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Education

High school diploma (1973/1974), 60/60.

Degree in Literature, University of Padua (1980) with a thesis in Geography "Socio-geographical survey on the perception of seismic risk in a town inof Eastern Friuli", 110/110 cum laude.

Position and Career

Since 1.4.2005 Full Professor of Geography (M-GGR/01), University of Udine, Department of Languages and Literature, Communication, Training and Society (DILL).

From 2000 to 2005, Associate professor (M-GGR/01);

from 1990 to 2000 Researcher (M-GGR / 01).

Former tenured teacher in middle school (1985-1990); freelance researcher (1980-1990).

Academic qualifications

He has held numerous positions at the University of Udine: Department Director (2008-2016), Course Coordinator, Member of the Academic Senate, Delegate of the Rector for the Gorizia site of the University (2001-2014), Delegate for the Territory and Friulian people living abroad; Delegate for the Territory, the Mountains and the "Cantiere Friuli" Project (2016-2018). He is currently the Delegate for the "Cantiere Friuli" Project.

Other duties

Member of the Scientific Committee of the UNESCO Dolomites Foundation (2011 to date).

President of Rete Montagna (International Association of Mountain Study Centers) (2015 to date).

Member of the Scientific Committee of the Nord East Foundation.

Member of the Board of CIRMONT (International Research Center for the Mountains) (2008-2013).

Member of the Board of Directors of CORALP (Consortium for university studies and advanced training in the Friuli mountains and the eastern Alps) (2008-2014).

He was a member of the Interregional Commission for the Protection of the Mountain Environment of the Italian Alpine Club and of the Scientific Commission of the Friulian Alpine Society.

Awards and dinstictions

1982: Italian Geographic Society: First prize for the best degree thesis in Geography discussed in Italy in the academic year 1979/80.

1984: Municipality of Udine: 8th "G. Del Bianco" Degree Prize.

2009: The book "Le Alpi che cambiano" was nominated for the Gambrinus Mazzotti Mountain Literature Prize.

Teaching activity

Teaching activity at the University of Udine concerned both basic and advanced geography. He has carried out teaching and management activities in Master's degrees and Training courses concerning local development

policies, tourism, participatory paths. He has carried out courses for teachers, post-diploma specialization courses in environmental and local development.

He has coordinated Erasmus exchange programmes in Murcia (Spain), Caen (France), Oulu (Finland), Klagenfurt (Austria) and Szeged (Hungary).

Research topics and projects

1) Study of regional areas, with specific focus on mountain areas

He has always focused on the study of mountain-related issues: the evolution of rural landscapes, the local development of communities and their traditional economic activities, the role of insiders in the choice of models of identification and promotion of Cultural Heritage. He has conducted community studies in areas of the Friulian mountain region, contributing to the creation organization of conferences and publication of books on these issues.

Lastly, he studied the theme of Heritage linked to UNESCO brand in the mountain environment and the impact of tourism.

Specifically, the main and most recent research activities and the roles covered are reported in synthesis in the following:

a) (2002-2004) Coordinator of the Local Development Forum in the mountain area of the Natisone Valley, as part of the Leader II Community Initiative.

b) (2005-2007) He has designed, coordinated and conducted the participatory process for the establishment of a regional mountain natural reserve, the drafting of the Conservation and Development Plan of the Julian Pre-Alps Regional Natural Park (UD), within the Interreg IIIA Italy-Slovenia Project "Development of tools for territorial governance and landscape protection aimed at sustainable cross-border development".

c) (2006-2008) Manager and project leader for technical assistance to mountain communities within the "Mountain Regional Project" for the planning and design of development actions, coordinating an interdisciplinary research group. (Financed by Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, €150,000).

d) (2010) He has conducted a study on behalf of the Mountain Community of Torre, Natisone and Collio concerning "Tools and indicators for the definition of mountain", with the creation of a database and a prototype of the Territorial Information System (SIT).

