

**Short Statement of Candidacy for the Role of Regional Representative for Italy,
European Society for Environmental History – Elections 2013**

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I am pleased the nomination committee has selected me to take over the excellent work done by Simone Neri Seneri, and I will stand at the upcoming ESEH elections for the role of Regional representative for Italy. I've been working in the field from the beginning of my doctoral studies, motivated by a strong interest in disasters and urbanization, and I've been following the activities of the ESEH and its members since then. Environmental history has kept growing, and I firmly believe that can grow even more, in Italy and in the whole Europe. To make that happen, it is also important to favor transnational communication and scholarly exchange between fellow historians from different countries. Regional Representative can do a lot to promote exchanges and cross-pollination among the community of Italian environmental historian and, at the same time, to promote Italian scholarship and initiatives beyond the borders of Italy. In the next few years, I will be moving to different academic destinations as a Marie Curie Fellow, but my research and networks will be firmly rooted in Italy. I hope to turn mobility into an advantage for my activity as RR. I will do my best to interpret the role in a proactive way, taking example from the most effective actions promoted in the past by my predecessor and by fellow members in other countries.

Curriculum Vitae-Short Version

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Education

- 2011 Doctorate, University of Siena, dissertation 'Urbanization, Environment and Society through Disasters: Messina 1908- Belice 1968.'
- 2007 M.A. *Summa cum Laude* in History of Europe, University of Bologna.
- 2004 B.A. *Summa cum Laude* in History, University of Bologna.

Languages

Italian (mother tongue); French (C2); English (C2); German (B1).

Employment and professional activity

- 2013-2016 Louisiana State University, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Baton Rouge (LA), USA, and Alpen-Adria University, Institute for Social Ecology, Vienna, Austria. Post-doctoral fellow.
- 2012-2013 Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, LMU, Munich Germany. Post-doctoral fellow.
- 2010 - now ORENT-Observatory on Risks and Disasters, University of Siena, www.orent.it. Member of the editorial board.

Selected Scholarships and Awards

- 2013 Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowship (36 months), European Commission, European Union.
- 2012 Carson Fellowship (9 months), Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Ludwig-Maximilian Universitaet, Munich, Germany.
- 2011 DAAD-Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst scholarship, Goethe Institut Berlin, Germany.
- 2008 Doctoral scholarship (36 months), University of Siena, Italian Ministry of Education – MIUR, Italy.

Selected Publications

- Forthcoming *Earthquake Urbanism: Seismic Disasters and the Making of Modern Italy* (working title), Berghahn Books, New York-Oxford. (In preparation.)
- 2013 'The City-Territory: Large-Scale Planning and Development Policies in the Aftermath of the 1968 Belice Earthquake (Sicily)', in *Planning Perspectives: An international journal of history, planning, and the environment*, 28, 4 (2013). (On IFirst; forthcoming on paper.)
- 2012 'Post-Disaster Migrations and Returns: the 1908 Messina Earthquake and the 1968 Belice Valley Earthquake (Sicily)', in 'Environmental Change and Migration in Historical Perspective', edited by U.Luebken, special issue of *Global Environment: Journal of History and Natural and Social Sciences*, 9 (2012): 26-49.
- 2010 'Chi gioca solo e chi no. Ricerca sociale e azione democratica in Sicilia, 1952-1968', in *Diacronie. Studi di Storia Contemporanea*, Dossier: Luoghi e non luoghi della Sicilia contemporanea: istituzioni, culture politiche e potere mafioso, 3, 2 (2010.) http://www.studistorici.com/2010/07/30/parrinello_dossier_3/.
- 2008 'La sinistra rivoluzionaria italiana dopo il 1968: esperienze orizzonti e linguaggi', in *Storicamente. Laboratorio di storia*, 4 (2008.) http://www.storicamente.org/05_studi_ricerche/parrinello.htm_