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Current Position

- Assistant Professor of Environmental History, Center for History at Sciences Po (since 2016).

Previous Positions

- Research Associate Alpen-Adria Universität, Institute of Social Ecology, Vienna, Austria. (2015-16).
- Research Associate, Louisiana State University, Geography & Anthropology Baton Rouge (LA) USA (2013-15).

Education

- Ph.D. 2011 in Historical, law, and geographical studies, University of Siena, Italy.
- B.A. 2004 & M.A. 2007 in History, University of Bologna, Italy.

Selected Grants (PI) and Scholarships

- Junior Excellence Chair, IDEX Université Sorbonne Paris Cité.
- Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowship, European Commission.
- Carson Fellowship, Rachel Carson Center, LMU, Munich, Germany.

Book

- Fault Lines: Earthquakes and Urbanism in Modern Italy, New York-Oxford: Berghahn Books 2015, pp. 260.
Winner of the 2015 Book Prize of the American Association for Italian Studies, category 20th and 21st century.
Winner of the 2016 ANCI-Storia Book Award of the Italian Society for the Study of Modern History.
Finalist of the 2016 First Book Award of the Italian Society for the Study of Contemporary History.

Selected Peer-reviewed Articles

- «From Water to Water? An Envirotechnical and Spatial Approach to Hydropower in the Industrialization of the Po Valley, ca. 1880-1970», *Technology and Culture*, 59, 3 (2018), Forthcoming.
- “Charting the Flow: Water Science and State Hydrography in the Po Watershed, 1872-1917”, *Environment and History*, 23, 1 (2017): 65-96.
- “The City-Territory: Large-Scale Planning and Development Policies in the Aftermath of the 1968 Belice Earthquake (Sicily) “, *Planning Perspectives: An international journal of history, planning, and the environment*, 28, 4 (2013), 571-593.
- “Post-Disaster Migrations and Returns: the 1908 Messina Earthquake and the 1968 Belice Valley Earthquake (Sicily) “, *Global Environment: Journal of History and Natural and Social Sciences*, 9 (2012), 26-49.

Teaching

Environmental history, water history, urban history, historical GIS, historical geography.

Statement of Candidacy to Secretary of the European Society for Environmental History

Giacomo Parrinello, Center for History at Sciences Po (CHSP), Paris France

I have been member of the European Society for Environmental History since 2011 and I have participated in all meetings since then, organizing panels and presenting papers. In 2013, I have been elected as Regional Representative for Italy. In this capacity I have animated a trimestral newsletter on significant events, publications and other news on environmental history in Europe and in the wider world diffused to Italian members of ESEH and Italian environmental historians. In 2015 I have been elected by the Council of Regional Representatives to serve in the Board of our society. In these two years as a Board member I have become familiar with the inner workings of the society, the tasks of the board and the responsibility of its various components, as well as with the relationships it has with the rest of our membership. These experiences have exposed me to all the different components of our society's governance: "grassroots" membership, regional representative structures, and the society's board. I believe these experiences made me a suitable candidate to ESEH Secretary, a role which is precisely at the junction of our society's multiple articulations and can facilitate its interactions. Moreover, as long time user of WordPress and social media platforms, I possess the skill to fulfil the functions of webmaster of the ESEH website and social media accounts manager which have been associated to the function of secretary by current secretary Wilko Graf von Hardenberg. Both functions are in fact two facets of the tasks of the Secretary the way I see it, that is to favouring as much as possible the communication between the different component of our society and ensure the communication of ESEH's activities to the wider world. I intend to promote the further development internal and external communication, while assisting the essential work of the President and the Board.