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Education and training

- 13/12/2019 IV Level Degree (B2) on Modern Standard Arabic, Bourguiba Institute – University “El Manar” – Tunis.
- 6/12/2018 Phd in History, *École Pratique des Hautes Études* (EPHE) and University of Florence-Siena. Dissertation title: « Les Italiens de Tunisie. La construction de l’italianité dans un contexte colonial français », 683 p., supervisors: Professor Gilles Pécout (EPHE) and Professor Nicola Labanca (University of Siena). Dissertation committee : Habib Kazdaghli (University of La Manouba – Tunis), Patrizia Dogliani (UNIBO), Hélène Blais (ENS). <https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/tel-03664561>
- 01/07/2014 “Diplôme” of *Ecole Normale Supérieure* of Paris.
- 01/07/2014 “Licenza” of *Collegio Superiore dell’Alma Mater Studiorum* of Bologna (Italy).
- 06/07/2014 Master 2 in Mediterranean History - EPHE (Paris).
- 02/07/2013 Master 1 in Cultural History - Sorbonne University (Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne).
- 15/10/2012 Bachelor’s degree in History, University of Bologna.

Professional experience

Research

- **09/2021 – 08/2022 Post-doctoral Researcher at University of Bologna** (UNIBO) in partnership with *École Normale Supérieure* – Paris (ENS), funded by *Université Franco-Italienne*; supervisors: Professor Patrizia Dogliani (UNIBO) and Professor Hélène Blais (ENS).
- 09/2020 – 08/2021 ERC Post-doctoral Researcher at *Centre d’Histoire - SciencesPo* (Paris), « SlaveVoices » project ; research unit : « Black Slaves in Late Ottoman and Colonial Libya » ; PI : Professor M’hamed Oualdi. 9-11/2020 Visiting scholar at *École Française de Rome*.

Teaching

- **01/09/2019 → (ongoing) Adjunct Professor at University of Bologna** in “History of Colonial and Postcolonial Spaces”, teaching language: English; and in “Storia del Maghreb”, teaching language: Italian.
- 3/2020 – Qualified at the position of associate professor (*maître de conférences*) in France, section 22, History.
- 01/09/2014 – 31/08/2015 Teaching assistant in History and Civilization of Italy (undergraduate course) “L’Italie contemporaine 1945-1992”, at *Institut d’Études Politiques - Saint Germain en Laye*. Teaching language: Italian.
- 01/09/2015 – 31/08/2015 Teaching assistant in Historiography, Methodology and sources (graduate course), at *École Pratique des Hautes Études*. Teaching language: French.

Other activities

- 26/2 - 26/3/2019 Team member for the mid-term evaluation of a European Cooperation project in Tunisia concerning women empowerment in rural areas.
- 01/09/2014 – 31/08/2015 Adjunct in International Exchange program at University of Cergy-Pontoise-Versailles-Yvelines.

- Reviewer for *Diacronie, Nationalities Papers, Italian American Review, RiMe. Rivista dell'Istituto di Storia dell'Europa mediterranea*.

