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Professor of Modern Africa History at the University of Bologna, Italy. She wrote and traveled extensively in the Horn of Africa mainly conducting research on Colonial Eritrea. Her main publications: *L'Eritrea colonia. Paesaggi, strutture uomini del colonialismo 1890-1952*, Milano FAngeli 1986; *La memoria dell' Impero. Autobiografie d'Africa Orientale*, Bari Lacaita editore 1988; *Autobiografie africane. Il colonialismo nelle memorie orali*, Milano FAngeli 1996.

She co-edited a number of documents dealing with Amharic/Tigrinian sources in 4 volumes published by L'Harmattan Italia (1997, 2000, 2001, 2005) and organized several international conferences: "Rethinking Colonialism", Cagliari University 1991 (Proceedings published in *Orientalia Karalitana*, 1993, 2 by B. Carcangiu), "International Conference on African Constitutions" Bologna 1998 (Proceedings published by Giappichelli Torino 2000 with V. Piergigli), "Rim Land in Historical Ethiopia", Bologna 1999 (Proceedings published by L'Harmattan Italia 2001 with A.Bausi and G. Dore), "The Horn of Africa between History, Law and Politics", Rome 2002 (Proceedings published in a special number of *Northeast African Studies*, 2003, vol.10, 1-2, Michigan State University, in collaboration with F. Guazzini, Tekeste Negash, M. Papa)

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Present position:

Full Professor, Modern Africa History, University of Bologna

Education:

University of Bologna; Degree in Political Science, 1974

Employment:

1991-2000 Associate Professor University of Bologna, 20th Century Africa History

1989-1991 Professor at the University of Bologna, Africa and Asia History

1987-1991 Professor in Sub-Saharan Africa History at the University of Cagliari, Italy

1982-1986 Senior Fellow at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bologna

1976-1981 Fellow at the University of Bologna

1975-1976 Assistant Professor in Political Science at the University of Bologna.

International Activities

Coordinator of the Cooperation agreement between the University of Bologna and the University of Khartoum, Sudan

Prof. , International Master Program on African Studies, Bologna university, Falun univ., Sweden, Oulu univ. , Finland, (EU program)

Prof., and coordinator of African module, International Master Program, MISP, Bologna University-Indiana University

Member of the scientific board of the Interdepart. Islamic Center (CISDI), Bologna university

Advisor , Ph. D program, University of St. Louis, Senegal

Advisor, Ph. D program University of Cagliari, Italy

Prof. in African Studies, Yerevan State University, Armenia (agreement between Bologna univ. - Erevan State University)

Membership:

Société Française pour les Etudes Ethiopiennes, Paris

African Studies Association (USA)

Associazione degli Africanisti Italiani and Istituto Italiano per L’Africa e l’Oriente, Rome

Society of Friends of The Institute of Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa

Associate Editor “Northeast African Studies”, Michigan State University, East Lansing

Languages :

English, French

Arabic-Amharic (working knowledge)

Teaching Experienc

2006-2007 Understanding African society and religions in XX I cent.

Islam and Christianity in XX and XXI cent. Africa

2005-2006 Postcolonial African studies: a review

Lessons and seminars Master in African Studies, at the University of Falun, Sweden (September/October)

Lesson at international master MISP on postcolonial Africa

2004-2005 The Horn of Africa in XIX and XX Century

Lesson and Seminars on Modern Africa History at Yerevan State University, Armenia, September 2005

Lessons and seminars (Erasmus-Socrates) at the University of Falun, Sweden (September/October)

Lectures at the University of Khartoum(January 2005)

2003-2004 Colonialism and African history between the Written and the Oral

Lessons and seminars (Erasmus-Socrates) at the University of Falun,Sweden (August)

2002-2003 Postcolonial African State: the Present Debate

Lessons and seminars (Erasmus-Socrates) at the University of Falun, Sweden (August)

2001-2002 Towards a “Renaissance”of African State?

