



Curriculum Vitae Silvia Aru

SHORT BIO

Silvia Aru (PhD) is an assistant professor of Economic and Political Geography at the University of Turin. Her research interests encompass migration policies and their socio-territorial impact and related issues of justice and socio-spatial inclusion/exclusion. On these topics, she conducted a Marie Curie fellowship at the University of Amsterdam (2018-2020) titled “A Place for the Asylum Seekers. European migration policies and their socio-spatial impacts” (PASS). Her research activity has found, over time, a synthesis in several publications in peer-reviewed journals, in two monographs addressing the geography of migration, as well as in talks at multiple national and international conferences and seminars. She is a co-editor of the *Rivista Geografica Italiana* and an EU external expert to assist in evaluating grant applications, projects and tenders.

EDUCATION

11/03/2011	Post-doctoral Intensive training course in <i>Urban Analysis and management</i> University of Florence	
17/04/2009	PhD in <i>Geohistory and Geoeconomics of border Regions</i> University of Trieste	Graduation mark: Excellent
05/11/2005	Master's degree in <i>Human Geography and Territorial Organization</i> University of Florence	Graduation mark: 110/110 cum laude (with distinction)

CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITION

01/03/2022 – to present	Assistant Professor (RtdB, Tenure Track Assistant Professorship) - Interuniversity Department of Regional and Urban Studies and Planning (DIST), Università di Torino, Turin, Italy. Italian Academic Qualification as <i>Associate Professor</i> (ASN 11/B1)
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PREVIOUS POSITIONS

01/03/2020	Assistant Professor (RtdA) Interuniversity Department of Regional and Urban Studies and
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28/02/2022	Planning (DIST), Politecnico di Torino, Turin, Italy.
15/02/2018 14/02/2020	Marie Curie Research Fellow in the <i>Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research</i> (AISSR) at the University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands).
01/02/2017 31/01/2018	Post-doctoral Fellow in Human and Political Geography. University of Siena (Italy)
22/06/2015 21/09/2016	Post-doctoral Fellow in Economic and Political Geography University of Cagliari (Italy).
15/11/2012 14/11/2013	Post-doctoral Fellow in Human Geography EU-Polis (Politecnico and University of Turin).
17/07/2010 16/07/2012	Post-doctoral Fellow in Economic and Political Geography University of Cagliari (Italy).

OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS

10/12/2014 30/12/2015	Cedise (Centro Europeo Diffusione Informazione Sardegna Estero), Cagliari Supervisor of the research about Sardinian contemporary emigration processes.
01/10/2013 31/01/2014	European Project: "Urbact Market" . Municipality of Turin and Conservatoria delle Cucine Mediterranee (Research Centre, Turin). Supervisor of the empirical research about demand at Turin Markets.
15/04/2013 30/05/2013	Master Plan To-Smile (Smart Mobility Inclusion, Life&health Energy) , Municipality of Turin and Fondazione Torino Wireless - Spokesperson of the EU-POLIS in the "Life&health" working group

ACADEMIC PRIZES

24/06/2017	Capodarco "L'Altro Festival. Voci e immagini per il sociale e l'ambiente" XI Edition. Special web doc award, for the web-documentary, "Sant'Elia. Frammenti di uno spazio quotidiano", University of Cagliari (coordinator: M. Memoli).
23/11/2016	Italian Geographical Society" Award to a young scholar in the field of geographical sciences - 20th edition named after "Adalberto Vallega".

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS (SELECTED)

- 14-16/07/2021: RC21 CONFERENCE "Sensing the city". Panel: Governing Urban Marginality. Titolo dell'intervento: *Sheltering the undocumented in Amsterdam: inclusive housing rights or policing urban informality?* (insieme a M. Belloni).
- 16/07/2021: International conference "To identify and expel. Historical and geographical perspectives on administrative detention", Università di Cagliari. Titolo dell'intervento: *Dentro al centro/fuori dal diritto. Tempi e spazi del rimpatrio in Italia* (insieme a F. Mazzuzi).
- 6-7/11/2019: University of Amsterdam, Workshop: Stay, move-on, return. Dynamics of mobility aspirations in

contexts of forced displacement. Titolo dell'intervento: "*I had no idea that Europe had internal borders. Autonomy of migration and the EU asylum system at the border*".

