

ACADEMIC CV

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Employment

Current: Postdoctoral researcher, Laboratorio di Storia delle Alpi (LabiSAIp), Università della Svizzera Italiana – Return CH Postdoc.Mobility, Swiss National Science Foundation, SNSF.

Project: « Productives et bien peuplées : les campagnes françaises dans le discours sur la « petite culture » (1750-1789) - Bilan provisoire et nouvelles perspectives ».

Previous (from 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2026): Postdoctoral researcher, Institut des sciences sociales du politiques (ISP), Université Paris Nanterre – Postdoc.Mobility Fellowship, Swiss National Science Foundation, SNSF.

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Education

2024: PhD in History, Université de Lausanne – Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa¹

2017: Laurea Magistrale (M.A. equivalent) in Storia e Civiltà (History and Civilizations), Università di Pisa

2014: Laurea (B.A. equivalent) in Storia (History), Università di Bologna

2010: High-School Diploma, Liceo Cantonale di Bellinzona

Other activities

1) Collaborator: Research Project “Les sciences de la population et de l’économie aux XVIII^e-XX^e siècles: institutions et cadres théoriques”, Unité Histoire et populations (UR 11), Institut national d’études démographiques (2024-2025)

2) Collaborator: Research Project “Enlightenment Agrarian Republics: From Vaud, to Poland, and America” (dir. Béla Kapossy, Université de Lausanne), Swiss National Science Foundation, SNSF (2020-2022)

3) Nonsalaried Honorary Fellowship in Early Modern History: Università di Pisa, Dipartimento di Civiltà e Forme del Sapere (2018-2021)

4) Collaborator: Research Project “La circolazione, ricezione e consumo di categorie economiche e politiche nel corso del lungo Settecento” (dir. Antonella Alimento), Università di Pisa (2017-2018)

Organisation

1) (with Filippo Soramel, Mattia Steardo and Giulio Talini): Workshop *Political Economies of Small-Scale Agriculture: A History between Europe and the Colonial Worlds (ca. 1750-1850)*, Università di

¹ Thesis Title: «Non è più tempo di stare in innazione». *Economia Politica e Riforme nella Venezia del Secondo Settecento (1759-1791)*.

Torino, 18-19 June 2025.

2) (with Guido Cioni, Carlo Daffonchio and Giulio Talini): Seminario *Italia Europa Mondo. Prospettive di ricerca sul lungo Settecento (Giornate di studio in onore di Antonella Alimento)*, Università di Pisa, 23-24 March 2023.

3) (with Enea Pezzini and Enrico Castro): Journée d'étude *Venise et la France similitudes, spécificités, interrelations (1300-1800)*, Université de Lausanne (Journée des doctorant•e•s organisée par la Formation doctorale interdisciplinaire), 30-31 May 2022.

4) (with Antonella Alimento): International Conference *Histories of Trade as Histories of Civilization*, Università di Pisa, 23-24 September 2019.

5) (with Damiano Bardelli and Lina Weber): 5èmes Journées suisses d'histoire – Panel *Le spectre du luxe dans l'Europe du XVIII^e siècle / Luxus. Ein Schrecken im Europa des 18. Jahrhunderts*, Universität Zürich, 6 June 2019.

Publications

1) “Entre sagesse politique et «faveurs» de la nature. La France de Boisguilbert face au modèle hollandais”, *Revue d'histoire de la pensée économique*, 22-2 (2026), forthcoming.

2) “Faire « le bien du plus grand nombre » ? « Esprit de monopole », « espoir de l'aisance » et vertus patriotiques dans le discours sur la « petite culture » (années 1770-1780)”, *Revue européenne des sciences sociales*, 64-1 (2026), pp. 63-86.

3) “«Come le nuove armi artigliere». La «guerra d'industria» e il progetto di una società economica a Venezia (1773)”, in Niccolò Guasti et al. (eds.), *Accademie e luoghi del sapere tra Italia e Spagna nel lungo Settecento* (Firenze: FUP, 2026), pp. 91-104.

4) “The Power of ‘Useful Truths’: Political Economy and the Reshaping of Political Debate in Enlightenment Venice (1765-1797)”, in Stéphane Guy, Ecem Okan (eds.), *Power and Knowledge from the Eighteenth Century to Today* (Nancy: Éditions de l'Université de Lorraine), pp. 53-72.

