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CAREER OVERVIEW

After obtaining a BA degree in Philosophy from the University of Milan, I moved to Verona to pursue a Master's degree in Philosophy at the University of Verona, which is internationally recognized for its specialization in feminist and queer philosophy. Here, I completed my master's degree in 2019 and in the same year began my PhD studies. In 2023, I defended my PhD with a dissertation focused on the theoretical and historical debates surrounding lesbianism within feminist and queer theories. One year after my PhD viva, a revised version of my dissertation is set to be published (October 2024) by the research center Politics and Theory of Sexuality publishing series. During my PhD studies, I was awarded a visiting fellowship at the University of Birmingham (UK) and a fellowship to work on the Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership "Transdisciplinary Balkan Studies: Geophilosophy of the Balkans". These opportunities enriched my international experience and honed my ability to work in team. At Birmingham, I significantly advanced my expertise in gender and sexuality studies and improved my academic writing in English, thanks to the supervision of Prof. Charlotte Ross, an expert in Italian Studies and Gender and Sexuality Studies. I have published articles and participated in international conferences in my area of expertise, which lies at the intersection of political and social philosophy and gender and sexuality studies, with a particular focus on the political history of gender and sexuality, feminist and queer theories and lesbian and transgender studies. Moreover, I have actively participated in and organized numerous third-mission initiatives involving civil society, specifically LGBTQ associations, student organizations, and local municipalities. Currently, I am a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Verona.

EDUCATION

04/07/2023 Ph.D. in Human Sciences (Political Philosophy), University of Verona, Italy.
Dissertation: *La minaccia color lavanada. Il lesbismo nella teoria femminista e queer (The Lavender Menace. Lesbianism in Feminist and Queer Theory)*.
Supervisor: Prof. Lorenzo Bernini.

01/04/2019 M.A. Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, University of Verona.

06/05/2016 B.A. Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, University of Milan, Italy.

CURRENT POSITION

01/02/2024-present Post-doc researcher, Department of Human Sciences, University of Verona.
I am working on a book project for the Italian public dedicated to Gayle Rubin and her impact in gender and queer studies.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

03/03/2022-03/11/2023 Research fellowship, Department of Human Sciences, University of Verona. Activity of research on the intersections between critical, feminist, lesbian, trans*, and queer political philosophies for the project Erasmus+ “Transdisciplinary Balkan Studies: Geophilosophy of the Balkans” (awarded by the University of Verona).

OTHER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

01/09/2021-20/12/2021 Visiting Ph.D. student at Birmingham University, UK (awarded by the University of Verona).

PARTECIPATION IN PROJECTS

03/03/2022-03/11/2023 Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership “Transdisciplinary Balkan Studies: Geophilosophy of the Balkans (GEOBALKANS)” - 2020-1-MK01-KA203-077824. Activity of research, project management and implementation. Participation in team meetings and *Learning, Teaching, Training* program organized by the partnership.

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

La minaccia color lavanda. Il lesbismo nella teoria femminista e queer (The Lavender Menace. Lesbianism in Feminist and Queer Theory), ETS, Pisa 2024. ISBN 9788846766816

The book traces the history of the theoretical debate surrounding lesbianism within feminist and queer theories, with a focus on movements and authors from Italy, France, and the United States. It uses lesbianism and lesbian politics as a privileged lens to understand the changes in the theorization of gender and sexuality over the past fifty years, as well as the divergences and continuities between feminist and queer theory.

Peer-reviewed journal articles (with DOI for open access version)

With Eva Feole, *The Lesbian(s) Body in Italy*, in “Journal of Lesbian Studies”, special number ‘Categorically Resistant: Monique Wittig’s *The Lesbian Body* at 50’ (in press, the article has passed the peer-review process).

The article explores the impact of the two translations of *The Lesbian Body* in Italy, employing this impact as a key to engage in an original literary analysis of the book. I have authored the first part, which reconstructs the reception of Wittig’s theory and works in Italy, situating them within the struggles for lesbian visibility in the Italian women’s movement.

Butch e le “guerre di genere”. Una genealogica politica e teorica (Butch and the “Gender Wars”. A Political and Theoretical Genealogy), in “AG About Gender”, 13(25), 2024,102-127. DOI: 10.15167/2279-5057/AG2024.13.25.2274.