- 26-28/06/2019: Edinburgh, University of Edinburgh, Biennial Conference for the Society for Italian Studies. Paper: "Making boundaries in a border city. 'Migration crisis' between discourses and practices in Ventimiglia".

- 3-7/04/2019: Washington, DC, Association of American Geographers at the AAG Annual Meeting,. Paper: "By law, above the law. Legislation, political discourses and their effects in the new Italian asylum system".

- 7/10/2017: AIIG National Congress 2017, Vercelli, Didactic workshop (3 h): "Cittadinanza globale e migrazioni".

- 29/06/2017: 3rd International Conference on *Changing Cities III: spatial, design, landscape & socio-economic dimensions*, Syros, Delos, Mykonos – Greece. Paper: "Sant'Elia and the 'narrative game'. Non-representations of the inhabitants of a marginal neighborhood".

- 7-10/06/2017: XXXII Italian Geographical Congress, *Geographers and Geographies of Revolutions: histories, spaces, movements*, Rome, Papers: "Video-frammenti da uno spazio margine" and "Paesaggio, cinema e fantasia: trent'anni di Italia nei film".

- 29/09/2016: AIIG National Congress 2016, Rome, Didactic workshop (3 h): "Narrare lo spazio".

- 26-27/05/2016: IX French-Italian Seminar on *Social Geography, Quand les migrants arrivent en ville: Politiques et pratiques de l'hospitalité et de la citoyenneté*, Toulouse. Paper: "Abitanti non-cittadini. Processi di accoglienza e pratiche spaziali quotidiane dei richiedenti asilo a Cagliari".

- 29/02/2016: Kick-off meeting, Project: *Inclusive communities and new territorialities. Urban spaces among socio-cultural traditions and innovative processes*, University of Rome-Torvergata, CNR, Rome. Paper: "Processi di redistribuzione territoriale dei richiedenti asilo e sistema di accoglienza. Problematiche, piste di ricerca e strumenti metodologici".

- 23-26/09/2015: 25th AEMI Conference, *Europe and Migrations in the 3rd Millennium*, Turin (a cura di S. Aru, F. Mazzuzi): "Beyond the numbers: socio-cultural backgrounds and expactations of the new Sardinian (e)migrants in the time of the crisis".

- 1-4/09/2015: RGS-IBG Annual International Conference 2015, *The city and the margins: Ethnographic challenges across makeshift urbanism*, Exeter,. Paper: "Photographing Sant'Elia. Visual experimentations of urban marginality".

- 4-5/12/2014: 10th Hermann-Henselmann-Kolloquium, *Urban Austerity: Impacts of the Global Financial Crisis on Cities in Europe*, Weimar. Paper: "Shades of (in)justice. Right to the city and right to the housing in Sant'Elia".

- 9-10/05/2013: VI French-Italian Seminar on Social Geography: "Giustizia spaziale: marginalità, isolamento, cittadinanza/Justice spatiale: marginalité, isolement, citoyenneté", Cagliari. Paper: "Città intelligente, città giusta? La Smart city alla luce delle teorie della giustizia spaziale" (also in quality of Scientific and Technical Organizer).

- 22-23/11/2012: International Conference, "Lingue migranti e nuovi paesaggi", Milan. Paper: "Migrare a Cagliari: spazi linguistici e marche territoriali nel centro storico".

- 24-26/05/2012: Conference: "Migrazioni e processi di interazione culturale. Forme di integrazione e organizzazione territoriale", Catania. Paper: "Immigrare a Cagliari: commercio "etnico", dinamiche insediative e senso di appartenenza nel quartiere Marina".

- 1-2/03/2012: Seminar: "Migrazioni e sviluppo locale nell'area mediterranea. Esperienze di ricerca a confronto", Cagliari. Paper: "Paesaggi migratori e identità territoriale nel quartiere Marina di Cagliari. Cenni su una ricerca in corso" (also in quality of Scientific Organizer).

