

CURRICULUM VITAE



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ABOUT ME

PhD in sociology, specialised in memory politics within the European Union.

EDUCATION

- 11/2021 – 04/2025: **PhD in Social and Political Change** – University of Turin (DCPS), University of Florence (DSPS). Dissertation title: “*Politics of memory and narratives on history in the European Parliament. A sociological investigation.*”
Awarded with honours on 29/04/2025.
 - Aim: Investigate the discursive dimension of EU memory politics and the contemporary use of memory narratives, specifically within the IX legislature of the European Parliament (EP).
 - Methods: 20 semi-structured interviews with MEPs, parliamentary assistants, administrators, policy advisors, and lobbyists; institutional fieldwork; document collection.
 - Supervisors: Prof. Roberta Ricucci, Prof. Franca Roncarolo (UniTo); Prof. Laura Leonardi (UniFi).
- 10/2018 – 10/2021: **Master’s Degree in Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences** – University of Milan-Bicocca. Final mark: 110/110 cum laude. Dissertation title: “*L’isola immaginata. Antimilitarismo, simboli e memorie a Okinawa*”.
 - Methods: ethnography, in-depth interviews with activists, politicians, administrators.
 - Main supervisor: Prof. Alice Bellagamba (UniMiB). Co-supervisor: Prof. Luigi Urru (UniMiB).
- 10/2014-03/2018: **Bachelor’s Degree in Intercultural Communication** – University of Milan-Bicocca. Final mark: 110/110 cum laude. Dissertation title: “*La Periferia dell’Impero. Okinawa e la fenomenologia dell’identità locale*”.
 - Methods: Literature discussion and semi-structured interviews.
 - Main Supervisor: Prof. Susanna Marino (UniMiB). Co-supervisor: Prof. Luigi Urru (UniMiB).

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- 05/2025 – ongoing: **Postdoctoral researcher** – Université Libre de Bruxelles (IEE/CEVIPOL). Project: “Religion and Populism at the European Parliament”, supervised by Prof. François Foret.
- 02/2025-04/2025: **Research Assistant** – Maastricht University (FASoS). Background research, proposal design and literature review for the “Memory Studies Textbook” project supervised by Prof. Aline Sierp.
- 06/2024 – 06/2025: **Project administrative assistant** - University of Florence (DSPS). “**ValEUs. Research & Education Network on Contestations to EU Foreign Policy**” (**Jean Monnet Policy Network, EC funded**). Local project coordinator: Prof. Laura Leonardi.
 - Coordination of the ValEUs initiative’s lecture series, co-organising high-level lectures hosted by the consortium members.
 - Collaboration within the consortium and with external stakeholders (e.g., email communications, steering committee meetings, and the annual conference).
 - Managing project dissemination efforts and internal reporting.
 - Knowledge of European funding programs and project management.

- 01/10/2021 – 01/11/2024: **Academic tutor and teaching assistant** - University of Milan-Bicocca, "Riccardo Massa" Department of Human Sciences for Education. Teaching duties and seminar activities for the following courses:
 - 2022/2024: Theoretical Models of Anthropology, master's degree in Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences. Theories of nationalism; theories of collective memory; fieldwork and methodology.
 - 2021/2024: Japanese Language I/II/III, bachelor's degree in Intercultural Communication.
 - 2021/2022: Institutions of Japanese Culture, bachelor's degree in Intercultural Communication.
- 09/2019 – 09/2020: **University orientation tutor** - University of Milan-Bicocca, "Riccardo Massa" Department of Human Sciences for Education. Guidance and mentoring activities for students of the Bachelor of Arts in Intercultural Communication.

