
CURRICULUM VITAE

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CURRENT POSITION

June 2016 – present. Associate Professor of Modern and Contemporary, Department of Historical and Geographic Sciences and the Ancient World, University of Padua (Italy).

October 2016 – September 2022. Principal Investigator of the ERC-StG project 'The Dark Side of the Belle Époque. Political Violence and Armed Associations in Europe before the First World War' (PREWArAs - 677199).

January 2018 – December 2022. Principal Investigator of the Italian Ministry of Education and University project FARE - 'A fragile monopoly? Firearms, self-defence, gun licence and the state monopoly of legitimate violence in Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom (1860-1960)' (FRAGMON).

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

October 2015 – June 2016. 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.

June 2013 – May 2015. Gerda Henkel Foundation Marie-Curie M4Human Programme Fellow (Marie-Curie COFUND) in the Faculty of History at the University of Oxford (UK). Title of the project: 'The Heralds of Modernity: nationalist-populist armed movements in pre-WWI Europe' supervisor: Prof. Martin Conway (Balliol, Oxford University).

February 2013 – January 2014. Junior Research Fellowship (Research Assistant), Department of Historical and Geographic Sciences and the Ancient World, University of Padua (Italy). Title of the project: 'The heralds of violence'; supervisor: Prof. Giulia Albanese.

EDUCATION

January 2008 – April 2011. PhD in History - Faculty of Humanities, Department of Historical and Geographical Sciences and the Ancient World, University of Padua (Italy). Thesis title: 'The essence of Fascism: the development of squadristo between terrorism and normalization (1919-1932)' ['L'essenza del fascismo: la parabola dello squadristo tra terrorismo e normalizzazione (1919-1932)']. The examination board (chaired by Prof. Emilio Gentile) deemed the PhD thesis excellent.

September 2005 – October 2007. Two-year Master Degree in Modern and Contemporary History [Laurea specialistica in storia Moderna e contemporanea] – Faculty of Humanities, Department of Historical and Geographic Sciences and the Ancient World, University of Padua (Italy). The Master was completed with a (250-page) thesis on contemporary history. Thesis title: 'Between Italy and Switzerland: the information

network of the Resistance in 1943-1945', supervisor Prof. Silvio Lanaro. This work earned me a first-class degree (110/110 with honours).

FELLOWSHIPS and GRANTS

- Jan 2018 – Dec 2022 Italian Ministry of Education and University FARE Grant for 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)'
- Oct 2016 – Sep 2022 European Research Council Starting Grant 2015 for the project 'The Dark Side of the Belle Époque. Political Violence and Armed Associations in Europe before the First World War' (PREWArAs - 677199)
- Oct 2015 – May 2016 Irish Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship
- Jun 2013 – Jun 2015 Gerda Henkel Foundation Marie-Curie M4Human Programme two-year fellowship at the Faculty of History, Oxford University
- Jan 2013 – Dec 2014 Junior Research Fellowship, Department of Historical, Geographical Sciences and the Ancient World, University of Padua (Italy)

SUPERVISION

I am currently supervising 4 postdoctoral researchers and 1 PhD candidate within the framework of the ERC-StG project 'The Dark Side of the Belle Époque'. I am also supervising one postdoctoral researcher within the project 'A Fragmented Monopoly'.

MAIN RESEARCH LINES

Political Violence, 20th century Europe and Italy, Fascist Italy, Fascism in Europe, First World War, Italian Resistance.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- M. Millan, *Squadrisimo e squadristi nella dittatura fascista*, (Rome: Viella 2014)
- M. Millan, *Guerra di Servizi. Tra Italia e Svizzera, la rete informativa della Resistenza*, (Padua: Il Poligrafo 2009)

ARTICLES and BOOK CHAPTERS

- M. Millan, 'Belle Epoque in Arms? Armed Associations and Processes of Democratization in Pre-1914 Europe', *Journal of Modern History* 93, no. 3 (2021), 1-37
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M. Millan, 'Squadristo e repressione: una via italiana alla violenza?', in G. Albanese (ed.), *Il fascismo italiano. Storia e interpretazione* (Rome: Carocci, 2021), 25-44

M. Millan, 'Die europäische Belle Époque zwischen Demokratisierung und Gewalt', in A. Caruso, »Blut und Eisen auch im Innern« *Soziale Konflikte, Massenpolitik und Gewalt in Deutschland vor 1914* (Frankfurt: campus Verlag, 2021), 245-269

M. Millan, A. Saluppo, 'Introduction. Strikebreaking and industrial vigilantism as an historical problem', in M. Millan, A. Saluppo (eds.), *Corporate Policing, Yellow Unionism and Strikebreaking, 1890-1930. In defence of freedom* (Abingdon: Routledge, 2020), 1-20

M. Millan, 'From "state protection" to "private defence". Strikebreaking, civilian armed mobilization and the rise of Italian Fascism', in M. Millan, A. Saluppo (eds.), *Corporate Policing, Yellow Unionism and Strikebreaking, 1890-1930. In defence of freedom* (Abingdon: Routledge, 2020), 242-258

M. Millan, 'Introduction: Strikebreaking During Europe's Belle Époque', *European History Quarterly*, 49/4 (2019), 553-569

M. Millan, 'The Public Force of the Private State' – Strikebreaking and Visions of Subversion in Liberal Italy (1880s to 1914)' *European History Quarterly*, 49/4 (2019), 625-649