- 24/02/2012: III Seminar: "Identità territoriali. Metodi ed esperienze a confronto", Rome. Paper: "Identità urbane e comunità immigrate. Il quartiere Marina di Cagliari".

- 20-21/10/2010: International Conference: "Spaces of difference", Università di Bicocca, Milan. Paper: "La convivenza urbana nello spazio pubblico fiorentino: pratiche sociali e negoziazione della differenza".

- 14-18/04/2010: AAG Annual Meeting Washington DC. Paper: "Women's 'velinization' from TVscape to politics in contemporary Italy".

- 13- 16/09/2009: International Conference "Borderscape II. Another brick in the wall?", Trapani. Paper: "Migrant languages: Italian belongings in diasporic contexts".

- 27-30/05/2009: International Conference, Mediterranean Studies Association Organization, Cagliari. Paper: "Il Mediterraneo tra identità e alterità".

- 2/12/2008: International Conference: Environnement et Sociétés Canadiennes/Environment and Canadian Societies. Naples, 1-. Paper: "Diaspore e appartenenze multiple: l'Italia delle regioni a Vancouver".
- 12-13/01/2006: Conference: "L'identità urbana", University of Bari. Paper: "La Modernità e il prendere forma dell'identità etnica".

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

Books (Monographs):

- S. ARU (2015), *"Fare la Merica". Storia d'emigrazione e racconti di vita dei sardi in Brasile*, Cagliari, Aipsa.
- S. ARU (2021), *Territori e lingue in diaspora. Italiani a Vancouver*, Pisa, Pacini.

Edited Books

- L. AMIGONI, S. ARU, I. BONNIN, G. PROGLIO, C. VERGNANO (eds.) (2021), *Debordering Europe Migration and Control*, New York, Palgrave.
- A. ALAIMO, S. ARU, G. DONADELLI, F. NEBBIA (eds.) (2015), *Le nuove geografie. Metodi di indagine e strategie di ricerca*, Milan, Franco Angeli.
- S. ARU, V. DEPLANO (eds.) (2013), *Costruire una nazione. Politiche, discorsi e rappresentazioni che hanno fatto l'Italia*, Verona, Ombre Corte.
- S. ARU, M. TANCA, A. CORSALE (eds.) (2013), *Percorsi migratori della contemporaneità: forme, pratiche, territori*, Cagliari, Cuec, 2013.

Special Issues of Ranked Scientific Journals

- C. DI FELICIANANTONIO, S. ARU (2018), Special Issue: "Dai Commons al Commoning (urbano): Pratiche e Orizzonti Politici Nel Contesto Mediterraneo. Introduzione al numero speciale", *ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies*, 2.
- S. ARU, M. TANCA, F. PARASCANDOLO, L. VARGIU (eds.) (2016), Special Issue: "Crisis of Landscapes, Landscapes of the Crisis. What are the Solutions?", *JReading*, n. 1, <http://www.j-reading.org/index.php/geography>
- S. ARU, M. PUTTILLI (eds) (2014), *Bollettino della Società Geografica Italiana*, XVI, n. 1 (Issues on *Marginality and Socio-spatial justice*: "Forme, spazi e tempi della marginalità").
- S. ARU, M. TANCA, F. PARASCANDOLO, L. VARGIU (eds) (2013), *Rivista Geografica Italiana*, CXX, n. 4 (Issues on *Landscape and democracy*: "Paesaggio e democrazia").

Articles in Peer-reviewed journals

- S. ARU (2022), 'I had no idea that Europe had internal borders'. Migrants' 'secondary movements' within the EU's internal border regime, *Environment and Planning C. Politics and Space*, <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/23996544221082383>.
- S. ARU (2021), "Abandonment, Agency, Control. Migrants' Camps in Ventimiglia", *Antipode. A Radical Journal of Geography*, pp. 1-20.
- S. ARU, C. CAPINERI (2021), "La 'grande bellezza': thirty years of Italian set locations. *Journal of Cultural Geography*, pp. 1-24.
- S. ARU (2020), "Spazi d'asilo. Il sistema di accoglienza in Italia tra norme, politiche e impatti territoriali", *Geotema*, 1.
- S. ARU (2018), "Essere Nel Giusto": Orizzonti di lotta e pratiche di commoning in due esperienze di occupazione a Cagliari, *ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies*, 2, preprint.
- S. ARU, M. MEMOLI, M. PUTTILLI (2017), "The margins 'in-between'. A case of multimodal ethnography", *City: Analysis of urban trends, culture, theory, policy, action*, Special Issue The city and its margins: Ethnographic challenges across makeshift urbanism, 21, 2, 151-163.
- S. ARU, C. CAPINERI, A. RICCABONI (2017), "Redefining higher education for sustainability. Strategies, barriers

