Dr ELISABETTA RATTALINO

EDUCATION

2018 Ph.D. in Art History, School of Art History, University of St Andrews, Scotland Thesis Title: "The seasons in the City: Artists and Rural Worlds in the Era of Calvino and Pasolini" Supervisor: Dr Alistair Rider; Examiners: Prof. Dr. Robert Lumely and Dr Catherine Spencer

The title was recognised in Italy as a Dottorato di Ricerca in Storia, Critica e Conservazione dei Beni Culturali by the Università di Padova with protocol 0253314 on 15 December 2023.

2011 Master (1 year) in Management of Arts, Culture and Landscape, Trentino School of Management, Italy

2010 M.A. in Art History. Università di Urbino "Carlo Bo", Italy

2007 B.A. in Sciences of Cultural Heritage, Università di Torino, Italy

CURRENT APPOINTMENT

2023 Postdoctoral Research Fellow (L-ART/04) Project: *Curare l'eredità del fascismo a Bolzano. Un approccio sostenibile al patrimonio urbano dissonante* (P.I. Prof Gigliotti; Co-P.I. Prof Dr Di Michele)

The project investigates the possibilities for applying curating and exhibiting practices to the challenges of dissonant heritage in the context of Bolzano-Bozen, in Italy. As Postdoc, I am conducting archival research, and developing the curatorial framework for the final exhibition.

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2022 Postdoctoral Research Fellow (L-ART/04) Project: *Written in the Landscape* (P.I. Waltraud Kofler Engl) Facoltà di Design e Arti, Libera Università di Bolzano-Bozen, Italy

The project engages with the iconic Dolomitic landscape to survey and study traces, histories and memories of the first world war. In this position, I co-curated the exhibition "Scritto nel Paesaggio/In die Landschaft Eingeschrieben" and I co-organised an international symposium with the same title.

2018 – 2021 Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Art Theory and Museum Studies (L-ART/04) Project: *Scientific Visualisation: Impact on Practice* (P.I. Prof. Schmidt-Wulffen) Facoltà di Design e Arti, Libera Università di Bolzano-Bozen, Italy

In this position, I supported the interfaculty project *Scientific Visualisations: Impact on Practice* in all its phases (funding application, development, dissemination) working with an interdisciplinary team of soil scientists and biologists, image theorists, designers, an anthropologist, and an artist.

AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS/BURSARIES

- **2024** Resaerch Unit "Decolonising Italian Visual and Material Culture"
- Biblioteca Hertziana Max Plank Institute for Art History, Rome.
- **2023** Istituto di Cultura Italiana, Mumbai, India, Bursary.
- **2021** Bauhaus Lab 2021 Bursary, The Bauhaus Foundation, Dessau, Germany.
- **2018** Travel Research Fellowship, CIMA Centre for Italian Modern Art, New York.
- 2016 2014 Margaret and Alfred Forrest Trust Bursary, Edinburgh, Scotland.
- 2016 CAPOD, University of St Andrews. Bursary for developing the UG program "Art History skills".
- 2015 CAPOD, University of St Andrews. Travel Bursary to UAAC Conference 2015.
- 2016; 2014 Elizabeth Holt Studentship, University of St Andrews, St Andrews.
- **2013 2015** Master dei Talenti della Società Civile, CRT Cassa di Risparmio di Torino, Italy.

ACADEMIC TEACHING

a.y. 2024/25 *History of Contemporary Art 1* | Faculty of Design and Art | Free University of Bolzano History of Art from 1900 until today (BA; 30 hours; English).

