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CURRICULUM VITAE

Current position

PhD Candidate in Philosophy at the Department of Human Sciences, University of Verona.

Cycle: XL; Scientific-Disciplinary Sector: GSPS-01/A – Political Philosophy; Supervisor: Prof. Lorenzo Bernini (University of Verona); Co-supervisor: Prof. Carlotta Cossutta (University of Milan, Università Statale); Co-supervisor: Prof. Gianmaria Colpani (Utrecht University).

Education

2020 – 2023: Master's Degree in Philosophical Sciences, Department of Human Sciences, University of Verona.

Thesis in political philosophy titled “La politicità (im)prevista dello spazio urbano. Strategie transfemministe queer per ripensare la città”. Supervisor: Prof. Lorenzo Bernini; Co-supervisor: Prof. Massimo Prearo.

2017 – 2020: Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Milan (Università Statale).

Thesis in political philosophy titled “Nicole Loraux e il ruolo politico del mito. Pensare l'alterità femminile ad Atene”. Supervisor: Prof. Mauro Simonazzi. Academic Tutor: Prof. Carlotta Cossutta.

2011 – 2016: Classical Studies Diploma, Liceo Classico Primo Levi, San Donato Milanese.

Further Training and Assistantship Roles

September 2026 – October 2027: tutor for the Master's Degree in Philosophical Sciences, University of Verona. Prof. Davide Bondi.

September – December 2025: tutor for the course Ethics of Care, Master's Degree in Philosophical Sciences, University of Verona. Prof. Riccardo Panattoni; Prof. Federico Leoni.

August 2025: Selected participant in the NOISE Summer School at Utrecht University. Edition: "Sexual Citizenship. Bodies, Technology and Governance."

February – March 2023 and February-March 2024: tutor for the workshop Political Philosophy and Sexuality, Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy, University of Verona. Prof. Lorenzo Bernini; Prof. Massimo Prearo.

Research Activities

From February to December 2026: visiting PhD student at Utrecht University (ICON Department, Institute for Cultural Inquiry), under a joint-supervision agreement.

From 2022 to present: member of the research team of PoliTeSse – Research Centre on Sexuality Politics and Theories, University of Verona.

Publications

Article "Anasuromai, or the Scandalous Superpower of the Pudenda. Transfeminist and Queer Reconfigurations of the Gendered Body," in AG – About Gender. International Journal of Gender Studies", V. 15, N. 29 (2026), pp. 106-127. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.15167/2279-5057/AG2026.15.29.2704>

Review adrienne maree brown, Per una giustizia trasformativa. Una critica alla cancel culture [Toward Transformative Justice: A Critique of Cancel Culture], Meltemi, Rome, 2024, in Politica e società (forthcoming).

Monograph Tutta nostra la città. Prospettive trans*femministqueer per sovvertire lo spazio urbano, Asterisco Edizioni, Sesto San Giovanni (MI), 2025, ISBN 9791280227331.

Contribution to an edited volume PoliTeSse - Politiche e Teorie della Sessualità, "Fare ricerca queer: un dialogo intergenerazionale", in Queer in Italia 2, edited by Marco Pustianaz, ETS Edizioni, Pisa, 2025, ISBN: 9788846770486.

National and International Conferences

September 9–12, 2026: Speaker at the 35th edition of the National Conference of Doctoral Programs in Philosophy at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Title of the presentation: "Queerizing 'The Divided City': The 'Myth of Athens' in the Western Democratic City/Citizenship."

3–5 June 2026: Speaker at the international conference "AAIS 2026 (American Association of Italian Studies) Precarity/Care/Liberation," University of Sassari. Paper co-authored with Dr. Andrea Ierna: "Anasuromai, or the Scandalous Superpower of the Pudenda's Exposure. Feminist and Queer Transfeminist Perspectives of the Sexual Binary."

30 September–2 October 2025: Speaker at the conference "Contested Urban Policy: Breeding Concrete Utopias," organized by AESOP/Planning-Conflict, Technische Universität Berlin. Paper co-authored with Dr. Anna Liliana Arlotta: "Everyday (Italian) Heterotopias. Trans*feministqueer Care/Cure Between Urban Political Conflict and Re-Imagination."

9–12 July 2025: Co-speaker at the "12th European Feminist Conference 2025," organized by ATGender – The European Association for Gender Research, Education and Documentation, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. Paper co-authored with Andrea Ierna (University of Verona): "Anasuromai, or the Scandalous Superpower of the Pudenda. Feminist and Transqueerfeminist Perspectives on the Sexual."

