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Education and training

2004

Doctorate in European societies and the Americas in the contemporary age

Letters from the Great War. The Italian case. Scriptures of the daily monuments of memory sources for history

University of Genoa - Genoa - IT

Academic experience

2016 - ONGOING

Associate professor of contemporary history

University of Genoa - Genoa - IT

Director of the laboratory / documentation center 'Ligurian Archive of Popular Writing' at the Department of Educational Sciences

Work experience

2003 - 2007

Archivist activity on behalf of the Archival Superintendency for Liguria

Public and private institutions - IT

activities and collaborations for archival reorganizations in Ligurian Municipalities and industries

Teaching activity

I am in charge of the courses of:

History Teaching (Primary Education Sciences)

The teaching, from a laboratory perspective, will examine the methodologies and tools applicable to the teaching of history, especially contemporary history: during the lessons will be examined various types of sources (oral, written, iconographic, audiovisual, materials) and highlighted the specific characteristics and educational potential. The elaboration and realization of specific didactic itineraries is foreseen.

Theory of historical knowledge (Pedagogical and Educational Sciences)

The course will analyze the main methodologies of historical research, the historiographic theories and the sources necessary to construct the historical narrative. During the lessons the concept of archive will be

explained and the methods of access to the sources will be described

Social History of Media (Communication Sciences - Savona Campus)

The course aims to provide basic foundations of media history from its origins to today. In particular, the role played by the media and communication in the contemporary age will be analyzed, above all during the historical caesuras (wars, mass emigration). Particular attention will be given to the public use of history through the media of the contemporary world (television and Internet)

Postgraduate research and teaching activity

PhD committees membership

Member of the teaching staff of the Ph.D. in Social Sciences of the University of Genoa (XXXIII cycle)

Postgraduate (PhD) teaching activity

I have taught in the PhD program in Social Sciences of the University of Genoa (XXXIII cycle) in 2016 and 2017 concerning the sources of popular writing in the field of migrant studies

Research interests

My studies concern the written testimonies of soldiers and emigrants, the history of aeronautics and Italian aviators between the Great War and Fascism.

Grants

2010

The private archive of General Stefano Cagna (1901-1940).

Acquisition of organization and study

University of Genoa - IT

4.000 - Participant

The project was inserted organically in the scientific activities of the Ligurian Archive of Popular Writing (ALSP) and concerned the acquisition, the inventory and the study of the private archives of the general aeronautics Stefano Cagna (1901-1940), consisting of approximately 3,000 cards and 4,000 photographs: this is a character of absolute prominence in the national and international aviation scene of the 1930s, so much so that it became - at only 39 - the youngest Italian general. The Cagna family, originally from Ormea (Cuneo), moved to Finale Ligure (Savona) in the twenties of the twentieth century, where the archive in question is currently preserved, through which it is possible to retrace the entire professional career of General Cagna, from the early years of aeronautics of the early Twenties to companies thanks to which it will have the opportunity to succeed. In 1928 it will be Stefano Cagna, together with Umberto Maddalena, to find Umberto Nobile and part of his crew on the arctic pack

on the occasion of the unfortunate mission of the airship 'Italy'. Noticed by Italo Balbo, Cagna soon became a close collaborator. This will be a decisive meeting for the career of the young officer: Stefano Cagna will participate in the major aeronautical companies of the regime, in particular the transatlantic Atlantic of 1931 (Italy-Brazil) and 1933 (the air cruise of the Decade Italy-United States), establishing itself as Balbo's flight aide. After the triumphs of New York will follow Balbo in Africa, where he will hold important positions in the administration of the colonies until May 1940, when Cagna is sent by the Italian government to the United States to study the organization of civil aviation in order to reorganize and strengthen this sector Also in Italy. A detachment from military aviation that Balbo will never forgive 'his' general. In fact, the archive papers make it possible to return the complex reality of a relationship, that between Cagna and Balbo, considered extremely solid by the regime's rhetoric, but in reality marked by deep cracks and divergent views.