and practices”, *Culture della Sostenibilità*, X, 20, 73-90.

- S. ARU (2016), "Dentro ai *dehors*, fuori dai *dehors*. Negoziazione dello spazio (pubblico) a Cagliari", *Geotema* (Numero monografico a cura di C. CIRELLI), 51, 8-13.
- S. ARU, M. MEMOLI, M. PUTTILLI (2016), "Fotografando Sant'Elia. Sperimentazioni visuali della marginalità urbana", in *Rivista Geografica Italiana*, CXXIII, Fasc. 4, 383- 400.
- S. ARU (2016), "The smart city: urban landscapes in the current crisis", in S. ARU, M. TANCA, F. PARASCANDOLO, L. VARGIU (eds.), Special Issue: "Crisis of Landscapes, Landscapes of the Crisis. What are the Solutions?", *JReading*, n. 1, 57-65.
- S. ARU, M. MEMOLI, M. PUTTILLI (2015), "Metodi visuali e ricerca geografica. Il caso di Sant'Elia a Cagliari", *Semestrale di Studi e Ricerche di Geografia*, II, 161-166.
- S. ARU, M. SANTANGELO, M. PUTTILLI (2014), "Città intelligente, città giusta? Tecnologia e giustizia socio-spaziale", *Rivista Geografica Italiana*, CXXI, n. 4, 385- 398.
- S. ARU (2014), "Storie di questo mondo. Percorsi geografici attraverso le etnografie delle migrazioni", *Rivista Geografica Italiana*, CXXI, n. 4, 427- 432.
- S. ARU, M. PUTTILLI (2014), "Forme e spazi della marginalità. Un itinerario concettuale", *Bollettino della Società Geografica Italiana*, XVI, n. 1, 5- 16.
- S. ARU, M. TANCA (2014), "Discorso, testo e narrazione nella rappresentazione del paesaggio. Il Piano paesaggistico sardo", *Rivista Geografica Italiana*, CXX, n. 4, 241- 256.
- S. ARU (2013), "Il cammino di domestiche e 'badanti'. Mobilità e questioni di genere", *Rime-Rivista dell'Istituto di Storia dell'Europa Mediterranea*, n. 10, 183- 212.
- S. ARU, M. TANCA (2012), "Immigrare a Cagliari. Commercio extracomunitario e dinamiche insediative nel quartiere Marina", *Geotema*, 82- 87.
- M. LODA, S. ARU, D. CARIANI (2012), "La convivenza urbana nello spazio pubblico fiorentino: pratiche sociali e negoziazione della differenza", *Bollettino della Società Geografica Italiana*, 785-799.
- S. ARU (2010), "Processi identitari in migrazione: tecniche d'indagine", *Geotema* 21, XIV, n. 2, 9- 15.
- S. ARU (2010), "Il Mediterraneo tra identità e alterità", *RiMe. Rivista dell'Istituto di Storia dell'Europa Mediterranea*, n. 4, 519-533.
- S. ARU (2008), "Logiche territoriali e dinamiche identitarie: una possibile lettura del caso sardo", *Rivista Geografica Italiana*, 115, n. 3, 341-368.

