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Current position

Full Professor of Urban Planning in the School of Architecture and Planning, University of Palermo

Director of the PhD Program in Urban and Regional Planning, University of Palermo



Academic positions

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| 2006 to date | Full Professor of Urban Planning in the School of Architecture and in the School of Planning, University of Palermo |
| 2003-2006 | Associate Professor of Urban Planning in the School of Architecture and in the School of Planning, University of Palermo |
| 2000-2003 | Lecturer of Urban Planning in the School of Architecture and in the School of Planning, University of Palermo |
| 1999-2000 | Researcher (post-doctorate scholarship), Department 'Città e Territorio', University of Palermo |
| 1998-1999 | TMR Marie Curie Researcher, Department of City and Regional Planning, Cardiff University |

TEACHING

Current Teaching

Module 'Research Methodology' in the PhD Program in Urban and Regional Planning.

Masters-level module Urban Planning I (second-year tutorials) in the School of Architecture.

Urban Planning Studio (final-year dissertations) in the School of Planning.

Previous Teaching

Since academic year 2000/01, I have been responsible of the module Urban Planning I, Faculty of Architecture of the University of Palermo, degree course in Architecture. The course lessons have been dedicated to a historical outline of town planning as a discipline, to the related techniques and procedures, and to the main planning experiences in Italy and Europe since the post-second-war period up to present.

During academic years 2000/01 and 2001/02 I was responsible of the module of Regional and Local Economy at the Master School in European Laws, Faculty of Law of the University of Palermo: syllabus was dedicated to new paradigms and policies for a self-sustainable local development, the enhancement and protection of local resources and communities.

Since academic year 2004/05, I have been responsible of the Urban Planning Studio (3rd year students) at the faculty of Architecture of Palermo, degree course in Planning. The main study goals of the Studio aim at providing theoretical and practical instruments for a multidisciplinary analysis system, and at favouring a specific approach to multiculturalism and participatory practices. The approach is based on the idea of the city as a place for socialization and plurality, with particular focus on grassroots practices, the capability of listening and mediation between the emerging needs of community groups, the use of (technical and non technical) expertise.

Visiting appointments

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| 2011 | Visiting professor, Faculty of Architecture and Urban Planning – Technical University of Cluj Napoca, Romania |
| 2009 | Visiting professor, Department of City & Regional Planning – Cardiff University, UK |
| 2007 | Visiting professor, Department of City & Regional Planning – Cardiff University, UK |
| 2004 | Visiting professor, Department of City & Regional Planning – Cardiff University, UK |
| 1998 | Fulbright Visiting scholar, Institute of Urban and Regional Development, University of California, Berkeley, US |
| 1997-98 | Fulbright Visiting scholar, College of Urban and Public Affairs, University of New Orleans, US |
| 1994 | Visiting scholar, School of Construction, Housing and Surveying - University of Westminster – London, UK |
| 1994 | Visiting scholar at the Department of City & Regional Planning – Cardiff University, UK |

RESEARCH

Research interests and experiences

From 1991 to the present day I have been carrying out research at the Department Città e Territorio (actually Department of Architecture) of the University of Palermo, coordinating national research groups and in foreign universities, in Great Britain and the USA, focusing mainly on such themes as: the identity of places, the multi-ethnic city and the protection and enhancement of local communities and resources. My research work is often multidisciplinary; it can involve knowledge from other fields than planning: demography, social statistics, sociology, geography. Actually, my research interests are mostly directed towards social exclusion, ethnicity and diversity, identity and local communities, and public and civic participation, with specific interests in ethics and justice.

In Italy I have been the coordinator of a series of research groups and scientific activities, carrying out extensive research on such themes as: urban identity, the multi-ethnic city due to recent immigration flows in Italy, self-sustainable local development, interpretations of regional and urban transformations in Southern Italy and related policies, restoration of historic centres, role of local communities, housing conditions and social marginality in southern urban contexts.

As regards my work in other countries, I have carried out research on the 'plural' city and forms of participation and empowerment of local communities at Cardiff University, the University of Westminster in London and, as **Fulbright visiting scholar** for the USA (category: professors and lecturers), at the University of New Orleans (in collaboration with Mickey Lauria) and at the University of California in Berkeley (in collaboration with Judith Innes). In 1989–99 I was a contract researcher as **TMR Marie Curie fellow** at Cardiff University, benefiting from the Marie Curie Research Training Grant funded by the Training and Mobility of Researchers (TMR) Programme (European Commission, Directorate General XII).

