**Roberta Biasillo CV**

Roberta Biasillo is an environmental historian and holds a Ph.D. in Early Modern and Modern European History from the University of Bari (Italy). She is a Max Weber Fellow at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute in Florence.
Roberta started exploring Italian colonialism and imperialism in 2017-2018 when she was a fellow at the LMU – Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society in Munich. She had the opportunity to carry out research at the Italian National Institute for Social Security as a visiting fellow in 2018-2019, where she had access the Institute’s vast collection of archival sources on agricultural reclamation.
She has a longstanding collaboration with and has worked at the Environmental Humanities Laboratory at the KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm. She has also participated in a FORMAS (Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development) project on climate change, cities and grassroots movements.
Her main areas of expertise are territorial and forest issues in Modern Italy and colonial environmental history with a focus on North and East Africa. She is also interested in historical theory and environmental humanities research methodologies.
In 2016 she worked as a teacher in a welcome unit for refugees and asylum seekers established and run by the Italian Ministry of the Interior.

Among other publications, Roberta Biasillo has authored the following papers:
1. Roberta Biasillo and Claiton Marcio da Silva. ”The very grounds underlying twentieth-century authoritarian regimes: building soil fertility in Italian Libya and the Brazilian Cerrado.”*Comparative Studies in Society and History* 63-2 (April 2021). 366–399.

2. Roberta Biasillo, ”Socio-ecological colonial transfers: trajectories of the fascist agricultural enterprise in Libya (1922–43).” *Modern Italy*. 1-18. doi: 10.1017/mit.2021.7.

3. Roberta Biasillo, and Claiton Marcio da Silva. ”Cultivating Arid Soils in Libya and Brazil during World War Two: The Two-fold War between Colonial and Neo-colonial Experiences.” *Global Environment* 12 (2019): 154-181.

4. Roberta Biasillo and Marco Armiero, ”The transformative potential of a disaster: a contextual analysis of the 1882 flood in Verona, Italy.” *Journal of Historical Geography* 66. 69-80.

So far, she has served the ESEH as:
1. 2016-17 - Member of the European Society for Environmental History Summer School Committee

2. 2018-19 - Member of the European Society for Environmental History's Next Generation Action Team

3. 2020-21 Coordinator of the European Society for Environmental History's Next Generation Action Team and Assistant to the Board of the European Society for Environmental History.

4. 2020-21 Member of the Website Committee

**STATEMENT OF MY PLAN IF ELECTED:**

Over the last two years the Society has increased its visibility, number of initiatives and level of engagement of its members and Elena Kochetkova has done a great job in following, coordinating and spreading the word about all the activities. It would be my pleasure to take over her position and my first goal would be to continue what she started: such as running a regular newsletter in a legible format, managing social media channels, supporting the activity of the board, updating the website and I am sure that there is much more.

If elected, I would like to increase the use of our website asking members to promote their activities and publications; encourage communication between the different committees and national groups; support the president, board and regional representatives.

I will try to curate a bit more communication aspects and presence on line of the Society.

I will schedule office hours regularly to discuss via zoom any issue, rather than only via email.

I will be happy to hear from you and take on board any suggestion you might have to improve the administrative life of the Society.