

# Giuseppe Grimaldi



## Personal Details

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## Personal Profile

I am a social anthropologist interested in the long-term effects of transnational migrations in the European urban space. Specifically, I focus on the ways historicized migration patterns and the present Mediterranean flows impact on the identification patterns of European racialized children of immigrants. My research approach is rooted in the ethnographic practice and enriched of methodological, analytical and theoretical tools I incorporated from critical geography, sociology and postcolonial studies.

## Education

2014-2018 **PhD (cum Laude) in Social and cultural anthropology (13.03.2018)**

*University of Milano Bicocca (European Label)*

TITLE: In search of Italianness. An ethnography of the second-generation condition in a mobility perspective

SHORT ABSTRACT: The PhD thesis anthropologically explores the concept of “second generations” within a mobility perspective. Drawing on a multi-sited ethnography between Milano, Addis Ababa, Mekele and London, I focused on the entanglement between space and identification in the experience of the Italians of Ethiopian and Eritrean origins born and raised in Milano.

2010-2013 **Master's degree in in Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (29.10.2013)**

*University of Milano Bicocca – Dipartimento di Scienze Umane Riccardo Massa*

Comprehensive final grade: 110/110 cum laude

2005 -2010 **BA in Literature (20.07.2010)**

*University of Salerno*

Comprehensive final grade: 110/110 cum laude

## Non-academic work experience

2014 **Junior Project planner**

(Mar-Nov) *Formamentis, Battipaglia (Italy)*

Training project realization with national and international funds

## Research experience and academic affiliations

2015-2017 **Extensive PhD fieldwork in Milano (Italy)**

2017 **PhD Thesis writing activity, Zurich (Switzerland)**

(Jan-May) *Institutional affiliation: University of Zurich, department of Political Geography*

2016 **PhD fieldwork activity, London (UK)**

(May-Aug) *Institutional affiliation: University of Sussex, School of Global Studies*

2016 **PhD fieldwork activity, Addis Ababa/Mekele (Ethiopia)**

(Jan-Apr) *Institutional affiliation: University of Addis Ababa, department of Political Sciences*

2014 **Action-research, Milan (Italy). Investigation on the food-identity nexus in diaspora.**

(Apr-Oct) *Institutional affiliation: University of Milano Bicocca, dipartimento di Scienze Umane Riccardo Massa*

2012 **MA Fieldwork activity, Haifa (Israel)**

(Sep-Dec) *Institutional affiliation: Western Galilee College, Akko, department of Geography*

## Teaching experience

2015-2016 **University of Milano Bicocca, Department of Scienze Umane Riccardo Massa**

Tutorship activities and exam committee member in cultural anthropology. Bachelor's Degree Course in Education.

Tenured professor: Mauro Van Aken

2014 **University of Salerno, Department of cultural heritage sciences**

Tutorship activities in cultural anthropology. Bachelor's Degree Course in Sociology. Department of cultural heritage sciences.  
Tenured professor: Stefano De Matteis

### Publications

- (forthcoming), Beyond the citizen/migrant Italian dichotomy? Emerging identification patterns in the Black Mediterranean, In Grimaldi, Proglia, Raeymaekers, Pesarini, Hawthorne, Saucier, Raeymaekers, Danewid, Gerrand, Ghebremarian Tesfau (Eds.) *The Black Mediterranean: Bodies, Borders and Citizenship in the Contemporary Migration Crisis*: Berghahn Books, New York
- (forthcoming) Family first: diaspora houses in Mekele from infrastructures of return to infrastructures of mobility, in Belloni, Bruzzi, Fusari, *Mobility and affective relationship*, special issue of Studi Emigrazione. International Journal of Migration Studies.
- (forthcoming) Il triangolo conveniente: Italianità e cittadinanza nei "matrimoni per mobilità" tra Etiopia e Italia. In Salvucci, Fusari, Settepanella, *Genealogie e alleanze d'oltreconfine: nuovi italiani e italiani manca(n)ti*: Altreltalie.
- (forthcoming), Oltre il ritorno: le case della diaspora come infrastrutture della mobilità. In B. Riccio (Ed.), *Mobilità, incursioni etnografiche*. Bologna: Mondadori Le Monnier.
- (2017), Structures of return between Italy and Ethiopia: mobility of the second generations to the ancestral land as a self-fulfilling prophecy. *Africa e Mediterraneo*, 26(86), 54-58
- (2016), Tra sbarco e approdo: liminalità e valore performativo del transito dei richiedenti asilo eritrei ed etiopi nel quartiere di Milano Porta Venezia. *Mondi Migranti*, 29(2), 229-237
- (2015), Goffman e l'antropologia applicata Riflessioni su un progetto di ricerca-azione in un quartiere della diaspora etiopica ed eritrea. *Testi e linguaggi*, 41-56

