

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Professional Experience and Education

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- 09/2023 - now **Humboldt Postdoctoral Fellowship**, Buber-Rosenzweig Institut, Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt am Main, Germany.  
Project: «Nationality and Citizenship in the light of *Nationalhumanismus*. An attempt of reshaping Zionism after the World War I»  
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Christian Wiese
- 11/2022- 06/2023 **High School Teacher**, Gymnasium Leonardo Da Vinci, Casalecchio di Reno, Bologna, Italy.
- 10/2021–03/2022 **Postdoctoral Fellowship**, Leibniz Institut für europäische Geschichte (IEG), Mainz, Germany.  
Project: «Reconsidering the notion of *Nationalhumanismus*. An attempt of reshaping Jewishness and Zionism after the World War I»  
Supervisor: Dr. Joachim Berger
- 03/2021-06/2021 **High School Teacher**, Gymnasium Galileo Galilei, Bologna Italy.
- 03/2019 - 03/2020 **Professionalizing Fellowship**, Scuola Normale Superiore (SNS), Pisa, Italy.  
Project: «Cataloging and promotion of miscellany with historical character Michele Luzzati and Arnaldo Momigliano» (in Italian).  
Supervisor: Prof.ssa Ilaria Pavan
- 11/2013–09/2018 **Ph.D.** in Contemporary History (70/70 summa cum laude), Scuola Normale Superiore (SNS), Pisa, Italy.  
Dissertation: The Utopias of Zion between messianism and Zionism in late 19th and early 20th century Europe (in Italian)  
Supervisors: Prof. Daniele Menozzi and Prof. Patrick Cabanel.

- 05/2012 - 05/2013    **National Civil Service**, Fondazione Gramsci (IGER), Bologna, Italy.
- 12/2007–03/2012    **M.A. Degree** in Modern Philology (110/110 summa cum laude) University of Bologna, Italy.  
Dissertation: David and Bathsheba between Jewish tradition and Christian exegesis (in Italian)  
Supervisors: Prof. Valerio Marchetti and Prof. Guido Bartolucci.

## Awards, Grants, and Research Experiences

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- 2022    **Humboldt Postdoctoral Fellowship**, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, Germany (from September 1st, 2023, 2 Years).
- 2020    **Mosse Friends Fellowship Award**, UW Libraries, University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA (spent in July-August 2022, 2 Months).
- 2020    **Postdoctoral Fellowship**, Leibniz Institut für europäische Geschichte (IEG), Mainz, Germany (from October 2021 to March 2022, 6 Months).
- 2019    **Publication Award**, Centro Romano di studi sull'ebraismo [Roman Center for Studies on Judaism] CeRSE, Università degli Studi Roma Tor Vergata, Roma, Italy.
- 2019    **Travel Grant**, Central European University CEU: International Workshop «Globalizing French Jewish Politics», Budapest, Hungary (4 days).
- 2018    **Travel Grant**, Foundation for Jewish Culture: AJS Conference, Boston, USA (1 week).
- 12/2016    **Research Grant**, Scuola Normale Superiore: NLI, Jerusalem, Israel (3 weeks).
- 11/2015 - 01/2016    **Exchange Scholarship**, Scuola Normale Superiore and Ecole Normale Supérieure: BNF, Paris, France (3 months).
- 07/2015 - 09/2015    **Research Grant**, Scuola Normale Superiore: Summer Ulpan, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel (2 Months).
- 05/2015 - 06/2015    **Research Grant**, Scuola Normale Superiore: LBI and YIVO Institute, Center for Jewish History in New York, and AJA in Cincinnati (2 Months).
- 11/2013 - 02/2016    **Ph.D. Grant**, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, Italy

## Publications

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### A) Monograph

- *Sognando Sion. Ebraismo e sionismo tra nazione, utopia e stato (1877-1902)* [Dreaming of Zion. Judaism and Zionism among nation, utopia, and state]. Roma, Viella, 2021.

### B) Curatorship

- Sholem Aleichem, *Tredici Robinson* [Thirteen Robinson], a cura di Stefania Ragaù, Roma, Edizioni di Storia e Letteratura, 2023.