Scientific talks

Invited lectures

- « Letteratura postcoloniale e questioni di metodo », open lecture – Rete degli Universitari-Bologna, 09/11/2022.
- “Les Italiens de Tunisie face au fascisme”, lecture at “Institut d’Histoire Moderne et Contemporaine” at l’Ecole Normale Supérieure – *Translitteræ* seminar, “Histoire politique et sociale des Fascismes”, of Professor Patrizia Dogliani, 16/03/2022.
- “Una panoramica storica delle migrazioni tra Sicilia e Tunisia” opening lecture for the film festival “Dalla Piccola Sicilia della Goulette alla Casbah di Mazara del Vallo”, Ciné-Sud Patrimoine, Tunis, 22/05/2021.
- “Dalla Grande Proletaria all’Impero del Lavoro: questione meridionale e risposta coloniale”, open seminar activity of Rete degli Universitari, Bologna, 29/04/2021.
- “Irredentismo coloniale tra immaginari geopolitici imperialismo demografico”, in History of Late Modern Europe class, discussant Patrizia Dogliani, UNIBO, Bologna, 08/02/2021.
- “A Diasporic Citizenship? The Agency of Italians of Tunisia between Imperial Rivalry, Labor Migration and Colonial Projects”, international symposium: “Mediterranean Cousins: Tunisia and Italy on Opposite Shores”, Harvard University – Center for Middle Eastern Studies: Tunisian Office, Tunis, 4/10/2019.
- “Migrazioni coloniali nel contesto afro-mediterraneo : il caso degli Italiani di Tunisia”, in African History class, Università La Sapienza (Rome), 17/05/2019.
- “Les étrangers en Tunisie entre XIXe et XXe siècle (1818 – 1911): notions, dynamiques et politiques”, seminar “Accueillir les étrangers dans l’Europe du XIXe siècle”, École Normale Supérieure - Ulm (Paris), 20/12/2018.
- “Gli italiani nel protettorato francese di Tunisia tra rivalità coloniali, flussi migratori e immaginari transimperiali (1881-1912)”, discussant: Patrizia Audenino, seminar: “Storia e società coloniale e postcoloniale” University of Pavia – Department of Political Sciences, Pavia, 15/05/2018.
- “Reconsidérations historiographiques du motif de la ‘Tunisie mosaïque méditerranée’ : conflictualité intercommunautaire et violence dans la société tunisienne”, seminar: “Un paradigme tunisien ? Histoire et sciences sociales en revolution” of Jocelyne Dakhliya, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, 13/02/2018.
- “Intercolonial connections : the Italian community of French Tunisia”, discussant: William Granara, Harvard University – Center For Middle Eastern Studies : Tunisia Office, Tunis, 19/07/2017.
- “Italiens de Tunisie pendant le fascisme”, seminar “Italie – Europe”, École Normale Supérieure, Paris, 15/03/2014.

Conference presentations

- “Tunis: a Global Radical City. Anarchist networks between 1890s-1910s”, panel “Histoire politique de l’Afrique du Nord”, conference: Insaniyyat, University of La Manouba -Tunis, 23/09/2022.

