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1. ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2021-today **Associate professor** in City and Regional
2018-2021 **Assistant Professor** in City and Regional Planning and Design, Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture, University of Catania, Italy
2016-2018 **Assistant Professor** in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis, TN, USA
2015-16 **Visiting Assistant Professor** in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis, TN
2015 **Post-Doc Research Fellow** in Urban Planning and Design, University of Catania
2013-14 **International Marie Curie Post-doc Research Fellow**, Department of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Catania
2011-2013 **International Marie Curie Post-doc Research Fellow** and Visiting Faculty, University of Memphis, TN (on leave, University of Catania) with a Graduate Faculty Status in School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy, University of Memphis, TN, USA
2006-09 **Adjunct Teaching Faculty member**, Department of Architecture & Urban Planning, University of Catania
2008-09 **Post-doc Research Fellow**, Department of Architecture & Urban Planning, University of Catania

2. EDUCATION

2006 Ph.D. in *Architecture, Urban and Environmental Planning and Design*, University of Catania, Italy
2004 Visiting Graduate Student (26 credits, GPA 3.92/4), Ph.D. Program in City and Regional Planning, College of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
1997 5-Year Degree in Architecture and Civil Engineering, University of Catania

3. GRANTS *(Italian Titles are translated into English)*

2024-26 (€ 15,075) **CLAP – Cities and Collective Spaces for learning: transdisciplinary perspectives;** funded as an Interdepartmental Research project by the University of Catania research incentives plan 2024-2026 (departmental PI)
2023-25 (€ 83,500) **RESISTING - Reconnecting Social innovation with InSTitutions in urban planning**, funded as a PRIN PNRR 2022 by the National Ministry for Research and Education (Italy) (PI for Unict)

2021-24 (€ 18,000) **ReCAP Simeto - reti capacitanti nella Valle del Simeto (enabling networks in the Simeto Valley)**, funded by *Fondazione con il Sud* (Foundation for the South) to a local research consortium led by *the Simeto Participatory Presidium; (PI for Unict)*

2021-22 (€ 10,000) **Crowd-PLUR - Crowdmapping strategies supporting Planning for Urban & regional Regeneration**, funded as a STARTING grant by the University of Catania research incentives plan 2020-2022 (PI)

2020-24 ***e-SAFE - Energy and Seismic Affordable renovations Solutions***, funded by (800,000 euro within a 4 mln Euro funded to a EU-based research consortium by the Horizon 2020 EU Research and Innovation programme; PI for the Unict unit, prof. G. Margani)

2020-21 (€ 24,000) **REVERSE - The Anthropocene upside down: REsponsible research, VERSatile knowledge, Environmental futures in action**, funded as an Interdepartmental Research project by the University of Catania research incentives plan 2020-2022 (Departmental PI)

2019 (€ 10,000) **BeeDINI-VIzzini 2030** community mapping project, funded by the *Fondazione con il Sud* (Foundation for the South) to *Officine Culturali*; (PI for Unict)

2018-21 ***Life Simeto RES - Urban adaptation and community learning for a RESilient Simeto Valley*** (€ 2,997,382, with a contribution of € 568,037 by the EU Life Program, climate sub-program; PI: prof. Antonino Cancelliere, University of Catania)

2017-19 (30,000 USD) "**Community-Based Strategies for Urban Resilience to Extreme Rainfall Events**" (Co-PI together with Dorian Burnette, Department of Earth Sciences, and Claudio Meier, Department of Civil Engineering) funded by the University of Memphis Research Investment Fund, as Team Initiation Grant;

2017-18 (USD 10,000) "**The Simeto River Agreement (SRA) and the Quest for Democratizing Development**" – College of Arts and Science Faculty Research Grant, University of Memphis (co-PI: Katherine Lambert Pennington, Department of Anthropology, University of Memphis);

2014 (€ 22,946.00) "**Action-research for the innovation of planning in an era of crisis. An experimentation of the integration between strategic planning and ordinary land-use planning methods and strategies in the Simeto Valley, Eastern Sicily**"; independent individual research grant funded to the University of Catania by the National Ministry for Public Education, Italy; (PI)

2011-13 (€ 239,605) "**PARTeS – Participatory Action Research to the Test of Southern Inertia**", funded as 2009 Marie Curie Research Fellowship by the EU within the 7th Framework, in partnership with the University of Catania, Italy, and the University of Memphis, TN; (PI)

2011-13 *Vance Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant*, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ($125,000 funded by Memphis Housing Authority & Housing and Community Development Division, Graduate Division in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis, PI: K. M. Reardon and A. K. Lambert-Pennington);

2011-12 *South Memphis Community Planning Implementation Study* ($20,000 funded by the Assisi Foundation; Graduate Division in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis, PI: K. M. Reardon and A. K. Lambert-Pennington);

2011-12 *Mississippi River Corridor Study* ($15,000 funded by Shelby County/Hyde Family Foundation; Graduate Division in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis, PI: K. M. Reardon);

2011-12 *Memphis Urban Neighborhoods Transformation Initiative* ($20,000 funded by the Hyde Family Foundations, Graduate Division in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis, PI: K. M. Reardon and A. K. Lambert-Pennington);

2010-11 *City of Brownsville Comprehensive Development Plan* ($39,000 funded by the City of Brownsville, Graduate Division in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis, PI: K. M. Reardon);

2008-09 *Comparing Experiences in Good Governance in the Southern and Northern Hemispheres of the World for the Advancement of Equal and Sustainable Development* (Coordinated by ICEI Milano ONG, funded by the Italian Ministry for External Affairs);

2008- 09 (€ 21,000) "**Participatory Design of Public Spaces in the Town of Fiumefreddo, Sicily**"; Jointly-Funded by the City of Fiumefreddo and the University of Catania;

2006-07 *Sustainable Urban Regeneration Programs in Southern Europe* (Co-Investigator for the City of Catania; Sub-project approved and financed in the framework of the "progresdec /esdp steps" European Regional Development Fund - INTERREG III C Initiative);

2005-06 *The Catania University Urban Center and The New Participatory Practices* (funded by the University of Catania; PI: P. Busacca);

2004 (US $25,000) "**Urban ecology in historic preservation planning**", funded as 2003 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship by the Rotary Foundation.

2003 *Self-Construction Practices in Urban Rehabilitation Policies and Processes* (funded by the University of Catania; PI: P. Busacca).

4. PUBLICATIONS *(Titles of Italian publications are followed by the English translation)*

Books

2016 *La ricerca-azione in pianificazione territoriale e urbanistica* (Action-Research in City and Regional Planning). Milano: Franco Angeli.

2012 *La citta educativa: riflessioni sulla funzione pedagogica dell'urbanistica* (The Educative City: Reflections on the Pedagogic Function of Urban Planning and Design). Acireale: Bonanno Ed.

Edited books

2011 (ed.). *Comunita' e progetto nella Valle del Simeto. La mappa partecipata come practica per lo sviluppo locale* (Community and Planning in the Simeto Valley. Participatory Mapping as a Practice for Community Development). Adrano: Didasko Edizioni.

Peer-reviewed journal articles

2024 Saija, L., Li Destri Nicosia, G., & Pavone, V. (2024). The co-design of building deep retrofitting in distressed urban areas: lessons from e-SAFE. *CoDesign*, 1–18. https://doi.org/10.1080/15710882.2024.2416632

2024 Pappalardo G, Saija L (2024) An instituting-organisational framework for the interpretation of urban commoning. Lessons from a neighbourhood park. *Contesti* 2024(1), pp. 18-39 DOI: 10.36253/contest-15286

2023 Li Destri Nicosia, G., & Saija, L. (2023). Planning as an instituting process. Overcoming Agamben's despair using Esposito's political ontology. Planning Theory, 0(0). https://doi.org/10.1177/14730952231209755

2022 Lambert-Pennington, K., & Saija, L. (2022). Staying with Complexity. Bidirectional Learning, Engagement, and Transdisciplinary Collaborations on Two Continents. *Antropologia Pubblica*, 8(1), 41-66.

