

Alfonso Botti CV

Alfonso Botti is Full Professor of Contemporary History in the Department of Studies on Language and Culture at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. Since January 2017 he's been the Course Director of the bachelor's degree programme in Humanities for the Study of Culture, recently reformed and renamed as History and Contemporary Cultures at the beginning of 2018.

In the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia he also assumed the positions of Head of the Department of Studies on Language and Culture (2010-2012), Academic Senate Member representing the category of Full Professors of the Macroarea 3 (2012-2015) and Scientific Director of the Humanities Library (2012-2015).

He was board member for the PhD programme in "Political contemporary history in the 19th and 20th centuries 'Federico Chabod'" (Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali "Guido Carli" LUISS-ROMA) in 2007, and for the PhD programme "Contemporary history in the 19th and 20th centuries 'Federico Chabod'" (University of Bologna) from 2008 to 2009. He's been board member for the PhD programme in "Human sciences" (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia) since 2013.

From 2013 to 2016 he was council member of the Sissco (Società Italiana per lo Studio della Storia Contemporanea), of which he served as vice President from September 2015 until September 2016.

Education and training

Alfonso Botti graduated cum laude from the University of Urbino, where he subsequently obtained the post-graduate diploma in History with a grade of 70/70. He's been working in the academic environment since October 1983, when he was awarded a position as research assistant in contemporary history (1983-2000). He was then appointed Associate Professor in the same discipline in 2001, and subsequently became Full Professor in 2008. He's fulfilled his role first in the University of Urbino (from 1983 to 2008), and then in the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia.

Research history

Alfonso Botti won several scholarships, such as the Fond National de la Suisse scholarship twice (in 1983 and 1988) to carry out research at Prezzolini archive of the the cantonal library in Lugano (CH), as well as scholarships from the National Research Council-NATO (in 1986) to study religious modernism and anti-modernism in Spain, and from the Spanish Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores (in 1991 and 1998) to research Spanish, Basque and Catalan nationalist phenomena.

He was *Investigator invitado* in the Department of History at the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Alicante (1994); he held PhD courses at the Department of history of the University of Valencia (1997) and the Autonomous University of Barcelona (2007). As Hispanist of "recognised standing", as acknowledged by the resolution of 4 December 2006 of the Spanish Ministerio de educación y Ciencia, he carried out research activities (to reconstruct the biographies of Luigi Sturzo's Spanish correspondents), teaching and tutoring at the University of Alcalá de Henares between July 2007 and January 2008. In 2017, Alfonso Botti was visiting professor in the Department of History at the Human sciences faculty of the National University of Colombia, Bogotá campus.

He joined international research groups working on the following projects:

- "Catolicismo y laicismo en la España de entreguerras" (2009-2011), funded by the Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación (HAR 2008-02405/HIST); PI: prof. Feliciano Montero (University of Alcalá de Henares)
- "La Restauración Social Católica en el Primer Franquismo 1936-1953" (2011-2015), funded by the Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación (HAR2011-29383-C02-01); PI: prof Feliciano Montero (University of Alcalá de Henares)
- "Historia de las culturas políticas y de las identidades contemporáneas" (2010-2012) (HAR2010-12369-E); PI: prof. Ismael Saz (University of Valencia)
- "De la dictadura nacionalista a la democracia de las autonomías: política, cultura, identidades culturales" (2012-2014), funded by the Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad (HAR2011-27392); PI: prof. Ismael Saz (University of Valencia)
- "The reception and application of the Encyclical Pascendi as mirrored by the reports of the diocesan bishops and the superiors of the religious orders until 1914"/"Die Rezeption und Umsetzung der Enzyklika Pascendi im Spiegel der Ausführungsberichte bis 1914" (2013-2016), funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft; PI: prof. Claus Arnold (Johannes Gutenberg-University of Mainz) and prof. Giovanni Vian (University of Venice).

His main research interests revolve around Italian and Spanish history of the 19th and 20th centuries, with particular attention to Catholic reformism and integralism in the perspective of comparative history. Most of his scientific production pivots on these subjects, from his early interest in the relationship between religious and secular culture, to a gradual expansion of the range of research to examine some of the manifold links between Catholicism and nationalist phenomena in the context of modernization processes. To this line of research also belong Alfonso Botti's essays on anti-Semitism in contemporary Spain, Basque nationalism, evolution of feelings of belonging and identity of the Spaniards in the post-Franco era. More occasional contributions on the most recent Spanish and Italian political history integrate his scientific production.

