



PERSONAL INFORMATION

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CURRENT POSITION

Associate Professor of Contemporary History
Università degli Studi di Padova
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Principal Investigator for the European Research Council project: The Dark Side of the Belle Époque. Political Violence and Armed Associations before the First World War. Call ERC – Starting Grant 2015, 2017 – 2021.

Coordinator of the project “A Fragile Monopoly? Firearms, Self-defence, Gun Licence and the State Monopoly of Legitimate Violence in Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom (1860-1960)”. FARE Call for applications 2016 – Italian Ministry of Education, 2017 – 2022.

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PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 2014 Irish Research Council Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowship. Title of the Project: “Revolution from the Right? Armed movements, social conflicts and the crisis of the Liberal Regimes in France, Spain and Italy from the 1900s to the early 1920s “. Supervisor: Prof Robert Gerwarth. University College Dublin (Dublin, Ireland)
- 2015 University of Oxford (Oxford, U.K.), Gerda Henkel Foundation Marie Curie M4Human Programme Fellow (mobility fellowship). Title of the project: “The heralds of modernity: nationalist-populist armed movements in pre-WWI Europe “. Supervisor: Prof Martin Conway.
- 2013 – 2015 *Università degli Studi di Padova* (Padova, Italy), post-doc junior research fellowship. Title of the project: “The heralds of violence: nationalist-populist armed movements in pre-WWI Europe”. Supervisor: Dr Giulia Albanese.

EDUCATION

- 2011 PhD in Historical Sciences at the University of Padua (Padova, Italy), research project about the anthropological and sociological aspects of the Fascist Squadristism: "The essence of Fascism. The *squadristismo* between terrorism and normalization. 1919-1932". Tutor: Prof. Carlo Fumian. Examination Board: Prof Emilio Gentile (chair), Prof Salvatore Lupo, Prof Marco Palla. Vote: Excellent
- 2010 PhD mobility for study and research purposes to the University of Oxford (Oxford, U.K.), Balliol College. Attendance of seminars and lessons, work on the PhD research project, Supervisor: Dr Martin Conway
- 2007 Master degree in Modern and Contemporary History at the University of Padua (Padova, Italy), thesis on contemporary history titled "Between Italy and Switzerland: the information network of the Resistance in 1943-1945". ("*Tra Italia e Svizzera. La rete informativa della Resistenza. 1943-1945*"), first-class degree (110 and honours). Supervisor: Prof Silvio Lanaro
- 2005 Bachelor degree in History, at the University of Padua (Padova, Italy), thesis on contemporary history titled "Intelligence services in Italy between 1940 and 1970" ("*I servizi segreti in Italia. 1940-1970*"), first-class degree (110 and honours). Supervisor: Prof Carlotta Sorba.

LECTURES, TALKS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (Selection)

- 2019 The Role and Impact of Armed Associationism in Europe before the First World War', 'Rethinking Modern Europe Seminar Series', Institute for Historical Research, London, 15.5.2019
- 2019 'Opening remarks' to the ERC-PREWARAs-École Française de Rome joint workshop 'Armed Groups, Organised Violence and the Euro-Mediterranean Spaces (1870-1914)', Rome, EFR, Italy, 23.1.2019
- 2018 'Le Côté Obscur de la Belle Époque. Violence politique et groupes armés en Europe', Seminar series 'Radicalités et violences politiques', University of Paris IV Sorbonne, Paris, France, 11.12.2018
- 2018 'Different Paths of Re-militarisation: Paramilitarism, Vigilantism and Armed Conflicts in Europe after the Great War. A Comparative and Long-Term Perspective', Conference 'Surveying a Time Threshold. The meaning of 1918 in European and Global Perspective', Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria, 6.11.2018
- 2018 'Opening remarks' to the ERC-PREWARAs-Oxford joint workshop 'Industrial vigilantism, strikebreaking and patterns of anti-labour violence, 1890s-1930s', Oxford History Faculty, Oxford, UK, 23-24.10.2018
- 2018 'Domestic threats? The impact of social conflicts and private policing on state legitimacy before (and after) the Great War', Conference 'Borders in Arms. Political Violence in

Northern Adriatic, 1914-1941', Center for Scientific Research, Koper, Slovenia, 24-25.5.2018

