

FABIO DEGLI ESPOSTI CV

Introduction

Fabio Degli Esposti is an associate professor of Contemporary History (HIST-03/A) at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Department of Linguistic and Cultural Studies.

From 2002–03, he taught Contemporary History (later Contemporary European History) on the Bachelor's degree programme in European Languages and Cultures.

From the 2019–20 academic year until the 2024–25 academic year, he taught Contemporary World Social History on the Master's degree programme in Anthropology and Contemporary World History. From the 2026–27 academic year, he will hold the teaching post for War and Society in the Contemporary World on the same Master's degree programme.

Since the 2024–25 academic year, he has been the course leader for 'History of Armed Conflicts' on the Strategic Sciences degree programme at the Military Academy of Modena.

He has held (in collaboration with Alfonso Botti and Lorenzo Bertucelli) various teaching modules as part of the Level II Master's programme in Public History (later renamed Digital and Public History) at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (from 2015–16 to 2024–25).

Lecturer in Nations and Nationalisms on the Master's degree programme in Anthropology and Contemporary World History (2018–19).

Lecturer in History of Conflicts on the Bachelor's degree programme in Contemporary History and Cultures (2025–26).

Education and academic position

Bachelor's degree in History (specialising in contemporary history), University of Bologna (1984–1990).

PhD in Economic and Social History, Luigi Bocconi University, Milan (1991–1995).

Postdoctoral fellowship, University of Pisa (1995–1997).

FNS-SNF scholarship, University of Bern (June–September 1999).

DAAD scholarship, University of Cologne (October 1999–January 2000).

ÖAD scholarship, University of Vienna (March–June 2000).

Research grant, University of Bologna (2000–2002).

Research grant, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (2003–2004)

Permanent research fellow in Contemporary History, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (January 2005–September 2019).

Associate Professor of Contemporary History, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (since October 2019).

Key research experience

His research interests focus on the economic, social and political history of Italy and Europe between the 19th and 20th centuries. In particular, he has long studied Italian industrial development and the relationship between the business world and military institutions.

For around twenty years, he worked on the First World War and the social and economic effects of the conflict from both an Italian and a European perspective. He has also studied the cultural aspects of the war, with particular reference to the German-speaking world, focusing on intellectuals such as Werner Sombart, Max Scheler, Georg Simmel, Friedrich Meinecke and others.

In recent years, his interests have shifted to the immediate post-war period (1918–1922), the Italian crisis and the rise of fascism, focusing in particular on developments in the agricultural sector and the growing disaffection of the landed classes towards the liberal state.

Academic and organisational roles

Representative of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia within the Inter-University Centre for Historical and Military Studies and Research (since 2010 to present).

Member of the Scientific Committee for the series published by the Inter-University Centre for Historical and Military Studies and Research, Edizioni Unicopli, Milan (2013–2020).

Member of the Scientific Committee for the Master's in Public History at the University of Modena and Reggio

Emilia (2016–present).

Member of the Scientific Committee for the 'Studi di storia contemporanea' series published by Bilibon, Milan (from 2021 to present).

Coordinator (and lecturer, as course leader for the History and Geography module) within the Special Qualification Courses (PAS) at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia for competition category A 043.

Coordinator (and lecturer, as lead tutor for the History and Geography module) within the second cycle of the Active Training Placements (TFA) for competition categories A 043 and A 050 (2014–15).

Third Mission Activities

Lectures and talks as part of series of events at schools and cultural associations (2015–2022)

- 1916: Towards Total War, Modena, 16 March 2015. Lecture given at the L'incontro cultural association in Modena.

- The Other Army: The Italian Economy Put to the Test of Total War, Verona, 23 April 2015. Lecture delivered as part of a series organised by the Verona Reading Circle (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBz9PqgfjOI>).

- Aviation in the Great War: Between Legend and Reality, Parma, 28 April 2015. Lecture delivered at the G. Ulivi State Scientific High School in Parma.

- Censorship and Public Order in the Great War, Modena, 5 November 2015. Lecture delivered as part of the 'Carte rivelatrici' lecture series organised in collaboration between the Department of Linguistic and Cultural Studies and the School of Archival Studies at the State Archives of Modena.

- The Home Front: Modena and its province during the Great War, Riolo Terme, 7 November 2015. Lecture delivered in collaboration with the Il Frignano Cultural Association on the occasion of the commemorations marking the centenary of the First World War.

- The local impact of an international figure: Francisco Ferrer (1859–1909) and the debate on secular education, Modena, Fondazione San Filippo Neri, 24 November 2016. Lecture delivered as part of a series of lectures entitled 'Carte rivelatrici', organised in collaboration between the Department of Linguistic and Cultural Studies and the School of Archival Studies at the State Archives of Modena.

- Reflections on certain aspects of the Russian Revolution, Parma, 10 November 2017. Lecture and debate at the G. D. Romagnosi State Secondary School in Parma.

- The home front and civilian casualties in countries at war, Pontremoli, 12 January 2018. Lecture delivered on the occasion of the conference marking the centenary of the 'Corriere Apuano'.

- The home front. Emilian society during the Great War, Parma, 19 January 2018. Keynote lecture delivered as part of the series organised by the Network of Historical Institutes of the Resistance and Contemporary History of Emilia-Romagna.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygV3dAIufGU>).

- Economic and social changes of the 1960s and 1970s, Modena, 20 February 2018. Lecture delivered at the L'incontro cultural association in Modena, as part of a series of lectures on the history and literature of the second half of the 20th century, organised in collaboration with the Department of Linguistic and Cultural Studies.

- Men and Women of the Countryside in the Great War, San Marino di Bentivoglio, 27 May 2018. Lecture given at the Museum of Rural Life in San Marino di Bentivoglio as part of the initiative 'Farmers and the Great War'.
- Presentation of the book by Ruggero Ranieri, Alberto Stramaccioni and Mario Tosti (eds.), *Perugia and the Great War*, Foligno, Editoriale Umbra, 2017, Perugia, 22 June 2018. Event organised by the Ranieri del Sorbello Foundation and the Institute for the History of Contemporary Umbria.
- 'La Cattedra Ambulante and the Development of Agriculture in Bologna', San Marino di Bentivoglio, 12 December 2021. Lecture delivered at the Museum of Rural Life in San Marino di Bentivoglio to mark the opening of the exhibition 'Images of Knowledge'.
- Presentation of Fabio Montella's book, *Bagliori d'incendio. Conflitti politici a Modena e provincia tra la Guerra di Libia e la Marcia su Roma* (Mimesis, 2021), held at the Historical Institute of the Resistance in Modena, 20 January 2022.
- Organisation of and participation in the lecture series *La storia e le altre. History in dialogue with the arts and humanities, held at the L'Incontro Cultural Association in Modena (November–December 2021).
- Presentation of the book by Domenico Vitale and Alessandra Mastrodonato, *Refugees of the Great War in the Parma Area*, Parma, Mup, 2022, held at the Monteparma Foundation (4 March 2022).