2022 Azizi, K, Diko, SK, Saija, L, Zamani, MG, Meier, CI (2022). Integrated community-based approaches to urban pluvial flooding research, trends and future directions: A review. URBAN CLIMATE, vol. 44, ISSN: 2212-0955, doi: 10.1016/j.uclim.2022.101237

2021 Saija Laura, Pappalardo Giusy, Altamore Sara (2021). Mappare il futuro, oltre la path-dependence. Paesaggi in conflitto i ipotesi di lavoro in un'area interna siciliana. *BDC*, vol. 21, p. 317-336, ISSN: 2284-4732, doi: 10.6093/2284-4732/9125

2020 (with G. Pappalardo) "Per una SNAI 2.0 come occasione di apprendimento istituzionale. Riflessioni a margine di un processo di ricerca-azione". Per Archivio Studi Urbani e Regionali n° 129, pp. 47-70.

2020 (with Tulumello S., Inch A.) "Planning amid crisis and austerity: in, against and beyond the contemporary conjuncture." International Planning Studies Journal. 25(1)

2020 (with Santo C., Raciti A.) "The Deep Roots of Austere Planning in Memphis, TN: Is the Fox Guarding the Hen House?". International Planning Studies Journal. 25(1)

2018 (with Pappalardo G.) "An Argument for Action Research-Inspired Participatory Mapping". In Journal of Planning Education and Research (JPER), DOI 10.1177/0739456X18817090

2018 (with Lambert-Pennington A. K., Franchina A.) "From Possibility to Action: An Interdisciplinary Action-Learning School Dealing with Waste". In Cambio. 8(15): 73-87.

2018 (with Raciti A.) "From Ecosystem Services to Ecological Devices: The Coped Summer School Experience In The Simeto River Valley, Italy". In Journal of Urban Management 7(3): 161-171

2016 "Ricerca-Azione: Il Patto di Fiume Simeto, tre anime e gli anticorpi" (Action-research: the Simeto River Agreementm three sould and the antibodies). In *Sentieri Urbani* 21, pp. 52-58, selected for the 2016 Best Published Paper Prize, Italian National Institute of Planners;

2015 "Questa Politica Parla Di Noi! Breve storia dell'autocandidatura della comunità della Valle del Simeto" (This policy talks about us! The Story of the Simeto Valley self-candidacy), submitted on March 2015 for publication in "Territorio. Sezione su Aree Interne" (Territory. Internal Areas special issue), edited by C. Calvaresi;

2014 "Writing about Engaged Scholarship. Misunderstandings on and the issue of quality Action Research publications". In *Planning Theory & Practice*, 15(2), pp. 187-201;

2014 "Proactive Conservancy in a Contested Milieu: From Social Mobilization to Community-Led Resource Management in the Simeto Valley (Sicily, Italy)." *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*, 57(1), pp. 27-49;

2009 (with Gravagno F.) "Can Participatory Action Research Deal with the Mafia? A Lesson from the Field," in *Planning Theory and Practice* 10(4), pp. 499-518; nominated by the Journal's editorial team for the *2010 AESOP best published paper award*.

2008 "Imparare per Pianificare o Pianificare per Apprendere? Alcune riflessioni sui presupposti etici dell'Urbanistica." (Learning for Planning or Planning for Learning? Some Thoughts on Planning's Ethical Underpinnings). In: *ASUR - Archivio Studi Urbani e Regionali*, 91, pp. 79-104;

2007 (with Gravagno F.) "A "Fera o Luni" di Catania. Racconto di una esperienza di ricerca-azione." (The 'Fera O'Luni' in Catania. The Story of an Action-Research Experience). In *ASUR - Archivio Studi Urbani e Regionali*, 90, pp. 171-182.

Other scientific journal articles

2020 (with Pappalardo G.) Cura del paesaggio e istituzioni di prossimità. Una riflessione sugli ecomusei (Landscape care and proximity institutions. A reflection on ecomuseums). In URBANISTICA INFORMAZIONI vol. 289 special issue a cura di Moccia F. D., Sepe M., pp.17-20.

2020 (con Pappalardo G. e Li Destri Nicosia G.) "Oltre la co-progettazione. Le politiche di coesione territoriale alla sfida dell'attuazione" (Beyond co-design. Territorial Cohesion policies in the face of implementation). In URBANISTICA INFORMAZIONI - ISSN:0392-5005 vol. 289 special issue a cura di Moccia F. D., Sepe M., pp.51-55.

2020 (con Lambert-Pennington A. K.) "To do and know something together: overcoming the challenges of action-research in making better urban worlds" in Tracce Urbane n° 8, pp. 6-18;

2020 (con Lambert-Pennington A. K.) "L'Università engaged: la prospettiva dei territori" in Tracce Urbane n°8, pp. 20-39;

2017 (with De Leo D., Forester J., Pappalardo G., Rocha I., Sletto B., Corburn J., Mwau B.& Magnaghi A.) "Learning from practice: environmental and community mapping as participatory action research in planning", (Interface) *Planning Theory & Practice*, 18:1, 127-153;

2015 "Education for Cubed Change", in Porter, L. et al. (ed.). Partnerships of learning for planning education (Interface) *Planning Theory & Practice*, *16*(3), 409-434;

2013 (with Raciti A., Westendorff D.) "Planning under the Lion's Paw: A Memphis Tale." In Progressive Planning in the U.S. South, Special Issue of Progressive Planning, spring issue, pp. 18-21;

2010 (with Raciti A.) "University Supporting Effective Citizen Action. Comparing Experiences in Challenging Landscapes." In *Journal of Landscape Studies* 3, 87 – 95;

2009 (with Raciti A.) "Possibilities for Participation in Librino, Italy." In: *Regions. The Newsletter of the Regional Studies Association*, n° 273 spring, pp. 13, 14;

2008 (with Reardon K. and Gravagno F.) "Supporting Resident-Led Revitalization in Librino, Italy." In *Progressive Planning*, Winter (Jan/Feb), 174 issue;

2007 "Prospettive di ricerca-azione nella disciplina urbanistica" (Action-Research Perspectives in Urban Planning and Design). In *Infolio*, n° 19 apr, pp. 49-52.

Book chapters

2024 Saija L, Li Destri G, Barbanti C (2024) An organizational approach to citizen engagement for social cohesion: the gardening experience in an Italian public housing neighborhood. In Othengrafen F. et al (eds) *Social Cohesion and Resilience through Citizen Engagement: A Place-Based Approach*, pp. 104-122

2022 Saija L., Li Destri Nicosia G. (2022). Per un possibilismo dell'agency collettiva nel Mezzogiorno: riflessioni su due "casi esemplari" a rischio. In: AA. VV. (a cura di): Tulumello Simone, Verso una geografia del cambiamento. Saggi per un dialogo con Alberto Tulumello, dal Mezzogiorno al Mediterraneo. p. 153-163 MIM EDIZIONI SRL, ISBN: 9788857583839

2022 Calvagna S, Pappalardo G, Saija L (2022) Le projet qui devient paysage. Leçons tirées du processus de renaissance de la Gare Simetina de San Marco. In Segapeli S (ed) Vous avez dit espace commun? Peter Lang, pp. 397-408.

2020 (with G. Pappalardo) "From Enabling People to Enabling Institutions. A national policy suggestion for inner areas coming from an action-research experience" in Bevilacqua C., Calabrò F., Della Spina L. (eds.) New Metropolitan Perspectives - Knowledge Dynamics, Innovation-driven Policies Towards the Territories' Attractiveness Vol 2. Springer (ISBN 2190-3018)

2019 "It is Time for Higher-Ed to Get Political" in Sandmann, L. R., & Jones, D. O. (Eds.). Building the Field of Higher Education Engagement: Foundational Ideas and Future Directions. Stylus Publishing, LLC.

2019 (con Annunziata S. e Tarsi E.) "Movimenti di popolazione: sfide e prospettive di ricerca" in Perrone C. e Paba G. (a cura di) Confini, Movimenti, Luoghi. Politiche e progetti per città e territori. Milano: Donzelli.

2017 (with A. Coppola) "Costruire il collettivo e l'urbanità attraverso nuove forme pattizie" in Zanfi F., Formato E., Curci F. (a cura di). Territori dell'Abusivismo nel mezzogiorno contemporaneo. Roma: Donzelli.