a.y. 2023/24	Seminar "Never again is Now" / Architekturmuseum of TUM Munich in collaboration with Prof Lepik and Dr Ing Badnjar Gojnić, and Prof Gigliotti. Difficult heritage in Bozen and Artistic and curatorial practices of memorialisation (MA; ca25 hours; English).
a.y. 2022/23 (105 hrs)	Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design and Technology Bengaluru, India Interim Semester Teaching Programme – Visiting A practice-based module about botanical visualisations for BA art and design students. The project culminated in a public presentation (105 hrs).
a.y. 2021/22	<i>Visual Culture</i> Faculty of Design and Art Free University of Bolzano, Italy The module introduced art historical and visual culture approaches to foster a complex understanding of the history of Cinematographers in Bolzano (BA; 30 hours; English).
aa. yy. 2019/23	Faculty of Design and Art Free University of Bolzano, Italy How to Approach your next application: an introduction (Seminar, 18 hours, English). Writing skills for portfolio and application writing for undergraduate students.
a.y. 2021/22	<i>Visual Culture</i> / Faculty of Design and Art Free University of Bozen, Italy The module introduced art historical and visual culture approaches to foster a complex understanding of the Bauhaus school and its legacy (BA; 30 hours; English).
a.y. 2019/20	History of Design Faculty of Design and Art Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Italy The module delved into critical issues emerged from the 1972 exhibition 'Italy: The New Domestic Landscape at MoMA' (BA, 1st years; 30 hours; English). Theories and Languages of Visual Communication Design Faculty of Design and Art Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Italy The module introduced theories of visual communication to examine and to discuss botanical knowledges and art and design plant-related projects (BA; 30 hours; English).
a.y. 2018/19	Theories and Languages of Visual Communication Free University of Bolzano The module introduced art historical and semiotic theories and practices of visual analysis to examine a body of rural-themed artworks from the Middle Ages to the present (BA; 30 hours; English).
a.y. 2017/18	The Art of Renaissance Italy and Northern Europe Teaching Assistant School of Art History University of St Andrews (Sub-honours; English), UK.
a.y. 2016/17	Art, Culture and Politics from 1900 to now Teaching Assistant
2015 – 2016	School of Art History University of St Andrews (Sub-honours; English), UK. School of Art History and CAPOD University of St Andrews, UK. School Coordinator and Workshop Leader - Art History Skills Workshops programme (academic writing; visual analysis methodologies).

THESIS CO-SUPERVISION

BA in Design and Art

Sofia Zorzi ('Senza Sensi', 03/2021 - 110 L/110); Anna Girardi ('Pàes', 07/21 – 110/110); Katharina Ennemoser ('Dosig und Lecker', 07/21 – 110/110); Riccardo Fresch ('Oracolo Terrestre, 03/22 – 110/110); Giulia Olivieri ('A Nudo', 03/22 – 110/110); Isabella Küchler (03/22 – 110/110); Filippo Contatore (07/22 – 110/110); Nora Rinner (15/11/22 – 110/110); Camilla Margoni (107/110); Emma Cocco (110/110); Gianna Giulia Bortolin (108/110); Francesco Ferraretti (110/110); Pietro Coda (110/110); Sergio Morganti (110/110); Maximillian Obexer (110/110).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Research

Research Group "SPAZIDENTITA. Spazialità materiale e immateriale dell'italianità dalla Repubblica Cisalpina al Fascismo: territori, città, architetture, musei".

Capofila: Ecole Française de Rome

Coordinamento: Adrián Fernández Almoguera, Universidad Complutense de Madrid ; Catherine Brice, Université Paris-Est Créteil ; Maria Beatrice Failla, Università degli Studi di Torino ; Letizia Tedeschi, Università della Svizzera italiana.

Research Unit "Decolonising Italian Visual and Material Culture",

Bibliotheca Hertziana – Max Planck Institute for Art History

International Academic Association

ASMI – Association for the Study of Modern Italy

AAH – Association for Art History, United Kingdom

CAA - College of Arts Association, U.S.A.

IAWIS - International Association of Word and Image Studies

ICOM – International Council of Museums (Italia)

Gallery and Cultural organisations

2024 - to present Board Member of ar/ge kunst - Bozen, Südtirol (Italy)

2018 - to present Board Member of BAU - Institute for Contemporary Arts and Ecology - Südtirol

OTHER SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

1. PAD – Pages on Art and Design, issue 17, Landscape Art Vs Design.

2. Connessioni Remote. Artivismo Teatro Tecnologia

3. Edizioni Ca Foscari, volume: "Building Common Ground: Contemporary Visual Arts and Ecological Knowledges"

CONFERENCES

Reviewer for:

Conference Organisation

2024

Inhabited Dissonance. Bolzano – Bozen 1922-2024. Bolzano, 5-7/06/2024 with prof. Gigliotti (Free University of Bolzano)

2022

Written in the Landscape. Sexten/Sesto, 02-04/09/2022

with the Platform of Cultural Heritage and Cultural Production, Free University of Bolzano Soils Matter. Turin, 05/07/2022

Organised at PAV - Parco Arte Vivente (Turin), in collaboration with the Free University of Bolzano

Unravelling Modernist Histories: Crafts since the late 1800s | AAH – Art History Association Conference - selected panel, with Dr Ana S. Gonzalez (University of St Andrews)

2019

Negotiating the Transcultural Museum (Bolzano-Bozen) Free University of Bolzano-Bozen; Museion - Conference organiser with Letizia Ragaglia and Prof Dr Stephan Schmidt-Wulffen

Inhabiting Modernity: Home and Homemaking in Postwar Italy (New York) Panel sponsored by the Italian Art Society at the 2019 CAA-College of Art Association Conference with Dr Lara Demori (Philadelphia Museum of Art)

2018

Practices of Peace (Huntly, Deveron Projects), with Claudia Zeiske

Selected Conference Papers and Public Presentations 2024

- . ISMA Annual Conference 2024 "Italy and Its Environment". Retracing Chemical Legacies in South Tyrol-Alto Adige: Katrin Hornek's *Plant Plant*
- . Conference Identità plurali e alterità spaziali dell'italianità 1796-1943: territori, città, architetture, musei. "Monumenti assenti nella nuova Bolzano italiana: il caso del generale romano Druso Maggiore".
- . AAH Annual Conference 2024. "On Ploughed Fields, Community Orchards, and Mountain Pastures: Art Practices in Rural Italy, 1968-2023" Selected paper.
- Gruppo di Ricerca "Spazio Identità. Spazialità materiale e immateriale dell'italianità dalla Repubblica Cisalpina al Fascismo: territori, città, architetture, musei" Seminario presso Fondazione Cini, 26-28 Marzo. Monumenti in movimento nella nuova bolzano italiana. Il caso di Druso Maggiore.

2023

- . Conference "Small books", Libera Università di Bolzano. Moderator
- . Seminar "Dissonances. Re.interpreting and re-assessing difficult heritage", IMT, Lucca. *Curating Bolzano fascist legacies. Preliminary Notes*
- . Seminar "Dismantling the master's house? Statues Memory and the Politics of Identity", Università di Bologna. "Curating Bolzano fascist legacies": framing a project in the making Invited Speaker.
- AAH Annual Conference 2023, London. Copper, Nitrogen and Other Elements that Soil Should not Remember – Selected paper.
- . CAA Annual Conference 2023, New York. *Better Call an Artist? Practices from Small Visual Arts Organizations in Rural Italy* Selected paper.
- . "Ricordare, Erinneren, Remembering/Dimenticare, Forgessen, Forgetting" symposium, Libera Università di Bolzano Moderator
- . Soil Assembly: Ecologies, Circularities and Living Pedagogies Kochi-Muziris Bienniale and Srishti Manipal Institute of Art Design and Technology, India panel "Soil Ecologies" moderator.

2022

- . Radical Vegetable Gardens: a Constellation, Interior Ecologies Seminar, HEAD Géneva Invited speaker
- Study Rooms Round Table "Meshwork", Bauhaus Foundation Dessau Invited speaker
- Working in Regress, with Rural Material Culture. A comparative analysis Accepted paper

University of Parma ("Design! Open Processes" Conference)

2021

- Vegetation under Power: Growth. Bauhaus Foundation Dessau Organizer and Contributor.
- Learning from Scientific Visualisations: Knowledge Exchanges between Science, Design and Art. Università di Milano la Bicocca (IMG Conference "Image Learning") - Selected paper
- "Radical Countryside" seminar, Politecnico di Milano (Piacenza). Land Tool Rites: Art and Design Practices in 1970s Rural Italy - Invited Speaker
- Measuring the Blueness of the Italian Sea: The Hydraulic Practice of Pino Pascali in 32mg di mare. University of Luxembourg, IAWIS International Conference - Selected paper
- The Making and Unmaking of an Italian rural idyll: Marcovaldo meets Piero Gilardi's Tappeti Natura (1965-1968). University of Cambridge - Sorbonne Nouvelle ("Interdisciplinary Calvino") -**Invited Speaker**
- DEPOT, Wien ("Art in Drublic. Meaning and practices of publicness") Guest moderator