RESEARCH VISITS ABROAD

- 11/2023 – 02/2024, **Research visit at the Institut d'études européennes – Université libre de Bruxelles**. Research topic: EU memory politics (PhD research). Mentor: Prof. François Foret.
- 12/2023 – 02/2024, **Study visits to the EPRS library - European Parliament, Brussels** (for a total of 6 weeks), (PhD research).
- 01/2023 – 06/2023, **Research visit at Maastricht University (FaSoS)**. Research topic: EU memory politics (PhD research). Mentor: Prof. Aline Sierp.
- 11/2020 – 02/2021 and 10/2017 – 02/2018, **Field research in Okinawa (Japan) - Okinawa Prefectural University of Arts**. Research topic: The US military presence in Okinawa and antimilitarist protest uprisings (Master research)

ORGANISATION OF CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND OTHER RESEARCH MEETINGS

- Member of the program committee of the Council for European Studies 31st Conference "[Legacies and Ruptures: Making Sense of Europe](#)". 25-27/06/2025, Temple University, Philadelphia.
- Co-organisation of the conference "["Cancel Cultures"? Public Space Between Resistance and Removal](#)". 03/11/2022 – 04/11/2022, University of Turin, Campus Luigi Einaudi.

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES AND OTHER RESEARCH MEETINGS

- 13/12/2024, University of Pavia, Department of Political Sciences, "**II giornata studio sulla cultura giapponese a Pavia**". Presentation title: "Problems and Challenges of Fieldwork in Japan" (Invited talk)
- 29/11/2024, Università degli Studi Roma Tre, **Book presentation "Dizionario di Sociologia per la Persona"**. Presentation of the contribution as a co-author to the dictionary entry 'agency'.
- 15/09/2024, Nazarbayev University (Astana, Kazakhstan), **First Annual ValEUs Conference: "The Contestation of European Values from Afar"**. Panel chair: "European Values and the Global South".
- 28/08/2024 Porto, Portugal, **European Sociological Association (ESA) 16th conference**. Paper title: "Narr-acting" Europe's past: intra-institutional memory activism in the European Parliament".
- 28/06/2024 – 29/06/2024, Certosa di Pontignano, **XXIV Incontro Giovani SPE "Persona è società"**. Paper title: *La "memoria storica europea": narrazioni sulla storia e attivismo della memoria nel Parlamento europeo*.
- 04/03/2024, Université Libre de Bruxelles - IEE, **EU-Japan Forum 2024 - "Political Narratives in Europe and Asia Compared"**. Presentation title: "Political narratives and memory activism across societies and institutions: the cases of Okinawa/Japan and the EU" (Invited talk).
- 29/09/2023, University of Bergamo, **Yearly seminar of the Sociology of Memory Network "DeMeTra"**. Presentation title: "Discorsi sulla storia e attivismo della memoria nel Parlamento europeo"