2017 "Autobiography as a Method of Inquiry" In Haselsberge B. (ed.) *Encounters in Planning Thought: 16 Autobiographical Essays from Key Thinkers in Spatial Planning. t*. New York, NY: Routledge, pp. 8-12;

2012 "'Building' engagement into the fabric of the University. The LabPEAT experience in Librino, Catania, Italy." In Benneworth P. (ed.), *University Engagement with Socially Excluded*

Communities: Towards the Idea of 'The Engaged University', Springer Higher Education series, pp. 125-141;

2011 (with Gravagno F. and Pappalardo G.) "Una partnership fra Università e comunità come soggetto attivo dello sviluppo locale: l'esperienza di mappatura partecipata nella Valle del Simeto." (A University-Community Partnership as Active Subject for Community Development: The Participatory Mapping Experience in the Simeto Valley). In Martinico F. (ed.), *Ricerca, didattica e prassi urbanistica nelle città del Mediterraneo*. Roma: Gangemi editore, p. 415-424;

2009 "Strategie di *problem-messing* al mercato storico di Catania." (Problem-Messing Strategies for the Catania Historic Market). In: Gravagno F. *Dei paesaggi di Ellenia e di altre storie simili*. Vol. 2, pp. 262-325, Catania: ed.it;

2009 "Il senso della partecipazione dipende dal contesto? Una riflessione a margine di una esperienza all'area Fiera di Catania, Italia". (Does the Meaning of Participation Depend on the Context? Lessons Learned in the Catania Historic Market Neighborhood, Italy). In Cognetti F. & Cottino P. (eds.), *Partecipazione oltre la parola. Quando esperienze nel mondo si confontano*, ICEI Milano;

2006 "La Rete per il Locale, il Locale per la Rete." (The Network for the Local Node, and the Local Node for the Network). In Busacca P., Gravagno F., *Catania e il mare. Materiali e discorsi per il futuro assetto del frontemare*, Catania: ed.it, pp. 116-121;

2003 "Appunti per il progetto ecologico dei tessuti storici minori." (Notes on the Ecological Design of Historic Working-Class Neighborhoods). In: Busacca P., Gravagno F., *L'occhio di Arlecchino. Schizzi per il quartiere San Berillo a Catania*, Roma: Gangemi, pp. 245-255.

Encyclopedia Entries

2014 "Map-Making" in Coghlan, D. & Brydon-Miller, M. (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Action Research*. Sage Publications: Thousand Oaks, CA.

2014 (with Reardon K. M.) "Experiential Learning" in Coghlan, D. & Brydon-Miller, M. (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Action Research*. Sage Publications: Thousand Oaks, CA.

Book reviews

2023 Saija, L. (2023). Digital Participatory Planning. Citizen Engagement, Democracy, and Design: By Alexander Wilson and Mark Tewdwr-Jones (2021) Routledge, London. European Planning Studies, 32(8), 1856–1857. https://doi.org/10.1080/09654313.2023.2236892

2018 Review of the book "Knowledge for Social Change. Bacon, Dewey, and the Revolutionary Transformation of Research Universities in the Twenty-First Century", in Planning Theory and Practice, DOI:10.1080/14649357.2018.1556502)

2013 "Il ruolo sociale dell'urbanistica normativa riparte dalla Sicilia" (The social role of normative planning emerges from Sicily), review of the book by Bazzi A. (2012), "La Piazza è mia. Cronache dall'interno di un comune straordinario"; in *(IBIDEM)* no.1 *Le Letture di Planum*, pp. 68-71.

Conference proceedings

2024 Saija L, Li Destri Nicosia G, (2024) Un'applicazione del concetto di pensiero istituente al dibattito sulla casa: il caso studio di Catania. In Bricocoli M, Pezzagno M (a cura di) *Servizi, dotazioni territoriali, welfare e cambiamenti sociodemografici Atti XXV Conferenza Nazionale SIU* Vol. 08, Planum editore, pp. 107-111

2023 Li Destri Nicosia G, Saija L, Barbanti C (2023) Welfare abitativo e rigenerazione urbana nella fase di recovery. Sperimentazioni d'azione collettiva a Catania. In Perrone C., Marchigiani E., Savoldi P., Tosi M.C (a cura di) Atti della XXIV Conferenza Nazionale SIU Vol. 6 Forme di welfare e dotazione di servizi, un'eredità in continua evoluzione, Planum editore, pp. 155-164.

2023 Li Destri Nicosia, G; Saija, L; Pavone, V; Grelle, A (2023) Sviluppo locale, mobilitazione civica, e urbanistica. Una sperimentazione nel quartiere San Biagio, Paternò. In Belingardi C., Esposito De Vita G., Lieto L., Papparlardo G., Saija L. (a cura di) Atti della XXIV Conferenza Nazionale SIU Vol. 5 Agire collettivo e rapporto tra attori nel governo del territorio, Planum editore, pp. 118-124

2021 (con Barbanti C., Fagone L., Privitera E.) Cooperativismo immobiliare per la rigenerazione urbana solidale: una esperienza di ricerca-azione a Catania. In Caruso N., Pasqui G., Tedesco C., Vassallo I. (a cura di) Rigenerazione dello spazio urbano e trasfr4omazione sociale. Atti della XXIII conferenza nazionale SIU DOWNSCALING, RIGHTSIZING. Contrszione demografica e riorganizzazione spaziale, Torino 17-18 giugno 2021 vol 05 Planum Publisher e Società Italiana degli Urbanisti, Roma-Milano 2021, pp. 26-34.

2021 (con Toldi A.) Web-based participatory mapping: so much out there, but do we have what we really need? In Murgante B., Pede E., Tiepolo M. (a cura di, 2021), Innovazione tecnologica per la riorganizzazione spaziale. Atti della XXIII Conferenza Nazionale SIU DOWNSCALING, RIGHTSIZING. Contrazione demografica e riorganizzazione spaziale, Torino, 17-18 giugno 2021, vol. 09, Planum Publisher e Società Italiana degli Urbanisti, Roma-Milano 2021, pp. 142-147.

2021 (con Pavone V.) Resilienza al fla s hfloodi nge apprendimento comunitario.Una prima valutazione degli esiti del progetto LIFE SimetoRES nella Valle del Simeto (Sicilia Orientale). In Brunetta G., Caldarice O., Russo M., Sargolini M. (a cura di, 2021), Resilienza nel governo del territorio. Atti della XXIII Conferenza Nazionale SIU DOWNSCALING, RIGHTSIZING. Contrazione demografica e riorganizzazione spaziale, Torino, 17-18 giugno 2021, vol. 04, Planum Publisher e Società Italiana degli Urbanisti, Roma-Milano 2021.

2020 (con Ferrigno M.) "Per una costruzione di un welfare ecologico-circolare. Contributi di riflessione da un'area interna della Sicilia orientale." In Atti della XXII conferenza nazionale SIU. L'urbanistica italiana di fronte all'Agenda 2030, Bari-Matera 5-7 giugno 2019. Planum Publisher.

2016 "Tipi di Relazione Università-Territorio" (Types of community-university relationships) in Proceedings of the Italian City Planners Society XIX National Conference, in *Planum. The Journal of Urbanism*.

2014 "Pratiche simetine. Spontaneità dei processi Vs intenzionalità del ricercatore-in-azione" (Simeto practices. Processes' spontaneity Vs. the Action-Researcher's intentionality), in Cellamare C. & Cognetti (eds.), *Practices of Re-appropriation*. Proceedings of the 4th international and interdisciplinary Seminar "Tracce Urbane" (Urban Traces). *Planum*, pp. 215-220.