Starting from how gender-critical activists and journalists use the figure of the young queer tomboy and the adult butch lesbian (lesbica mascolina in Italian) in the Italian media and newspapers to oppose transgender rights, the article focuses on the history of the politicization of butch identities and sexualities in the English-speaking world, particularly in the United States, to counteract gender-critical discourses. The article engages with the political history of gender and sexuality to contribute to a transfeminist politics oriented towards radical change and the valorization of sexual and gender subcultural knowledge.

Abiezione lesbica e azione politica. Un confronto tra Judith Butler e Teresa de Lauretis (Lesbian Abjection and Political Action. A Comparison between Judith Butler and Teresa de Lauretis), in “Politica&Società”, anno X, n. 2/2021, pp. 285-307.

The article compares the theories of the gender/sexual subject by Judith Butler and Teresa de Lauretis, focusing particularly on their interpretation of lesbian sexual subcultures (particularly butch-femme). The

article also traces a genealogy of queer theory and studies through the writings that shaped the Anglo-American feminist debate during the so-called “sex wars” of the 1980s.

Protagoniste Invisibili. Del lesbofemminismo italiano e delle butch tra femminismo e transfemminismo (Invisible Protagonists. On Italian Lesbian Feminism and Butches between Feminism and Transfeminism), in “AG About Gender”, v. 9, n. 17, 2020, pp. 230-257. DOI: 10.15167/2279-5057/AG2020.9.17.1175

The article focuses on the internal debate within Italian lesbian activism during the 2010s and 2020s. Drawing on insights from the history of lesbian feminism in Italy and U.S. butch subculture, the article tries to rethink conflicts and fractures surrounding the issues of reproductive justice and gender-affirming rights.

Book Chapters

Preface, in Collegamento Lesbiche Italiane, *Il nostro mondo comune. Un contributo del C.L.I. al dibattito aperto dal gruppo n. 4 di Milano* (Italian Lesbian Connection, *Our Common World. A Contribution from C.L.I. to the Debate Started by Group N. 4 of Milan*), Asterisco, Sesto San Giovanni 2020.

This is an historical and theoretical introduction to a short text published by a lesbian feminist collective in 1983, aimed at opposing the invisibility of lesbianism within Italian sexual difference feminism. The text, which I edited for this new edition, also includes a contribution by feminist and queer scholar Liana Borghi, who was one of the original authors.

Book Reviews

Review of *Monique Wittig* by Eva Feole and Sara Garbagnoli, in “DWF. Donna, Woman, Femme”, n. 141, (1)2024, pp. 100-101.

Review of *L'emersione imprevista. Il movimento delle lesbiche in Italia negli anni '70 e '80 (The Unexpected Emergence. The Lesbian Movement in Italy in the 1970s and 1980s)* by Elena Biagini, in “Passato e presente”, 119, maggio-agosto 2023, pp. 177-179.

Review of *The Sexual/Political. Freud with Marx, Fanon, Foucault* by Lorenzo Bernini, in “Filosofia politica», anno XXXIV, dicembre 2020, pp. 555-557.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Spring Semester 2023	Tutorial lecturer, <i>Theories of Conflict</i> , B.A. in Political Sciences, University of Verona (Prof. Lorenzo Bernini).
Fall Semester 2022	Tutorial lecturer, <i>Politics and Theory of Sexuality</i> , M.A. in Philosophy, University of Verona (Prof. Lorenzo Bernini).
Spring Semester 2021	Tutorial lecturer, <i>Epistemology and Feminist Philosophies</i> , M.A. in Education, University of Verona (Prof. Antonietta de Vita).
Fall Semester 2021	Tutorial lecturer, <i>Politics and Theory of Sexuality</i> , M.A. in Philosophy, University of Verona (Prof. Lorenzo Bernini).
Spring Semester 2020	Tutorial lecturer, <i>Epistemology and Feminist Philosophies</i> , M.A. in Education, University of Verona (Prof. Antonietta de Vita).

PEER-REVIEW PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES

17/11/2023	Queer Caucus AAIS, “Stories in Transit: Online Study Day about Italian Transnational Trans* Studies”, online. Talk: <i>Riannodare i fili dell'esperienza lesbica e trans: su Stone Butch Blues e l'Italia (Reconnecting the threads of Lesbian and Trans Experience: on Stone Butch Blues in Italy)</i> .
10/02/2023	AG/GIFTS Congress “Il futuro imprevisto. Genere, sessualità e politiche”, University of Genova, Italy.

Talk: *Parlare di butchfobia nel contesto contemporaneo (Talking about butchphobia in the contemporary context)*.