- 04/07/2023, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Newcastle University, **Memory Studies Association 7th Annual Conference “Communities and Change”**. Panel chair: “Memory in activism and Memory of activism”.
- 31/05/2023, Maastricht University. **Politics and Culture in Europe – Democracy cluster seminar**, FASoS. Presentation: “Politics of remembrance and competing memories in the European Parliament”.
- 08/05/2023, University of Barcelona, **11th European Remembrance Symposium** - European Network Remembrance and Solidarity. Turbo-presentation: “Remembering the victims and their struggles. The space of resistance and solidarity in European Politics of Memory”.
- 03/11/2022, University of Turin, **“Culture della cancellazione? Lo spazio pubblico tra resistenze e rimozioni”**. Discussant for the panel “Cancel culture e la costruzione sociale della memoria”
- 10/09/2022, Ascona, Switzerland, Eranos Foundation, **“Earth Symbols: The Inhospitable Planet and the Thought of a New Habitability” - Eranos Tagung 2022**. Paper title: “La fine di “un” mondo: regimi di storicità, memorie sovversive, futuri alternativi”
- 13/05/2022, Desenzano del Garda, **XXIV Lombardy Youth Seminar “Federalism and European Unity”**, organised by MFE Lombardia, AEDE, Mario Albertini Centre for Studies on Federalism, Mario and Valeria Albertini Foundation. Session title: “Il processo di unificazione europea come antidoto alla guerra”. Presentation title: “Il ritorno del tragico nella storia europea”.
- 10/02/2022, Sala Didattica del Polo del ‘900, CESI, Torino, **“Quali sfide e prospettive per la democrazia nel mondo?”**. Presentation Title: “Crisi della democrazia e crisi dello stato nazionale”.
- 03/09/2020, Ventotene Island, Conference **“La politica estera europea tra Mediterraneo e Atlantico”** Organised by Istituto Affari Internazionali. Presentation title: “Creare una capacità fiscale europea per rafforzare il settore di politica estera”
- 14/11/2019, University of Milan Bicocca, University Library. **Book presentation “Goi No Tabi: viaggi di parole tra l’italiano e il giapponese”**, BookCity 2019. Chair for the presentation of the new edition of Dizionario di Giapponese (Zanichelli, 2019), Susanna Marino.
- 17/10/2019, Auditorium don Oldani, Arcore. Cycle of conferences organised by Università degli Amici – AgorArcore. **Lecture “Chi sei, Europa? Il dilemma dell’identità politica Europea”**
- 26/02/2019, Inverigo, **“Scuola di formazione alla Politica”**, coordinated by Prof. Raffaele Mantegazza (University of Milan-Bicocca). Presentation title: “Storia e prospettive dell’integrazione europea”
- 27/03/2018, Auditorium Don Oldani, Arcore. Cycle of conferences organised by Università degli Amici – AgorArcore. **Lecture “Okinawa – Giappone: La fenomenologia dell’identità locale”**.

PUBLICATIONS

Scientific articles

2023

- [*Memoria diabolica. Interpretare i conflitti sul passato, tra “cancel culture” e mutamento sociale.*](#) Cambio. Rivista sulle Trasformazioni Sociali, Vol. 13, N. 25 (ISSN 2239-1118).
- [*“Il mio cuore è nella terra di Yanbaru”. Antimilitarismo, simboli e memorie a Okinawa.*](#) Cambio. Rivista sulle Trasformazioni Sociali, Vol. 13, N. 26 (ISSN 2239-1118).

2022

- [*La crisi dell’immaginazione storica. Trasformazioni climatiche, memorie sovversive, futuri alternativi.*](#) Futuri, N. 18.
- [*The struggle over memory in Okinawa.*](#) Revista Asia/América Latina, Vol. 7, N. 13.

2021

- *L’Influenza culturale e simbolica del pensiero confuciano sulle narrazioni ideologiche del Partito Comunista Cinese.* Quaderni Asiatici, N. 134.

2020

- *L’Isola Immaginata: Okinawa tra aspettative e rappresentazioni turistiche.* Quaderni Asiatici, N. 130.
- [*La questione culturale e il problema politico dell’unità Africana.*](#) Il Federalista. Rivista di Politica, LXII/1-2.

2019

- [*The Dilemma of European Identity*](#). The Federalist. A Political Review, Year LXI, 2019, Single Issue.
- [*Tra Crisi e Rinascimento: Lo stato federale per il futuro della liberaldemocrazia*](#). In Circolo. Rivista di Filosofia e Culture, N. 7.

Contributions to edited books

- *Agency* (Dictionary entry). Ricucci R., Sannella A. (Eds.). "[Dizionario di Sociologia per la Persona. Scenari](#)", FrancoAngeli, Milano, 2024. Co-authors: Andrea Apollonio, Giovanni Castre, Carlotta Mozzone and Stella Pinna Pintor.
- *III Stazione. Gesù cade per la prima volta* (Book chapter). Paladino M., Mantegazza R., [Via Crucis](#), EDB, 2018. Co-Authors: Andrea Apollonio, Christian Chiaramonte, Alessandro Liviero e Agnese Pagani.

