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Education and Training

March 2004

M.A. in Classics [Laurea di Vecchio Ordinamento in Lettere Classiche]

University of Palermo

Final grade: 110/110 *cum laude*

M.A. thesis: *Guerra preventiva e strategie militari durante l'imperialismo romano*

[Preventive War and Military Strategies during the Roman Imperialism]

M.A. thesis tutor: Prof. Rosalia Marino

Awards: The thesis received from University of Palermo the Price *Vitaliano Merante* as the best M.A. thesis of the Faculty of Letters in the Academic year 2002/2003.

June 2008

Italian State Certification (Qualified Teacher Status – *Abilitazione all'Insegnamento*) as high school teacher in Greek, Latin, Italian, History and Geography

SISSIS - University of Palermo

April 2011

PhD with label of *Doctor Europaeus* in Storia della Sicilia Antica [History of Ancient Sicily]

University of Palermo.

Cyclus of the PhD course: XXI

PhD Dissertation: *Guerra per la Sicilia e guerra della Sicilia. Il ruolo delle città siciliane nel primo conflitto romano-punico* [War for Sicily and war of Sicily. The role of sicilian cities in the first Punic war]

PhD tutors: Prof. Rosalia Marino – Prof. Antonella Mandruzzato

Awards: The thesis received from Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa the Price “G. Nenci” in 2011.

2014

Scholarship of the *Associazione Italiana Cultura Classica* for the research project *Roma nelle dinamiche geopolitiche italiane e magnogreche tra la III Sannitica e la I Punica* [Rome in the geopolitical dynamics of Italy and *Magna Graecia* colonies between III Samnitic and I Punic War]

University teaching

Teaching in History of Roman Historiography

2013/14

Temporary Lecturer at the University of Palermo, teaching a History of Roman Historiography class for the MA in Classics.

Teaching in Roman History

2014/15

Temporary Lecturer at the University of Palermo, teaching a Roman History class for the MA in Classics.

Supervision of two MA thesis in Classics (Laurea Magistrale in Scienze dell'Antichità) at the Università degli Studi di Palermo (both with *summa cum laude*)

2017/18

Temporary Lecturer at the University of Palermo, teaching a Roman History class for the BA in Cultural Heritage

2018/19

Temporary Lecturer at the University of Palermo, teaching a Roman History class for the BA in Cultural Heritage

2019/20

Temporary Lecturer at the University of Palermo, teaching a Roman History class for the BA in Classics.

2019/20

Researcher at the University of Campania, teaching a Roman History class for the BA in Cultural Heritage.

Teaching in Epigraphy and Roman Antiquities

2018/19

Temporary Lecturer at the University of Palermo, teaching a Epigraphy and Roman Antiquities class for the MA in Archaeology

International experience

October - April 2007

PhD visiting student at the School of Archaeology Classics and Egyptology (SACE) of the University of Liverpool under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Michael Sommer.

During this period he attended international Seminars such as:

- 10/10/2006. Astrid Möller (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg im Breisgau), *A Tender Plant Growing in an Uncongenial Soil – Naukratis and the Growth of Greek Identity*

- 24/10/2006. Gerhard Langer (Paris-Lodron-Universität Salzburg), *The Wandering Jew: Judaism as a Paradigm for Globalization*
- 28/11/2006. Alessandra Bravi (Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg), *The Power of Images in the Jewish Realm: Conventions and Transgressions*
- 07/11/2006. Graham Oliver (University of Liverpool), *In Search of the Phoenicians. Identifying Foreigners in the Eastern Mediterranean*
- 09/11/2006. Michael Sommer (University of Liverpool), *Rome, Empire and the East: an Ancient History and Modern (Mis-)Perception*
- 20 dicembre 2006. *The legacy of Alexander the Great. Workshop I Territory*
- 24/01/2007. Andrew Birley, *Vindolanda: Challenging Perceptions of Faith, Cultural cohesion and identity on a Military Settlement*
- 6 /02/2007. Philip Sabin (King's College London), *Lost Battles: Reconstructing the Great Clashes of the Ancient World*
- 27/02/2007. Susanne Wilbers-Rost & Achim Rost (Kalkriese Universität), *Research on the battlefield of Varus (AD 9): archaeological results and historical aspects*
- 13/03/2007. William J. Dominik (University of Otago NZ), *Geo politics in Virgil*
- 26/03/ 2007. Tom Harrison (University of Liverpool), *Ancient and modern imperialism*
- 27/03/2007. Philip De Souza (University of Dublin), *Why was piracy a problem in the ancient world?*

Awards

2002/2003

“Vitaliano Merante Prize” from the Faculty of Letter of the University of Palermo for the best MA thesis in Classics in a.a. 2002/2003

2011

“G. Nenci Prize” from the Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa for his PhD thesis with this motivation: «La tesi di Dottorato del Dott. Claudio Vacanti si distingue per l'ottima conoscenza delle fonti relative alla posizione delle città siciliane durante la Prima Guerra Punica, anche per quel che riguarda gli aspetti militari, e per l'uso corretto e innovativo di concetti aggiornati relativi ai temi politico-diplomatici»

Publications

Books

Guerra per la Sicilia e Guerra della Sicilia. Il ruolo delle città siciliane nel primo conflitto romano-punico, Napoli: Jovene editore, 2012.