2020

- Sperimentazioni dagli anni Settanta Invited speaker with Prof Pietro Clemente. Free University of Bozen (Cultura contadina: musei etnografici e avanguardie artistiche in Italia)
- Plant-journaling the city: Artists performing alternative urban ecologies in Milan, New Delhi and Gaza. University of Berkeley (The City and the Senses) - Selected paper (Cancelled Conference)

2019

- The viewer, Baruchello's paintings and the space in between Invited speaker. Télug University, Quebec City, Canada (Peritext and Transmedialité)
- Bringing the Change Home: Artists, Countryside, and Domestic Space Guest speaker. The
- 2019 CAA Conference (New York, February 2019)

2018

- Mute Language of Objects: Pasolini, Superstudio and Claudio Costa Selected paper. University College Cork (All things considered)
- The Town, The Land and The Memories In Between: Maria Lai and Mirella Bentivoglio. University of Florence (New Urban Identities) - Selected paper
- Ugo La Pietra and the Dematerialisation of 'Home' in 1970s Italy Selected paper. Södertörn University, Stockholm (Narrating Home in Visual Arts Through an East West Divide)

2017

University of St Andrews (Research Seminar, School of Art History) - Invited Speaker. The Ribbon, the Mountain and Maria Lai's Knots.

2016

- Curating the Invisible: Ecological Implications in Maria Lai's Legarsi alla Montagna. University of Huddersfield (Putting Space into Action Symposium) - Selected paper
- Agriculture as Political Action? Gianfranco Baruchello's Agricola Cornelia Spa (1973-1975).
- University of Zagreb (Art and Politics in Modern Europe) Selected paper

2015

Critical Dimensions of Temporality: the Concept of Usura in Paradiso's Artistic Production in Postwar Italy - Selected paper; UAAC-University Art Association Conference, Halifax, Canada

FURTHER EDUCATION

- 2023 Summer School "Dissonances. Reinterpreting and re-assessing difficult heritage" (IMT, Lucca, Italy)
- Summer School "Politics Ecology Ontology" (Università di Pisa, Italy) 2021
- Summer School "Scuola Archivio Leonardi" (Archivio Leonardi, Modena, Italy) Corso di aggiornamento professionale "Catalogazione delle opere d'arte: 2020
- 2008

evoluzione degli standard e procedura informatica" (Università Carlo Bo di Urbino)

EXHIBITIONS

Written in the Landscape, Sesto Pusteria 07/08-25/09/2022; MeVe, Belluno (10/08-29/10/2023) Curated with Dr Kofler Engl and Prof Stephan Schmidt-Wulffen

Copperialities, a work by artist Elena Mazzi for Scientific Visualizations: Impact on Practice Curated at the Free University of Bolzano (01/04 - 09/05/2022)

Curatorial contributor to Vegetation under Power, The Bauhaus Foundation

Dessau (09/12/2021 - 15/02/2022) // Kreismuseum Bitterfeld, (22/02 - 07/2022)

Contributor to Designathon at *BIO26 - Common Knowledge -Botanical Garden* Biennal of Design, Ljubljana (17-19/ 05/ 2019)

Curator of Walking Without Walls exhibition, Deveron Projects (Huntly, 21/04 – 14/05 2018)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES IN THE ARTS

10/2017 – 04/2018 Public Programme Curator/Art and Community Worker

Deveron Projects | Huntly (Scotland) // www.deveron-projects.com

Projects: Walking without Walls, the Community Crockery, Town is the Garden.