Chapters in books

- S. ARU (2021), "MIGRANTS 'AT STAKE': AGENCY AND AUTONOMY IN VENTIMIGLIA", in L. AMIGONI, S. ARU, I. BONNIN, G. PROGLIO, C. VERGNANO (EDS.), *DEBORDERING EUROPE: MIGRATION AND CONTROL ACROSS THE VENTIMIGLIA REGION* *DEBORDERING EUROPE*. NEW YORK, PALGRAVE MACMILLAN, pp. 159-177.
- S. ARU, M. PUTTILLI (2016), "Shades of (In)justice: The Right to the City and the Right to Housing in Sant'Elia, Cagliari", in B. SCHÖNIG, S. SCHIPPER (eds.), *Urban Austerity: Impacts of the Global Financial Crisis on Cities in Europe*, Berlin, Theater der Zeit, 271-285.
- S. ARU (2016), "Deserting the city and the countryside: socioeconomic restructuring and emigration processes", in A. CORSALE, G. SISTU (eds.), *Surrounded by Water. Landscapes, Seascapes and Cityscapes of Sardinia*, Cambridge, Cambridge Scholars, 82-98.
- S. ARU (2015), "La "fuga dalla terra". L'emigrazione sarda tra continuità storiche e geografiche", in L. MARROCU, F. BACHIS, V. DEPLANO (a cura di), *La Sardegna contemporanea. Storia, società, cultura*, Rome, Donzelli Editore, 59-77.
- S. ARU, M. TANCA (2013), "Identità urbane e comunità immigrate. Il quartiere Marina di Cagliari", in T. BANINI (ed.), *Identità territoriali. Metodi, esperienze, prospettive a confronto*, Milan, Franco Angeli, 128- 142.
- M. LODA, S. ARU, M. BARSOTELLI, S. SBARDELLA (2011), "Dehors, spazio pubblico e città", in M. LODA (ed.), *Lo spazio pubblico urbano. Teorie, progetti e pratiche in un confronto internazionale*, Pisa, Pacini, 83- 103.
- S. ARU (2010), "Diaspore e appartenenze multiple: l'Italia delle regioni a Vancouver", *Atti del convegno internazionale Environnement et Sociétés Canadiennes/Environnementand Canadian Societies. Napoli, 1-2 dicembre 2008*, Napoli, Il Torcoliere, 233- 245.

OTHER RESEARCH PRODUCTS (SELECTED):

- S. ARU (2021), Podcast: "Issue 1: Anonymity in design. Do refugee camps have authors?"
<https://projektado.com/do-refugee-camps-have-authors/?fbclid=IwAR1tIQGF5HJYoywSPxz0qUdOLLxVms4w9ROCjRUMJG2pycj3ne5LIg742c>
- S. ARU (2020), Roundtable on "Refugee Aspirations" - Open Democracy, 09 luglio 2020
<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/beyond-trafficking-and-slavery/aspirations-and-vulnerabilities-migrants-ventimiglia/>
- S. ARU, M. BELLONI (2020), "Un tetto anche per i "diniegati"? Contraddizioni politiche e sociali di un programma di accoglienza per migranti irregolari ad Amsterdam", ESCAPES. Laboratorio di studi critici sulle migrazioni forzate, <http://users2.unimi.it/escapes/un-tetto-anche-per-i-diniegati/#more-16997>.
- M. BELLONI, S. ARU (2020), "Sheltering the undocumented in Amsterdam: inclusive housing rights or policing urban informality" – Homing- The home-migration nexus. Edizione on line 16 giugno 2020
https://homing.soc.unitn.it/2020/06/16/belloni-s-ar-sheltering-the-undocumented-in-amsterdam-inclusive-housing-rights-or-policing-urban-informality/?fbclid=IwAR28nocw-iWbEK_OaZUoIdYnqIL5T2ee27R-HO_WTMgKy0E7BK10OpVYwY
- S. ARU (2021), Podcast: "Issue 1: Anonymity in design. Do refugee camps have authors?"
<https://projektado.com/do-refugee-camps-have-authors/?fbclid=IwAR1tIQGF5HJYoywSPxz0qUdOLLxVms4w9ROCjRUMJG2pycj3ne5LIg742c>
- S. ARU (2020), Roundtable on "Refugee Aspirations" - Open Democracy, 09 luglio 2020
<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/beyond-trafficking-and-slavery/aspirations-and-vulnerabilities-migrants-ventimiglia/>
- S. ARU, M. BELLONI (2020), "Un tetto anche per i "diniegati"? Contraddizioni politiche e sociali di un programma di accoglienza per migranti irregolari ad Amsterdam", ESCAPES. Laboratorio di studi critici sulle migrazioni forzate, <http://users2.unimi.it/escapes/un-tetto-anche-per-i-diniegati/#more-16997>.
- M. BELLONI, S. ARU (2020), "Sheltering the undocumented in Amsterdam: inclusive housing rights or policing urban informality" – Homing- The home-migration nexus. Edizione on line 16 giugno 2020
https://homing.soc.unitn.it/2020/06/16/belloni-s-ar-sheltering-the-undocumented-in-amsterdam-inclusive-housing-rights-or-policing-urban-informality/?fbclid=IwAR28nocw-iWbEK_OaZUoIdYnqIL5T2ee27R-HO_WTMgKy0E7BK10OpVYwY.
- S. ARU (2020), Graphic-Novel "Diario dal confine. Ventimiglia/Diary from the border. Ventimiglia" (2020), ISBN: 9791220061032
- S. ARU (2020), Genova, Università di Genova, Catalogo mostra "Eufemia. I sommersi e i salvati" (2019):
<https://www.laboratoriosociologiavisuale.it/new/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Catalogo-Eufemia-Ita-Eng-WEB.pdf>
- S. ARU (2020), Web-doc, "Sant'Elia. Frammenti di uno spazio quotidiano", Università degli studi di Cagliari (coordinatore: M. Memoli) (2017) - <http://webdoc.unica.it/santelia/index.php>