Lessons and seminars at the Universities of Moscow (Lomonosov), St. Petersburg, Warsaw,Poznan (September/December) on themes related to Modern Ethiopia and Colonial Eritrea

2000-2001 Christianity and Colonialism in sub-Saharan Africa

1999-2000 Islam and colonialism in sub-Saharan Africa

1998-1999 Islam in Modern African History

1997-1998 Environment and development in sub-Saharan Africa

1996-1997 The contribution of Research in Africa to the Social Sciences and Humanities

1995-1996 Affiliation with the University of Asmara, Eritrea

1994-1995 November / December, Professeur Invité, Université Paris VII-Diderot: Lesson on The African land tenure system in a historical perspective and The beginning of Intellectual Emerging Milieu in XX Century Ethiopia Seminar and lesson in Paris I, Monastic Documents in Ethiopia and Eritrea (Missione Italiana in Eritrea, CNR) and Inalco , Reflexions on State Formation in Eritrea

1994-1995 Ethiopia and Eritrea between state and colony - 19th and 20th Century

1993-1994 Somalia: a “nation” in search of a state

1992-1993 The ecology of survival in northeast Africa

1991-1992 The construction of ethnicity in Sub-Saharan Africa

1990-1991 Rethinking Colonialism: New Perspectives in African Historiographies

1989-1990 The Contemporary Historiography on African Underdevelopment. A Comparative Analysis

1988-1989 State and Society in Ethiopian History: the Present Debate

1987-1988 Problems Of South African History: at the Origin of Apartheid

1986-1987 The French Colonies in West Africa , Islam and the Economic Development

1985-1986 Famine, Drought and Peasant Reaction in Contemporary Africa

1984-1985 Reconstructing the African Precolonial Past

1983-1984 Graduate seminar on contemporary European History

1982-1983 Graduate seminar on modern European History

Grants and Field Research

2005-2006, Research at the University of Bergen, Tel Aviv, London on postcolonial history and African nationalism.

Master Course in Sweden, Falun University- Bruxelles Erasmus Socrates programs, Oulu University, Finland

2004-2005 Research in Khartoum, Sudan on Nationalism and Sudanese Society in early XX Century and in Asmara, Eritrea, National and University Archives on Late Italian Colonial Period

Research in Uppsala University , September, NAI

2003-2004, Research in Somaliland (October), in Mozambico, Maputo-Mondlane University (March) and in Asmara, Eritrea (April), Research and Documentation Center / Missionary Archives

2002-2003 Organisation of the international Conference “The Horn of Africa between History, Law and Politics” Roma 13-14 December

Archival research in SOAS, London (October-November and at the Institute of Ethiopian Studies, Addis Abeba, Etiopia

2001-2002 Reseqrch at the Institute of Ethiopian Studies, University of Addis Abeba May 2002

2000-2001 Iresearch at the Institute of Ethiopian Studies, University of Addis Abeba(November 2000) and University of Asmara (Novembre 2000-July 2001)

1999-2000, Attività di ricerca presoo la School of Oriental and African Studies, Londra e il Nordiska Afrikainstitutet, Uppsala (febbraio/marzo) su tematiche relative alla città coloniale in Africa orientale, sec. XX

2000-2001, Research at Addis Ababa University, Institute of Ethiopian Studies; Asmara University funded by Italian Ministry of Education

1999-2000 Research at SOAS, London and Nordiska African Institute, Uppsala

1998-1999 EU, International conference on Cooperation between European and African Universities, Cotonou Benin (April 1999)

University of Oslo, Institute of Human Rights (June /July 1999)

International workshop "Rim land in historical Ethiopia" l'University of Bologna (January 15-16, 1999) funded by the University of Bologna and Dr. Ellero

1997-1998 International Congress "African Constitutions" University of Bologna (November 26-27 1998) funded by CNR and University of Bologna

Copenhagen, Roskilde University, Consultant to UE project Asia Urbs (June 1998)

University of Uppsala, Sweden, (June/July 1998)

Northwestern University, Evanston (October 1998)

1991-1997 Field research in Eritrea funded by Italian CNR and Ministry of research "Materiali rilevanti sull'Etiopia/Eritrea dell'800". Field work in Eritrea with Dr. Bausi, Lusini and Chelati in June 1992, October 1992, June 1993, June 1994, December 1995-June 1996 (leave of absence)

1997 Field work in Tanzania, project on Islamic city and colonialism

Field work in Ethiopia, January and August/September. Grant from Italian CNR

1995-1996 Leave of absence, Field work in Ethiopia/Eritrea ; December 1995/June 1996

1994 Professeur invité, Université Paris VII-Diderot, November-December

1994 Grant from the Italian CNR: "Land tenure and monastical institution in Eritrea" Field work in June in Eritrea.

1993 Grant from the Italian CNR "Land tenure and monastical institution in Eritrea" Field work in June in Eritrea.

1992 Grant from the Italian CNR: "Land tenure and monastical institutions in Eritrea". Field work in June and October in Eritrea.

