

## ANNALISA URBANO – CURRICULUM VITAE

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Research Fellow, Department of Historical Studies, University of Milan. 2020–  
*Project: 'Italy and International Aid (1945-1989)'.  
Funding Body: MIUR (Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research).*
- Honorary Fellow, Department of International Studies, University of Padua. 2020–
- Research Fellow, Department of International Studies, University of Padua. 2020  
*Project: 'Oltremare'.  
Archival Research: Centro per la Storia, University of Padua*
- Maternity Leave. 2019–20
- Collaboratrice Scientifique, Département d'Histoire Générale,  
Université de Genève. 2018–20  
*Project: 'Decolonisation as a regional experience and a global trend:  
understanding a global phenomenon through processes from West Africa'.  
Fieldwork and Archival Research: West Africa; Switzerland, United Kingdom.  
Funding Body: SNF (Swiss National Science Foundation).*
- Teaching Fellow in African History, School of History, University of Edinburgh. 2017
- Post-Doctoral Researcher, Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African  
Studies, University of Bayreuth. 2013–17  
*Project: 'Beyond Europe: Narratives of the future in modern African History'.  
Archival Research: Italy; United Kingdom; United States.  
Funding Body: BMBF (German Federal Ministry of Education and Research).*
- Visiting Fellow, European University Institute, Florence. 2015
- A. W. Mellon Fellow, National History Center, Washington (DC). 2013  
*As Participant to the '8<sup>th</sup> International Seminar on Decolonization'.  
Research: Special Collections – Library of Congress.*
- Teaching Assistant, School of History, University of Edinburgh. 2010–13

### EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in History/African Studies, University of Edinburgh. 2012  
*Thesis Title: Imagining the Nation, Crafting the State:  
The Politics of Nationalism and Decolonisation in Somalia (1940-1960).  
Fieldwork and Archival Research: East Africa, Italy, United Kingdom.  
Examiner: Prof. David Anderson.*
- M.Sc. (Research) in African Studies, University of Edinburgh. 2007
- Coimbra Summer School, 'Poverty and Exclusion', University of Padua. 2007
- Laurea Magistrale (*cum laude*) in Modern History, University of Bologna. 2005
- Erasmus Exchange Programme, University College Cork. 2003–04

## PUBLICATIONS

### Monographs:

*Mogadiscio 1948: Un eccidio di italiani tra decolonizzazione e guerra fredda* [transl. 'Mogadishu 1948: Decolonisation, the Cold War, and a Mass Killing of Italians'], (Il Mulino, 2019). With Antonio Varsori.

Shortlisted for the 'Fiuggi Storia 2019' Prize;

Reviewed in *Il Corriere della Sera*, *Il Sole 24 Ore*, *Il Messaggero*, *Il Giornale*.

### Articles:

'Post-independence Africa and Local archives', under review. With Alexander Keese.

'L'ascesa del 'governo monocoloro' in Somalia', *Africa e Orienti*, XXI:1, (2019).

'Colonial settlers, national imagining and imperial myths in post-war Italy (1943-49)', *Diasporas: circulations, migrations, histoire*, 2:34, (2019).

'A 'grandiose future for Italian Somalia': Colonial developmentalist discourse, agricultural planning and forced labor (1900-1940)', *International Labor and Working-Class History*, 92, (2017).

"That is why we have troubles': the *pro-Italia* movement's challenge to nationalism in British-occupied Somalia (1946-9)', *The Journal of African History*, 57:3, (2016).

### Chapters and Reviews:

Review Essay, 'The end of empire, colonial settler and the making of post-war Italy', *Contemporanea. Rivista di Storia dell'Ottocento e del Novecento*, (forthcoming)

Book Review: Reto Hofmann, *The Fascist Effect. Japan and Italy, 1915-1952*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2015, *Itinerario*, 43:1, (2019).

Book Review: A. W. M. Smith, C. Jeppesen (eds.), *Britain, France and the Decolonization of Africa: Future imperfect?*, London: UCL Press, 2017, *Africa*, 89:3, (2019).

'Histories of the Future. Contributions to "Future Africa and Beyond"', in K. Fink, A. von Oppen, N. Siegert (eds.) *Narratives of the Future in Africa and Beyond*, (2019). With Susanne Lachenicht.

'Between occupation and liberation: Italian Somalia under British rule, 1941-1945' in A. Jackson, Y. Khan, G. Singh (eds.) *An Imperial World at War: Aspects of the British Empire's War Experience, 1939-1945*, (Routledge, 2017).

Book Review: Cawo M. Abdi, *Elusive Jannah: The Somali diaspora and a borderless Muslim identity*, *African Affairs*, 115:459, (2016).

'Ruth Sacks' art book and installation 'Twenty Thousand League under Seas', in K. Fink, S. Gerhard, N. Siegert (eds.), *FAVT – Future Africa Visions in Time*, Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies, (2016).

### Reports:

Workshop Report: "The Axis Powers and Decolonisation: Debating Perspectives, Difference, and Entanglements of the End of Empire in Germany, Italy and Japan", in: TRAF0 – Blog for Transregional Research, 24.04.2018, <https://trafo.hypotheses.org/9796>. With Giulio Salvati

## **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

'Explorative Workshop' Grant, Forum Transregionale Studien and Max Weber Stiftung, Principal Investigator, €10K, 2017.

'Future Africa and Beyond: Visions in Time', Grant Renewal, Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (as a member of the Bayreuth Academy of Advanced African Studies), 2016.

Grant to participate to the '8<sup>th</sup> International Seminar on Decolonization', The National History Center, Washington (DC), 2013.

'Project Fund', Edinburgh Global Development Fund, Co-Investigator, £ 5K, 2010.

Perfezionamento all'Estero post-Lauream' Scholarship, Università di Bologna, 2008.  
Summer School Grant, Coimbra Group, 2007.

Doctoral Research Award, Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), 2006.

The College Research Student Awards, The University of Edinburgh, 2006 (declined).

'Bollenti Spiriti' Scholarship, Apulian Region, 2006.

Leonardo Da Vinci Grant, European Commission, 2005.

Erasmus Grant, European Union, 2003.

## **SELECT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### Teaching

'Politics and Power in Postcolonial Africa'.

'History in Theory'.

'Global Connections, 1400-1990'.

'Humanitarian Interventions in Africa'.

International History and Decolonisation since World War II'.

### Academic Publications

Reviewer of Articles for *African Affairs*, *Journal of Eastern African Studies*, *Journal of Agrarian Change*, and *Studi Storici*.

### Organisation of Conferences

'The Axis Powers and Decolonisation: Debating Perspective, Differences, and Entanglements of the End of Empire in Germany, Italy and Japan', Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin, December 2017.

'Celebrating Whose Independence? Visions of the Post-Colonial Nation in Africa', University of Bayreuth, January 2016.

'Catastrophe or Catalyst? African and African Diasporas' Visions arising from World War One', University of Bayreuth, October 2014.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Anglo-Somali Society; Società Italiana per lo Studio della Storia Contemporanea; Società Italiana Storia Internazionale; The Edinburgh Centre for Global History.

## **LANGUAGES**

Italian (mother tongue); English (fluent); French (reading and comprehension); German (reading with dictionary).