TEACHING - COURSES CONVENED (IN THE LAST TWO YEARS)

Critical Migration Studies (30 h) (forthcoming in Autumn 2022).
Urban Economics (30 h) (forthcoming in March 2022).
Economic and Urban Geography (20 h) (Autumn 2021).
Urban and Territorial Geography - Seminars on the "right to the city" (10 h) (Autumn 2021).
Transnational Programme Design (10 h) (Spring 2021).
Urban Economics (20 h) (Spring 2021).
Urban and Territorial Geography – Seminars on the "right to the city" (10 h) (Autumn 2020).

EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2018 Member of the editorial committee of the Ranked Journal: *Geotema*, Association of Italian Geographers (AGeI), Bologna
http://www.patroneditore.com/geotema_html.
 2006- Present Co-Editor of the main Italian Ranked Journal in Geography: *Rivista Geografica Italiana*, Società di Studi Geografici, Florence (<http://www.rivistageograficaitaliana.it/english/home.html>).
 2015- Present Member of the scientific boards of the series "Tratti geografici. Materiali di ricerca e risorse educative", Milan, Franco Angeli.

RESEARCH NETWORKS AND COOMITEES

2019- Present **Councillor of the Association of Italian Geographers, Rome, Italy.**
 2018- 2020 **IMES, Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies, University of Amsterdam.**
<http://imes.uva.nl/>
 2017 - Present **Marie Curie Alumni Association, <https://www.mariecuriealumni.eu/>**
 2012 - Present **CEDISE, Cagliari (Centro Europeo Diffusione Informazione Sardegna Estero).**
 15/01/2008 **Visiting scholar at UBC (University of British Columbia), Vancouver.**
 15/04/2008
 2017-2018 **Member of the Working group on "School, University and Research for the Agenda 2030", Rome, MIUR (Ministry of Education, Universities and Research).**

OTHER ACTIVITIES

2021 - ... **EU expert** for the evaluation of tenders and project proposals.
 2020 - ... **Member of the Ph.D. programme in Urban and Regional Development**

FIELDWORK

I have conducted several fieldwork assignments in Italy - Florence (2009-2011), Cagliari (2012-2015), Turin (2013), Siena (2017), Ventimiglia (2018) - and abroad - Vancouver (2008), Rio de Janeiro (2013), Lisbon (2015) and Amsterdam (2019).

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian (Mother Tongue); **English** (Upper intermediate).

COMPUTER SKILLS

Office Suite; **SPSS**- Statistical Package for Social Science; **HyperRESEARCH** (Qualitative Data Analysis Software).

Turin, 16/02/2022