1991 Grant from the Italian CNR: Project on ecology and society in Northeastern Africa. Field work in Ethiopia and Eritrea (April -September-October).

1990 Grant from the Italian CNR: Project on ecology and society in Northeastern Africa. Field work in Ethiopia and Kenya in August and September. Bibliographical research at the Northwestern University (Illinois), the Urbana-Champaign University, (Illinois) and the Library of Congress (Washington) in October and November.

1988-1989 Grant from the Italian CNR. Project on the "Ethiopian intellectual life in the 19th Century". Field work in Addis Ababa, September 1989 and July 1988. Bibliographical research at the Boston University (Massachusetts), University of East Lansing, Michigan State and Northwestern University, in October and November 1989.

1987 Grant from the Italian Ministry of Education. Project of cataloguing the missionary sources for Northeastern African history in Italian Archives (second year). Field research in Ethiopia during the months of September and October and

bibliographical research at Boston University and the University of Illinois during the months of May and June.

1986 Grant from the Italian Ministry of Education. Project of cataloguing the missionary sources for Northeastern African history in Italian Archives (first year).

1984-1985 International Labour Office, Geneva, Consultant to the project: "Agriculture and Food Security in Africa: Zimbabwe and Mali".

1985 Grant from the Italian Ministry of Education for research on Italian colonialism in Eritrea(third year). Grant by the Region of Emilia- Romagna and the Institute for Peasant Studies for collecting oral testimonies on Italian workers in colonial Africa.

1984 Grant from the Italian Ministry of Education for research on Italian colonialism in Eritrea (second year). Field work in Ethiopia (Addis Ababa and Asmara) during the months of November and December.

Grant from the Italian Ministry of Education for a field work in Somalia for collecting oral testimonies on Italian colonialism (August-September).

1982 Grant from the Italian Ministry of Education for research on Italian colonialism in Eritrea. Field work in Sudan and Ethiopia.

1980 Grant from the Italian Ministry of Education for studying Eritrea during the British colonial period. Bibliographical research in London (British Library and Public Record Office and SOAS).

1979 Field work in the Western lowlands of Eritrea for collecting oral interviews on Italian colonialism.

1977 Grant from the Istituto Italo Africano, Rome for the study of French colonialism in Africa. Field research in Senegal.

1976 Field research in Senegal and bibliographical research in Paris for the study of the islamic brotherhood in Senegal. Grant from the Istituto Italo-Africano, Rome.

Presentations

2008, April 25-26, Pilsen, 3rd International Conference on African Studies, presentation: "Reconsidering Horn of Africa Studies Today"

2007, 13-15 December, Gibuti 10th International Congress of Somali Studies, participation to the final session "Beyond the 30th Anniversary: Making Somali Studies Relevant in the 21st Century"

Udine, 12 October, participation to the workshop "Le carte di Giovanni Ellero"

Addis Ababa , 4-6 October , French Center, Workshop on Land in Europe and Ethiopia, paper presented: "Working on the field: land, state and community in the "Northern border"

July 11-14, Leiden, AEGIS European Conference, Chair and discussant panel 9, "Setting a new agenda for African studies"

July 2-6, Trondheim, XVI International Congress of Ethiopian Studies, chair and discussant History Panel July 5, Panel A History and Archeology

May 22-25, Addis Ababa, Fourth Congress of the Association of African Historians, chair e discussant panels: "Conceptions of the nation-state and identity" May 22 e "Federalism and devolution" May 23

May 10-11, Bergen University, International Workshop "Sudan: the colonial experience" presentation "The Horn of Africa as a Historical Construction"

2006, November 16-19, ASA, San Francisco, Roundtable Proposal "Reconstructing Political Ideology and Ritual: In Honor of Prof. Donald Crummey"

Cagliari, November 29-December 1, paper at the international conference on the Horn of Africa " Africa e Africa Orientale Italiana"

June 10-11, Amsterdam, "Ethiopian and Eritrea: the past and the future", DIR Foundation, International Conference on the Horn

May 29-31, Tel Aviv University, The Nile Conference, Discussant

April 6-8, Bergen University, International Conference on Sudan, discussant

2005, November, Cagliari, Workshop Le giornate dell'Africa, "Africa, realtà e contraddizioni del 2005"

