

CURRICULUM VITAE

Silvia Bruzzi (Bologna 08/12/1980)

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

2022 Assistant Professor in African History, Turin University, Italy

2021 Visiting scholar at Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin (October 2021)

2019-2021 Research fellow at Padova University, History Department, Italy.

2018-2019 Research fellow at Bologna University, History Department, Italy.

2017-2018 *Chercheur-enseignant*, Chaire d'Etudes Africaines Comparées, EGE Rabat, Maroc.

2018 – *Habilitation* as *Associate Professor* in History of Africa (section SPS/13), Italy

2015 – *Habilitation* as *Maître de conférences* in history (section 22), France.

2013- on-going Research associate at IMAf-CNRS, Paris.

2013-15. Researcher at IMAF - CNRS/ University of Paris I (France).

2012-2013. Research fellow at the *Centre for Middle Eastern and Islamic studies*, Bergen University (Norway).

2008-2011. PhD in History, institutions and international relations of Africa and Asia, Faculty of Political Science, Cagliari University (Italy).

- Ph.D. defence: 23 Mars 2011, Certificate of Doctor Europaeus awarded with the highest mark.

Jury composed by: Prof. Jean-Louis Triaud (CEMAf –Paris), Prof. Marco Lenci (Pisa University), Prof. Maurizio Vernassa (Pisa University) e Emilo Bottazzi (Cagliari University).

- Visiting PhD student at CEMAf/Paris 1, April -June and Sept. – Dec. 2010.

2007-2009. Degree in Arabic language and culture (passed with honors), Istituto Italiano per l’Africa e l’Oriente (IsIAO).

- Intensive course of Arabic language at Damascus University (Syria), July – Sept. 2008.

- Intensive course of Arabic language at the Faculty of Education in Rabat (Morocco), July 2000.

1999- 2005. Degree and MA in History, Bologna University (passed with honors).

- Research scholarship awarded by Bologna University for fieldwork in Eritrea, August – Sept. 2004.

AWARDS, GRANTS AND FUNDED RESEARCH

2019. Grant of the Centre Universitaire de Norvège à Paris, CUNP - Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (FMSH-Paris) for visiting research at the Centre for Middle Eastern and Islamic studies - SMI Bergen University (Norvegia).

2018-19. Fellowship at the History Dep. Bologna University.

2013-16. Staff Mobility Exchange (one month) for research and teaching at Alexandria University (Egypt), awarded by the EU-METALIC Project.

2013-14. Fellowship awarded by the Institut Emilie du Châtelet, Gender Programme (Ile-de-France).

2012-13. Fellowship awarded by the Research Council of Norway.

2012. Grant for fieldwork in Sudan awarded by CEDEJ (Centre d'Études et de Documentation Économiques, Juridiques et Sociales) in Khartoum.

2011. Grant for fieldwork in Ethiopia awarded by CFEE (Centre français des études éthiopiennes) in Addis Ababa.

2011. Doctor Europeus Award given according to the recommendations to Universities adopted by the Rectors' conferences of the European Community and by EUA for the European Doctorates.

2008-2011. PhD Fellowship awarded by Bologna University.

2004. Grant for fieldwork in Eritrea awarded by Bologna University.

2001-2002. ERASMUS scholarship for studying at Universidad Autonoma of Barcellona.

LANGUAGES: Italian (mother tongue), French (fluent), English (fluent), Arabic (fluent), Spanish (fluent)

FIELDWORKS: Eritrea (2004, 2009), Syria (2008), Ethiopia (2009), Egypt (2009, 2010), Maroc (2017)

MATERNITY LEAVES: 2 (2014, 2016)

TEACHING

- From 2022 Associate Professor in African History and development, MA in Cultural anthropology and ethnology, University of Turin.

- 2018-2022 - Lecturer in History of Islamic countries, at the BA degree programme in History, University of Padova.
- 2017 Lecturer on Historiography, sources and methods for PhD students at the *Chaire d'Etudes Africaines Comparées*, Université Mohammad VI, Rabat (Morocco).
- 2017 Lecturer on History of Africa for MA students, Master Analyse comparée des sociétés méditerranéennes. University of Turin - Université Mohamed VI Polytechnique di Rabat (Morocco).
- 2015-2018 - Lecturer in History and institution of Africa and Middle East, at the degree programme in Political sciences, University of Padova (Italy).
- 2011 – 2015. Lecturer in Gender, cultures and conflicts in Mediterranean countries, MA in International cooperation, protection of human rights and cultural heritage, School of Political Sciences, Bologna University (Italy).
- 2014-2021. Lecturer on Social History of Africa, EHESS/Paris and Marseille (France).
- 2013–2020. Lecturer on Gender dynamics in Africa, EHESS/University of Paris 1 (France).
- 2013-2015. Lecturer on Anthropology of religion in a gender perspective at EHESS/University of Paris 1 (France).
- 2012. ERASMUS Staff Mobility Exchange for teaching at the Master in African Studies, Falun University (Sweden).