Short essays

- [*The return of the tragic side of history*](#). The Federalist. A Political Review, Year LXIV, 2022, Single Issue.
- [*Europe and Africa in the face of change*](#). The Federalist. A Political Review, Year LXIII, 2021, Single Issue.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 06/05/2024 – 08/05/2024: **Turin Spring School on EU Integration, Law and Justice** - "Civic Engagement in the Green Transition: Mobilization and Resistance", Law Department of the University of Turin.
- 23/09/2022: Workshop **“Attualità e confini di concetti e teorie in tempi di mutamento. Prospettive disciplinari e strumenti metodologici nella definizione di una sociologia per la persona”**. Organised by Istituto Sturzo - Centro Studi Sociologia per la Persona, Rome.
- 06/06/2022 – 10/06/2022: Workshop - **“Quali fonti in tempi di transizione? Prospettive disciplinari e strumenti metodologici nello studio del mutamento sociale, culturale e politico”**. PhD workshop organised by the Department of Cultures, Politics and Society - University of Turin.

NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- [MSA](#) – Memory Studies Association
- [CES](#) – Council for European Studies
- **DeMeTra** – Democrazie, Memoria, Trauma. Italian memory studies' network.
- [EUfeels](#) - Emotions in European Politics Network.
- [ValEUs](#). Research & Education Network on Contestations to EU Foreign Policy.
- [ESA](#) - European Sociological Association.
- [SPE](#) - Sociologia per la persona.

OTHER ACADEMIC ROLES

- 02/2025 – ongoing: **Culture della materia**, “Society and Social Change” – University of Florence (DSPS). Assisting the course holder, Prof. Laura Leonardi, in teaching and organisation.
- 10/2018 – 10/2020: **Culture della materia**, “Japanese language and culture” - University of Milan-Bicocca, "Riccardo Massa" Department of Human Sciences for Education. Assisted the course holder, Prof. Andrea Maurizi, in examination activities, including preparing, administering, and grading exams.
- 2021 – 2023: **PhD Students' Representative** - University of Turin, Department of Cultures, Politics and Society.

- 2016 – 2020: **Undergraduate and Graduate Students' Representative.** University of Milan-Bicocca - Master's degree course in Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, Bachelor's degree course in Intercultural Communication, "Riccardo Massa" Department of Human Sciences for Education.
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SKILLS

Languages: Italian: C2 (native); English: C1; French: B2; Spanish: B1; Japanese: B1; German: A1.

Organisational skills:

- **Project Management:** Skilled in project management in both individual and team settings, including project design, time management, stakeholder engagement and event organization.
- **Group coordination:** Skilled in group coordination and management, developed through roles in cultural and political associations. This includes the ability to delegate effectively.

Interpersonal and communication skills:

- **Teamwork:** Proficient in teamwork, a skill acquired through various professional, social and political experiences involving collaborative processes of decision-making and project planning.
- **Resilience to peer review and criticism:** Accustomed to receiving and responding positively to feedback and scrutiny, transforming input into actionable improvements, a crucial skill in academia and other professional settings.
- **Presentation and public speaking:** Proficient in presentation and public speaking, skills developed through various experiences, particularly through active participation in youth political activism and delivering national and international academic presentations and lectures.
- **Writing:** Excellent writing skills developed through political and academic experiences (several articles for journals, newspapers and online magazines since 2015, scholarly articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals).
- **Active listening:** Proficient in navigating complex or emotionally sensitive discussions through active listening, a skill developed through extensive experience in political and academic settings.

Softwares proficiency

- **Office Productivity:** Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook), Google Workspace.
- **Collaboration:** Microsoft Teams, Zoom, Webex.
- **Graphic design and editing:** Canva.
- **Qualitative Analysis:** MAXQDA, Convidence.
- **Survey & Data Collection:** Google Forms.

SCIENCE OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- 25/09/2015 – 26/09/2015: **MeetMeTonight - European Researchers' Night in Milan.** Participation in Prof. Raffaele Mantegazza's discussion on the topic "The development of a racist personality".

According to law 679/2016 of the Regulation of the European Parliament of 27th April 2016, I hereby express my consent to process and use the data provided in this CV.

Andrea Apollonio, Milan, 30/04/2025