- 2017 'A false problem? Political violence and armed associations in Fin de siècle Europe', ERC-PREWARAs Workshop 'Armed Groups and Political Violence in Belle Époque Europe', University of Padova, Italy, 12-13.12.2017
- 2017 'An Italian Paradox? The Contested Meanings of Victory and Defeat in Post-First World War Italy', Workshop 'Cultures of Victory', National University of Ireland, Maynooth, Ireland, 16-18.11.2017
- 2016 "We are ready to defend our lives and freedom". Political violence, armed associations and the crisis of the State in Spain, Italy and France before the Great War ", UCD Centre for War Studies Seminar, University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland, 15.09.2016
- 2015 "Forerunners of the Great War? Images of the internal enemy, fear of revolution and forms of mobilisation among the Italian middle-classes in the years preceding the First World War", International Postgraduate Workshop Connecting New Approaches on the First World War in the Wake of the Centenary, *Maison Française d'Oxford* (Oxford, UK), 15.12.2016
- 2015 "To defend freedom and humaneness. Counter-revolutionary practices and political cultures of Italian propertied classes in the Po Valley (1900-1921)", Globalising the History of Revolutions, University College Dublin (Dublin, Ireland), 23/24.10.2015
- 2015 "The Dark Side of the Belle Époque. Emotions, practices and political cultures of propertied classes in pre-1914 Europe", "Writing the history of emotions", Workshop, with Barbara Rosenwein and Ute Frevert, University of Oxford (Oxford, UK), 12.05.2015
- 2015 "We are living dreadful times: it is not an agricultural strike, but true bolshevism. Emotions, practices and political cultures of agrarian middle-classes in the Po Valley (1900-1921)", International Colloquium on Political Violence (Lisbon, Portugal), 12-14.03.2015
- 2014 "The heralds of violence: political violence and social conflict in pre-WW1 Italy, France and Spain", Padua-Oxford joint workshop, University of Oxford (Oxford, UK), 23-24.09.2014
- 2014 "*Garantía de orden, fuente de trabajo y vinculo de paz: the Armed Somatén of Catalonia at the beginning of the 20th Century*", Annual meeting of the Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies (Modena, Italy), 26-29.06.2014
- 2013 "The policy of macabre: the pictures of the black-shirts killed in early 1920s", Association for the Study of Modern Italy Annual Conference "Iconic Imagines in Modern Italy: Politics, Culture and Society" (London, U.K.), 22-23.11.2013
- 2013 "Dead Fascist Bodies: The Macabre Pictures of Blackshirts Killed in Italy in the early 1920s", Modern European History Seminar, University of Oxford (Oxford, UK), 21.11.2013
- 2011 "The healthiest part of the bourgeoisie. The anti-democratic ideology of the middle class and the birth of Fascism", Colloquium "Evolution, Revolution or Devolution? Reflections on the Italian Right, 1861-2011", University of Durham (Durham, UK), 04-05.11.2011

PUBLICATIONS (Selection)

- 2014 M. Millan, *"Squadrisimo e squadristi nella dittatura fascista"*, (Rome: Viella)
- 2009 M. Millan, *"Guerra di Servizi. Tra Italia e Svizzera, la rete informativa della Resistenza"*, (Padua: Il Poligrafo)
- 2019 M. Millan, "Sostituire l'autorità, riaffermare la sovranità. Legittima difesa, corpi armati e crisi dello stato nell'Italia giolittiana", in *Studi Storici*, 1, 139-166
- 2016 M. Millan, "Origins", in. Arthurs, M. Ebner, K. Ferris (eds.), *"The Politics of Everyday Life in Fascist Italy. Outside the State?"* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan), 19-49
- 2017 M. Millan, "The Contradictions of Veterans "Associations? The Fascist Appropriation of the Legacy of the First World War and the Failure of Demobilization", in A. Salvador and A. G. Kjølsvædt (eds.), *"New Political Ideas in the Aftermath of the Great War"* (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan), 87-108
- 2016 M. Millan, "The Shadows of Social Fear: Emotions, Mentalities and Practices of the Propertied Classes in Italy, Spain and France (1900-1914)", in *Journal of Social History*, 50/2, 336-361
- 2016 M. Millan, "In Defence of Freedom? The practices of armed movements in pre-1914 Europe: Italy, Spain and France", in *European History Quarterly*, 46/1, 48-71
- 2015 M. Millan, "Treviso", in F. Cammarano (ed.), *"Neutralisti in piazza alla vigilia della Prima guerra mondiale in Italia"* (Florence: Le Monnier), 305-314
- 2014 M. Millan, *"Milizie civiche prima della Grande guerra. Violenza politica e crisi dello Stato in Italia e Spagna (1900-15)"*, in *Storica*, 58 (2014), 49-84
- 2013 M. Millan, "The institutionalization of *squadrisimo*: disciplining paramilitary violence in the Italian Fascist dictatorship", in *Contemporary European History*, 22/4, 551-572. The article is part of a forum discussion, with the participation of Prof Ruth Ben-Ghiat (New York University, New York, U.S.A.) and Prof Paul Corner (*Università degli Studi di Siena*, Siena, Italy).
- 2013 M. Millan, *"Semplicemente squadristi. Immagini e pratiche del fascismo post-marcia: il caso di Genova"*, in *Contemporanea. Rivista di storia dell'800 e del '900*, 16/2, 209-238