e) (2010) Responsible for a study on typical food products as "identity indicators", dedicated to mountain dairy products, with a survey of 500 cases of consumer behavior and perceptions. (Regional funding, €20,000).

f) (2011-2013) Head of the working group of the University of Udine related to the drafting of the UNESCO Dolomites Landscape Guidelines. (Financed by Dolomiti Foundation, € 45,000).

g) (since 2016) Coordinator and responsible as Delegate of the Rector of the "Cantiere Friuli" project. The project originates from the University Strategic Plan and aims, 40 years after the reconstruction of Friuli following the 1976 earthquake, to develop ideas and reasoning to support a new period of development of the regional territorial context. In this context, he leads "Officina Montagna" (<https://cantiere-friuli.uniud.it/officine/montagna>) which is analysing, with a series of local meetings, some of the central themes for mountain areas, considering the mountain as a laboratory for social, cultural and economic innovation. (Financed by University of Udine, €600,000).

h) (since 2018) Scientific director of the project "L'altra montagna" with the aim of investigating the actors and actions related to sustainable tourism in marginal areas of the UNESCO Dolomites. (Financed by the UNESCO Dolomites Foundation and Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, €40,000).

2) *Landscape*

a) (2007-2009) Project manager of the "Evaluation of landscape characters as a strategy for recognizing the diversity and identity of Italian landscapes" project with the development of a prototype of an 'Atlas of the Landscape' developed by means of a Geographic Information System (GIS).

b) (2014-2018) Scientific responsible for the drafting of the Regional Landscape Plan in cooperation with the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region and MIBACT, and coordinator of the interdepartmental working group of the University of Udine. In particular he has contributed to the drafting of the part related to Landscape Areas and Morphotypes, their identification and description, and the analysis of the iconographic and narrative aspects of the regional landscape. He has participated in the drafting of the guidelines on land use and sustainable tourism. (Financed by the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, €245,000).

3) *Environmental Risk and related issues*

He has investigated thematic areas related to the socio-geographical aspects of natural disasters and hazards, with particular attention to the reconstruction of Friuli Region after following the earthquake in 1976, after 30 and 40 years. He was been a member of the promotional, organizational and scientific committee of the Geography Days devoted to "Risks and territory in the global world" (University of Udine, May 2006, in collaboration with AGEI).

He has collaborated within the Udine operational unit for the national research group MURST 40%, coordinated by prof. Ugo Leone, "For a map of degradation and environmental risk in Italy".

Finally, he is responsible for the departmental research project "The Landscapes of Risk and Degradation: from perception, to representation and territorialization". (Financed by DILL Dep., €18,000).

4) *Study and application of Geographic Information Systems (GIS)*

He has carried out activities aimed at the management of vector and raster numerical cartography, participating in the inter-university working group devoted to the application of survey methodologies and computer processing techniques concerning historical cadastral cartography, aimed at identifying the structuring elements of the landscape and at the historical reconstruction of land use.

The results of the research work were published in articles in Italian and foreign journals, in collective volumes, in editorships, in some monographs and research reports, in presentations in conferences and working groups, with particular impact in the academic scientific context and in the wider context of territorial reference.

Research groups

He was a member of several working groups A.Ge.I. and he is currently in charge of the working group (currently under re-definition) about the mountains.

He has collaborated with the national working group coordinated by Maria Gemma Grillotti di Giacomo in writing the Thematic Atlas of Italian Waters.

In 1995-1996 he was deputy coordinator of the GIS MED C-137 Project included in the MED CAMPUS Program, financed by the European Union. The aim of the project, carried out by the University of Udine in cooperation with the universities of Caen (France), Cairo (Egypt) and IRSIT (Tunisia), was the training of teaching staff and governmental bodies of Egypt and Tunisia on Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

Other activities

He is a member of the editorial board of the national journal "Multiverso", (Forum publisher), and of "Ce fastu?", Scientific journal of the Friulian Philological Society, and is a member of the Scientific Committee of on-line journal "Documenti geografici".

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