- 5) “Looking for a «Patriot King» Scholar of the «Science of Politics»: The English Translation of Jacques-Joseph Duguet’s *Institution d’un Prince* in the Walpole Era”, *Diciottesimo Secolo*, vol. 10 (2025), pp. 157-165.
- 6) “Virtue, Prosperity and Peace: Fénelon and the Search for a Christian Economy”, in Karla Boersma, Herman J. Selderhuis (eds.), *Money in Early Modern Christianity* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2025), pp. 233-261.
- 7) “Una «matière vivante» e i suoi contesti Gli studi sulla fisiocrazia di fronte al *turn* della storia intellettuale (2008-2023)”, *Rivista Storica Italiana*, CXXXVII: 3 (2025), pp. 1174-1190.
- 8) (with Carlo Daffonchio e Giulio Talini), “Introduzione”, in Guido Cioni, Carlo Daffonchio, Aris Della Fontana, Giulio Talini (eds.), *Il lungo Settecento tra Italia, Europa e Mondo. Studi in onore di Antonella Alimento* (Roma: Edizioni di Storia e Letteratura, 2024), pp. XIII-XXVI.
- 9) “«Base fondamentale dell’Agricoltura è l’amore del Coltivatore verso le terre». La rigenerazione delle campagne venete fra piccola proprietà e «lunghe affittanze» (1765-1797)”, in Guido Cioni, Carlo Daffonchio, Aris Della Fontana, Giulio Talini (eds.), *Il lungo Settecento tra Italia, Europa e Mondo. Studi in onore di Antonella Alimento* (Roma: Edizioni di Storia e Letteratura, 2024), pp. 75-98.
- 10) “The Fashion of Political Economy and the Political Economy of Fashion. France in Venetian Reformist Discourse (1759-1784)”, in Enrico Castro, Aris Della Fontana, Enea Pezzini (eds.), *Venezia e la Francia tra Medioevo ed Età Moderna. Similitudini, specificità, interrelazioni* (Firenze: Cesati, 2024), pp. 117-134.
- 11) “In the Mirror of Rome: Commerce, Conquest and Civilisation Between Venice, Spain and France (1781–1800)”, in Antonella Alimento, Aris Della Fontana (eds.), *Histories of Trade as Histories of Civilisation* (Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021), pp. 309-340.
- 12) (with Antonella Alimento), “Histories of Trade: Civilisation and Political Economy in the Long Eighteenth Century”, in Antonella Alimento, Aris Della Fontana (eds.), *Histories of Trade as Histories of Civilisation* (Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021), pp. 1-55.

13) “François de Fénelon: *Télémaque* [Telemachus]”, in Kathrina LaPorta, Polly Mangerson, Allison Stedman, Tim Unwin, David Williams (eds.), *The Literary Encyclopedia. Volume 1.5.2.03: French Writing and Culture of the Seventeenth Century: Classical and Baroque, 1600-1700*, <https://www.litencyc.com/php/sworks.php?rec=true&UID=16095>.

14) “Constructing «Englishness» and promoting «politeness» through a «Francophobic» bestseller. *Télémaque* across the Channel (1699-1745)”, *History of European Ideas*, 46:6 (2020), pp. 766-792.

15) “Incidente di percorso oppure epifania? La Régence di Filippo II d’Orléans (1715-1723) e la fisiologia dell’Ancien Régime francese”, *Storica*, n. 72 (2018), pp. 83-108.

Scholarly Presentations

1) With Déborah Cohen, “Dans les plis de l’état révolutionnaire (1789-1794) : Faire entendre une écologie paysanne”, *International Conference Seeing Like and Beyond James C. Scott (1936-2024)*, 25-26 June 2026, Campus La Chapelle, Paris

2) “Dans les grosses fermes tout se fait à la hâte”. The Political Economy of Agronomic Innovation in Late Eighteenth-Century France, *Workshop Political economy beyond political economists: understanding political economy in action (1700-1840)*, May 21-22, 2026, Université de Genève

3) “La « petite culture » dans la France de la fin du XVIII^e siècle : un projet de réforme entre agronomie et économie politique”, *Séminaire de recherche en histoire moderne*, 8 décembre 2025, Université de Lausanne

4) “Causes et conséquences de la pauvreté rurale en France dans le discours sur la « petite culture »”, Journée d’étude *Pauvreté et inégalités au siècle des Lumières. Enjeux, défis, solutions*, 3 décembre 2025, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris

5) “Reconciling Economic Performance and Social Cohesion: The Construction and Publicization of “Petite Culture” in Late Eighteenth-Century France”, *Workshop Political Economies of Small-Scale Agriculture: A History between Europe and the Colonial Worlds (ca. 1750-1850)*, 18-19 June 2025, Università di Torino