Bologna June 11, discussant, Workshop "Crisi delle categorie politiche della modernità occidentale" Faculty of Political Science

June 27-July 3, Discussant at AEGIS Conference , London

June 6-7, University of Gorizia (Italy) International Workshop, Presentation on "Reflexions on Modern Islam in the Horn of Africa"

2004 17-18 March Maputo, Mondlane University, Chair e discussant al international Congress Unesco "Slavery in Africa and Oral Sources"

Cagliari, May 27-28 , Cagliari, Le giornate dell'Africa, "L'Africa alla ricerca dell'africanità"

September 3-8 Aalborg University (Danmark), Discussant at the 9th International Conference on Somali Studies

2003, 20-26 July, Hamburg, XV International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, paper delivered "Ethiopian Studies Today"

2003, 17-18 July, London International workshop Orality and literacy in the Horn of Africa, paper "Words and voices in colonial Eritrea"

2003, 15-16 May, Bologna university "Globalizzazione senza governo", paper "L'Africa oggi"

2002, 13-14 December, Roma, International Conference "The Horn of Africa between History, Law and Politics" , Introductory remarks

2002, 19-21 September, Milano Conference SISSCO "Il Mondo visto dall'Italia": "Il Corno d'Africa fra colonialismo, problemi dello Stato e conflitti"

2001, 13-15 September, Moscow, International Conference "African Studies in the 20th Century: Time, Personalities, Interpretations": "Maria Right unpublished manuscript : My 50 years with Ethiopia"

2001, 21-26 July, International Conference on Eritrean Studies, Asmara, "Modern Ethiopia/Colonial Eritrea"

2000 Addis Ababa November 6-11, XIV International Conference on Ethiopian Studies, "Notes on Recent Italian Studies"

2000, Praia Cape verde, January 6-8, International Conference on "Umanesimo latino/umanesimo africano": "L'Italia, le colonie, l'eredità culturale: un colonialismo "diverso"?"

1999, Bologna 15-16 January, International workshop "Rim land in historical Ethiopia"

1998, Bologna, 26-27 November, International Conference on "African Constitutions"

1998, Chicago, October 29-November 1, 41 Meeting of African Studies Association, "Land and Society in Ethiopia: Notes on Wälqayt Project"

1998, 19-21 October, Milano, International Congress SOSTEJE, "Notes on Falashas in Wälqayt according to Ellero's Manuscripts"

1997, 12-17 December, Kyoto, XIII International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, "Colonial documents on Wälqayt (Ethiopia)"

1997, October 1-3, "Ethnicity, State and Nationalism in Northeast Africa" paper delivered in Moscow, The Seventh All-Russia Conference of Africanists

1996, February 27/March 2, "Adwa: a challenge to history?", paper delivered at Addis Ababa University, International Conference on Adwa

1996, April 10/12, Piacenza, "Essere eritrei nell'Africa Italiana", paper delivered at the International Conference on Adwa.

1995, July 6/7, "Eritrean/Ethiopian Intellectual Life and Colonialism", paper delivered at Oxford University, Workshop on "Biography in Eastern African Historical Writing"

1994, November 3/6, "New Research on Eritrean History 19/20th Century" paper delivered in "African Studies Association", Toronto, 37 Annual Meeting.

1994, 4/10 September, "Documents from Sära'e (Eritrea)", paper delivered at Michigan State University, East Lansing, "XII International Conference on Ethiopian Studies".

1994, May 6/7, Discussant to the Seminar on "Stato, Etnicità e Nazionalismo" University of Urbino.

1993, April 23/24, "The Politics of the Northern Borders: State Control and the Land Tenure System in 19th Century Ethiopia", paper delivered at University at Illinois at Urbana Champaign, XX Seminar on "State, Land and Society in the History of Sudanic Africa"

1993, March 27, "Interrogativi sulla storiografia post-coloniale", presentation at the University of Teramo, workshop on "La storiografia africanistica dell'età della decolonizzazione"

1992, November 20/23 "Historical Perspectives on State Formation in Eritrea" paper delivered in African Studies Association, 35 Annual Meeting, Seattle

1992, April 23/25, "Eritrea: Some Further Comments on an African Colonial State", paper delivered at Michigan State University, Sixth Conference on "Peace and Stability in Northeast Africa"

1991 April 1/6, "In Search of an Identity: Amhara/Tegrean Relations in the Late 19th Century", paper delivered at Addis Ababa University, XI International Congress of Ethiopian Studies

1989, December 15/16 "*Blatta* Gäbrä Egzia'beher's Letter to Menilek in the Italian Colonial Context", paper delivered at Boston University, workshop on "Translation of Words and Images"

1989 "The State/Nation in Contemporary Africa: the Present Debate on the Horn", paper delivered at Budapest University, 3rd International Conference on Tradition and Modernisation in Africa.