REVIEWS: F. Russo, in *BMCR* 2013/11.35 (online) | T. Naco del Hoyo – G. Cabezas-Guzmán, in *Incidenza dell'Antico* 12, 2014, 235-238 | M. Morán Ruiz, in *Gerión* 32, 2014, 309-375 | H. Heftner, in *Gymnasium* 121, 2014, 412-413 | D. Hoyos, in *The Classical Review* 64/1, 2014, 218-220 | Th. Lanfranchi, in *L'Antiquité Classique* 83, 2014, 433-435 | M. Simon in *Reveu d'Études Latines* 93, 2015, 404-405 | E. Cavallaro, in *Mediterraneo Antico* 17, 2015, 335-338 | F. Dell'Oro D'Amico, in *Bollettino di studi latini* 45, 2015, 295-296 | L-M. Günther, in *Gnomon* 87, 2015, 80-81 | F. Cordano, in *Latomus* 74/3, 2015, 880-881 | L. Cappelletti, in *Tyche* 31, 2016, 317-320 | J. Prag, in *Athenaeum* 105, 2017, 851-856 | B. Poulle, in *Dialogues d'histoire ancienne* 43/2, 2017, 288-290.

I Catilinari. Progetto di una congiura, Napoli: Jovene editore, 2018.

REVIEWS: D Dymkaya, in *Vestnik drevnei istorii* 79/ 4, 2019, 1040-1045 | R. Millot, in *Latomus* 79/1, 2020, 290-292

Articles in journals and proceedings

Guerra preventiva, equilibrio di potenza e imperialismo romano, in *Thalassa* 2, 2005, pp. 161-174.

Suasione latente e uso della forza nell'espansione romana (II a.C.), in *Violenza e consenso nel mondo antico*, Atti della Giornata di Studi (Palermo 10 marzo 2006), in *Hormos* 8, 2006, pp. 115-122.

Il sogno di Annibale, in *Sogni e visioni nel mondo antico*, Atti del Convegno di Studio (Palermo 16-17 ottobre 2007), in *Hormos* 9, 2007, pp. 359-367.

Sagunto Nemesi di Messana, in P. Anello – J. Martínez- Pinna (eds.) *Relaciones interculturales en el Mediterráneo antiguo: Sicilia e Iberia*, Atti del Convegno di Studi (Palermo 15-16 giugno 2006), Malaga 2008, pp. 171-180.

Andare oltre Giano: la terza fronte della diplomazia romana in Grecia e Oriente (II a.C.), in *Guerra e diplomazia nel mondo antico. Tra istanze politiche e strategie culturali*, Atti del Convegno di Studi (Palermo 21- 22 novembre 2008), *Hormos* n.s. 1 *on-line* 2008/2009, pp. 212-219.

Gaetano De Sanctis e la I punica: analogia e metodologia, in S. Cerasuolo – M. L. Chirico – S. Cannavale – C. Pepe – N. Rampazzo (a cura di), *La tradizione classica e l'unità d'Italia*, Atti del Seminario (Napoli – S. Maria Capua Vetere, 2-4 ottobre 2013), *Filologia e tradizione classica*, 1, 2014, II, pp. 325-341

Pensare l'Italia, progettare Roma. Hard power, suasion, soft power: i tria corda della grande strategia romana tra III guerra sannitica e I guerra punica, Atene e Roma, Nuova Serie Seconda IX – Fasc. 3-4, 2015, pp. 129-162 (Scholarship of the *Associazione Italiana Cultura Classica* for the research project *Roma nelle dinamiche geopolitiche italiche e magnogreche tra la III Sannitica e la I Punica*)

Per un atlante geopolitico della Repubblica romana. Italia e Magna Grecia tra II sannitica e I punica, in *Incidenza dell'antico* 14, 2, 2016, pp. 263-293

Review to Julián Espada Rodríguez, *Los dos primeros tratados romano-cartagineses: Análisis historiográfico y contexto histórico* (Col·lecció Instrumenta 43), Barcelona, Publicacions i Edicions de la Universitat de Barcelona 2013, pp. 325 con figg., ISBN 978-84-475-3674-0, *Athenaeum* 105/1, 2017, pp. 321-326.