- “Scuole nell' ‘Oltreimpero’. Traiettorie di studenti e insegnanti negli spazi transimperiali (Tunisia - Libia, 1861 - 1914)” in “Educazione, scuola e politica culturale nelle migrazioni italiane”, *Altretalia*, Turin, 14/07/2021.
- “‘Blood and Soil’ the routes of White Male Privilege. An historical perspective on Italian (post)colonial citizenships” in “Pathways of Citizenship. European societies amidst migration and affluence” Cassini Workshop (online), 18/12/2020.
- “Question coloniale et question méridionale: une approche biopolitique des subalternités”, panel organizer: “Conflits, contacts culturels et mobilités humaines entre l’Afrique et l’Italie (XIX-XXI siècles)”, *Rendez-vous de l’histoire*, Blois, 13/10/2019.
- “Trans-Imperial Tunisia : colonial projects towards the Italians in the French protectorate”, panel: “The minority issue in colonial Maghreb during the 20th century: between identity building, political mobilization, and trans-Mediterranean dynamics”, discussant : Uoldelul Chirati-Dirar, annual conference of “Associazione per gli Studi Africani in Italia”, University of Bologna, 07/09/2018.
- “Les Italiens dans la société coloniale du Protectorat français de Tunisie (1896-1905) : une minorité coloniale ?” doctoral workshop: “La place des minorités”, discussant : Fabrice Jesné, *École française de Rome*, Rome, 15/06/2018.
- “Nation-building across transnational boundaries: the construction of a national identity among the Italians living in French Tunisia”, panel: “Mediterranean crossing and Tunisian settlements 1830-2017”, discussants : Mark I. Choate and Naor Ben Yehoyada, Middle East Studies Association, Washington, 21/11/2017.
- “Siciliani nella Tunisia coloniale tra marginalità e subalternità”, annual conference of “American Association of Teachers of Italian”, University of Palermo, 29/06/2017.
- « ‘Le pain moral il faut qu’il vienne de la Patrie’. L’italianité dans la Tunisie coloniale à travers l’œuvre de la Société Dante Alighieri (1893-1920) », international conference : “L’Italie pour bagage. Migration, circulation et italianité (XIXe-XXe siècles)”, Paris, 17/06/2017.
- “Appartenenza identitaria italiana in un contesto coloniale francese : gli Italiani di Tunisia tra la fine dell’Ottocento e la Prima Guerra mondiale (1896-1918)”, PhD workshop of Società Italiana per lo Studio della Storia Contemporanea, discussant : prof. Olindo De Napoli. Matera, 26/05/2017.
- “Faire l’Italie en Tunisie : Élités et associations pour la construction de l’italianité dans la Tunisie coloniale”, workshop of Institut de recherche sur le Maghreb contemporain, Tunis, 10/05/2017.
- “The Italian community of Tunisia from Libyan colonial ambitions to First World War”, international conference: “The First World War from Tripoli to Mogadishu (1911 – 1924)” at University of Addis Ababa, 30 September – 1/10/2016.
- “Mouvement de population en Tunisie face à la guerre italo-turque pour la Libye”, XIII Annual Conference of the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Catania, 17 – 20/03/2016.
- “Colonize the colonizers. Southern question, internal colonialism and orientalism in the Italian community in Tunisia (19th – 20th century)”, graduate conference: “Ideas of South”, Cornell University - Department of Romance Studies, 11 – 12/03/2016.
- “Assimilation, Tradition and Zionism: the case of Libyan Jewry”, panel: “Change and continuity in the life of North African Jewry : New trend, approaches and interpretations in historical and cultural research”, Ben Zvi Institute of Jerusalem, World Center for the Heritage of North African Jewry and University of Haifa, 22 – 24/02/2015.

Fellowships, grants, visiting & fieldwork

- 20/7/2022 – Label of *Université Franco-Italienne* to support the international conference : “Mediterranean Mobilities between migrations and colonialisms” (Bologna, 11-12 November 2022) (2.000€).
- 01/09/2021 - 01/09/2022 Scholarship for paper publication in a scientific journal granted by Società Italiana per lo Studio della Storia Contemporanea (250€)
- 01/09/2021 - 31/08/2022, postdoctoral grant funded by Université Franco-Italienne (25.000€)
- 01/09/2020-30/11/2021, visiting scholar at École Française de Rome.
- 01/09/2020 - 31/08/2021, ERC postdoctoral grant at SciencesPo Paris (36.000€).
- 01/09/2020-31/08/2022, grant for a research on Italian Antifascism in Tunisia (1939-1943), Valenzi Foundation (Naples) (5.000€).
- 01/5/2019 – 31/7/2019 Research grant - Deutsches Historisches Institut of Rome (cancelled due to covid-19 lockdown) (6.000€).
- 01/07/2015 – 31/12/2018 Scholarship grant for doctoral international mobility, Université Franco-Italienne (4.000€).
- 04/2016 – 07/2017 Fieldwork in Tunisia - visiting PhD student at Institut de recherche sur le Maghreb contemporain (Tunis).
- 2/2 – 2/3/2017 Visiting PhD student at Remarque Institute - New York University.
- 01/2017 Fellowship for fieldwork granted by École Française de Rome.
- 03/2016 Fellowship for fieldwork granted by École Française de Rome.
- 7/2015 Arabic summer class at Institut Français d’Égypte – Cairo.
- 01/09/2014 - 31/08/2017 PhD Fellowship grant by École Pratique des Hautes Études.
- 23 – 26/09/2013 Summer School at the European University Institute.
- 1 – 10/7/2013 Summer School at *dār al-mu‘allimiyn al-‘aliyn* (École Normale Supérieure) of Tunis.
- 09/2012 – 08/2014 Scholarship at École Normale Supérieure of Paris, International Selection (24.000€).
- 09/2009 – 08/2012 Scholarship at Collegio Superiore dell’Alma Mater Studiorum – Università di Bologna (21.000€).