1989 "At the Origin of State Nation Dilemma: Ethiopia, Eritrea, Ogaden in 1941" Michigan State University, East Lansing Fifth Conference: Peace and Stability in the Horn of Africa.

1989 "Memoria storica e testimonianza orale: colonialismo e ricostruzione del passato nell'Africa italiana", paper delivered in International Conference "Fonti e Problemi della Politica Coloniale Italiana", University of Messina, Italy

1986 "Colonialism as Political Control: Some Colonial Documents on "Indigenous" Power Structure (XIX century Ethiopia), paper delivered in IX International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, Moscow University.

1985 "I coloni'Eritrea e l'Impero: contrasti e autonomie in Africa Orientale", paper delivered in the National Conference "Le guerre coloniali del fascismo", Ferrara, Italy.

1984 "The Land Tenure System in the Eritrean Highlands According to European Colonial Sources", paper delivered at Addis Ababa University, VIII International Congress Of Ethiopian Studies.

Publications (forthcoming)

- Book *Maria Right my 50 years with Ethiopia*, L'Harmattan Italia
- *Words and texts in Colonial Eritrea*
- *Working on the field: land, state and community in the "northern border" (Ethiopia-Eritrea 19th-20th century)*
- *The Land Issue North and South of the Märäb River between Emperor Yohannes IV and Menilek II (Ethiopia-Eritrea 19th-20th Century)* in "Aethiopica", 12, 2009
- *Negus Mika'el and the Destiny of the Ethiopian Monarchy in 1916*, in A. Rouaud (ed.), *L'irrésistible ascension du ras Tafari: quatorze ans d'histoire éthiopienne (1916-1930)*, Paris 2009
- *Fra Etiopistica e Islamistica: Mario Martino Moreno*, a book published for F. Castro

Publications

- *Reconsidering Horn of Africa Studies Today*, in Pilsen 2008
- *Riflessioni sull'Islam moderno nel Corno d'Africa*, Atti del workshop "Il mondo afro-arabo-islamico di Ottavia Schmidt", Gorizia, 6-7 giugno 2005, Edizioni Università di Trieste (EUT), 2008
- *Africa e Africa orientale italiana*, in B. Carcangiu-Tekeste Negash, *L'Africa orientale italiana nella critica storica contemporanea*, Carocci editore 2007, pp.119-234
- *Joseph ki-Zerbo (1922-2006) e l'Africa: dal futuro al passato*, in "Africa e Mediterraneo", 4-6, 58, 2007, pp. 65-66

- *Italy: the Last Empire'*, in Robert Aldrich (ed.), *The Age of Empires*, London: Thames and Hudson, 2007, pp. 255-277
- *African and Ethiopian Studies*, in L. Lykowska-W. Witakowski, *Ethiopian Studies in Honour of Joanna Mantel Niecko*, Warsaw University 2006, pp. 255-264
- *Memorie africane memorie italiane del colonialismo*, in S.Brune,H.Scholler, *Auf dem weg zum modernen Athiopien*, Lit Verlag Munster 2005
- *Nuove africanità*, in "I martedì", 9, 29, November 2005, pp. 36-41
- (with G. Dore -J. Mantel Niecko), *Quaderni del Walqayt. Documenti per la storia sociale dell'Etiopia*, L'Harmattan Italia 2005
- *Giovanni Ellero's Manuscript Notes on Falasha of Wälqayt*, in T. Parfitt, E. Trevisani Semi (eds), *Jews of Ethiopia*, London Routledge, 2005 pp. 43-52 and "Il Metodo", 2005
- *Italian Memories/African Memories of Colonialism*, in R. Ben Ghiat-M. Fuller, *Italian Colonialism*, Palgrave, New York, 2005, pp.209-220
- *The Politics of the Northern Border: State Control and the Land Tenure System in 19th Century Ethiopia*, in D.Crummey (ed.), *Land, Literacy and the State in Sudanic Africa*, Africa World Press, Trenton New Jersey 2005, pp.187-210
- *Lo scenario Africa*, in "Africana", 2004, pp. 129-133
- *La colonisation et decolonisation italienne*, in *Les relation Europe-Afrique*, Bruxelles texte CD, 2004
- *IX International Conference on Somali Studies*, "Africa" (Roma), LXL, 3,2004, pp. 505-507
- *Some Reflexions on Ethiopian Studies Today*, "The Australasiann Review of African Studies", June 2004, XXVI, 1, pp. 18-25
- *Il Corno d'Africa fra colonialismo, problemi dello Stato e conflitti*, Africa (Roma), LIX, 1, 2004, pp.92-100
- *Ricordo di Harold Marcus*, Africa (Roma), LIX, 1, 2004, pp.57-60
- (with Tekeste Negash e M.Papa), *The Horn of Africa, Italy and After*, in "Northeast African Studies", 2003, vol. 10, 1-2