National and international research projects (selected)

In Italy I have been member or coordinator of research projects financed by CNR (National Centre for Research), National Ministry of Public Works, Regional or Local Administrations, University of Palermo, National Ministry of University and Scientific Research. In reference to the latter, I have been the unit coordinator or member of the following **PRIN** (Research Project of Relevant National Interest), funded by MIUR (National Ministry of University and Scientific Research):

2010_11-15	Post-metropolitan territories as emergent forms of urban space: coping with sustainability, habitability, and governance.	Coordinator
2008-10	The local territorial project: methods, techniques and experiences	Coordinator
2005-07	The Agricultural Park: a new planning approach	Coordinator
2003-05	Ecological Networking and Social Patterning	Member
2001-03	The Identity of Places: Ecological Networks, Local Communities and Models of Self-sustainable Local Development	Member
1998	Towards local sustainable development: theory, methods and experiences	Member
1996	Evaluation of the Efficacy of Public Management of Urban and Regional Transformations	Member

Actually I am advisor of the ENPI CBC Med "Implemed" project (international coordination: Technion University, Haifa, Israele) and member of the "Comité de Pilotage" of the Chaire Internationale on "Habitat Coopératif & Coopération sociale" (international coordination: Université de Lyon).

I have also been the coordinator of a series of research groups and scientific activities within AESOP, Association of European Schools of Planning, in particular as regards the sector of "Planning Research and Doctoral Studies". I am currently the chair (with Huw Thomas) of the AESOP Research Thematic Group 'Ethics and Planning Research'. The book F. Lo Piccolo & H. Thomas (eds) (2009), *Ethics and Planning Research*, Ashgate, is a result of such activity.

International and National Conference Organisation (selected)

In years (2007–10), I have been track chair for the multicultural planning track in the AESOP and joint ACSP–AESOP international conferences. In the last decade, I have been chair or member of the steering committees of national and international conferences organized by INU (Italian National Institute of Town Planning), SIU (Italian Society of Urban Planners), Helwan University (Cairo, Egypt), Cardiff University, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (Wien), University of Palermo.

Academic and Scientific Societies Memberships (selected)

AESOP:

- Chair of the AESOP Excellence in Teaching Prize from 2007 to 2012; member of the prize jury from 2004 to date.
- Chair of the Thematic Group on Ethics and planning research from 2006 to date.
- AESOP Junior Vice-President and Exco member from 2004 to 2006.
- Member of the Council of Representatives from 2002 to 2004.
- Departmental member since 1993.

INU: Associate Member of INU (Italian Institute of Town Planning) since 1993 and Full Member since 1999 up to present day. Member of the Council and of the Executive Board of the Sicilian regional INU division since 2005. Member of the Scientific Committee of the 'Giovanni Astengo' Foundation.

Società dei territorialisti/e: Founding member and member of the steering committee.

Memberships to Editorial Boards of International Journals

- Plurimondi;
- Town Planning Review ;
- CyTET (Ciudad y Territorio. Estudios Territoriales).

Blind Referee for the Journals: International Planning Studies, Planning Theory & Practice, Planning Practice & Research, Planning Theory, Journal of Planning Education & Research, Town Planning Review.

Honours

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| 1998-99 | Marie Curie Research Training Grant funded by the Training and Mobility of Researchers (TMR), European Community founded programme (EC DG XII), at the University of Wales, College of Cardiff. |
| 1997 | Fulbright fellowship (category: professors and lecturers), at University of California, Berkeley and University of New Orleans |

University service (selected)

- Director, PhD Program in Urban and Regional Planning, University of Palermo, 2006 to date.
- Coordinator of the Regional, Urban and Landscape Planning Unit, Department of Architecture, University of Palermo, 2012 to date.
- Chair of the Academic Standards and Quality Assessment Committee, School of Planning, 2009-2011.
- Vice-Head of the Department 'Città e Territorio' of the University of Palermo, 2005 – 2007.
- University Committee on International Exchanges and Partnerships, 2005 to date.
- University Committee for CLA (University Language Center), 2011 to date.
- Erasmus Coordinator (2005 to date) and Erasmus Faculty Coordinator (2011 to date) for the Faculty of Architecture.