Memberships

- Member of *Associazione per gli Studi Africani in Italia* (ASAI).
- Member of *Società per gli Studi del Medio-Oriente* (SESAMO).
- Member of *Società Italiana per lo Studio della Storia Contemporanea* (SISSCO).
- Former Member of *Middle East Studies Association* (MESA).
- Founding member of a scholar research group on colonial orders *Groupe de Recherche sur les Ordres Coloniaux* (GROC).
- Member of a research group on Italian diasporas in Maghreb *Gruppo di Ricerca su Italiani di Tunisia e Maghreb* (GRITUM).

- Associate of *The Mediterranean Seminar*.

Language skills

Italian (native speaker); English (proficient user); French (proficient user);
Modern Standard Arabic, B2+.

Scientific publications

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Books

Accepted :

1. *Les Italiens de Tunisie: la construction d'une communauté entre migrations, colonisations et colonialismes, 1896-1918*, École Française de Rome, 2023, supported by European Research Council (ERC).
2. *La strage di Alcamo Marina*, Studio Dispari, 2023.

Peer-reviewed papers

Published :

1. " 'Despite the Fear' Black Emancipation Trajectories in Eastern Libya, c. 1890-1930", *Journal of African History*, vol. 63, n. 2, 2022, DOI: 10.1017/S0021853722000573.
2. " 'Tutti per uno, uno per tutti'. Tunisi, 1° Maggio 1904", *Zapruder. Rivista di storia della conflittualità sociale*, n. 55, 2021, ISSN: 1723-0020.
3. "The 'Lost Colony': Italian Colonial Irredentism (1864-1912)", *From the European South*, n. 8, 2021, pp. 131-139, ISSN: 2531-4130.
4. "Le scuole italiane in Tunisia: tra rivalità imperiali e costruzione comunitaria (1861-1910)", *Altreitalia*, n. 61, 2020, pp. 53-70. ISBN: 11200413.
5. "The Making of Italians in Tunisia: a Biopolitical Colonial Project (1881 – 1911)", *California Italian Studies*, Vol. 9, 1, 2019, <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/92d594q8>.
6. "Strategie d'appartenenza. Italiani nella Tunisia coloniale (1896-1900)", *Quaderni Storici*, 3/2018 dicembre, 773-798. DOI: 10.1408/94596.
7. "La repressione del movimento contadino in Sicilia (1944-1950)", *Diacronie. Studi di Storia Contemporanea*, n. 12, April 2012.

Forthcoming:

1. "Italian Abolitionism in Late and Post Ottoman Libya (1890 – 1929)", *Afriche e Orientali*.
2. "Garibaldinism, Anarchism and Labor Movements in Tunis (1887-1912)", *International Labor and Working-Class History Journal*.
3. "Un mare di parole. Rassegna storica sul Mediterraneo post-braudeliano", *Società e Storia*.

Book chapters

1. "Blood and Soil: the routes of White Privilege. An historical perspective on Italian (post)colonial citizenships" in Menditto Pasquale and Pizzirani Silvia (ed.), *Pathways to Citizenship. European Societies amidst Migration and Affluence*, Bologna, Bologna University Press, 2022, ISBN: 9791254770009.
2. "Italianness in colonial Tunisia through Dante Alighieri Society (1893-1920)" in Mourlane Stéphane, Regnard C., Martini M., Brice C., *Italianness and Migration from the Risorgimento to the 1960s*, London, Palgrave Macmillan – Studies in Migration History, 2022, ISBN: 978-3-030-88963-0.