PUBLICATIONS

AUTHORED BOOK

Bruzzi, Silvia (2018) *Islam and Gender in Colonial Northeast Africa. Sitti 'Alawiyya, the uncrowned queen*. Leiden: Brill.

ARTICLES

- Bruzzi, Silvia (2022) Marriage, citizenship and mobility across the Modern Mediterranean and the Red Sea, *Cadernos de Estudos Africano*. [Forthcoming]
- Bruzzi, Silvia & Sorbera, Lucia (2020) Towards an equal stake in the history of women and gender in Islamic societies. *Genre & Histoire*, 25, pp. 1-13.
- Bruzzi, Silvia (2020) Per una storia incrociata tra l'Italia e la Libia: Il percorso dell'etnologa e arabista Ester Panetta (1894-1983), *Studi Magrebini/North African Studies*, 18/1, pp. 22-47.
- Bruzzi, Silvia & Dewièrè, Remi (2019) Words of Paper. Materiality of Writing and

- its Discourses in African Contexts, *Cahiers d'études africaines*, 236/4, pp. 949-966.
- Bruzzi, Belloni & Fusari (2018) Mobility and Affects, *International Journal of Migration Studies*, LV/212, pp. 499-512.
 - Bruzzi, Silvia (2018) Gendering Italian Pro-Islamic Policy in Ethiopia (1936-1941) through the prism of oral and visual sources, *Aethiopica. International Journal of Ethiopian and Eritrean Studies*, pp. 117-138.
 - Bruzzi, Silvia & Zeleke, Meron (2015) Contested Religious Authority: Sufi Women in Ethiopia and Eritrea. *Journal of Religion in Africa* 45/1, pp. 37–67.
 - Bruzzi, Silvia & Zeleke, Meron (2015) Women, Gender and Religions in Ethiopia, *Annales d’Ethiopie*, n°30.
 - Bruzzi, Silvia & Gazzoli, Federica (2014) Ricostruire (ancora una volta) una casa in Emilia. Narrazioni ed esperienze di donne migranti dopo il terremoto, *Africa e Mediterraneo* 81, pp. 78-83.
 - Bruzzi, Silvia (2012) Religion, Health and Politics: the Role of Muslim Mentors in Eritrea, *Storicamente* 8, <http://storicamente.org/bruzzo>
 - Bruzzi, Silvia (2005), Il Colonialismo Italiano e la Khatmiyya in Eritrea (1890-1941), *Africa*, 61/3–4, pp. 435–453.

EDITED BOOKS OR JOURNALS

- Bruzzi, Silvia & Sorbera, Lucia (eds.), (2020) *Femmes, genre et politique dans les sociétés musulmanes : Un renouveau historiographique ? Genre et Histoire*, 5.
- Bruzzi, Silvia & Dewièrè, Rémi (eds.), (2019) *Words of paper. Discourses and materiality in African context*, *Cahiers d'études africaines*, Paris: EHESS.
- Bruzzi, Silvia, Belloni Milena & Fusari, Valentina (eds.), (2018) *Mobility and affects. International Journal of migration studies*, LV/ 212.
- Bruzzi, Silvia & Zeleke, Meron (eds.), (2015), *Women, Gender and Religions in Ethiopia*, *Annales d’Ethiopie*, 30.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Bruzzi, Silvia & Bernardi, Teresa (2022). Gendered Mobilities: Spaces, Images and Power across the Mediterranean (XVI-XX centuries). In L. Biasiori, F. Mazzini et C. Rabbiosi (eds.) *Reimagining Past and Present Mobilities in the Humanities*. London: Routledge, 2023.
- Bruzzi, Silvia (2022) The Italian Empire and its Legacies in Libya and the Horn of