Research organisation and administration (?)

Alfonso Botti was member of several boards for comparative assessment of applicants in academic competitions for the following positions: Associate Professor of contemporary history convened by the University of Salento (2005), researcher in contemporary history at the University of Trento (2006), Associate Professor of contemporary history at the University of Milan (2015), and researcher in contemporary history at the University of Trento (2017).

He served as examiner for the VQR 2004-2010 and 2011-2014.

He was the scientific supervisor of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia research unity for the PRIN 2009 project "Church, culture and Catholic movements in the face of the challenges of laicity A comparative approach: France, Spain and Portugal from the mid seventies to decline of the nineties of the twentieth century" (coordinated by prof. Daniele Menozzi).

Alfonso Botti is codirector of the biannual journal *Spagna contemporanea* (since 1992) and the annual journal *Modernism* (since 2015). He also codirects the book series "Spagna contemporanea" published by Edizioni dell'Orso (Alessandria) and "Ispanismo" of the Istituto di studi storici Gaetano Salvemini published by Rubbettino.

He's a board member of the Fondazione Romolo Murri (Urbino), which he presides since October 2012, and he's a member of the scientific committees of the Istituto di studi storici "G. Salvemini"

(Torino) and the Centre d'Estudis sobre les èpoques Franquista i Democràtica (CEFID) of the Autonomous University of Barcelona, renamed in 2018 as Centre d'Estudis sobre Dictadures i Democràcies (CEDID-UAB).

Alfonso Botti is a member of the editorial boards of the *Bulletin d'Histoire Contemporaine de l'Espagne* (Aix-en-Provence) and *Pasado y Memoria. Revista de Historia Contemporánea* (University of Alicante). He's also a member of the scientific board of the following journals: *Studia Histórica. Historia Contemporánea* (University of Salamanca), *Historia contemporánea* (University of the Basque Country) and *Historia del presente* (Madrid) of the Asociación Historiadores del Presente, *Índice Histórico Español* (University of Barcelona), as well as the digital journals *Nazioni e regioni, vinculos de la historia* (Department of History, University of Castilla-La Mancha), *Rubrica contemporanea* (University of Barcelona), *Tetide. Rivista di studi mediterranei*. In the past, he took part to the scientific board of the journal *Ayer* (Madrid), edited by the Asociación de Historia contemporánea.

In 2016, he was one of the promoters of the foundation of the Asociación Española de Historia Religiosa Contemporánea (AEHRC), of which he's been elected board member in 2017 and confirmed 2018.

Teaching activity

Since the academic year 2008-09, Alfonso Botti has been teaching contemporary history in the bachelor's degree programme Humanities for the Study of Culture and social history of the contemporary world in the master's degree programme Anthropology and History of the Contemporary World (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia).

Previously, he taught history of political parties and movements at the Faculty of Sociology (University of Urbino, 1991-92); history of contemporary Spain at the Faculty of letters and philosophy (University of Trieste, 1992-93 through 1993-94); History of Western Europe at the faculty of foreign languages and literature (University of Urbino, 1994-95), language, culture and institutions of Spanish-speaking countries (1994-95 through 1998-99) and history of the Spanish language (1999-00 and 2001-02) at the Faculty of foreign languages and Literatures of the Catholic University of the sacred heart in Milan; history of Europe at the Faculty of foreign languages and literature (University of Urbino, 1995-96 through 2007-2008), contemporary history (2000-01 through 2007-08) and social history of Europe (2004-05 through 2007-08) at the Faculty of sociology of the Carlo Bo University in Urbino.

Alfonso Botti has supervised several PhD theses in Italy and in co-tutoring agreement with Spanish and French universities. He has served as external examiner for PhD theses in Italia, Spain and France. He's a referee for several Italian and Spanish historiographical journals.

He frequently contributes to Radio Rai 3's Wikiradio program, monthly publication of editorial reviews "L'indice", and with "Il Mulino" journal for both print and digital issues.