2013 "La Ricerca-Azione partecipata in urbanistica. uno studio comparativo e una riflessione critica" (Action Research in City Planning. A Comparative Study and a Critical Reflection). In Proceedings of the Italian City Planners Society XVI National Conference, in *Planum. The Journal of Urbanism*, n°27(2);

2009 (with Busacca P. and Gravagno F.) "Perché parlare del waterfront a Catania." (Reasons to have a Conversation on the Catania Waterfront). In: Abbate G. et alii (eds), *Territori Costieri*. Milano: FrancoAngeli;

2008 "Quale rapporto fra metodo e obiettivi? Introduzione alla sessione luoghi e fenomeni 2. " (On the Relationship Between Methods and Goals. Introduction to the session 'Places and Phenomena') In Bini G. et alii (eds), *Fare ricerca. Atti della VII Convegno della rete interdottorato in Pianificazione urbanistica*. Firenze: Alinea;

2006 "Progettare la legalità nelle periferie urbane di Catania" (Planning Law in Catania's Marginalized Neighborhoods). In Lanzani A., Moroni S. (eds.), *Città e Azione Pubblica. Riformismo al plurale*, Proceedings of the X Conferencem, National Society of Urbanists, Roma: Carocci, pp. 118-121;

2005 "Progettare a San Berillo." (Designing in the San Berillo neighborhood). In Busacca P., Gravagno F. (eds), *A mille mani, vol. 1*. Firenze: Alinea, pp. 151-156;

2005 (with Busacca P.) "Strategie per apprendere dal paesaggio urbano: il valore della memoria nella rivitalizzazione del quartiere San Berillo a Catania." (Strategies for Learning from the Urban Landscape: The Value of Memory in the Revitalization of the San Berillo Neighborhood in Catania). In AA. VV., *Terre d'Europa e fronti Mediterranei*. Vol. 1, atti della IX Conferenza Nazionale della Società Italiana degli Urbanisti, Palermo 3-4 marzo 2005, Palermo: Zangara, 50-60.

Unpublished Monographs

2006 *Dalla Conoscenza Esperta all'Apprendere Collettivo. Riflessioni sulla funzione pedagogica dell'Urbanistica*, (From Expert Knowledge to Collective Learning: Reflections on the Pedagogic Function of Urban Planning and Design). PhD dissertation, PhD Program in *Architecture, Urban and Environmental Planning and Design*, Department of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Catania (Successfully defended in 2006);

2002 *Un futuro per il quartiere San Berillo: un approccio etico per le tecniche di risanamento ambientale e rivitalizzazione urbana* (A future for the San Berillo Neighborhood: and ethical approach to urban revitalization and design methods), 5-Year Degree Thesis in Architecture and Civil Engineering, University of Catania.

Planning reports (United States)

2012 with K.M. Reardon, J. Buttermore, and A. Raciti. *Vance Avenue Community Transformation Plan*, Vance Avenue Collaborative, Memphis, TN.

2011 with K.M. Reardon. *Brownsville on the Move: Comprehensive Plan*. City of Brownsville, TN, Awarded Best Municipal Plan, Southwestern Tennessee Economic Development Agency.

5. CONFERENCES AND LECTURES *(Italian Titles are followed by the English translation)*

Invited Lectures and Presentations

17-18/2/2020 (with Giovanni Carrosio & Alessandra De Renzis) "Aree interne" (Inland regions), invited presentation, "Ricomporre i divari: Politiche e progetti territoriali contro le disuguaglianze" (Filling the gaps: spatial policies and projects against unjustices), Politechnique of Milano;

20-22/11/2019 (with Pappalardo G. & Calvagna S.) "Il progetto che diventa paesaggio. Lezione apprese nel processo di rinascita della Stazione simetina di San Marco" (design becoming landscape. Lessons learned in the Simeto Station of San Marco revitalization process). Vous avez dit Espace commun? International colloquium ENSA Saint Etienne,

14/10/2019 School and Regions: how to combine community development and education, invited lecture by the Giacomo Feltrinelli foundation, Milano

1/10/2019 Can we design a landmark? Place-branding Vs. Community Stewardship, invited lecture for the "Sovrappasso d'uomo" workshop, organized by Whole UR in partnership with the University of Catania.

13/2/2019 Action research and what it implies for an engaged scholarship, invited lecture by Invited lectures – MISTRA Urban Future, at Chalmers University, Goteborg Sweden

8/2/2019 "A patto che sia esplicito il vantaggio collettivo. La demolizione come strumento di costruzione di nuovi patti sociali" (at the condition that there is a collective gain. Demolition as a tool for the develoment of new social contracts), invited lecture for the seminar Demolitions in informal settlements: re-establish alliances, values, and landscapes, Politecnico di Milano;

7-9/11/2018 Reconnecting people with water ecosystems. Practices to bridge the gap between expert and common knowledge, invited lecture for the international conference Global change at basin and fjord scale and future water management challenges in Patagonia, orgenized by the Universidad De Aysen e dal CIEP, Coyhaique, Patagonia, Cile.

18-19/1/ 2018 Responsabile scientifica insieme a D. De Leo del Workshop 3 "Urban Practices. Filling the gap between research and action", 5th Winter School on Research Methodology in the Field of Planning and Urban Studies, organizzata a Firenze complesso Le Murate, dal DIDA, Università degli Studi di Firenze e dal Gran Sasso Science Institute.

12/2017 Presentation of the book "La ricerca-azione in pianificazione territoriale e urbanistica" (Action-research in City and Regional Planning), Caffè San Siro 2.0 #1, Scientific coordination by F. Cognetti (DAStU, Politecnico di Milano).

12-25/12/2016 (with Pappalardo G.) Understanding Action Research for ecological restoration through practice, web-lecture for the East Kolkata Wetland, A Ramsar Site: Understanding Urban Metabolism Summer Winter School, organized by Summer Winter School, CEPT University Kasturbhai Lalbhai Campus University Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad, India.

18/7/2016 Lecture for the PhD program in Architecture, Processes of interaction and forms of innovation in the face of socio-spatial marginalization. On the role of the university researcher as the link between society and fragile areas, University of Naples Federico II.

17/6/2016 Discussant del workshop 9 Territori dell'abusivismo nel Mezzogiorno contemporaneo. Temi e prospettive d'innovazione progettuale e politica e presentazione del paper Tipi di relazione città-territorio (workshop 11), XIX Conferenza Nazionale SIU Cambiamenti Responsabilità e strumenti per l'urbanistica al servizio del Paese, Catania, 16-18 giugno 2016

6/11/2015 (con A. Raciti) The Simeto River Agreement. A Landmark Achievement for Environmental Justice in Sicily, invited lecture, Graduate Program in Urban Planning and Community Development, University of Massachusetts, Boston;

Mar 2015 "Planning Imagination in XXI century and the Responsibility of being Young in Academia", Keynote speech, *Differences and Connections: Beyond Universal Theories in Planning, Urban, and Heritage Studies*, IX AESOP Young Academics conference, 2015, University of Palermo;

Dec 2014 "L'immaginazione urbanistica e i tipi di relazione università-territorio. L'esperienza nella Valle del Simeto del LabPEAT, Università degli Studi di Catania" (Planning Imagination and Types of Community-University Relationship. The Experience in the Simeto Valley of the LabPEAT, Univesrity of Catania), contribution to the roundtable titled "Urban Agenda and Research Agendas: what kind of research Italian urban policies really need?," organized by D. De Leo and F. Gelli within the VIII Study-day of INU Campania;

Dec 2013 "Il Patto per il fiume Simeto, Sicilia Orientale" (The Simeto River Agreement, Eastern Sicily), invited lecture for the national conference "I contratti di fiume e di lago" (River and Lake Agreements), Architecture Department, Federico II University, Naples;

Oct 2013 (with Reardon K. M.) "Scholarships of engagement with distressed communities: lessons from the US and Italy," invited lecture, Department of Town and Regional Planning, University of Sheffield, UK;

July 2013 Invitation to participate in "Writing the Future – Making Knowledge that Matters" Roundtable, organized by Campbell H. and Bertolini L. and sponsored by *Planning Theory and Practice,* 2013 ACSP-AESOP Joint Congress, University College Dublin, Ireland;

Jun 2013 Opening remark, for the international symposium titled Catania-Memphis connection 1.0, University of Catania.