- 17/06/2022 11th European Feminist Research Conference, “Social Change in a Feminist Perspective”, University of Milan-Bicocca, Italy.
Talk: *The Lesbian Ghost in Italian Sexual Difference Feminism*.
- 06/11/2021 4th Annual International Conference Society for Italian Philosophy, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, US (online due to Covid-19).
Talk: *An Eroticism That Dares Not Speak Its Name: The Lesbian Feminist Critique of Italian Sexual Difference Feminism*.
- 11/06/2021 VIII Congress “La storia di genere”, University of Verona (online due to Covid-19).
Talk: *Un conflitto tra lesbiche alle origini del queer: la lesbian sex war intorno alla sessualità butch-femme (A conflict among lesbians at the origins of queer theory: the lesbian sex war around butch-femme sexuality)*.

INVITED SPEAKER

- 04/06/2024 Queer Intersections Oxford Network Series of seminars, “Queer(ing) Italian Masculinities”, online.
Talk: *Female Masculinities in Italy*.
- 27/05/2023 XIX Festival Internazionale di Storia, Gorizia, Italy.
Talk during the panel *Buone amiche: l’invisibilità delle donne lesbiche nella storia italiana (Good friends: the invisibility of lesbian women in the Italian history)* with Maya de Leo.
- 30/09/2022 European Lesbian* Conference, Budapest, Hungary.
Talk during the panel *Lesbian Desire as Resistance*.

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RELEVANCE

- 13/12/2024 Conference *Con Elena Gianini Belotti. Dalla parte dell’educazione di genere (With Elena Gianini Belotti. On the Side of Gender Education)*, Department of Human Sciences, University of Verona.
- 10/10/2023 Projection of the movie *Esther Newton Made Me Gay* by Jean Carlomusto, University of Verona.
Speakers: Esther Newton (Professor Emerita of Anthropology) and Jean Carlomusto (film director).
- 12/04/2021 Conference *Sex as a Political Category to be Destroyed. On the Lesbian Writing and Thought of Monique Wittig*, University of Verona and University of Paris 8, France, online.
Speakers: Ilana Eloit, Eva Feole, Sara Garbagnoli, Catherine Écarnot, Suzette Robichon, Nadia Setti.

SUPERVISING AND MENTORING ACTIVITIES

- 2024 Co-supervisor of a Bachelor’s thesis in Philosophy.
Title: *Not in my name. Per una decostruzione delle mascolonità egemoni (For a deconstruction of hegemonic masculinities)*.
- 11/2023 Sensitive Reader for the new Italian translation of Leslie Feinberg’s *Stone Butch Blues* (Asterisco Edizioni, 2024).

MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES AND EDITORIAL BOARDS

- 2023-present Member of Italian Society for Political Philosophy.
- 2021-present Member of the Scientific Committee of the Eresia series by Asterisco Publishing.

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

- 2019-present Member of PoliTeSse – Research Center Politics and Theory of Sexuality.
- 2019-present Member of GIFTS – Italian Network for Gender, Intersex, Feminist, Transfeminist and Sexuality Studies.

INVOLVEMENT IN THIRD MISSION INITIATIVES

Some of the most recent third-mission events I have been involved in include:

- 07/2024 Interview “Le lesbiche imitano gli uomini? (Do lesbians imitate men?)” for the podcast “Femminista si diventa! (One Becomes a Feminist!)”, CIRSDe – Center for Women’s and Gender Research and Studies, Torino University, Italy.
Link Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/episode/5pknoN1BiZGxqQez95yjHD>.
- 09/05-06/06/2024 Organization of the second series of events “Famiglie alla pari, per una città che non discrimina (Equal Families, for a City That Does Not Discriminate)” in collaboration with the municipality of Verona and LGBTQ associations, held for the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (17 May).
Link: https://www.comune.verona.it/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=87450.
- 22/03/2024 Article *Gli anni Novanta Queer (The Queer Nineties)* in “Machina”, online magazine of critical thought.
Link: www.machina-deriveapprodi.com/post/gli-anni-novanta-queer.
- 12/10/2023 LUDUS Festival, Union of University Students, University of Verona.
Talk: *Hegemonic Masculinity and Alternative Masculinities* during the debate “Don’t you know that you’re toxic?”.
- 04/06/2023 Genova LGBTQ Pride.
Talk: *Butch, Please! La storia orgogliosa della maschilità femminile (The Proud History of Female Masculinity)*.