- 6) “Boisguilbert et les Pays-Bas. L’histoire comme économie politique ?”, *Colloque ‘Boisguilbert en son temps. Morale, Économie et Politique’*, 28 mars 2025, Université de Strasbourg
- 7) “« Une petite ferme bien soignée rapporte davantage qu’une grande Ferme négligée ». La réforme de l’agriculture française dans le discours sur la «petite culture» (1750-1789)”, Séminaire *‘Entreprises, marchés et régulations (LARHRA – Laboratoire Triangle)’*, 13 février 2025, Université de Lyon
- 8) “Algarotti e l’economia del Nord nei Viaggi di Russia”, *Corrispondere con l’Europa. L’epistolario di Francesco Algarotti (1712-1764)*, 16-17 January 2025, Università di Torino
- 9) “«Une petite Ferme bien soignée rapporte davantage qu’une grande Ferme négligée». An Alternative Way for Agricultural Reform in Eighteenth-Century France (1750-1789)”, *International Conference - Synchronizing History. The Transplantation of European Ideas in the Americas*, 18-21 September 2024, Università di Palermo
- 10) “«Come le nuove armi artigliere». La «guerra d’industria» e il progetto di una Società Economica a Venezia (1773)”, *Terzo incontro bilaterale delle Società Italiana e Spagnola per gli Studi sul Secolo XVIII – Accademie e luoghi del sapere nel ‘700 tra Italia e Spagna. Scienze, arti, letteratura, politica e sociabilità*, 26-28 giugno 2024, Università degli Studi di Catania
- 11) “The Anguish of Salvation. Fénelon and the Moralisation of Commercial Society”, *Conference Calvin, Capital and the Camel. Thoughts and Practices on Money in Early Modern Christianity*, 19-20 March 2024, International Museum of the Reformation, Geneva
- 12) “Cosmopolitans by Necessity? The Emulative Reception of European Political Economy in Enlightenment Venice”, *Convegno AISPE-SISE 2023 Centri Periferie Reti. Persone, beni e idee in movimento nella storia dell’economia*, 20 ottobre 2023, Università degli Studi di Palermo
- 13) “Les Histoires du Commerce. Économie politique, discours de réforme et théories de la civilisation dans l’Europe du XVIII^e siècle”, *Séminaire COURNOT*, 9 juin 2023, Université de Strasbourg
- 14) “Le Storie del Commercio. Teorie della civiltà ed economia politica nel lungo Settecento”, *Ciclo di seminari ‘Storia e storiografia del XVIII secolo: problemi e prospettive’*, Mercoledì 11 gennaio

2023, Università di Firenze

15) “The Power of «Useful Truths»: Political Economy and the Reshaping of Political Debate in Enlightenment Venice (1765-1797)”, *International Conference 'Power and Knowledge from the 18th Century to Today*, 24-26 November 2022, Université de Lorraine

16) “Capire, orientare e progettare. Epistemologia e retorica dell'economia politica nella Venezia settecentesca”, *XIX Assemblea SISEM - Attraverso la Storia*, 7-9 aprile 2022, Università di Bologna

17) “A 'Gran Modello' for Thinking Economic Regeneration: The Italian Reception of Jean Bertrand's *Esprit de la Législation* (1766-1813)”, *Spirit of Legislation Workshop*, 25 February 2022, Université de Lausanne

18) “Luxury and Commerce across Literary Genres. The *Télémaque* (1699) and the *Tables de Chaulnes* (1711) of François Fénelon”, *Le luxe et le républicanisme aux XVIIIe et XIXe siècles / Luxus und Republikanismus im 18. und 19. Jahrhundert / Luxury and Republicanism in the 18th and 19th Century*, 9 October 2020, Université de Lausanne

19) “Helvetia Mediatrix? Jean Bertrand's *Esprit de la Législation* as a Handbook for Italian Reformers”, *Population and Political Economy from Montesquieu to Malthus and Beyond*, 23-24 January 2020, University of St. Andrews

20) “Ancient Rome as a field of tension. Antonio de Torres' *Memoria apologetica del commercio e coltura dei romani* (1788-91) versus Francesco Mengotti's *Del commercio de' Romani dalla prima guerra punica a Costantino* (1787)”, *International Conference Histories of Trade as Histories of Civilizations*, 23-24 September 2019, Università di Pisa

21) “Between the Grand Duchy of Tuscany and the Republic of Venice: The Italian Adventure of Jean Bertrand's *Esprit de la législation* (1766–1794)”, *15th International Congress on the Enlightenment / 15e Congrès international des Lumières*, 14–19 July 2019, University of Edinburgh

22) “Fénelon's conception of luxury. Looking for an «heurese et élégante simplicité»”, Panel: *Le spectre du luxe dans l'Europe du XVIIIe siècle / Luxus. Ein Schrecken im Europa des 18. Jahrhunderts, Fünften Schweizerische Geschichtstage / Cinquièmes Journées Suisses d'Histoire*, 6

June 2019, Universität Zürich

23) “Un «gran modello» al di là delle Alpi. L’avventura italiana de L’Esprit de la Législation (1765) di Jean Bertrand”, *Translating cultures. Interpretations, adaptations, contaminations, reactions in history of Modern and Contemporary Europe (XVI-XXth centuries). Joint SAGAS-EUI-SNS Annual Seminar (XI seminario annuale)*, 21 marzo 2019, Dipartimento SAGAS, Università di Firenze

24) “Looking for a «Patriot King» scholar of the «Science of Politics». The English translation of Jacques-Joseph Duguet's *Institution d'un Prince* in the Walpole Era”, *Workshop: (Re)thinking Translations. Methodologies, Objectives, Perspectives. (Re)penser les Traductions. Methodologies, Objectives, Perspectives*, 11-12 October 2018, European University Institute

25) “Bertrand's Esprit in Italy. An Overview”, *Workshop on the Spirit of Legislation (Enlightenment Agrarian Republics. From the Vaud to Poland and America – and Beyond)*, 28 September 2018, University of Lausanne

Memberships

- 1) Società Italiana di Studi sul Secolo XVIII (SISSD)
- 2) Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Geschichte (SGG) / Société Suisse d'Histoire (SSH)
- 3) Society for French Studies (SFS)
- 4) European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET)