

BIOGRAFIA

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Grazia Francescato, leader ambientalista, giornalista, scrittrice.

Da cinquant'anni sul fronte della difesa dell'ambiente, è stata presidente del WWF Italia, membro del Board del WWF International, per due volte Presidente dei Verdi, Parlamentare verde e Portavoce dei Verdi Europei, membro del Coordinamento Nazionale di SEL.

Come giornalista, è stata corrispondente a Bruxelles per l'Agenzia Ansa, collaboratrice di vari quotidiani e periodici (tra cui 'La Repubblica', 'L'Unità', 'Panorama'), inviata speciale di numerose riviste ('Natura Oggi', 'Oasis', 'Airone') e conduttrice di trasmissioni TV dedicate alla natura ('Geo' e 'Il Viaggiatore', Rete 3 RAI).

Attualmente è membro del Consiglio Generale di Aspen Institute e testimonial di varie associazioni ambientaliste e animaliste. Si occupa da anni del rapporto tra Natura e Spiritualità e del dialogo interreligioso per la tutela del Creato. È stata tra i primi a promuovere la riconversione ecologica dell'economia e della società, l'integrazione tra le dimensioni ambientali, sociali ed economiche, coniugando le ragioni del lavoro e le ragioni dell'ambiente. Autrice di numerosi saggi, articoli, pubblicazioni sulle questioni ambientali e sulla relazione tra Madre Terra e Spiritualità. Ha ricevuto molti premi e menzioni sia in Italia che all'estero per la sua leadership ambientalista.

È stata tra le fondatrici del movimento femminista e della rivista 'EFFE', autrice di numerose pubblicazioni e promotrice di eventi/esperienze per la liberazione delle donne e la parità di genere.

Parla quattro lingue (italiano, inglese, francese e spagnolo), ama camminare e vivere in natura, si interessa di letteratura, arte, cinema.

Grazia Francescato, environmental leader, Green politician, journalist and writer.

Born in 1946 in a small village on Lake Maggiore (Northern Italy), in 1964 she earned an American Field Service Scholarship and spent an year in an American family and school in Doylestown (Pa).

In 1969 she earned her university degree 'summa cum laude' in Foreign Languages and Literatures at Bocconi University in Milan.

In 1970 she moved to Rome and started her journalistic career as a contributor to the The Rome Daily American. She has been foreign correspondent for the major Italian news agency ANSA in Bruxelles (1979-1980), contributor for several Italian newspapers and wildlife magazines (1982-1992) and for Italian TV nature programs (1992-1998).

She has been active in the Italian and international environmental movement since 1972, when she attended Stockholm UN Conference on Human Environment. In 1992 she was elected President of WWF-Italy and attended the Rio UN Conference on Environment and Development.

She has been a member of the Board of WWF International chaired by Prince Philip of Edinburgh and attended several WWF conferences throughout the world.

In 1999 she started her political career and was elected President of the Italian Green Party (one of the very few Italian women to win a party leadership) and in 2003 she was elected Spokesperson of the European Green Parties.

In 2006 she won a seat for the Green Party in the Italian Parliament and was chosen in 2007 to represent the Parliament at Cop 13 in Bali.

From 2009 to 2013 she was among the leaders of SEL (Left, Ecology and Freedom), a newly born leftist national party, promoting engagement of the Italian left in the pursuit of sustainability and climate change policies.

She is now engaged in several networks and movements dealing with climate change and sustainability issues, in interfaiths dialogue and commitment for safeguard of Creation, nature conservation and sustainability, disinvestment/investment and sustainable finance. She was invited to attend and support the launch of Pope Francis Enciclica Laudato Sì in 2015. She is also a member of the General Council of Aspen Italy.

She has received many awards for her environmental leadership and published a number of essays and books on environmental and sustainability issues, on the relationship between Nature and Spirituality and on indigenous cosmovision.

Active in the feminist movement since the early seventies, she was among the founders of EFFE, the first Italian feminist magazine in 1973 and has promoted countless campaigns/events/publications on ecofeminism, women liberation and gender equality.

She is fluent in four languages (Italian, French, English and Spanish), loves outdoor activities and is interested in literature, art and culture.