PUBLICATIONS (selection*)

Articles in international journals

1	“The (controversial) role of the UNESCO WHL Management Plans in promoting sustainable tourism development”, (with D. Leone & P. Pizzuto) in <i>Journal of Policy Research in Tourism, Leisure & Events</i> , vol. 4, n. 3, November 2012, pp. 1-28. ISSN: 1940-7963 print/ 1940-7971 online.
2	“The planning research agenda: plural cities, equity and rights of citizenship” in <i>Town Planning Review</i> , vol. 81, n. 6, November 2010, pp. i-vi. ISSN: 0041-0020.
3	“Participative Planning Processes in the Absence of the (Public) Space of Democracy”, (with G. Bonafede) in <i>Planning Practice & Research</i> , vol. 25, n. 3, June 2010, pp. 353-375. ISSN: 0269-7459.
4	“New Arrivals, Old Places: Demographic Changes and New Planning Challenges in Palermo and Naples”, (with D. Leone) in <i>International Planning Studies</i> , vol. 13, n. 4, November 2008, pp. 359-387. ISSN: 1356-3475. doi:10.1080/13563470802519030.
5	“Planning Research ‘with’ Minorities in Palermo: Negotiating Ethics and Commitments in a Participatory Process”, in <i>Planning Practice & Research</i> , vol. 23, n. 2, May 2008, pp. 187-209. ISSN: 0269-7459. doi:10.1080/02697450802327123.
6	“Research ethics in planning: a framework for discussion”, (with H. Thomas) in <i>Planning Theory</i> , vol. 7, n. 1, March 2008, pp. 7-23. ISSN: 1473-0952. doi:10.1177/1473095207085663.
7	“Local development Partnership Programmes in Sicily: Planning Cities without Plans”, (with F. Schilleci) in <i>Planning Practice & Research</i> , vol. 20, n. 1, February 2005, pp. 79-87. ISSN: 0269-7459.
8	“Legal Discourse, the Individual and the Claim for Equality in British Planning”, (with H. Thomas) in <i>Planning Theory & Practice</i> , vol. 2, n. 2, August 2001, pp. 187-201. ISSN: 1464-9357.
9	“Best Value, Planning and Race Equality”, (with H. Thomas) in <i>Planning Practice & Research</i> , vol. 15, n. 1/2, February/May 2000, pp. 79-94. ISSN: 0269-7459.
10	“Palermo, a City in Transition: Saint Benedict “The Moor” <i>versus</i> Saint Rosalia” in <i>International Planning Studies</i> , vol. 5, n. 1, February 2000, pp. 87-115. ISSN: 1356-3475.
11	“Urban Renewal in the Historic Centre of Palermo” in <i>Planning Practice & Research</i> , vol. 11, n. 2, May 1996, pp. 217-225. ISSN: 0269-7459.

*I am also author of 24 articles in national and not refereed international journals, and author of 46 chapters in books and conference proceedings.

Books

1	<i>Progettare le identità del territorio. Piani e interventi per uno sviluppo locale autosostenibile nel paesaggio agricolo della Valle dei Templi di Agrigento</i> , Alinea, Firenze 2009. ISBN: 978-88-6055-424-6.
2	<i>Ethics and Planning Research</i> , (with H. Thomas), Ashgate, Farnham, UK & Burlington, USA 2009. ISBN: 978-0-7546-7357-6; eISBN: 978-0-7546-9038-2 (ebook).
3	<i>Il paesaggio agricolo nella Conca d'Oro di Palermo</i> , (with M. Leone and F. Schilleci), Alinea, Firenze 2009. ISBN: 978-88-6055-393-5.
4	<i>Cittadini e cittadinanza. Prospettive, ruolo e opportunità di Agenda 21 Locale in ambito urbano</i> , (with I. Pinzello), Palumbo, Palermo 2008. ISBN: 978-88-6017-071-2.
5	<i>Knights and Castles. Minorities and Urban Regeneration</i> , (with H. Thomas), Ashgate, Aldershot 2003. ISBN: 0 7546 1879 X.
6	<i>A Sud di Brobdingnag. L'identità dei luoghi: per uno sviluppo locale autosostenibile nella Sicilia occidentale</i> , (with F. Schilleci), Franco Angeli, Milano 2003. ISBN: 88-464-4494-9.
7	<i>Linee di ricerca. 3° Convegno nazionale dei Dottorati di Ricerca in Pianificazione Territoriale e Urbanistica</i> , (with M. Carta, F. Schilleci and D. Trapani), Librerie Dedalo, Roma 2000. ISBN: 88-86599-38-2.
8	<i>Come se ci fossero le stelle. Trasformazioni delle città e del territorio: percorsi meridiani tra sviluppo locale e processi globali</i> , (with M. Di Rosa, F. Schilleci and D. Trapani), CUEN, Napoli 1998. ISBN: 88-7146-432-X.
9	<i>AESOP PhD Research Workshop. An Experience for Integrated Education in the Planning Field, Glasgow - Scotland 1995</i> , (with G. Caudo), AESOP, Palermo 1996.
10	<i>Identità urbana. Materiali per un dibattito</i> , Gangemi, Roma 1995. ISBN: 88-7448-603-0.