Feb 2013 "Bottom-Up Planning and Design in Sicily: Significant Challenges and Promising Strategies of Work", Invited lecture, Rome Spring 2013 Lecture Series, Cornell University, Roma;

Nov 2012 "Planning and the establishment of collective political subjects. Comparing Participatory Action Research in the US and European South." Invited lecture at the City and Regional Planning Department, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY;

Nov 2012 "Sustainable Development: How Do We Go from Theory to Practice? Lessons Learned in the Simeto Valley, Sicily" invited lecture, Urban Studies and Planning, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA;

July 2012 "The Theory of Planning Research (I) A Reflection on the Link between Knowledge and Action" Keynote speech, 2012 AESOP PhD Workshop, Department of City and Regional Planning, Izmir Institute of High Technology, Izmir, Turkey;

Sept 2012 "Differences in Urban Design Approaches: A European Perspective" Urban Design Series, Memphis Regional Design Center, Memphis, TN;

Nov 2011 "The Challenge of Evolving Toward the Future for the Simeto Bioregion (Eastern Sicily, Italy)" Quality of Life Research Conference, organized by the Evolution Institute and the Graduate Division in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, November 5-7;

Apr 2011 "The Contribution of Historic and Contemporary Europe to Modern Urban Design" Urban Design Series, Memphis Regional Design Center, Memphis, TN;

Feb 2011 "Comparing Experiences to Broaden Boundaries for Action in the Environmental and Community Planning Field" Invited Lecture for the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy, University of Memphis, Memphis TN;

Jun 2009 "How Can Universities Successfully Adopt an Engagement Mission?," One-Day Symposium on Excellence in Engagement: Policies and Practices for University-Community Engagement, Centre for Knowledge, Technology, Innovation and Enterprise, Newcastle University, UK;

Jun 2008 "L'impegno dell'Università a Librino" (The University Commitment in Librino), invited lecture, *Librino in between center and periphery* conference, organized by the CGIL Union, Catania;

Oct 2007 "Challenges in Planning a Multi-Cultural Public Space in Catania, Sicily", Center for Community Planning and Development, Hunter College, City University of New York;

Jun 2007 "Thinking Planning Through the Work of Robert Mugerauer", panel on the work on Robert Mugerauer, 2007 IAPL (International Association for Philosophy and Literature) Conference *Layering. Textual, Visual, Spatial, Temporal*, University of Cyprus, Nicosia;

Apr 2004 "San Berillo Neighborhood: An Urban Challenge in the South of Italy", Rotary Club of Lake City, Seattle, USA;

May 2003 "Introduction to Urban Ecology", Rotary Club "Catania Nord", Catania.

Conference presentations

18/12/2020 (with Pappalardo G.) "Cura del paesaggio e istituzioni di prossimità. Una riflessione sugli ecomusei" (Landscape care and proximity institutions. A reflection on ecomuseums). Paper presented at the XII INU international study day.
(with Pappalardo G. & Li Destri Nicosia G.) "Oltre la co-progettazione. Le politiche di coesione territoriale alla sfida dell'attuazione" (Beyond co-design. Territorial Cohesion policies and the challenge of implementation). Paper presentato a "Benessere e/o salute? 90 di studi, politiche, piani. XII giornata internazionale di studio INU.

8-9/10/2020 (with Pappalardo G.) "Paesaggi Inclusivi. Processi ecomuseali come opportunità per la giustizia spaziale" (Inclusive landscapes. Ecomuseum processes as an opportunity of

spacial justice). Paper presented at "Post-Pandemic Cities. Le sfide dell'urbanistica dopo l'emergenza". Convegno INU Sicilia, Palermo (on-line)

26-28/05/2020 (with Pappalardo G.) "From Enabling People to Enabling Institutions. A national policy suggestion for inner areas coming from an action-experience". IV International symposium ed. 2020 Labor EST, Università degli Studi Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria (online).

25-28/10/2018 The Deep Roots of Austere Planning And The Challenge To Bottom-Up Resistance In Memphis, TN, paper presentato alla ACSP 2018 conference, Buffalo, NY, USA;

11-12/10/2018 Public Vs. Collective? Lessons learned in a decade of Action-Research in the Simeto Valley, presentazione su invito al workshop Bridging knowledge, participation and action: pathways and challenges of emerging forms of governing the city, organizzato dal Gran Sasso Science Institute nell'ambito del Festival della Partecipazione 2018, L'Aquila.

10-14/7/2018 There is only so much activism can do. A Reflection from a Mid-sized US city, paper presentato al 2018 AESOP Annual Conference, Chambers University of Technology, Goteborg, Svezia

6-8/6/2018 discussant del Workshop 2.2, Movimenti Di Popolazioni E (Ri)Costruzione Dei Luoghi, XXI Conferenza Nazionale SIU, Università degli Studi di Firenze, 6-8 Giugno 2018

July 2017 "The Return of Public Planning in a Post-Post-Political Memphis", paper presented at the AESOP Annual Congress'17 Lisbon - Spaces of Dialogue for Places of Dignity: Fostering the European Dimension of Planning. 11-14 July;

June 2017 "Pianificare Trumplandia", paper presented at the XX SIU (Italian Society of Urbanists) National Conference, La Sapienza University, Rome, June 12-14;

June 2016 "Tipi di relazione città-territotorio", paper presented at the XIX SIU (Italian Society of Urbanists) National Conference, Catania 16-18 June;

July 2015 "We want more public! The story of a participatory planning process that is holding institutions accountable", paper presented at the AESOP 2015 Annual Congress, July 13–16, 2015, Czech Technical University, Faculty of Architecture, Czech Republic;

July 2014 (with Raciti A.) "The challenge of practicing justice: lessons learned by a community-university partnership in Memphis, TN," paper presented at the 2014 AESOP Conference, Utrecht-Delft;

July 2014 (with Pappalardo G.) "The Simeto River Agreement. Praticing interindipendence between Democracy and Ecology," paper presented at the 2014 AESOP Conference, Utrecht-Delft;

Sept 2013 (with Gravagno F. and Pappalardo G.) "A University-Community Partnership for the enhancement Ecosystem services: The Simeto River Agreement," paper presented at the international conference *RegioResources21. A cross-disciplinary dialogue on sustainable development of regional resources*, organized by the University of Catania in collaboration with the European Land-Use Institute;

July 2013 "Planning and the creation of collective political actors. Comparing Engaged research in the US and European 'South'," paper presented at the 2013 ACSP-AESOP Joint Congress, University College Dublin, Ireland;

June 2013 "Pratiche simetine. Spontaneità dei processi Vs intenzionalità del ricercatore-in-azione" (Simeto Practices. Processes' spontaneity Vs. Action-researcher's intentionality), paper presented at the 4th International Symposium *Urban Traces*, La Sapienza University, Rome;

May 2013 "La Ricerca Azione Partecipata in Urbanistica. Uno studio comparativo e una riflessione critica" (Participatory Action Research. A Comparative Study and a Critical Reflection), paper presented at the XVI SIU (Italian Society of Urbanists) National Conference, University Federico II, Naples;

Nov 2012 "Are We Throwing the Baby (the "public" good) Out with the Bath Water (top-down technocratic planning and decision-making)? Lesson Learned by a Participatory Action

Researcher in Sicily, Italy." Paper presented at the 111th Annual Meeting AAA Conference in– 14-18 Nov 2012, San Francisco, CA;

Nov 2012 "The Practicing Researcher: The Changing Role of Researching in Planning." Paper presented at the 53rd ACSP Annual Conference, November 1-4, 2012, Cincinnati, Ohio.

July 2012 "Planning, Democracy, and University Engagement: A Comparative Study and a Critical Reflection." Paper presented at the AESOP 26th Annual Congress, 11-15 July, Ankara, Turkey;

May 2012 "Opposing the Mafia." Presentation at the 2012 Planners Network Forum, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, May 18th and 19th;

October 2011 "The U.S. Empowerment Planning Approach Meets Sicilian Community Planning: The Community Mapping Initiative in the Simeto Valley (Sicily, Italy)." Paper presented at 52nd Annual ACSP Conference, Salt Lake City, 13-16 October;

May 2011 "Making Waves Along the Simeto River". Paper presented at the 2011 Planner Network International Conference, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, 18-21 May;

Feb 2010 (with Gravagno F., Pappalardo G.) "Il 'fare' alla prova del Mezzogiorno. Lezioni apprese nell'esperienza del LabPEAT" (Action to the Test of Italian Mezzogiorno. Lessons Learned from the LabPEAT Experience); paper presented at *Città e crisi globale. Clima, sviluppo, e convivenza* – XIII SIU Conference (Italian Society of Urbanists), Rome Feb 25-27, 2010;

Feb 2009 (with Raciti A.) "Dialogue or Fight? Looking for Strategies in Librino (Italy)," paper presented at *Planning as a Rear View Window or Crystal Ball Activity. Diversities of Planning Cultures, Traditions, Identities*, 3rd Young Academics Meeting, Association of European Schools of Planning, Vienna University of Technology;

May 2009 "The Catania Area's Fiera Project," paper presented at *Practices of Good Governance in the North and the South of the World. Participation and Development: Comparing Experiences*, international Meeting organized by ICEI and CISS NGOs , Naples;