M. Millan, 'Sostituire l'autorità, riaffermare la sovranità. Legittima difesa, corpi armati e crisi dello stato nell'Italia giolittiana', *Studi Storici*, 1 (2019)

M. Millan, 'Violenza ed emozioni: la rivoluzione tedesca del 1918-19. Millan legge Jones', *Storica*, 70 (2019)

M. Millan, 'Forza e consenso. I paradossi della conquista del potere', *Ricerche Storiche*, 47/3 (2017)

M. Millan, 'Origins', in J. Arthurs, M. Ebner, K. Ferris (eds.), *The Politics of Everyday Life in Fascist Italy. Outside the State?*, Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke, 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 e A. G. Kjølsetvedt (eds.), *New Political Ideas in the Aftermath of the Great War*, Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke, 2017

M. Millan, 'The Shadows of Social Fear: Emotions, Mentalities and Practices of the Propertied Classes in Italy, Spain and France (1900-1914)', *Journal of Social History*, June 2016, 336-361

M. Millan, 'In Defence of Freedom? The practices of armed movements in pre-1914 Europe: Italy, Spain and France', *European History Quarterly*, 46/1 (2016), 48-71

M. Millan, 'Treviso', in F. Cammarano (ed.), *Neutralisti in piazza alla vigilia della Prima guerra mondiale in Italia* (Florence: Le Monnier 2015), 305-314

M. Millan, 'Milizie civiche prima della Grande guerra. Violenza politica e crisi dello Stato in Italia e Spagna (1900-15)', *Storica*, 58 (2014), 49-84

M. Millan, 'The institutionalization of squadristo: disciplining paramilitary violence in the Italian Fascist dictatorship', *Contemporary European History*, 22/4 (2013), 551-572. The article is part of a forum discussion, with the participation of Prof Ruth Ben-Ghiat (New York University) and Prof Paul Corner (Università di Siena)

M. Millan, 'Semplicemente squadristi. Immagini e pratiche del fascismo post-marcia: il caso di Genova', *Contemporanea. Rivista di storia dell'800 e del '900*, 16/2 (2013), 209-238

M. Millan, 'Padovani Aurelio', *Dizionario biografico degli italiani*, LXXX (Rome: Istituto dell'Enciclopedia Italiana, 2013

M. Millan, 'Squadristi. Millan legge Reichardt', *Storica*, 49 (2011), 191-202

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES (SELECTION)

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| 15 May 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 |
| 9 May 2019 | 'Bambini e ciclisti. Processi di militarizzazione e associazionismo armato in Italia (e in Europa) alla vigilia della Grande Guerra', conference 'Il racconto della violenza: emozioni, genere e politica tra medioevo ed età contemporanea', University of Padova, Italy |
| 25 January 2019 | 'The Dark Side of the Belle Époque', lecture delivered at the PhD course in History, University of Florence, Italy |
| 23 January 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. |
| 11 December 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. |
| 6 November 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. |
| 24-24 October 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. |
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24-25 May 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.
12-13 December 2017	‘A false problem? Political violence and armed associations in Fin de siècle Europe’, ERC-PREWARs Workshop ‘Armed Groups and Political Violence in Belle Époque Europe’, University of Padova, Italy.
30 November 2017	‘Sostituire l’autorità, riaffermare la sovranità. Legittima difesa e gruppi armati in Italia prima della Grande Guerra’, Workshop ‘Terrorismo, violenza politica e radicalizzazione. Dal secolo breve al XXI secolo’, University of Padova, Italy.
16-18 November 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
29 October 2017	‘The Dark Side of the Belle Époque’, Storica, Rome, Italy
13 October 2017	‘Reasserting the sovereignty: self-defence and armed associations in Italy before the First World War’, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
12 October 2017	A false problem? Political violence and armed associations in Belle Époque Western Europe, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
7 June 2017	“‘Abbiamo vissuto un periodo tremendo, non sciopero agrario ma vero bolscevismo!’ La paura della rivoluzione e la mobilitazione violenta delle classi medie nell’Italia del dopoguerra’, Workshop ‘A cent'anni dalla rivoluzione bolscevica’, Padova, Italy
15 September 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.
7 December 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
23-24 October 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
4 June 2015	‘Potere e società: nuovi studi sul fascismo italiano’ [Power and Society: new studies on Italian Fascism], Istituto Parri, Bologna, Italy
12 May 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, UK

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| 12-14 March 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 |
| 23-24 September 2014 | 'The heralds of violence: political violence and social conflict in pre-WWI Italy, France and Spain', Padua-Oxford joint workshop, University of Oxford, UK |
| 26-29 June 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 |
| 10 June 2014 | 'Lo squadristo post-marcia. Pratiche e strategie della violenza politica fascista (1922-1925)' [The post-march on Rome squadristo. Practices and strategies of the fascist political violence (1922-1925)], Seminario permanente per la storia del socialismo, Ferrara, Italy |
| 10 March 2014 | 'Political Violence and Armed Groups in pre-WWI Europe', Early-Career Researchers Showcase, University of Oxford, UK |
| 22-23 November 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. |
| 21 November 2013 | 'Dead Fascist Bodies: The Macabre Pictures of Blackshirts Killed in Italy in the early 1920s', Modern European History Seminar, University of Oxford, UK |
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