### C) Contributions

1. *Dare una patria agli ebrei erranti. Sionismo, migrazione e cittadinanza nell'era dello stato-nazionale* [Giving a Homeland to Wandering Jews. Zionism, Migration and Citizenship in the Age of the Nation-State], in *L'Ebreo errante. Temi, idee e persone in movimento nello spazio e nel tempo, dal Medioevo all'Età contemporanea*, Roma, Edizioni di Storia e Letteratura, 2023, pp. 229-246.
2. *Ursprung ist das Zeil. Sulle speranze d'altro genere nelle utopie di Adolf Agai e Sholem Aleichem* [Ursprung ist das Zeil. On the other kinds of hope in the utopias of Adolf Agai and Sholem Aleichem], in *Utopie e messianismi nel pensiero ebraico*, a cura di Davide D'Amico, Massimo Giuliani e Paolo Vanini, Trento Trento University Press, 2023, pp. 207-228.
3. «Una ricchezza umana fatta non di bei sogni, ma di lavoro quotidiano». Gertrud Bing, preziosa custode del Warburg Institute [«A human richness made up not of beautiful dreams, but of daily work». Gertrud Bing, a precious custodian of the Warburg Institute], in *L'altra metà dell'editoria. Le professioniste del libro e della lettura nel Novecento*, a cura di R. Cesana, I. Piazzoni, Vicenza, Ronzani, 2022, pp. 245-273.
4. *Tra utopia e teologia. Il frammento teologico-politico alla luce delle due utopie del profano di Benjamin e Scholem* [Between utopia and theology. The theological-political fragment in the light of Benjamin and Scholem's two utopias of the profane], in *Felicità e tramonto. Sul frammento teologico-politico di Walter Benjamin*, a cura di G. Guerra, T. Tagliacozzo, Macerata, Quodlibet, 2019, pp. 125-137.

### D) Peer Reviewed Articles

1. *Israele e la «teocrazia politica» ebraica. L'attualità di Thomas Hobbes secondo Jacob Taubes* [Israel and the Jewish «political theocracy». The relevance of Thomas Hobbes according to Jacob Taubes], in «Il pensiero politico», LV/1 (2022), 36-57. Fascia A
2. *Sognando Sion. Per un nuovo canone storiografico del genere utopico ebraico* [Dreaming of Zion. For a new historiographical canon of the Jewish utopian genre], in «Materia giudaica», XXV (2020), 165-177.
3. *L'utopico ritorno a Sion come problema messianico. Le antinomie di Gershom Scholem alla luce di alcune critiche di Jacob Taubes* [The utopian return to Zion as a messianic problem. The antinomies of Gershom Scholem in the light of some criticisms of Jacob Taubes], in «Studi germanici», 17 (2020), 155-179.

4. *La questione del potere nell'immaginario utopico ebraico. Il caso delle utopie di Sion* [The issue of power in the Jewish utopian imagination. The case of Zion utopias], in «Thomas Project», 3, 1 (2020), 48-69.
5. *Secolarizzazione e antisemitismo nel genere utopico ebraico. Edmund Eisler e Max Osterberg (1885-1893)* [Secularization and antisemitism in the Jewish utopian genre. Edmund Eisler and Max Osterberg], in «Contemporanea», 23, 1 (2020), 3-24.
6. *George L. Mosse, il sionismo e la ricerca di un nazionalismo dal volto umano* [George L. Mosse, Zionism, and the search for a nationalism with a human face], in «Studi storici», 60, 2 (2019), 457-474. Fascia A
7. *Il pensiero politico-religioso di Jacques Bahar e il Nationalhumanismus nell'intelligenza ebraico-sionista alla fine del diciannovesimo secolo* [The political-religious thought of Jacques Bahar and Nationalhumanismus in the Jewish-Zionist intelligentsia at the end of 19th century], in «Annali della Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa. Classe di Lettere e Filosofia», 10, 1 (2018), 227–256. Fascia A
8. *La disarticolazione tra i momenti estatici e la vita di tutti i giorni, ovvero l'impasse del tempo presente secondo Jacob Taubes* [The disarticulation between ecstatics moments and every day life, namely the impasse of present time according to Jacob Taubes], in «Democrazia e diritto», 52, 2 (2015), 141-183.
9. *Una possibile convergenza tra eschaton e katechon, ovvero la questione della sovranità tra Taubes e Schmitt* [A possible convergence between eschaton and katechon, namely the issue of sovereignty between Taubes and Schmitt], in «Links. Rivista di letteratura e cultura tedesca. Zeitschrift für deutsche Literatur- und Kulturwissenschaft», XV (2015), 79-98.

## E) Reviews

- *La contemporaneità del passato. Studi in onore di Renato Moro*, eds. D. Araminini et al., Roma. Carocci. 2021, in *George L. Mosse Program in History Blog*, posted on July 27, 2022.
- M. Miniati, *Italian Jewish Women in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries*, in «Annali d'Italianistica», 40 (2022), 627-629.
- M. Tronti, *Dello spirito libero. Frammenti di vita e di pensiero*, il Saggiatore, Milano 2015, in «Pandora rivista», 8 settembre 2016.