- *Enciclopedia Aethiopica*, entry *Algheden*, Amburgo 2003, pp.198-199

- *Notes on Recent Italian Studies on Ethiopia and Eritrea* , in “Africana” 2003, pp.165-171
- *Maria Right’s unpublished work “My 50 years with Ethiopia”*, in A.Balezin (ed.), *Proceedings of the Conference “African Studies in the 20th Century: Time, Personalities, Interpretations”*, Moscow Academy of Sciences, 2002, pp.49-53
- *Modern Ethiopia and Colonial Eritrea*, in “Aethiopica”, 5, 2002, pp. 123-138
- (with A.Bausi-G.Dore)"*Materiale antropologico e storico sul rim in Etiopia ed Eritrea*" "*Anthropological and historical documents on “rim ” in Ethiopia and Eritrea*”, Torino L’Harmattan Italia 2001
- *Il Corno d’Africa, la tradizione di studi in Italia e le problematiche dell’ecologia e dell’ambiente* , Monographic issue of “Storia Urbana”, XXV, 95, 2001
- (in collaboration con V. Piergigli), *International Conference on African Constitutions*, Giappichelli Editore Torino 2000
- *L’Italia le colonie l’eredità culturale. Un colonialismo diverso?* in *L’Umanesimo latino, l’umanesimo africano*, *Atti del convegno di Capo Verde 6-8 gennaio 2000*, Treviso Fondazione Cassamarca 2000, pp. 124-135
- *L’Italia le colonie l’eredità culturale.*, “*Orientalia Karalitania*”, 6, 2000, pp.11-124
- *Correspondence as a new source for African history: some evidence from colonial Eritrea*, in “*Cahiers d’Etudes Africaines*” 157, 2000, 1, pp. 109-134.
- *Post Twentieth Century Eritrea*, in “*Northeast African Studies*”, 5, 1, 1998, pp. 7-29
- *Eritreskoye obtshestvo mezdu kolonialismom i nezavisimotju*, Moscow Academy of Sciences, Institute of African Studies, 1999, pp. 30
- *Land and Society in Wälqayt (Ethiopia)*, in A. Rouaud (ed.), *Les orientalistes sont des aventuriers. Guirlande offerte à Joseph Tubiana par ses élèves et ses amis*, Paris, Aresae 1999, pp. 151-156
- *Ethnicity, State and Nationalism in Northeast Africa*, in “Africana”, 1998, pp.147-152
- *The regional archive of Addi Qayyeh (Eritrea)*, in "History in Africa", 25, 1998, pp.423-425
- *Constructing colonial power and political collaboration in Italian Eritrea*, in M.Page (ed.) *Personality and Political Culture*, Boston University Press 1998, pp. 23-36 (in collaboration with U. Chelati Dirar) *Adwa: a Challenge to History?* in *Proceedings of the Adwa Victory Centenary Conference*, Addis Ababa University Press 1998
- *On Some Unpublished Material Regarding the Eritrean Social History: the Trevaskis’ Papers in the Bodleian Library*, in “Northeast African Studies”, 4, 2, 1997, pp.7-18 (in collaboration with U. Chelati Dirar) *Essere eritrei nell’Africa italiana*, in A. Del Boca (ed.) *Adua: le ragioni di una sconfitta*, Bari Laterza 1997 (in collaboration with U. Chelati Dirar- A. Gori), *Lettere tigrine: i documenti etiopici del Fondo Ellero*, Harmattan, Torino, 1997

Memoria storica e testimonianza orale: colonialismo e ricostruzione del passato nell'Africa italiana, in AA.VV. "Atti del Convegno Fonti e Problemi della Politica Coloniale Italiana", Roma 1996, vol.1°, pp. 349-365.