Oct 2008 (with Regalbuto G.) "Dell'autogestione del popolo siciliano, fra storia e prospettive di lavoro per lo sviluppo locale" (On Sicilians' Self-Governance, Comparing Historic and Contemporary Perspectives in Community Development), paper presented at *Territori di Ricerca, Ricerche di Territorio*, VIII National Conference of the Italian PhD Programs in Urban Planning and Design Network, Politecnico di Torino;

Jul 2008 (with Gravagno F.) "Is The Existence of the Mafia a Planning Issue?" paper presented at Bridging the Divide: Celebrating the City, 4th ACSP-AESOP Joint Congress, Chicago, Illinois;

Jul 2007 (with Gravagno F.) "In the Landscape of the Counter-State," paper presented at the XXXI AESOP Conference, *Challenging the Future*, Naples, IT;

Mar 2007 (with Busacca P., Gravagno F., Ursida A.) "Tra I paesaggi delle periferie del sud" (Landscapes of Southern marginalized neighborhoods), paper presented at *Quante periferie? Quali politiche di governo del territorio*, INU (National Institute of Urban Planners) National Conference, Naples;

Jul 2006 "An Interpretation of the Social Function of Planning Through The Concept of Learning," paper presented at 2006 World Planning School Congress *Diversity and Multiplicity: A New Agenda for the World Planning Community*, Mexico City, Mexico;

May 2006 "È possibile progettare la legalità? Note a margine di un percorso di ricerca-azione extraistituzionale nelle periferie urbane di Catania" (Is it Possible to Plan for Legality? Lesson Learned Through Extra-Institutional Action-Research Experience in the Urban Periphery of Catania), paper presented at the X National Congress of the Italian Planners Society (SIU), *Pluralism and Reforms. Urban Planning and Public Action*, Politecnico di Milano;

Nov 2005 "Ricercatore 'di frontiera' è una espressione tautologica?" paper presented at the V National Conference of the Italian PhD Programs in Urban Planning and Design Network, *Dottorati di ricerca a confronto. La ricerca in Europa e nel Mediterraneo: Metodi Forme Esperienze* – Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria;

Feb 2005 (with Busacca P.) "Il valore dei Tessuti storici minori:strategie per l'apprendimento dal paesaggio urbano del quartiere San Berillo di Catania" (The Value of Historic Working Class Neighborhood: Strategies to Learn from the Urban Landscape of the San Berillo Neighborhood, Catania), paper presented at the X National Congress of the Italian Planners Society (SIU): *Terre Europee e Fronti Mediterranei*, University of Palermo.

6. ACADEMIC SERVICE

Since 2019 Member of the Scientific Advisory Board, *Giacomo Feltrinelli* Foundation

Since 2015 Peer-reviewer for the *Sustainability* Journal

Since 2014 Peer-reviewer for the *Journal of Planning Education and Research (JPER)*

Since 2014 Peer-reviewer for Journal *ASUR – Archivio Studi Urbani e Regionali*

Since 2012 Peer-Reviewer for Journal *European Planning Studies*;

Since 2009 Peer-Reviewer for *Planning Theory and Practice* Journal;

Oct 2019 (member of the Scientific committee "Sovrappasso d'uomo – international design workshop", organized by Whole UR, in partnership with the University of Catania

Jun 2013 (organizer and scientific coordinator) "Catania-Memphis connection 1.0. Partecipation, Methods and Design in an experience of internationalization of research and teaching" International Symposium, at the University of Catania in collaboration with the University of Memphis, TN.

Nov 2011 (co-organizer) "The Memphis Conversation On Evolutionary Theory And Quality Of Life: Policy Implications For Building The Just City," organized by the City and Regional planning graduate Program at the University of Memphis, TN in collaboration with the Evolution Institute.

Jun 09-12 International Advisory Board Member of the Centre for Social Justice and Community Action at Durham University, UK;

Nov 2008 Co-Organizer, "Housing for Everybody. The Heritage Left by Franco Marescotti and the Social Housing Issue in Catania", National Conference, "La Casa della Città", University of Catania;

Oct 2008 Scientific Committee Member and Session Co-Organizer: City and Public Spaces; VIII National Conference of the Italian PhD programs in Urban Planning and Design Network, Politecnico di Torino;

Oct 2007 Scientific Committee Member and Co-Organizer of the 'Places and Phenomena' session; VII National Conference of the Italian PhD Programs in Urban Planning and Design Network, University of Palermo;

Jul 2007 Coordinator of the Organizing Committee, "Launching Community Design Initiatives," one-week international PhD Workshop, University of Catania, La Sapienza University Rome, Politecnico di Bari;

Dec 2006 Assistant Organizer, "Spatial Politics and Ethnic Conflict: Lessons from Israel/Palestine," Seminar by Professor Oren Yftachel, Ben Gurion University, Organized by Politecnico di Bari;

Nov 2006 Scientific Committee Member and Session Co-Organizer: Artistic Analogies in Urban Design; VI National Conference of the Italian PhD Programs in Urban Planning and Design Network, University of Bologna;

May 2006 Co-Organizer, "La città che discute. Quale rapporto con la ferrovia e il mare?" (An Urban Dialogue about the relationship between the railway and the sea), in collaboration with the

National Network for Participation, sponsored by the City of Catania, LabPEAT- La Casa della Città – University of Catania;

Jul 2005 Organizer, "Qualitative Methods of Research in Planning," lecture given at the University of Catania by Professor Robert Mugerauer, Dean of the College of Architecture and Urban Panning, University of Washington, Seattle;

Jul 2005 Organizer, "Management of Conflict in Community Participation and Negotiation", lecture given at the University of Catania by Professor John Forester, Professor in City and Regional Planning at Cornell University;

Jul 2005 Co-Organizer, "La Casa della Città as Meeting Place for Urban Actors: Comparisons Between Experiences and Perspectives", International conference organized by La Casa della Città, University of Catania, sponsored by the Sicilian Regional Department of Planning and the Environment.

7. ACADEMIC TEACHING AND TUTORING

Spring 2021 (co-instructor with P. La Greca) **Urban and Regional Design studio**, 5-year degree in Architectural engineering, Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture, University of Catania;

Fall 2020 (instructor) **Regional Planning**, Undergraduate Degree in Regional and Landscape planning and preservation, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Food, University of Catania;

Spring 2020 (co-instructor with G. Pappalardo) **Urban and Regional Design studio**, 5-year degree in Architectural engineering, Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture, University of Catania;

Fall 2019 (instructor) **Regional Planning**, Undergraduate Degree in Regional and Landscape planning and preservation, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Food, University of Catania;

Spring 2019 (instructor) **Urban and Regional Design studio**, 5-year degree in Architectural engineering, Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture, University of Catania;

Fall 2018 (instructor) **Regional Planning**, Undergraduate Degree in Regional and Landscape planning and preservation, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Food, University of Catania;
Sum 2018 (co-instructor with proff. Antonio Raciti e Katherine Lambert Pennington) **Community Planning and Ecological Design**, cross-listed: Master in City and Regional Planning & Master in Applied Anthropology, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, USA; Master in Urban Planning and Community Development at University of Massachusetts, Boston;

Spring 2018 (instructor with proff. Claudio Meier and Dorian Burnette) **Urban Resilience to Flooding II**, cross listed in the Master of City and Regional Planning, Master in Earth Sciences, Master in Civil Engineering, PhD in Civil Engineering, University of Memphis, USA;
(co-instructor) **Comprehensive Planning Studio** PLAN 7006, Master in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, USA

Fall 2017 **Land Use Planning** PLAN 7202, Master in City & Regional Planning, University of Memphis, TN, USA;
(instructor with proff. Claudio Meier and Dorian Burnette) **Urban Resilience to Flooding I** (PLAN 7610 / CIVL 8901 & 7901 / ESCI 7010), cross listed in the Master of City and Regional Planning, Master in Earth Sciences, Master in Civil Engineering, PhD in Civil Engineering, University of Memphis, USA;

Sum 2017 (co-instructor) **Sicily Study abroad Program**, Master in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis, TN, USA;

Spring 2017 **Planning Theory and Perspectives** PLAN 7002, Master in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis, TN, USA;