## Conferences, Workshop, and Invited Lectures

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### A) Conferences

1. *«Ursprung ist das Ziel». Sulle «speranze d'altro genere» nelle utopie di Adolf Agai e Scholem Aleichem* [Regarding the «other kinds of hope» in the utopias of Adolf Agai, and Scholem Aleichem]. Conference: «Un mondo ideale, un mondo capovolto. Narrazioni, utopie e messianismo nel pensiero ebraico».

March 15-16, 2022  
  
Trento University,  
Trento, Italy
2. *Immagini di una futura Sion. Morfologia e storia nel ruolo ricostruttivo dell'immaginario utopico ebraico* [Images of a future Zion. Morphology and history in the reconstructive role of the Jewish utopian imagination]. International Conference: «Forms, History, Narrations, Big Data. Morphology and Historical Sequence».

November 21-22, 2019  
  
Centro Studi "Arti della Modernità",  
Torino, Italy
3. *A reaction against Antisemitism in Hungary: Edmund Eisler and the flowering of the new Jewish utopian genre*, Hungarian Hebrew Studies Conference 2019.

January 29-30, 2019  
  
Hungarian Hebrew  
Studies Society KRE,  
Budapest, Hungary
4. *Sognando Sion. La nascita del genere utopico ebraico dalla speranza all'utopia messianica del ritorno* [Dreaming Zion. The birth of the Jewish utopian genre from hope to the messianic utopia of return], AISG Annual conference 2019: «Ebraismo fra peculiarità e interculturalità»

September 2-4, 2019  
  
University of Bologna,  
Ravenna, Italy
5. *From the Love for Zion to the Return in Zion. The Case of the first two German-Jewish Utopias between Antisemitism and Secularization (1885-1893)*. Association for Jewish Studies AJS Conference

December 18, 2018  
  
AJS, Boston, MA, USA

### B) Workshops

1. *Gertrud Bing, preziosa custode del Warburg Institute. Brevi cenni attraverso alcuni fondi archivistici e bibliotecari della Scuola Normale Superiore* [Gertrud Bing, a precious caretaker of the Warburg Institute. Brief notes through some archival and library collections of the SNS]. Workshop «L'altra metà dell'editoria», co-organized by Prof.ssa R. Cesena and Prof.ssa I. Piazzoni

November 23-26, 2020  
  
Centro Apice,  
University of Milan,  
Milan, Italy
2. *Theocratic anarchism in Jacques Bahar's Zionist Utopia. An unusual voice of French Jewish politics between Humanism and Zionism*. International Workshop «Globalizing French Jewish Politics», organized by Dr. N. Duhaut and Dr. N. Valbousquet.

July, 3-4, 2019  
  
Central European  
University, Budapest,  
Hungary

3. *Tra Utopia e teologia. Il frammento teologico politico e il divergente accordo tra Benjamin e Scholem*, [Between Utopia and Theology. The Political-Theological Fragment, and the divergent agreement between Benjamin and Scholem]. Workshop on Walter Benjamin's Theological-Political Fragment. June 9, 2017  
Walter Benjamin Italian Association, Roma, Italy
4. *Les utopies sionistes: le cas de Jacques Bahar ou le revers de l'antisemitisme* [Zionist Utopias: the case of Jacques Bahar and the reverse of the Antisemitism]. International Workshop in Modern and Contemporary History between Scuola Normale Superiore and Paris IV-Sorbonne. July 4, 2016  
Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, Italy
5. *Nazionalismo e religione: le utopie sioniste nell'Europa occidentale di fine Ottocento* [Nationalism and Religion. Zionist utopia in the Western Europe at the end of 19<sup>th</sup> Century]. Translating Cultures – International Workshop. February 11, 2016  
Florence University, Florence, Italy