Autobiografie africane. Il colonialismo nelle memorie orali, F. Angeli, Milano 1996

Réflexions sur la formation de l'état en Erythrée, Paris, INALCO, 1996

(In collaboration with A. Bausi e G. Lusini), *Eritrean Monastic Institutions as "Lieux de Mémoire" and Source of History*, in "Africa" (Roma), L, 1995, 2, pp. 265-276.

La decodificazione delle fonti e la difficoltà di scrivere storia. La decolonizzazione e il caso italiano, in "Trimestre", XXVIII, 1-4, 1995, pp. 149-53

In Search of an Identity: Amhara/Tegrean Relations in the Late 19th Century, in Bahru Zewde, R. Pankhurst, Tadesse Beyene (eds), *Proceedings of the XI International Congress of Ethiopian Studies*, Addis Ababa University Press, 1994, pp. 265-281.

Ethiopian Source Material and Colonial Rule in the Nineteenth Century: the letter to Menilek by Blatta Gäbrä Egzi'abeher, in "Journal of African History", 35 (1994), 3, pp. 493-516.

(in collaboration with A. Bausi e G. Lusini), *Materiali di studio dal Sära'e (Eritrea): le istituzioni monastiche e la struttura della proprietà fondiaria*, in "Africa", XLVIII, 1993, 3.

Riflessioni sulla formazione dello stato in Eritrea, in "Africa", XLVIII, 1993, 2.

Un funzionario fra ricerca scientifica e colonialismo: Giovanni Ellero, in "Africa", XLVIII, 1993, 1.

At the Origin of the State/Nation Dilemma: Ethiopia, Eritrea, Ogaden in 1941, in "Northeast African Studies" 12, 2-3, 1990.

Il silenzio dei colonizzati e il lavoro dello storico: oralità e scrittura nell'Africa italiana, in A. Del Boca (ed.), *Le guerre coloniali del Fascismo*, Bari, Laterza 1991.

Blatta Gäbrä Egzi'abeher 's Letter to Menilek in the Italian Colonial Context, Boston University, African Humanities Program, Boston 1991.

Un intellettuale tigrino nell'Etiopia di Menelik: Blatta Gäbrä Egzi'abeher Gilay (1860-1914), Milano, Giuffrè Editore 1990, pp. 177.

Nota critica su alcune opere recenti riguardanti l'Etiopia, in "Africa" (Roma), XLIV, 1989, 2, pp. 301-310.

In collaboration with S. Luciani (ed.), *Fonti comboniane per la storia dell'Africa nord-orientale*, Bologna, Il Nove 1988, vol. 2°.

Un intellettuale tigrino nell'Etiopia di Menelik: Blatta Gäbrä Egzi'abeher Gilay, in "Africa" (Roma), XLIII, 4, 1988, pp. 574-602.

The Land Tenure System in the Eritrean Highlands According to European Colonial Sources, in Tadesse Beyene (ed.), *Proceedings of the VIII International Conference of Ethiopian Studies*, Addis Ababa-London 1988, vol.2°, pp. 299-307.

La memoria dell'impero. Autobiografie d'Africa Orientale, Manduria-Bari, Lacaita Editore 1988, pp. 147.

Colonialism as Political Control: Colonial Documents on the "Indigenous" Power Structure (XIX th Century Ethiopia), in *Proceedings of the IX International Congress of Ethiopian Studies*, Moscow 1988, USSR Academy of Sciences, pp. 221-228, vol. IV.

Il problema della legittimità politica e le formule federali, in "Politica Internazionale" 1987, 2-3, pp. 37-45.

L'Eritrea-colonia 1890-1940. Paesaggi, strutture, uomini del colonialismo, Milano F. Angeli 1986, pp. 429.

I coloni d' Eritrea e l'impero: contrasti e autonomie in Africa Orientale, in AA.VV., *Le guerre coloniali fasciste*, Bologna 1986, pp. 16-42.

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