04/2015 - 08/2017 Visual Library Assistant

School of Art History | University of St Andrews | St Andrews (Scotland)

09/2013 - 03/2015 Researcher

Fondazione Pistoletto // Politecnico di Torino. Funded: CRT // Fondazione G. Goria (Italy) Project: CROSSING PATHWAYS. Methods all'intersezione di arte e cambiamento sociale. Research into participatory artistic practices and the Venice-based art collective artwayofthinking.

05/2013 - 08/2013 Project manager

Kaninchenhaus – artist run organisation | Turin (Italy) **10/2012 – 04/2013** Assistant Curator Internship Deveron Projects | Huntly (Scotland) // www.deveron-projects.com Projects: *Walking Off the Grid, Mbereko, the Town is the Menu*

2011 – 2012 Assistant Curator Fondazione Pistoletto ONLUS - Cittadellarte (Biella, Italy) // www.cittadellarte.it

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Books

E. Rattalino, G. A. Duarte, A. Facchetti, eds. SOILS MATTER, intersezioni tra arte e scienza. Venice: bruno, 2023. ISBN: 978-88-99058-58-6.

Bauhaus Foundation Dessau, with M. Errázuriz, S. Sheede and E. Rattalino, eds., *Vegetation under Power*. Leipzig: Spector Books, 2022. ISBN: 978-3-95905-587-1.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters (Published or accepted and forthcoming)

1. E. Rattalino. "Walking Without Walls, and Beyond. A conversation about Art and Walking with Claudia Zeiske." Senzacornice. Rivista online di arte contemporanea e critica (2021). ISSN: 2281-3330.

2. E. Rattalino, and G. Cordin. "Abecedario per una città a misura d'albero. *L'Architettura degli Alberi* di Leonardie Stagi." *Progetto Grafico*, 37, (2021): 79-91. ISSN: 1824-1301.

3. E. R. Meschini, and E. Rattalino. "Unraveling Nico Angiuli's *Tre Titoli*: labor, migration and socially engaged arts in rural Italy", *Field – A Journal of Socially-Engaged Art Criticism*, Winter 2022. ISSN: 2694-0094.

4. E. Rattalino. "Sono rimasta sorpresa: nella piazza ho notato un albero fiorito': Notes on Mirella Bentivoglio's participation in *Gubbio* '76." *Palinsesti. Contemporary Italian Art On-line Journal* (2022). ISSN: 2279-7882.

5. E. Rattalino, "Tracce di Incontri" in "Constellating Landscapes: Unfolding an Archive with Bauhaus Lab", *Progetto Grafico*, 38 (2022): 6-7. ISSN: 1824-1301.

6. E. Rattalino. "Land, Tools, Rites. The many agricultures of Italian artists in postwar Italy." In *Field Explorations: Practicing agri-cultures through design- and art-based interventions*, edited by Alastair Fuad-Luke, pp. 76-92. Berlin: Agents of Alternatives, 2022. ISBN: 978-3-949413-01-8.

7. E. Rattalino. "Learning from rural objects in1970s Italy: Zeno Fiaschi's tools, folkloric culture and Superstudio." *Displaced: Migration, Memory, Material Culture*, edited by Chiara Giulia and Kate Hodgson, pp. 171-188. London and New York: Routledge, 2022. ISBN: 9780367631918.

8. S. Schmidt-Wulffen and E. Rattalino. "Artistic practices and Scientific Visualizations: Possibilities and challenges." In On the Interplay of Images, Imageries, and Imaginations, edited by Andreas Metzner Szigeth, pp. 215-226. SCIENTIA atque USUS vol. 3, pp. 215-225. Florence: Casa Editrice Leo S. Olschki, 2022, ISBN: 978 88 222 6871 6.

9. E. Rattalino. "Paratextes et oeuvre agricole de Gianfranco Baruchello: peintures, pratique artistique, spectateurs." In *Péritexte et transmédialité*, edited by Evelyne Deprêtre and German A. Duarte. Clermont-Ferrand: Presses universitaires Blaise Pascal, 2023. ISBN: 978-2-38377-228-6.