L'Italia in guerra, l'Italia in Pais: prospettive e retrospettive negli scritti di Ettore Pais durante la Grande Guerra, in M. L. Chirico - S. Conti, *La Grande Guerra. Luoghi, eventi, Testimonianze, Voci*, Atti del Convegno di Studi (Napoli, 3-4 dicembre 2015), Canterano (RM) 2018, pp. 773-794.

Trattati/ritratti. Prospettiva romana e prassi internazionale nei primi due trattati tra Roma e Cartagine, in *Incidenza dell'antico* 17, 2019, pp. 169-198.

Roman fears, the Punic way and the Sicilian contribution: the war for Sicily in its first stages (264-263 BC) in M. Jonasch (ed.), *The fight for Greek Sicily: Society, Politics, and Landscape*, Oxford & Philadelphia: Oxbow 2020, pp. 297-326.

Operazione Heirkte. Monte Pellegrino e la campagna di Amilcare in Sicilia, in *Nuova Antologia Militare* 1, 2, 2020, pp. 31-69.

Review to François Cadiou, *L'Armée imaginaire. Les soldats prolétaires dans les légions romaines au dernier siècle de la République*, Paris, Les Belles Lettres 2018, 488 p., in *Nuova Antologia Militare* 1, 2, 2020, pp. 297-305.

Talks in International Conferences

C. Vacanti, *Trattati o ritratti? Propaganda, immagine e trattativa nei patti tra Roma e Cartagine*, in *Regolae iuris. Racines factuelles et jurisprudentielles, retombées pratiques*. 68ème Session de la Société Internationale Fernand de Visscher pour l'Histoire des Droits de l'Antiquité (SIHDA), Naples, 16-20 Septembre 2014

C. Vacanti, *L'Italia in guerra, l'Italia in Pais: prospettive e retrospettive negli scritti di Ettore Pais durante la Grande Guerra*, in *La Grande Guerra. Luoghi, eventi, Testimonianze, Voci*, Napoli, 3-4 dicembre 2015

C. Vacanti, *For a Geopolitical Atlas of the Roman Republic: The War for Sicily (264–241)*, in *War and Society in Colonial Sicily*, International Workshop, University of British Columbia -Vancouver, 27th–29th April 2018

Journalism

February – November 2001

He was editor of the magazine *Fatti di Sicilia* and wrote articles of politic, economy and new technologies.

May – September 2001

He was editor and web content of the Internet portal of Job's opportunities *Lavoroggi.it*.

September – December 2001

For the newspaper *L'Ora* he wrote articles and investigation reports on politic and economy.

2002 – 2005

As news correspondent of national newspaper *L'Avanti!* he wrote articles on politic and economy.

October 2002 – June 2003

For the magazine of the Foundation Federico II *L'Euromediterraneo* he wrote articles on politic and economy

September 2003 – July 2004

For the magazine *Sicilia Tempo* he wrote articles and investigation reports on politic and economy.

March 2003 – November 2004

He was press agent of *Por Sicilia* [Regional Operative Program of European Union in Sicily] at the *Dipartimento della Programmazione della Presidenza della Regione Siciliana* [Department of Planning of Presidency of Sicilian Region].

He was editor of the magazine of the same Department *Opportunità Europa* and made reports for the *Por Sicilia* news program, *Continente Sicilia*.

Newspaper and magazine articles

He wrote more than 150 articles and investigation reports in the newspapers *L'Avanti!* and *L'Ora*, in the magazines *Fatti di Sicilia*, *L'Euromediterraneo*, *Sicilia Tempo*, *Opportunità Europa* and in the Internet portal *Lavoroggi.it*.

High School teaching

October – November 2014

He taught a course of Ancient History financed by National operative programme (PON) of European Union at *Educandato Statale "Maria Adelaide"* High School of Palermo

2008 – April 2020

He taught Italian, Latin, Greek, History and Geography at various *Licei Classici Statali* [High Schools of State]. He was qualified teacher in the *Liceo Classico "Vittorio Emanuele II"* High School of State in Palermo.

Membership of Professional Associations

- SISM – Società Italiana di Storia Militare
- AICC – Associazione Italiana di Cultura Classica [Member of the Fédération Internationale d'Etudes Classiques]
- ISSA – Istituto Siciliano per la Storia Antica "Eugenio Manni"

Languages

- Italian (native speaker)
- English (First Certificate in English - Cambridge B2)
- Latin and Ancient Greek (good)
- Spanish (elementary)
- French (elementary)
- German (elementary - Goethe-Zertifikat A2)

Computer skills

- Operating Systems: Windows, Mac OS X, Ubuntu Linux
- Applications: Office, QGIS, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Internet browsers
- Use of literary textual databases on ancient Greek and Latin works