in Cultural Studies with Modern Languages

Summa cum laude

LANGUAGE AND ICT SKILLS

MOTHER TONGUE

ITALIAN

OTHER LANGUAGES

Passive knowledge:

Latin and Greek

Working knowledge:
CEFR Level

ENGLISH	SPANISH	PORTUGUESE	FRENCH
Proficient C2 (CPE)	Advanced C1	Vantage B2	Threshold B1

TECHNICAL
COMPETENCIES

Good ICT expertise, *Core ECDL* (Office suit, web browsers, social media); GIS, SPSS and ATLAS.ti. Multimedia community reportage. Excellent analytical skills and dissemination know-how (report writing; conference organizing).

Certified specialties: Human Rights and Antidiscrimination Law (Amnesty I, Rome); Gender Studies (URJC, Madrid); Social Research Ethics (UiO, Oslo); Documentary Filmmaking (Spectacle, London).

Research interests: aging body, medical pluralism, kinship, life-stories, intersectionality, Asian diasporas.

Expertise in qualitative research methods: participatory ethnography; narrative interviews, focus groups; photo-voice, collaborative (geo)maps, digital v-logging; critical discourse analysis.

Previous academic teaching experience: Lecturer on *Anthropology of Asia* (undergrad course) and *Gender based violence* (postgrad course), University of Bergamo, 2016-2018; *Ethnographic Research* (annual seminar modules for PhD students), University of Trento, 2017-2020.

Film project: participative documentary movie "Of Domes and Robes. Religious freedom and the right to the city in an Italian province" (co-directed with W. Abbas Kazmi), 2022.

Scientific activities:

Affiliations to research centers: MODI Mobility, Diversity & Social Inclusion, Bologna; CRAFT Contemporary Religions and Faiths in Transition, Turin; Dept. of Material Culture UCL, London.

Association memberships: EASA European Association of Social Anthropologists – AGEnetwork, SIAA Italian Society for Applied Anthropology; ENPA European Network Psychological Anthropology

Peer reviewer for the journals: Social Analysis, Political Geography, CMS Comparative Migration Studies, AG About Gender, ERQ Ethnography and Qualitative Research; VE Visual Ethnography; Ethos.

Recent conference presentations and invited lectures given at: SIEF Santiago de C., LUCIS Leiden, IMISCOE Malmo and Warsaw, ASA Norwich, MPI Gottingen, UGA Grenoble, SOAS London, RAI FF Bristol, SPA AAA Chicago, ERQ Trento, SIAA Verona and Messina, EASA Belfast and Barcelona.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (IN ENGLISH ONLY: FULL LIST AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

- Bonfanti, S. [forthcoming] *Rightful Shares: Storying Homes with the Punjabi diaspora in Italy*. Milan: Mimesis International.
- Bonfanti, S. 2025. Immigrants as Reverse Anthropologists: Second-generation social workers in the asylum system. *Anthropology in Action*.
- Perez-Murcia, L. E. & S. Bonfanti, Eds., 2024. *Finding Home in Europe: Chronicles of Global Migrants*. Oxford: Berghahn.
- Boccagni, P. & S. Bonfanti, Eds. 2023. *Migration and Domestic space: Ethnographies of home in the making*. Amsterdam: Springer.
- Bonfanti S. et al. 2022. S.I. "Vulnerable Homes on the Move" and own article: From breadwinner to bedridden, *Focaal – Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology* 90(1).
- Bonfanti, S. 2021. Where do we go from here? Exploring the future of mixed families between Italy and South Asia, eds. A. Fresnoza-Flot & S. Wang, S.I. "Asia-Europe intimate links", APMJ Asian and Pacific Migration Journal.
- Miranda-Nieto A., A. Massa, S. Bonfanti. 2020. *Ethnographies of Home and Mobility: Shifting Roofs*. London: Routledge.
- Bonfanti S., A. Massa, A. Miranda-Nieto. 2019. 'Whiffs of home: Ethnographic comparison in a collaborative research across Europe, eds. Brighenti A. M. & N. Harney "Conceptualising Comparison in Ethnographic Research", *Etnografia e Ricerca Qualitativa* 2/19.
- Bonfanti, S. 2018. Home-sick and home-seeking. Translocal strategies for homemaking among Indian diaspora families, in *Das neue Zuhause*, eds. H. P. Hahn, F. Neumann, Frankfurt: Campus, pp. 265-87.
- Bonfanti, S. 2017. 'A taste of Brownies. The shifting color lines among South Asians in Europe', in S. I. "Racism and Transnationality", eds. C. Schmitte, L. Semu, M. Witte, *Transnational Social Review: a Social Work Journal*.
- Bonfanti, S. 2016. 'Dislocating Punjabinity: gendered mobilities among Indian diasporas in Italy', in Bounded Mobilities. *Ethnographic Perspectives on Social Hierarchies and Global Inequalities*, eds. I. Goetz et al., Bielefeld: Transcript.
- Bonfanti, S. 2015. The 'marriage market' among Indian migrant youths in Italy: designs, resistances and gateways, *Human Affairs*, 25 (1):16-27.

References may be obtained from:

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