### C) Invited Lectures and Talks

1. *Sognare Sion. Utopia ed ebraismo: genesi, sviluppo e ricezione del genere* [Dreaming of Zion. Utopia and Judaism: the genesis, development and reception of the genre]. Invited lecture under the course History of Judaism by Prof.ssa Francesca Sofia, University of Bologna. December 1, 2022  
University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy
2. *National Humanism in and after George L. Mosse*. Invited Lecture. Mosse-Friends Fellows Luncheon at the; organized by the 2022 George L. Mosse Program-Friends of the UW Libraries Fellows. August 4, 2022  
University of Wisconsin in Madison, WI, USA
3. *Sognare Sion o ritornare a Sion? Dalla «crisi» dell'emancipazione alla nascita del sionismo* [Dream Zion or return to Zion? From the "crisis" of emancipation to the rise of Zionism]. Invited lecture under the course History of Judaism by Prof. Alberto Cavaglion, University of Florence. May 19, 2022  
University of Florence, Florence, Italy
4. *Ritornare a Sion: l'emancipazione ebraica e il sogno sionista tra gli ebrei dell'Europa centro-orientale* [Returning to Zion: Jewish emancipation and the Zionist dream among the Jews of Central and Eastern Europe]. Invited Lecture, under the Workshop «UZ - La Shoah e l'Europa centro-orientale», co-organized by Prof.ssa Cinzia Franchi and Prof.ssa Tiziana D'Amico April 14, 2022  
Padua University, Padua, Italy
5. *Reconsidering the notion of Nationalhumanismus. An attempt of reshaping Jewishness and Zionism after the First World War*, Talk, IEG Research Colloquium. November 23, 2021  
Leibniz Institute, Mainz, Germany
6. *Jacob Taubes interprete e lettore di Thomas Hobbes: l'attualità del Leviatano e della teologia politica nel tempo presente*, [Jacob Taubes interpreter and reader of Thomas Hobbes: the relevance of Leviathan and political theology in the present time], Invited Lecture under the workshop on «Thomas Hobbes between religion and politics», organized by Dr. Guido Frilli. November 17, 2017  
Florence University, Italy

7. *Non c'è due senza tre: la teologia politica e la questione dell'elemento terzo* [No Two without Three. The Political Theology and the Issue of the Third Element]. Talk given as a part of the seminar for ungraduated and graduated students: "Questions on modern political Philosophy" by Prof. Roberto Esposito. May 24, 2015  
Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, Italy
8. *Bernard Lazare e la figura dell'ebreo povero. Un tentativo di sintesi tra la questione ebraica e la questione sociale* [Bernard Lazare and the figure of the Poor Jew. An attempted synthesis between Jewish question, and social question]. Talk given as a part of the seminar for ungraduated and graduated students "The poverty issue in the contemporary Catholicism" by Prof. Daniele Menozzi. April 16, 2014  
Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, Italy

## D) Organizing and Scientific Committees

1. International Congress. *Memories of the Shoah. Narrative Forms and Cultural Discourse in East-Central, South-Eastern, and Eastern Europe*. May 11-12, 2023  
Scientific Committee: Prof.ssa Tiziana D'Amico (Università di Venezia Ca' Foscari); Dr. Eva Filová (Academy of Performing Arts in Bratislava); Prof.ssa Cinzia Franchi (Università degli Studi di Padova); Dr. Stefania Ragà (Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa); Prof. Gianluca Volpi (Università di Udine); Prof. Attila Pók (Institute of History, Research Centre for the Humanities - Hungarian Academy of Sciences/Institute of Advanced Studies Kószeg - IASK).  
Università degli Studi di Padova and Università di Venezia Ca' Foscari
2. Giornata di studio. *Tradizione religiosa e riflessione politica: percorsi ebraici* [Study day. Religious tradition and political reflection: Jewish paths] co-organized with Dr. Chiara Carmen Scordari, and in collaboration with the Interdepartmental Center for Jewish Studies CISE, Pisa. April 14, 2016  
Pisa University, Pisa, Italy.

## Language Skill

LANGUAGE	READING	WRITING	SPEAKING	LANGUAGE CERTIFICATION (if applicable)
English	B2	B2	B2	<i>Academic writing SNS Certificate</i>
German	B2	B2	B2	<i>Goethe Institute B1</i>
French	B2	B1	B1	<i>Alliance Française B1</i>
Modern Hebrew	B1	B1	B1	<i>Hebrew University Beth</i>

**Ancient Languages:** Latin (good knowledge), ancient Greek, and biblical Hebrew (basic knowledge)

## Research focus

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- Secularization in Jewish-European history between the 19th and 20th centuries
- History of Zionism
- Jewish utopian thought
- History of Jewish ideologies and political movements
- German-Jewish and European-Jewish intellectual and cultural history

## Memberships

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SISSCO - Società Italiana per lo Studio della Storia Contemporanea

AISG - Associazione Italiana per lo studio del giudaismo

CISE - Centro interdipartimentale di studi ebraici

AWB - Associazione italiana Walter Benjamin

AJS - American Association for Jewish Studies