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INSTITUTIONAL ROLES

- National Councilor of the Italian Association of Geography Teachers
- Vice-President of the Master Degree in Geography, spatial management, heritage for international cooperation at the University of Florence
- Member of the Laboratory of Social Geography (www.lages.eu)
- Member of the Executive Board of the Teaching Learning Center at the University of Florence

MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Environmental and social sustainability
- Urban change, with a specific focus on historical centres
- Socio-spatial justice and social conflicts
- Geography education

ACADEMIC CAREER

With a PhD in Regional Planning and Local Development at the Polytechnic of Turin, he is associate professor in the Department of History, Archaeology, Geography, Fine and Performing Arts at the University of Florence, where he teaches Historical and Political Geography, Urban Geography and Geography for primary education.

His research interests involve social, political and environmental geography, and include: Urban transformations, with a specific focus on the touristification of historical centres and related socio-spatial impacts; Socio-environmental conflicts, with a specific focus on perceived urban marginality and socio-spatial justice; Emotional geographies and children geographies, with a specific focus on the perception of urban change across different cultural contexts.

From the methodological point of view, his activity is empirically and action-research oriented; he makes use of both quantitative and qualitative methods, including visual and multimedia research tools and participatory research. He has conducted fieldwork in different countries and cultural contexts. He is involved in international and national research networks, and his work has been published by refereed journals and publishers in Italy and abroad.