### Relevant Presentations at national and international conferences

- 09.06.2016      **Resignification: The Black Mediterranean**. University of Palermo, New York University  
The Black Mediterranean and the Citizens/Refugees Convivence
- 22.02.2018      **Conference of the Italian Sociological association, Territori, mobilità, lavori** - University of Padua  
Habesha come vettore di Italianità: Strutture diasporiche e mobilità intraeuropea tra gli italiani di origine etiopica ed eritrea a Londra
- 07.07.2017      **AfroEuropeans: Black Cultures and Identities in Europe** - University of Tampere  
- Habesha cultural difference or differential Italianness? Italians of Ethiopian and Eritrean origins working the Black Mediterranean (Panel: *The Black Mediterranean: Liminality, Black Subjectivity & Post-Liberalism*)  
- (Co-author Elisa Pascucci) Habesha and Oromo humanitarianism along the Mediterranean route (Panel: *From speechless emissaries to transnational citizens? European-African diasporas' engagements with global humanitarianism*)
- 07.07.2017      **Panel organizer in AfroEuropeans: Black Cultures and Identities in Europe** - University of Tampere  
*From speechless emissaries to transnational citizens? European-African diasporas' engagements with global humanitarianism* (co-author Elisa Pascucci)
- 20.12.2016      **Workshop by SIAA and the ERC-StG "HOMInG-The home & migration nexus"** - University of Trento  
Abitare il ritorno. Le case della diaspora tigrina come infrastrutture della mobilità
- 23.09.2016      **IV ASAI Conference Ebullient Africa: Conflict, Modernity, Religion** - University of Catania  
Lo specchio postcoloniale: Il club Juventus di Addis Abeba e le seconde generazioni di italiani di origine etiopica
- 22.07.2016      **EASA2016: Anthropological legacies and human futures** - University of Milano Bicocca  
Diaspora houses as infrastructures of (im)mobility
- 10.06.2016      **6th ethnography and qualitative research conference** - University of Bergamo  
Becoming second generations: the young Italians of Eritrean and Ethiopian origins and the incorporation of the ancestral lands cultural norms
- 19.03.2016      **SeSaMO – Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies** - University of Catania  
We are all on that ship: refugees' mobilization and social belonging between Ethiopian and Eritrean second generations in Milano
- 17.12.2015      **SIAA (Italian society of applied anthropology) III National Congress** - University of Prato  
Quale implicazione? Contributo dialogico per una comprensione delle ricerche engaged (co-author Pozzi, G.)
- 12.06.2015      **Escapes 2° annual conference: Da Mare Nostrum a Triton** - University of Milano  
Tra sbarco e approdo. L'attraversamento dei richiedenti asilo eritrei e la trasformazione del quartiere di Milano Porta Venezia
- 20.02.2015      **Reconnecting food, cultures, territories, International workshop EXPO lab** - University of Milano Bicocca  
Injera: da piatto tradizionale a piatto diasporico. Cibo etnico e produzione della località a Porta Venezia, Milano

### Relevant seminars

24.05.2018 **Seminar** - Dept. of Philosophy, Sociology, Education and Applied Psychology, *University of Padua*  
L'italianità delle "seconde generazioni" etiopi ed eritree in una prospettiva della mobilità. In *What about black Italia?*

21.02.2017 **Seminar** - Dept. of political geography, *University of Zurich*  
Habesha as a tactic of mobility within Italy's postcolonial order

29.04.2016 **Seminar** - Department of Education, *University of Bologna*  
Eritrea in movimento

18.05.2015 **Workshop** - DISPAC, department of cultural heritage sciences, *University of Salerno*  
La pratica etnografica

27.04.2015 **Seminar organizer** - Dipartimento di Scienze Umane Riccardo Massa, *University of Milano Bicocca*  
Polenta e zighini: Spazio, identità e costruzione del quotidiano a Milano Porta Venezia

### Grants

2013 **Extra plus mobility exchange**, *University of Milano Bicocca*

2017 **Extra EU mobility exchange**, *University of Milano Bicocca*

2014-2017 **PhD Scholarship**, *University of Milano Bicocca*

### Research networks affiliation

Member of the transnational and interdisciplinary research network on the Black Mediterranean

### Résumé of personal skills and competences

The expertise I gained during my **fieldwork** allowed me to:

- develop high level ethnographic competences
- deal with complex relations with different stakeholders in different settings.

I perfected my skills in the field of **project management** with the:

- creation/elaboration/ implementation of projects of different length and complexity.

The **multidisciplinary approach** and **international perspective** I adopted during my PhD research led me:

- to connect with a wide range research network made of different disciplinary fields
- organize conferences and seminars on a national and international level
- strengthen transnational academic relations and to develop a set of networking competences.

During the years of my PhD I strongly improved my **communication skills**:

- I improved in the divulgation of complex contents out of a scientific jargon
- I developed a narrative style based on a counter-intuitive approach in the understanding of the social phenomena I analyse.

I developed a set of **administrative skills** related to the research activity:

- I refined my workload prioritising skills and my punctuality
- I enhanced my skills in bibliographic research and in reference management.

Finally, I improved my ability to **work independently** and, at the same time, I developed my organizational and management skills to perform better in **team working**.

### Linguistic competences

Self-assessment <i>European level</i>	Understanding				Speaking				Writing	
	Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
Italian	Native speaker									
English	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user
Spanish / Castilian	A2	Basic User	A2	Basic User	A2	Basic User	A1	Basic User	A1	Basic User
Tigrigna	Basic Knowledge									
Hebrew	Basic knowledge									

### IT competences

- Proficient use of major browsers and the Office package
- Reference management programs: Endnote and google scholars
- Qualitative data analysis software (ATLAS)

### Volunteering experiences

COORDINATOR OF THE PROJECT **SELAM INJERA**:

Italian association of applied anthropology based in Milano and working on the food-identity nexus in the Ethiopian and Eritrean diaspora.

MAIN DUTIES AND ACTIVITIES:

- Ideation and implementation of the project

- Bibliographic research and qualitative analysis
- Management of the relations with social actors, stakeholders, institutions

REGIONAL COORDINATOR (PIEDIMONT) OF THE MOVEMENT DIEM25 (DEMOCRACY IN EUROPE MOVEMENT)