Seminars and Conferences

June 9, 2026: Participation in the seminar "Collecting, Cruising, Feeling: Exploring Contemporary Queer Archival Fever in Italy Symposium" at the ICON Department of Utrecht University.

April 30, 2026: Participation in the seminar "Queer Stories and Minor Sources: Genealogies, Possibilities, Invisibility," organized by the PoliTeSse Research Center at the University of Verona.

March 30, 2026, Verona: Participation in the PhDs Reading/Writing Seminars organized by the NOG Netherlands School of Gender Studies at Utrecht University.

December 4–5, 2025: Participation in the National Congress "Eclipse of Democracy?" organized by the SIFP—Italian Society of Political Philosophy—at the University of Trento.

December 2, 2025: Participation in the seminar "Is Queer Psychoanalysis Possible?" with Fabrice Bourlez (École supérieure d'art et de design de Reims and Sciences Po Paris), organized by the PoliTeSse Research Center at the University of Verona.

Third Mission Events

24 July 2026, Schio: Author presentation of the monograph "Tutta nostra la città. Prospettive trans*femministequeer per sovvertire lo spazio urbano" (Asterisco, 2025; published with the support of the Department of Human Sciences, University of Verona), as part of REAL Fest, organized by CSA Arcadia.

16 April 2026, Bologna: Author presentation of the monograph "Tutta nostra la città. Prospettive trans*femministequeer per sovvertire lo spazio urbano" (Asterisco, 2025; published with the support of the Department of Human Sciences, University of Verona), as part of "Tutta nostra la città – a multilingual workshop discussion on cities and neighborhoods, with an incursion into urban space," organized by PLAT – Piattaforma di intervento sociale, at Carracci Casa Comune.

11 April 2026, Melegnano: Speaker at the round table "Reclaiming the Streets, and More: Transfeministqueer Practices and Public Space," with Elisa Virgili (University of Milano-Bicocca) and Mauro Muscio (Asterisco Edizioni).

January 28, 2025, Verona: Moderator of the event "Cities, Bodies, and Digital Surveillance: Toward a Transfeminist and Queer Hacker Ethics" with Carlotta Cossutta and Arianna Mainardi as part of the WTF — Words, Talks, Futures series of talks organized by the PoliTeSse Research Center at La Sobilla APS.

18 January 2026, online: Author presentation of the monograph "Tutta nostra la città. Prospettive trans*femministequeer per sovvertire lo spazio urbano" (Asterisco, 2025; published with the support of the Department of Human Sciences, University of Verona), with the collective "Incendiarie BXL."

15 January 2025, online: Speaker at the workshop "Città e genere. Esplorazioni dello spazio pubblico" [City and Gender: Explorations of Public Space], hosted by the Department of

Architecture and Urban Studies, Politecnico di Milano. Coordinating instructors: Prof. Carolina Pacchi, Dr. Benedetta Brun, Dr. Elena Madiai.

15 November 2025, Verona: Moderator at the book presentation of "Per una giustizia trasformativa. Una critica alla cancel culture" by adrienne maree brown (Culture Radicali series, Meltemi, 2024), at the association La Sobilla. Event organized by the PoliTeSse Research Centre.

13 November 2025, Milan: Moderator at the presentation of "Intimità Radicali. Contro il mito della felicità individuale" by Sophie K. Rosa (Effequ, 2025), at the Libreria Antigone.

6 October 2025, Milan: Speaker representing the PoliTeSse Research Centre at the Festival Altre Utopie. Episodi dal sottobosco queer, at the round table "Hacherare la Classe. Re-sistenze queer tra scuola e università" organized by Libreria Antigone (Milan and Rome), at Il Cantiere.

27 September 2025, Verona: Author presentation of the monograph "Tutta nostra la città. Prospettive trans*femministequeer per sovvertire lo spazio urbano" (Asterisco, 2025; published with the support of the Department of Human Sciences, University of Verona), as part of the independent publishing festival "Brutti Caratteri."

20 August 2025, Brescia: Author presentation of the monograph "Tutta nostra la città. Prospettive trans*femministequeer per sovvertire lo spazio urbano" (Asterisco, 2025; published with the support of the Department of Human Sciences, University of Verona), as part of the festival "Radio Onda d'Urto."

8 April 2025, Milan: Co-speaker at the event "Tutta mia la città," together with Carlotta Cossutta and Gisella Bassanini, organized by the cultural association and space Mosso, as part of the feminist series "Spalancate."

19–20 March 2025, Verona: Internal speaker at the 2024/2025 edition of the Workshop on Gender, Sexuality and Politics, University of Verona, with a lecture titled "Exploring Embodied Cities. Toward an Intersubjective Mapping."

Milan, 14 September 2026