Fall 2016 (co-instructor) **Planning the American City** PLAN 7001, Master in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, USA;
(co-instructor) **Planning and Ecology** PLAN 7203, Master in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis, TN, USA;
(co-instructor) **Comprehensive Planning Studio** PLAN 7006, Master in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis, TN, USA;

Sum 2016 (co-instructor) **Sicily Study abroad Program**, Master in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis, TN, USA;

Spring 2016 **Planning Theory and Perspectives** PLAN 7002, Master in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis, TN, USA;
Historic Preservation Planning PLAN 7613, Master in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis, TN, USA;

Fall 2015 **Planning the American City** PLAN 7001, Master in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, USA;
Collaborative Design Studio (Transportation Planning) PLAN 6801, Master in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, USA

Sum 2014 (Co-instructor) **Collaborative Planning Studio** PLAN 7613, Master in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, USA; the class included a one-week **study abroad program** in the Simeto Valley, Eastern Sicily, Italy;

Fall 2013 (Instructor) **Regional Planning Studio**, graduate course for the II level degree in Civil, Water and Transportation Engineering, University of Catania;

Fall 2012 (Co-Instructor) **Urban Design Seminar** PLAN 7205, Master in City and Regional Planning Program, University of Memphis

Sum 2012 (Co-Instructor) **Geographic Environmental Analysis** PLAN 7007, Master in City and Regional Planning Program, University of Memphis; the class included a one-week **study abroad program** in the Simeto Valley, Eastern Sicily, Italy;

Spring 2012 (Co-Instructor) **Special Projects Studio** PLAN 7007, Master in City and Regional Planning Program, University of Memphis
(Co-Instructor) **International Studies in Development** PLAN 7619, Master in City and Regional Planning Program, University of Memphis

2006 – 2010 (Instructor) **Urban Design Studio**, (undergraduate course), Architectural and Environmental Rehabilitation 3-Year Degree, University of Catania;

2006- 2010 (Instructor) **Internship for undergraduate students**, Architectural and Environmental Rehabilitation 3-Year Degree, University of Catania;

2003-2008 (Teaching Assistant) **Urban Planning Seminar**, (graduate course), Architectural Engineering 5-Year Degree, University of Catania;

2003-2008 (Teaching Assistant) **Urban Design Studio**, (graduate course), Architectural Engineering 5-Year Degree, University of Catania;

2005 (Teaching Assistant) **Urban and Regional Systems Analysis Studio**, 5-Year Architecture degree, Architecture School, University of Catania.

Extra-curricula teaching activities

Gen-dec 2013 (scientific coordinator) "Sicily-US Midsouth *Service learning* workshop", interdisciplinary studio for master theses, organized within the PARTeS research project, funded by the EU within the 7th Framework Program, in collaboration with faculty members at the

University of Memphis, City and Regional Planning Program and at the University of Catania, Department of Architecture.

Mar 2009 (Co-Organizer and Co-Instructor, with Professor Deni Ruggeri, Department of Landscape Architecture, Cornell University) "Reenergizing Utopia – LabPEAT and Cornell University Joint Effort for Librino", a one-semester on-line collaboration between UniCt Urban Planning Graduate Students and Cornell Landscape Architecture Graduate Students, which included a one-week joint workshop in Catania.

Jul 2007 (Co-Instructor) "Launching Community Design Initiatives," An International PhD Workshop in Community Environmental Planning sponsored by University of Catania, Politecnico di Bari, La Sapienza University Rome PhD programs;

Mar 2007 (Co-Instructor), "A Week for the San Cristoforo Neighborhood. Community Environmental Design Workshop" organized by LabPEAT (University of Catania) and Cornell University (NY) in collaboration with Professor Barbara Lynch.

PhD Mentoring

2021-today (Supervisor) Carla Barbanti, PhD student, PhD in Evaluation and Mitigation of Environmental and spatial risks, Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture, University of Catania;

2019-today PhD committee Member of Koorosh Azizi, PhD in Civil Engineering, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Memphis, TN, USA;

2016-2015 Serving on the PhD committee of Nathan Ron Ferguson, PhD candidate in Earth Science, University of Memphis;

2010-13 (co-advisor) Pappalardo, Giusy. "Starting from the River Again. Community Processes to Regenerate Spoiled Ecosystems." PhD Program in Planning and Design for the Environment and the Territory, Department of Architecture, University of Catania (successfully defended in April 2014). Main advisor: Professor. F. Gravagno;

2007-2010 (co-advisor) Raciti, Antonio. "Urban Design as a Social Practice. Two experiences of Action-Design in the Simeto Valley" PhD Dissertation, PhD Program in *Architecture, Urban and Environmental Planning and Design*, Department of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Catania (successfully defended in March 2011); Main advisor: Professor P. Busacca;

2006-2009 (co-advisor) Regalbuto, Giovanna. "Librino through the Faciullino's eyes. Planning with children for Urban Revitalization" PhD Dissertation, PhD Program in *Architecture, Urban and Environmental Planning and Design*, Department of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Catania (successfully defended in March 2010). Main advisor: Professor P. Busacca;

2005-2008 (co-advisor) Tomaselli, Carmelo. "The role of Land-use Planning in rural conservation in the Sicilian Region," PhD Dissertation, PhD Program in *Architecture, Urban and Environmental Planning and Design*, Department of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Catania (successfully defended in March 2008). Main advisor: Professor P. Busacca;

2003-2006 (co-advisor) Caruso, Sebastiana. "Beyond expert knowledge. Deep knowledge and dwelling practices in San Cristoforo", PhD Dissertation, PhD Program in *Architecture, Urban and Environmental Planning and Design*, Department of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Catania (successfully defended in March 2007). Main advisor: Professor P. Busacca.

Master or 5-Year Degree Theses

2020/21 (supervisor) Vera Sipione "Il co-design nel progetto E-SAFE. Il caso di Via Acquicella Porto a

Catania" (Thesis prepared for the completion of the 5-year degree in Architectural Engineering, Enginereeing School, University of Catania);

(supervisor) Luca Gabriel Cutrera "Per un approccio strategico alla rigenerazione urbana. Una sperimentazione in Via acquicella porto a Catania" (For a strategic approach to urban regeneration. An experimenta process in via Acquicella Porto, in Catnaia; Thesis prepared for the completion of the 5-year degree in Architectural Engineering, Enginereeing School, University of Catania);

(supervisor) Miriam Villari "Prospettive di analisi immobiliare per la rigenerazione urbana inclusiva. Una sperimentazione in Via Acquicella Porto a Catania" (real-estate analysis for inclusive urban regeneration. Una sperimentazione in Via acquicella porto a Catania; Thesis prepared for the completion of the 5-year degree in Architectural Engineering, Enginereeing School, University of Catania);

2020/21 (supervisor) Alessia D'Agata "Sperimentazione di Tecniche di mappatura di comunità a supporto di un processo di pianificazione comunitaria sul territorio della Timpa di Acireale" (Experimental community mapping techniques, in support of communty planning in the Timpa area of Acireale; tesi di laurea Magistrale in Edile-Architettura, Dipartimento di Ingegneria Civile e Architettura, Università degli Studi di Catania);

2019/20 (relatrice) Lucia Fagone "Strategie bottom-up per una rigenerazione urbana inclusiva: un percorso di ricerca-azione a San Berillo, Catania" (Bottom-up strategies for inclusive urban regeneration: an action-research experience in San Berillo, Catnaia; Thesis prepared for the completion of the 5-year degree in Architectural Engineering, Enginereeing School, University of Catania);

(relatrice) Antonino Caliò "La Pianificazione di Comunità per la Resilienza al Cambiamento Climatico" (Community planning for climate change resilience; thesis prepared for the completion of the 5-year degree in Architectural Engineering, Enginereeing School, University of Catania);

2018/19 (supervisor) Salvo Siringo, "*La pianificazione community-based della prevenzione dei rifiuti solidi urbani. Un percorso di ricerca-azione partecipata nella valle del Simeto*" (Community-based planning for solid waste prevention. A participatory action-research experience in the Simeto Valley); thesis prepared for the completion of the 3-years degree in Regional planning and preservation, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Environment, University of Catania;

(Advisor) Carla Spampinato "La scuola come motore di resilienza. Lezioni apprese da una esperienza di service-learning nell'ambito del progetto LIFE SimetoRES" (The School as catalyst for resilience. Lessons learned from a service-learning experience within the LIFE SimetoRES project); thesis prepared for the completion of the 3-years degree in Regional planning and preservation, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Environment, University of Catania;