3. "Il nome d'Italiano che abbiamo comune". Pratiche d'italianità nel Beilicato di Tunisi attraverso le fonti consolari sarde e italiane (1848, 1861)" in Aglietti Marcella, Grenet M., Jesné F. (ed.), *Consoli e consolati italiani dagli stati preunitari al fascismo (1802-1945)*, Rome, École Française de Rome, 2020, ISBN: 978-2-7283-1416-4.
4. "The Italian community of Tunisia from Libyan colonial ambitions to First World War" in Shiferaw Bekele, Uoldelul Chelati Dirar, Volterra A., Zaccaria M. (ed.), *The First World War from Tripoli to Addis Ababa (1911-1924)*, Addis Ababa, Centre Français d'Études Éthiopiennes, 2018. URL: <http://books.openedition.org/cfee/1532> . ISBN: 9791036523786.
5. "Frontières fragiles. Contrebande et solidarité transnationale en Tunisie pendant la guerre en Libye" in Melfa Daniela (ed.), *Statualità e periferie nel Maghreb contemporaneo*, Rome, Aracne, 2018, p. 109 – 130, ISBN: 9788825508178.
6. "La comunità italiana di Tunisia durante la guerra italo-turca per la Libia" in Finzi Silvia (ed.), *Histoire et témoignages politiques des Italiens de Tunisie – storia e testimonianze politiche degli Italiani di Tunisia*, Tunis, Edizioni Finzi, 2016, p. 107 – 120, ISBN: 9789973630452.

Scientific notes & other publications

1. "Cosa accade in Tunisia? la situazione sociale e politica alla luce della nuova ondata di proteste" interview at Arianna Poletti (freelance journalist), *Podcast "Costellazioni"*, episode 6, 28 February 2021: <https://www.spreaker.com/user/13368481/puntata6>
2. "Una traversata italo-tunisina": itinerari bibliografici, *Festivaletteratura Mantova*, 2020 : <https://2020.festivaletteratura.it/tunisi/percorsi/>
3. "Mario Scalési: intoccabile senza tomba", in Collettivo Fare Ala, Wu Ming 2 et alia (ed.), *Mario Scalési. Ô frères qui m'avez maudit!*, Palermo, 2019.
4. "Une Tunisie trans-coloniale : les immigrés italiens dans le protectorat français de Tunisie entre colonisation et colonialisme", *Le Carnet de l'IRMC*, 18, septembre-décembre 2016 : <https://irmc.hypotheses.org/2017>

Reviews

- Oualdi M'hamed, *A Slave between Empires: a Transimperial History of North Africa*, New York, Columbia University Press, 2020, in *Storicamente. Laboratorio di Storia*, 17, 2021.
- Coglitore Mario, *Viaggi coloniali. Politica, letteratura e tecnologia in movimento tra Otto e Novecento*, Il Poligrafo, 2020, in *Il Manifesto*, "Avventure narrative di una modernità imperiale a vapore", 9 December 2021.
- Borruso Paolo, *Debre Libanos 1937. Il più grave crimine di guerra dell'Italia*, Bari, Laterza, 2020, in *20&21 Revue d'Histoire*, 149, 2021.
- Schill Pierre (ed.), *Réveiller l'archive d'une guerre coloniale. Photographies et écrits de Gaston Chérau, correspondant de guerre lors du conflit italo-turc (1911-1912)*, Grâne, Créaphis Éditions, 2018 in *International Journal of Turcologia*, Vol XV, N 30, 2020.
- Proglgio Gabriele, *Libia 1911-1912. Immaginari coloniali e italianità*, Milan, Mondadori, 2016 in *Vingtième Siècle*, 134 (April-June) 2017.
- Gavelli Mirtide e Tarozzi Fiorenza (ed.), *Tra Nizza e le Argonne. I volontari emiliano-romagnoli in camicia rossa 1914-1915*, Bologna, Bollettino del museo del Risorgimento, LVIII-LXI (2013-2016) in *Zapruder. Rivista di storia della conflittualità sociale*, 42, January-April 2017.