



# Meet our Marie Sklodowska-Curie fellows 2014

#### Valentina Ciciliot

### CAT-CAM - The Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR): an Historical Analysis Between US and Europe

Valentina Ciciliot explored how globalization and the interaction between different religious cultures have been crucial to the Christian confessions in the modern world. The project CAT-CAM implied a period of research at the University of Notre Dame Du Lac (USA) and a reintegration period at Ca' Foscari University, in the Department of Linguistics and Comparative Cultural Studies. The supervisor was Giovanni Vian, Professor in History of Christianity and the Church. Through the analysis of new spiritual and religious forms, as Pentecostalism and new charismatic movements, Valentina studied the deep transformations affecting Christianity in Europe and in the rest of the world.



#### Maria Simona Morosin

### NPA - Neurodidactics of Performing Arts: The Impact of Drama Teaching on Second Language Acquisition

Maria Simona Morosin joined Neuroscience, Education and Theater, investigating the impact of theater practice on language learning. She based her research on the current understanding of Neuroscience of Education, dealing with cognitive brain functions such as thinking, memory, attention, emotions. The project "NPA - Neurodidactics of Performing Arts: The Impact of Drama Teaching on Second Language Acquisition" was a Global Fellowship with a two-year research period at the University of Sydney and one return phase at Ca' Foscari. Her supervisor was Paolo Puppa, professor of Theater History at the Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage.



### Ivan Franceschini

### Chinese Labour - Shifting Dynamics of Chinese Labour in a Global Perspective

Ivan Franceschini worked in China, analysing perceptions and expectations of those who work in the 'world's factory', in reference to the European investment in the country. "Chinese Labour - Shifting Dynamics of Chinese Labour in a Global Perspective" was the title of his project, which lasted three years and lead Ivan in Canberra, at the Australian Centre on China in the World. His supervisor was Professor Renzo Cavalieri, professor of East Asian countries Law in the Department of Asian and North African Studies.



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#### **Veronica West-Harling**

### Family, Power, Memory - Female Monasticism in Italy from 700 to 1100

Veronica-West Harling, an historical medievalist, studied the religious who lived in Italians convents between 700 and 1100, with a comparative and interdisciplinary approach. The center of her research was the relationship between female figures, religious beliefs and behavior, politics and society, with the aim of understanding issues rooted in our history and still open in modern society. "Family, Power, Memory: Female Monasticism in Italy from 700 to 1100" was a two-year project that she conducted under the supervision of Stefano Gasparri, Professor of Medieval History at the Department of Humanities.

#### **Teodoro Katinis**

## SPERONI - Sperone Speroni (1500-1588) and the Rebirth of Sophistry in the Italian Renaissance

Teodoro Katinis analysed the singular figure of Sperone Speroni, a philosopher and scholar from Padua who lived in the sixteenth century. He brought to the attention his interest of this intellectual for the Sophists, on whom he wrote in vernacular. The study of Katinis lasted two years and contributed to a broader international project on Aristotelianism in Italian Renaissance, funded by an ERC Starting Grant and led by Professor Marco Sgarbi of the Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage of Ca' Foscari, in collaboration with the British University of Warwick.





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### Arianna Traviglia

## VEiL - Visualizing Engineered Landscapes: an archeological approach to unlock environmental resilience and sustainability in antiquity

VEiL project (Visualising Engineered Landscapes) investigated the processes and dynamics of ancient landscape engineering in order to inform models of sustainable practices for contemporary landscape management. Focused on the exceptionally well-preserved territory skirting Aquileia (Italy), one of the wealthiest and largest cities of the Roman Empire, this project integrated archaeological, historical, environmental and geospatial information to investigate the forms, impact and endurance of the complex Roman rural parcelisation system, known as Centuriation. To achieve this research agenda, Arianna Traviglia, with the supervision of Prof. Andrea Torsello, developed new methods based on Artificial Intelligence and Computer vision to automatically identify over aerial and satellite imagery the traces left from ancient territorial infrastructures that still survive in the organisation of the contemporary landscape.

### **Chengfang Pang**

#### NanoERA - Nanomaterials Ecological Risk Assessment: A study of the long-term effects and risks of nano scale Iron Oxide used in plastic composites in the acquatic environment

Chengfang Pang analyzed the behaviour of nanoparticles in the aquatic ferric oxide (n-Fe2O3), used in large scale in the dye for plastics. The aim was to develop methods and data to predict the long-term effects of the use of this nanomaterial and related environmental risks. The project lasted two years and had as supervisor Antonio Marcomini, Professor of Environmental Chemistry and director of the Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics of Ca' Foscari.

