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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2021-present **Associate professor, Contemporary history**
Università degli Studi di Udine
- 2018-present **Assistant professor, Contemporary history**
Università degli Studi di Udine
- 2016-2018 **Bodossakis Junior Research Fellow**
Churchill College, University of Cambridge
- 2012-2016 **Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellow**
2015-2016 University of Cambridge
2014-2015 Higher School of Economics, Moscow (with a separate grant)
2012-2014 Harvard University
- 2011-2012 **Visiting Scholar**, Harvard Center for European Studies

EDUCATION

- 2005-2009 **PhD in Contemporary History**
Università degli Studi di Bologna. Grade: Excellent. The dissertation, entitled "The Allies and the Italian Resistance: 1943-1945" was awarded first prize by the XIV edition of Fondazione Spadolini Nuova Antologia (Florence). It was subsequently published by the leading Italian academic publisher Il Mulino and short-listed for the Acqui Storia award for the best historical book published in Italian in 2010.
- 1999-2005 **Bachelor of Laws**
Università degli Studi di Milano, School of Law. Grade: 110/110 *cum laude*. The dissertation, on the "Italian Constitution and the Principle of Secularism", received a prize from the Italian Supreme Court as one of the best dissertations of the previous years.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

T. Piffer, *The Big Three Allies and the European Resistance: Intelligence, Politics, and the Origins of the Cold War, 1939-1945* (Oxford University Press, 2024).

T. Piffer, *Gli Alleati e la Resistenza italiana* [The Allies and the Italian Resistance] (Il Mulino, 2010).

T. Piffer, *Il banchiere della Resistenza* [The Banker of the Resistance] (Mondadori, 2005).

Edited books

T. Piffer (ed.), *Le formazioni autonome nella Resistenza italiana* (Marsilio, 2020)

T. Piffer and V. Zubok (eds.), with V. Zubok *Totalitarian Societies and Democratic Transition. Essays in Memory of Victor Zaslavsky* (CEU Press, 2017) [Italian edition Il Mulino, 2011].

T. Piffer (ed.), *Porzus. Violenza e resistenza sul confine orientale* [Porzus. Violence and Resistance on the Eastern Border] (Il Mulino, 2012).

Articles and essays

T. Piffer, "Behind All This façade'. The Special Operations Executive in Greece in the Light of New Documents", *Diplomacy & Statecraft*, 34 (4), pp. 651-672.

T. Piffer, "Bruno Leoni, la Resistenza autonoma e i prigionieri di guerra alleati", in T. Piffer, *Le formazioni autonome nella resistenza italiana* (Marsilio, 2020), pp. 221-38.

T. Piffer, "Stalin, the Western Allies and Soviet Policy towards the Yugoslav Partisan Movement. 1941-4", *Journal of Contemporary History*, 54(2), 2019, 420-441.

T. Piffer, "Office of Strategic Services vs. Special Operations Executive: Competition for the Italian Resistance, 1943-1945" *Journal of Cold War Studies* 17 (2015), 41-58.

T. Piffer, "Nazismo e comunismo in *Vita e destino e Tutto scorre...*" [Nazism and Communism in *Life and Fate and Everything Flows...*] *Contemporanea* XV (2012), 746-750.

T. Piffer, "Strategia e politiche delle formazioni partigiane comuniste italiane" [Strategy and Politics of the Italian Communist Partisan Groups], in T. Piffer (ed.), *Porzus, Violenza e resistenza sul confine orientale* (Il Mulino, 2012), 17-36.

T. Piffer, "La Gran Bretagna e la Resistenza partigiana nei Balcani, 1941-1945. Problemi storiografici e interpretativi" [Great Britain and the Resistance Movements in the Balkans, 1941-1945. Historiographical and Interpretation Problems] *Ventesimo secolo* 21 (2010), 39-55.

T. Piffer, "Il Freedom of Information Act negli Stati Uniti. Uno strumento di partecipazione e di controllo della pubblica amministrazione" [The Freedom of Information Act in the United States: An Instrument of Participation and Control of the Public Administration] *Archivi e Computer* XIX (2009), 37-46.

T. Piffer, "Realtà e rappresentazione della Resistenza Italiana nella documentazione delle formazioni partigiane" [Reality and Representation of the Italian Resistance in the Resistance Movement's Documents] *Mondo Contemporaneo* V (2009), 119-150.

T. Piffer, "La resistenza liberale. Appunti per una ricerca" [The Resistance of the Liberals: Research Notes], in F. Grassi Orsini and G. Nicolosi (eds.), *I liberali italiani dall'antifascismo alla Repubblica* (Rubbettino, 2008), 77-98.

T. Piffer, "La politica delle Brigate autonome (1943-1945)" [The Politics of the Autonomous Brigades (1943-1945)], in G. Monina (ed.), *1945-1946. Le origini della repubblica. Vol. I. Contesto internazionale e aspetti della transizione* (Rubbettino, 2007), 421-447.

T. Piffer, "L'oro della Resistenza. I rapporti finanziari tra il Cln Alta Italia e gli alleati" [The Gold of the Resistance: The Financial Relationship between the CLN Alta Italia and the Allies] *Nuova Storia Contemporanea* IX (2005), 65-96.

AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018	Cambridge Humanities Research Grant (£ 1.320)
2016-2018	Churchill college Bodossakis Research Fellowship (£ 58.500)
2014-2015	Aurora grant (within Erasmus Mundus Programme) (€ 18,000)
2014-2015	Higher School of Economics (Moscow) postdoctoral fellowship (₽ 1,140,000)
2012-2013	Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship (US \$ 27,000)
2012-2016	Marie Curie postdoctoral fellowship (€ 270,000. Project evaluation 93.20/100)
2011-2015	Research postdoctoral fellowship, Università degli Studi di Milano (€ 76,000)
2009	Fondazione Spadolini Nuova Antologia (Florence) prize (XIV edition) for the PhD dissertation on “The Allies and the Italian Resistance. 1943-1945”
2008-2009	<i>Post-lauream</i> research grant, Università degli Studi di Milano (€ 10,300)
2006	Marco Polo travel award, Università degli Studi di Bologna
2005	Italian Supreme Court prize for the LL.B. dissertation on “The Italian Constitution and the Principle of Secularism”
2005	Student research grant, Municipality of Milan (€ 10,000)

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

2014-present	Chairman of the selection committee of the book award “Premio Friuli Storia”
2014-present	Affiliate, Harvard Davis Center
2012-2014	Affiliate, Harvard Center for European Studies
2011-2015	Junior Fellow, Aspen Institute Italia
2010-2013	Member of the General Council of the ISEC Foundation (Fondazione Istituto per la Storia dell'Età Contemporanea)
2009-present	Member of the Italian Society for the Study of Contemporary History (SISSCO)
2007	Junior Scholar, History and Public Policy Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (Washington, DC)
2005-present	Member of the Editorial board for the journal <i>Ventesimo secolo</i>

MEDIA COLLABORATION

Contributor to the Italian newspapers “Corriere della Sera” and “Messaggero Veneto”.

LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH

Italian (native), English (advance), Russian (advanced)

INVITED LECTURES

Stalin, the Disbandment of the Comintern, and the Anti-Nazi Resistance. A Reappraisal, Cold War Studies Seminar, Harvard Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies (Cambridge, MA, May 6th, 2016).

The Soviet Union, the European Communist Movement and the Origins of Postwar Europe, 1943-1945, at the conference *Europe 1945: Liberation, Occupation, Retribution* (Higher School of Economics, Moscow, June 2nd, 2015).

Zapadnye Soiuzniki, Sovetskii Soiuz i evropeiskoe dvizhenie soprotivleniia: sravnitel'noe issledovanie [The Western Allies, the Soviet Union and the European Resistance Movement: Comparative Research], at the conference *Obshaia Pobeda* [Common victory] (Moscow, April 27th-28th, 2015).

God v moskovskikh arkhivakh. Pervye razmyshleniia zapadnogo issledovatel'ia [A year in Moscow's Archives. First impressions of a Western Researcher], at the conference *Velikaja otechestvennaia voina* [The great patriotic war] (Moscow, April 15th, 2015).

The Western Allies, the Soviets and the Competition for the European Resistance during World War II, International Center for the History and Sociology of WWII and Its Consequences, Higher School of Economics (Moscow, April 16th, 2015).

The Allies and the European Resistance in WWII, International History Seminar Series, Georgetown University (Washington, DC, March 26th, 2015).

The Allies, the European Resistance and the Origins of the Cold War in Europe, Center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies, Stanford University (Stanford, CA, June 3rd, 2014).

The Allies and the European Resistance. 1939-1945, Harvard Center for European Studies, Visiting Scholars Seminar: New Research on Europe (Cambridge, MA, April 25th, 2012).

Strategia e politiche delle formazioni partigiane comuniste italiane in un'ottica comparata [Strategy and Policy of the Italian Communist Formations in a Comparative Approach], at the conference *Violenza e conflitti all'interno della Resistenza italiana. Il caso del confine orientale* [Violence and Conflicts in the Italian Resistance. The Eastern Border Case] (Udine, February 6th, 2010).

I partigiani [The Partisans], at the Conference *I motivi di una scelta* [The Reason for a Choice], organized by Fondazione Forze Armate nella Guerra di Liberazione (Rome, June 3rd, 2009).

La Resistenza partigiana tra documentazione italiana e angloamericana. Problemi archivistici e interpretativi [The Italian Resistance in the Italian and Anglo-American Records: Archival and Interpretation Problems], at the Conference *L'Italia e gli alleati (1943-1954). Fonti archivistiche e strumenti di ricerca* [Italy and the Allies: Archival Sources and Research Tools], organized by Archivio Centrale dello Stato (Rome, January 20th, 2009).

La resistenza liberale [the Liberal Resistance], at the Conference *I liberali italiani dal fascismo alla Repubblica* [The Italian Liberals from Fascism to the Republic], organized by Università degli Studi di Siena (Siena, October 25th-27th, 2006).

La "politica" delle Brigate autonome (1943-1946), [The Policy of the Autonomous bands (1943-1945)], at the Conference *Alle origini della Repubblica* [At the Origin of the Republic], organized by the Fondazione Camera dei Deputati (Rome, May 30th-31st, 2006).

Imprese pubbliche, banche e finanza tra il 1943 e il 1946 [Public Companies, Banks and Finance 1943-1946], at the conference organized by the Fondazione IRI (Rome, November 17th, 2005).

«*Alfredo Pizzoni: banchiere e partigiano*» [Alfredo Pizzoni, Banker and Partisan], at the Conference organized by Unicredit (Milan, April 26th, 2005).