Africa. In Sonia Corrêa, Gustavo Gomes da Costa Santos, and Matthew Waites (eds.) *Colonialisms and Queer Politics: Sexualities, Genders and Unsettling Colonialities*. New York: Oxford University Press [Forthcoming]

- Bruzzi, Silvia (2022) African history through the prism of Ethnographic and Pragmatic Literacy. Ester Panetta's private archives on Colonial Northeast Africa. In Karin Pallaver and Uoldelul Chelati Dirar (eds.) *Africa as method. Sources and epistemologies in the study of Africa's past*. Berlin: Springer. [Forthcoming]

- Bruzzi, Silvia (2021) Pluralismo giuridico e diritto di famiglia nella Libia coloniale italiana. In Stefania Bartoloni (ed) *Cittadinanze incomplete: la parabola dell'autorizzazione maritale. Storia delle donne e di Genere*. Rome: Viella, pp. 77-95.

- Bruzzi, Silvia (2020) Oltre il matrimonio. Transazioni economico-sessuali dal Mediterraneo al Mar Rosso (1890-1943). In K. Pallaver and G.L. Podestà. *Transizioni monetarie: L'introduzione delle valute coloniali in Africa orientale*. Milano: FrancoAngeli, pp. 98-118.

- Bruzzi, Silvia (2018) Claiming Islamic Authenticity. The Ḥatmīya Sufi order confronting WWI. In *The First World War from Tripoli to Addis Ababa (1911-1924)*. Addis Ababa : Centre français des études éthiopiennes: <http://books.openedition.org/cfee/1183> .

- Bruzzi, Silvia (2018) Femmes, images et pouvoir en contexte colonial : Le cas de l'Érythrée dans l'entre-deux-guerres. In Muriel Gomez-Perez (ed.), *Femmes d'Afrique et émancipation*. Paris: Karthala, pp. 43-71

- Bruzzi, Silvia (2013) Saints' bodies, Islamic and colonial medicine in Eritrea (1887-1940). In L. Berge, I. Taddia (ed.), *Themes in Modern African History and Culture*, Biblioteca Universitaria, Padova.

- Bruzzi, Silvia (2012) War World II: Mīrghanī Position in Eritrea within the East African Campaign. In Nicola Melis, and Mauro Nobili (eds), *Futūḥ al-buldān*. Rome: Aracne, pp. 27–41.

- Bruzzi, Silvia (2011) Una medicina per l'Anima: il ruolo delle figure femminili nelle confraternite islamiche. In I. Taddia et B. Nicolini (ed.), *Il Corno d'Africa tra medicina, politica e storia*, Rome: NovaLogos, pp. 167-185.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Bruzzi, Silvia (2021) Review of: Genre et féminismes au Moyen-Orient et au Maghreb (Abir Kréfa, Amélie Le Renard, 2019)'. *Revue des mondes musulmans et de*

la Méditerranée.

- Bruzzi, Silvia (2019) Review of: Gianni Dore. Amministrare l'esotico: l'etnografia pratica dei funzionari e dei missionari nell'Eritrea coloniale. *Cahiers d'études africaines*.
- Bruzzi, Silvia (2018) Review of: Venosa, Joseph L. Paths Toward the Nation: Islam, Community, and Early Nationalist Mobilization in Eritrea, 1941–1961. Ohio University Press, 2014". *Ethnorema*.
- Bruzzi, Silvia (2013) Review of: Sohier, Estelle, Le Roi des Rois et la Photographie. Politique de l'Image et Pouvoir Royal en Ethiopie sous Le règne de Menelik II, *Africa & Mediterraneo*, 78.

CONFERENCES & UNPUBLISHED PAPERS (SELECTION)