10. E. Rattalino, M. Moretti, and S. Schmidt-Wulffen. "Learning from Scientific Visualisations: Knowledge Exchanges between Science, Design and Art." Proceedings of the 3rd International and Interdisciplinary Conference on Image and Imagination. IMG 2021, edited by Daniele Villa and Franca Zuccoli, 384-393. Berlin: Springer Nature, 2023. ISBN: 978-3-031-25905-0. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-25906-7_42.

11. E. Rattalino, "*Working in Regress*, with Rural Material Culture. A comparative analysis." In *Multidisciplinary aspects of design*. Conference proceedings edited by Giampietro Bosoni. Berlin: Springer, 2024. ISBN: 978-3-031-49810-7

12. E. Rattalino. "Italo Calvino e Piero Gilardi: Incontri", in Calvino Interdisciplinare Paris 3, Sorbonne Nouvelle -- Sorbonne Alliance, 2024.

13. E. Rattalino, "Copper, Nitrogen and Other Elements that Soil Should not Remember", in *Matter Matters. Art and Politics of Soil*, edited by Jessica Ulrich and Kassandra Nakas. Manchester: Manchester Press, 2025.

Other Publications

14. E. Rattalino. "Re-Entangling a Herbarium." In *Vegetation under Power*, edited by Bauhaus Foundation Dessau, with M. Errázuriz, S. Shedde and E. Rattalino, 84-93. Leipzig: Spector Book, 2022. ISBN: 978-3-95905-587-1.

15. E. Rattalino. "Art and Agriculture: A Tale in Four Seasons." In *Town is the Garden: Story*, edited by Joss Allen and Caroline Gatt, 81-99. Bristol and Huntly: Intellect Book and Deveron Projects, 2022. ISBN: 9781907115370.

16. E. Rattalino. 'Con Tatto. Interview with Chiara Cortellini.' Parallel Spaces (Bolzano: Free University of Bolzano, 2022): 64-69.

17. E. Rattalino. "Postcards from Re-enchanted Grounds." *Turris Babel* – Fondazione Architettura Alto Adige (2021): 101-118. ISSN: 2281-3292.

18. E. Rattalino, "Tracce delle opera a stampa di Albrecht Dürer nella pittura marchigiana del Cinquecento" in *Suggestioni della grafica di Dürer in Terra Marchigiana*, catalogo della mostra a cura di Elisabetta Carlino, 17-29. Urbino: Edizioni Quattro Venti, 2023. ISBN: 978-88-6853-725-8.

19. E. Rattalino, "Storie di terra: *Earth Room, Plot, Earthly Paradise*", in *Soils Matter*, edited by E. Rattalino, G. A. Duarte, A. Facchetti. Venice: Bruno, 2023. ISBN: 978-88-99058-58-6.

20. E. Rattalino. "Henry Martin and Lo Zoo: an Alliance at Arte povera's Margins", book contribution, in *Henry Martin: An Active Ear. Selected Writings, Conversations, Correspondences and Translations*, edited by Emanuele Guidi. Leipzig Spector Books, 2024.

21. E. Rattalino. "Displaying (war) Landscapes", book contribution. Bolzano-Bozen: BU press, 2024. Forthcoming.

22. E. Rattalino, "Radical Vegetable Gardens: a Constellation," in *Interior Ecologies*. Leipzig: Spector Book, 2024.

Publications Currently in Progress

R. Gigliotti, D. T. Ferrando, E. Rattalino, eds, Ricordare, Dimenticare. Thymos Books, 2025.

R. Gigliotti e E. Rattalino, eds. Inhabited Dissonance. Bolzano – Bozen 1922-2024. Venice: Bruno, 2025

E. Rattalino, "Moving monuments: The case of Bolzano, before and after the fascist regime" in *Dissonances. Reinterpreting and re-assessing difficult heritage*, Cambridge Publishing, 2025.

E. Rattalino. "Pino Pascali, Italy's anthropogenic landscapes, and myth".

E. Rattalino, Le stagioni in città. Artisti e mondi rurali intorno all'Arte povera. Rubettino, 2024.

Translations

Facchetti, A., and F. D'Abbraccio, eds. *AI & Conflicts*, V. 1. Brescia: Krisis Publishing, 2021. Ballard, James. *All that mattered was sensation*. Brescia: Krisis Publishing, 2019.