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WORK EXPERIENCE

Torino World Affairs Institute
Research Fellow

April 2017 — Present

**Sant'Anna School of Advanced
Studies - Galilei Institute**
Acting Director

October 2014 — April 2017

Established by Sant'Anna's Institute of Management, Galilei Institute is the Chongqing headquarter of Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies. The Institute develops joint research projects on areas of shared expertise between Sant'Anna and the most advanced departments, institutions and companies in Chongqing.

As Acting Director, I have been responsible for the development of new projects; liaison with China's institutional, academic, and business community; supervision of Galilei Institute's office team (at present, seven employees). I co-founded and moderated the roundtable initiative '*China Through the Telescope*'.

**Center for Italian Studies, Zhejiang
University**
Acting Director

October 2013 — July 2015

The Center for Italian Studies promotes collaboration, cultural exchange and high-quality relations between Italy and China, focusing in particular on the synergies between Turin and the greater Hangzhou's area.

In my capacity as Acting Director, I have organized and moderated the monthly initiative '*China Policy Lab Seminars*', promoted activities in support of the Italian community in Hangzhou; managed the relations with Hangzhou's academia and with the city's key companies and public institutions. In addition, I served as local Program Manager of the *TOChina Business Program* held in Zhejiang University campus for the 2014 and 2015's editions.

**Orizzonte Cina, Mondo Cinese,
Quadrante Futuro, UBI Business**
Writing Contributor

September 2011 — Present

I am a writing contributor the following publications: *Orizzonte Cina*, the leading Italian journal on China's contemporary affairs, jointly edited by Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) and Torino World Affairs Institute (TWAI); *Mondo Cinese*, the earliest Italian review on China's affairs; *Quadrante Futuro*, Italy-based magazine focusing on geopolitics, economics and global governance; *UBI business*, a consultancy platform covering economy, politics and business regulations of Asian emerging markets. I have published over 20 contributions since 2011 on topics covering global politics, public policy and scientific cooperation.

OTHER RELEVANT PROJECTS	<p>Torino World Affairs Institute Working notes for scenario exercise at Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs. I edited 42 reports for the highest ranks of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, covering China's current affairs in the following sectors: economy, society, technology, environmental challenges and policies. Scientific Director of the exercise: Prof. Giovanni Andornino, Università degli Studi di Torino. Scenario's title: "<i>How could the rise of China affect the stability of the current international order and the EU's external action in the Asia Pacific</i>".</p>
EDUCATION	<p>PhD in Politics, Human Rights and Sustainability January 2013 — March 2017 Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa My research focused on China's urban water governance landscape examined through the lens of political economy theory. Thesis title: "<i>The political economy of China's water governance. A comparison of two local scenarios: Chongqing and Hangzhou.</i>" Final evaluation: 100 cum laude</p> <p>Master's Degree in China Studies September 2011 — June 2012 Zhejiang University Thesis title: "<i>The institutional framework of China's Environmental protection. Problems and perspectives.</i>"</p> <p>Master's Degree in International Studies (China curriculum) October 2009 — July 2011 University of Turin Thesis title: "<i>Environmental protection and emissions control in Hu Jintao and Wen Jiabao's China.</i>" Final evaluation: 100 cum laude.</p> <p>Bachelor's Degree in Cooperation and Development October 2003 — March 2009 University of Turin Thesis title: "<i>The status of Tibet in international law.</i>" Final evaluation: 95/110</p>
LANGUAGES	<p>Italian: Native speaker English: Full working proficiency IELTS certification. Score: 8 Chinese: Intermediate working proficiency. HSK level 4+ (self assessment)</p>
AWARDS	<p>Fondazione Gorla (2013) Master of Civil Society Talents - Full Scholarship Grantee. Aim of the 18-months grant is to bridge the gap between theoretical research and its practical applications, in order to enhance the contribution of social sciences to the overall society and the interaction between academia, public and private institutions.</p> <p>Ecoistituto del Veneto Alex Langer (2012) Special Prize 'Energy Category', Sustainable Economy Contest ICU 2012 for the master thesis' high worth. Thesis title: <i>Environmental Protection and Emissions Control in Hu Jintao and Wen Jiabao's China.</i></p>