- Participation at the international workshop (via Zoom/ University of Glasgow) of the editorial project: Colonialisms and Queer Politics: Sexualities, Genders and Unsettling Colonialities (Oxford University Press), 2 October 2021.
- Participation at the international conference 4th AEGIS "New Gulf Streams Middle East and Eastern Africa Intersected", CEI, Iscte-University Institute of Lisbon, Portugal, 16-17 September 2021: "Mobility and legal pluralism across the Mediterranean and the Red Sea: drafting and enacting the Personal Status Law in colonial Eritrea and Libya".
- Organisation of the panel "Genere e (im)mobilità in una prospettiva storica" and discussion at the congress SIS La storia di genere: percorsi, intrecci, prospettive, Società Italiana delle Storiche, Verona (via zoom), 9-12 June 2021.
- Participation at the Mobility and Humanities seminar series Fascist Mobilities, Padova (via Zoom) 10 May 2021: "Fascism in Ethiopia and Eritrea: Shaping landscapes and bodies in colonial Africa".
- Presentation of the special issue Genre&Histoire 2020, edited with Lucia Sorbera, in the framework of the CESSMA (Centre d'études en sciences sociales sur les mondes africains, américains et asiatiques, Université Paris Diderot) Gender Seminar, 8 March 2021 (via Zoom).
- Participation at the Seminar *Genere e migrazioni nell'età contemporanea*, Dip. di scienze politiche e relazioni internazionali (DEMS), Università degli studi di Palermo, 23 November 2020 (via zoom): "Cittadinanza e diritto di famiglia nella

Libia coloniale italiana".

- Paper at the International Conference Female Visions: The Religious Visual Culture of Contemporary Female Islamic Mysticism, con un intervento dal titolo "Charismatic women across the Mediterranean and the Red Sea Region in the Early Twenty-Century: Spatial spheres, travelling images", Stuttgart-Hohenheim (via zoom) 16-18 October 2020.
- Paper at the international conference *Reimmaginare i mobility studies in prospettiva culturale: significati, pratiche e rappresentazioni del movimento nelle humanities*, Dissgea, Centre for Advanced Studies in Mobility & Humanities (MoHu Centre), Università di Padova, Paris Nanterre Centre de recherches pluridisciplinaires multilingues, Groupe de recherche Espace, Déplacement, Mobilité, Padua, 8 October 2020: "'Corpi femminili in movimento attraverso il Mediterraneo e il Mar Rosso. Pratiche e spazi visuali nella prima metà del Novecento'.
- Lecture at the module Ethnography of the Middle East (Prof. Gerasimos Makris, Dept. of Social Anthropology, Panteoin University, Athens, Greece) 25 May 2020.
- Lecture for the Advocacy Seminar Scholars at Risk on Academic Freedom 2020, SPGI Department, University of Padua (via zoom), 23 April 2020: "Women and gender studies in Africa".
- Participation at the roundtable 'Femmes combattantes et révolutions féminines' at the Journées de l'Histoire de l'Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, 8 March 2020 (recorded for the podcast Le Cours de l'Histoire, France Culture).
- Discussant at the panel 'Migrations and Mobilities in the Horn of Africa' in the international conference Internal Migrations and Displacements in Africa: Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Dynamics, University of Bologna - Ravenna Campus, 8 November 2019.
- Co-organisation of the international workshop: Social History of Africa: Inheritances and Margins of Kinship. EHESS Marseille, 26-27 November 2019.
- Co-organisation of the international workshop: Women, gender and political engagement in Muslim societies: A historiographic renewal? - MMSH-Aix en Provence, 25 November 2019.
- Seminar History of Africa: 'Islam e Fascismo in Africa Orientale Italiana'. University of Bologna, 16 May 2018.

- Paper presentation at IMAf-EHESS (Paris) on: “Femmes seules” et mobilité entre Italie et Lybie : le parcours de l’ethnologue et arabisante Ester Panetta (1894-1983), 9 Mai 2019.
- Paper presentation on "(In)visibilità femminile in Africa nord-orientale, dalle riforme ottomane alla colonizzazione italiana: archivi e direzioni di ricerca", 14th Conference of the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO), Turin, 31 January–2 February 2019.
- Panel convenor on "Donne, genere e politica nelle società musulmane: Verso una rinascita storiografica ?", 14th Conference of the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO), Turin, 31 January–2 February 2019. Workshop organisation on the Social history of Africa, EHESS Marseille, 26-27 November 2018.
- Participation to the seminar “ French colonialism in North Africa: Tunisian (1881-1956) and Algerian cases 1830-1962”, Bologna University, 7 November 2018.
- Participation to the seminar “Libya: from colonial occupation to the first Libyan Constitution 1911-1951”, Bologna University, 9 November 2018.
- Participation to the seminar “Islam and Fascism in Italian East Africa”, Bologna University, 16 May 2018.
- Workshop organisation on the Social history of East Africa, the Red Sea and Indian Ocean: *Jeux d’archives : itinéraires, regards et récits*, EHESS Marseille, 3-4 April 2018.
- Workshop organisation on the Social history of East Africa, the Red Sea and Indian Ocean: *L’archive : entre expérience et réflexivité*. In collaboration with EHESS and ANOM Aix-en-Provence, 16-17 October 2017.
- Workshop organisation on: *Words of paper. Discourses and materiality in African context*. In collaboration with the Chaire d’Etudes Africaines Comparées, IMAf and SMI Bergen University, 15 Mars 2017 at IMAf- Paris.
- Participation to the roundtable “The Affective Turn and Self-Reflexivity in African Historiography”, 3rd Biennial Conference on African History, AEGIS thematic group African history, Institute of African Studies (U Leipzig, Germany), 20 Mars 2016.
- Panel convenor on “Historicizing gender and images” ECAS 2015 6th European Conference On African Studies in Paris, 8-10 July 2015.
- Seminar *Pour une anthropologie critique des religions et du genre en Afrique :*