2016/17 (supervisor) McCarter, Jeremy "Qualitative Benefits of MultiFamily Buildings in Historic Districts: A Case Study in Knoxville, Tennessee" Thesis prepared for the completion of the Master in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN;

2013/2014 (supervisor) Tornabene, Sara. "*Lo strumento video nei processi di ricerca-azione in urbanistica. Il caso della campagna "Improve don't Remove Foote Homes"* (Videomaking as action-research tool in planning. The case of the "Improve Don't Remove Foote Homes Campaign). Thesis prepared for the completion of the 5-year degree in Architectural Engineering, Enginereeing School, University of Catania;

(Co-supervisor) Caruso, Carmelo. "*Per uno sviluppo partecipato e integrato nella Valle del Simeto. Progetto di un laboratorio di sperimentazione per il Patto di Fiume."* (thesis prepared for the completion of the 5-year degree in Architectural Engineering, Enginereeing School, University of Catania);

(Co-supervisor) Tarquinio, Sergio. "*Improve don't remove Foote Homes. The Landscape."* Thesis prepared for the completion of the 5-year degree in Architectural Engineering, Enginereeing School, University of Catania;

(Co-supervisor) Pavone, Venera. "*Improve don't remove Foote Homes. Sustainable retrofitting."* Thesis prepared for the completion of the 5-year degree in Architectural Engineering, Enginereeing School, University of Catania;

2011/12 (supervisor) Christopher D. Cheadle, *A Participatory Approach To Watershed Planning In The Wolf River Watershed*, Thesis prepared for the completion of the Master in City and Regional Planning, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN;

2009/2010 (Co-supervisor) Alecci Giorgio, *Sperimentazione di politiche abitative e di rigenerazione urbana nel quartiere Antico Corso: processi di fattibilità delle visioni* (Experimentations of housing policies and urban revitalization in the Antico Corso Historic Neighborhood: a feasibility study); thesis prepared for the completion of the 5-year degree in Architectural Engineering, Enginereeing School, University of Catania;

(Co-supervisor) Cavalli Enrico, *Sperimentazione di politiche abitative e di rigenerazione urbana nel quartiere Antico Corso: invarianti e scenari di trasformazione*, (Experimentations of housing policies and urban revitalization in the Antico Corso Historic Neighborhood: development scenarios; thesis prepared for the completion of the 5-year degree in Architectural Engineering, Enginereeing School, University of Catania);

(Co-supervisor) Pappalardo Giusy, *Per un sistema di saperi, regole e progetti condivisi: la Mappatura di Comunità nella Valle del Simeto* (For a System of Shared Knowledge, Projects and Rules: the Community Mapping Initiative in the Simeto Valley; thesis prepared for the completion of the 5-year degree in Architectural Engineering, Engineering School, University of Catania; 1° national award "The City of the Citizens 2010"– best thesis")

2008/09 (supervisor) Garilli Domenico, *Lettura e studi propedeutici alla redazione di un piano di recupero: il caso studio del centro storico del comune di Francofonte* (Analysis and Preliminary Studies for the Preparation of a Rehabilitation Plan: The City of Francofonte Historic Center Case Study; thesis prepared for the completion of the 3-years degree in Urban, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering, University of Catania);

(Co-supervisor) Scalisi Giovanna, *Una sperimentazione di modalità di costruzione di politiche di rinnovo urbano: la rigenerazione di Borgo Librino con lo strumento dell'Orto Urbano* (A Collaborative Approach to Urban Policies: the Case Study of Community Gardens and the Revitalization of Librino Village; thesis prepared for the completion of the 5-year degree in Architectural Engineering, Engineering School, University of Catania);

(Co-supervisor) Pagano Elisa, *La dimensione energetica da una prospettiva democratica: pratiche di ricerca-azione a Librino* (Energy and Democracy: Participatory Action Research Practices in Librino; thesis prepared for the completion of the 5-year degree in Architectural Engineering, Engineering School, University of Catania);

(Co-supervisor) Saraniti Maria, *Per una politica di riqualificazione sostenibile dei borghi rurali di Francavilla di Sicilia* (Policies for the Sustainable Rehabilitation of Rural Villages in the City of Francavilla di Sicilia; thesis prepared for the completion of the 5-year degree in Architectural

Engineering, Engineering School, University of Catania);

8. PROFESSIONAL PLANNING EXPERIENCES (selection)

(to be updated)

8 Nov 2014	Coordinator of the "Art and Culture Table" and author of the draft-project "Il Giano Svelato – an open urban art museum for the Mazzarona Neighborhood", *GeniUS_Open* Siracusa, URBACT II – project, funded to the City of Syracuse by the UE within the 7th Framework Program;
nov 2013-nov2014	"Simeto-Etna Internal Area Autocandidacy as experimental project of national relevance," report submitted to the Italian National Strategy for Internal Areas, National Department for Economic Development and Cohesion, on behalf of the cities of Adrano, Belpasso, Biancavilla, Centuripe, Motta S. Anastasia, Paternò, Ragalna, Santa Maria di Licodia, Regalbuto e Troina;
1/2013-1/2014	Author of "The Simeto River Agreement", on behalf of the cities of Adrano, Belpasso, Biancavilla, Centuripe, Motta S. Anastasia, Paternò, Ragalna, Santa Maria di Licodia and of the Collaborative for the Sustainable Development of the Simeto Valley;
2010	Researcher and Graphic Designer for "Bottom-Up Belice" Permanent exhibit, *Belice/Centro della Memoria Viva*, CRESM, Gibellina;
May 2009 – Sept 2010	(Planning and Design Consultant) City of Francofonte Comprehensive Plan;
2003 – 2003	(Planning and Design Consultant) Di Mauro Law Firm, Catania;
May – Sept 2007	(Graphic Designer) "Sicilian Crossings to America and Derived Communities" International Exhibit at the Ellis Island Museum, New York, sponsored by the Regional Department for Immigration and Emigration, organized by the Regional Network of Sicilian Emigration Museums;
Jul-Aug 2006	(Urban Designer) Detailed Plan for the Coastal Zone, City of Fiumefreddo Comprehensive Plan;
Mar – Apr 2006	(Graphic Designer) La Casa della Città – permanent exhibit on Catania planning history, University of Catania
2003	(Planning Consultant) City of Fiumefreddo Comprehensive and Land Use Plan.

9. COMMUNITY SERVICE

Since 2002 Participation as Action-Researcher in hundreds of meetings, seminars, formal and informal events, often followed by written, video, graphic reports and products, serving several communities both in Sicily and the United States, such as:

- The City of Catania (Italy)
- The city of Messina (Italy)
- The City of Lentini, Siracusa Province
- The City of Vizzini, Catania Province
- The city of Giardini Naxos (Messina)
- San Berillo Historic Neighborhood (Catania)
- Area Fiera historic Market Neighborhood (Catania)

- San Cristoforo Neighborhood (Catania)
- Librino Public Housing project (Catania)
- City of Fiumefreddo (coastal small town, Eastern Sicily);
- City of Francofonte (internal small town, Eastern Sicily);
- Belice Valley (Rural Community, Western Sicily);
- The Simeto Valley Community (Rural Community, Eastern Sicily)
- City of Brownsville, TN, USA;
- Vance Avenue Historic Neighborhood (Memphis, TN);
- Klondike Smokey City (Memphis, TN)
- North Memphis District (Memphis, TN).

10. PERSONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Languages

Primary Language: Italian;

Other Languages: English (excellent verbal communications skills; good writing skills);
French (good reading and listening skills; limited verbal communications skills);
Spanish (limited reading and verbal communications skills; good listening skills).

Computer skills

Operative systems: Windows, Mac Os, Linux.

Software:

- GIS (ESRI ArchView and Open Source Qgis) and Web GIS
- Vector drawing and graphics (AutoCAD, CorelDraw, Adobe Illustrator);
- Digital imaging (CorelPhotoPaint, Adobe Photoshop);
- Professional text editing and publishing (QuarkXPress, Adobe InDesign);
- Video-editing (iMovie, Adobe Premiere);
- Office software packages (Microsoft office, OpenOffice, Pages, etc.);
- Web-based and desktop Reference Management and Bibliography Software (Bookend; endnote, etc.).