doctrines, discours et pratiques : “Une icône féminine pour « l’émancipation » des populations musulmanes d’Ethiopie (1935-1941) ”, EHESS, 4 février 2015.

- *Journée Jeune Recherche de l'IEC* Project presentation entitled “Dynamiques de genre et islam en situation coloniale, de la Méditerranée à la Corne de l’Afrique ”, 12 January 2015.
- Workshop with Elena Vezzadini (CNRS) on : *Contesting Archives. Colonial and oral sources in Soudan and Ethiopia*, SMI – Bergen University, Mai 2014.
- Seminar *Anthropologie des religiosités contemporaines au prisme des rapports de genre* : “Saintes et confréries soufis en Afrique orientale”, EHESS, Paris, 2 April 2014.
- Introduction with Alice Degorce (IMAf-IRD) for the séminaire *Anthropologie des religiosités contemporaines au prisme des rapports de genre*, EHESS, Paris, 15 January 2014.
- “Supports et circulations des savoirs et des arts en Afrique et au-delà”, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, 14 December 2012: " Histoire de femmes et colonialisme en Érythrée. Un regard sur les sources visuelles de l'Institut LUCE, Rome".
- “Africa in transformation: Africa of individuals, Africa of generations”, Canadian Association of African Studies Conference 2012, Université Laval in Québec City, Canada, 2-4 May 2012: “Photography and charisma in 20th century Ethiopia and Eritrea”.
- “Femmes, genre et mobilisations collectives en Afrique”, CRPS, Paris 1, December 2011: “Autorités féminines et musulmanes face à l'occupation coloniale en Eritrée et au Soudan”
- “Religious Engagements in the Public Sphere. A Critique of the Secular/Religious Divide”, 4th European Conference on African Studies (ECAS4), Uppsala June 2011: “Informal Political Authority and Religious Leadership: The Case of a Female Sufi Leader in Eritrea”
- “Transformative Values? Religion and Capitalism and the new Development Discourse in Eastern Africa”, ECAS 4, Uppsala June 2011: “Between customary medicine and modern health care: the role of Mīrghanī family in Eritrea (1887-1940)”
- “Le djihad en Afrique: diversités des approches et des réappropriations (XVe-XXe

siècle)”, Paris 1/CEMAf (France), January 2011: “Djihād, soufis et colonialisme en Érythrée (1980-1941)”

- Conference “Women and religion: doctrinal, historical and social perspectives”, Bristol University (UK), November 2010: “Facing colonialism: The Jihad of a Sufi leader in Eritrea”
- Conference “Studi italiani sull’Africa a 50 anni dall’indipendenza”, Naples University “l’Orientale” (Italy), October 2010: “Figure femminili del movimento di risveglio islamico in Africa”
- Summer School “Homelands in translation”, European Project Culture 2007-2011, Naples University “l’Orientale” (Italy), September 2010: “From local religious identity to network: the case of sufi congregations”
- Conference “Islam and Postcolonialism”, Sunderland University (UK), April 2010: “A Gender Jihad? A Sufi woman between colonial and Islamic male authorities?”
- Conference “Negotiating the sacred: politics, practice, and perceptions of religion in Africa”, Stanford University (USA), October 2009: “ Italian colonialism and Muslim woman leadership. The case of Sharifa 'Alawiyya in Eritrea ”
- International Multidisciplinary Women's Congress (IMWC), Izmir Dokuz Eylul University (Turkey), October 2009: “ The contribution of western colonial discourse in bounding Muslim women leadership. A historical case study ”.

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