

Curriculum Vitae

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Higher Education

- 2004 PhD, Comparative Social Research, University of Turin, and Anthropologie Sociale et Ethnologie, EHESS-Paris (supervisors: Arnaldo Bagnasco, Michéle de La Pradelle)
- 2000 BA, Political Sciences, University of Milan (supervisor: Alberto Melucci)

Academic Appointments

- 2023, spring Visiting Professor, EHESS-Paris
- 2016, spring Visiting Professor, École d'Urbanisme de Paris, Paris.
- 2014, spring Visiting Research Scholar, CUNY-The Graduate Center, New York.
- 2010 – 2022 Associate Professor, Department of Social Sciences, University of Turin
- 2008, spring Visiting Scholar, The University of Chicago, Department of Sociology
- 2006 - 2009 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Social and Political Studies, University of Milan
- 2005 - 2006 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Department of Social and Political Studies, University of Milan

Selected Recent Publications

- Semi, G. e Bolzoni, M. (2022), *Osservazione Partecipante. Una guida pratica*, Bologna, Il Mulino (2.ed) (Book).
- Semi, G. (2022), *BDSG. Piccolo manuale per una gentrificazione carina*, Milano, Einaudi. (book)
- Semi, G. (2021). Making Cosmopolitan Spaces: Urban Design, Ideology and Power. In Lejeune C., Pagès-El Karoui D., Schmoll C., Thiollet H. (eds) *Migration, Urbanity and Cosmopolitanism in a Globalized World* (pp. 29-39), Springer, Cham (book chapter)
- Barbera, F., Bocco, A., De Rossi, A., Guerzoni, M., Lombardi, P., Mellano, P., ... & Semi, G. (2021). Torino 2030. A prova di futuro.
- Semi, G., & Tonetta, M. (2021). Marginal hosts: Short-term rental suppliers in Turin, Italy. *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*, 53 (7), 1630-1651, <https://doi.org/10.1177/0308518X20912435> (journal paper)
- Semi, G., & Bolzoni, M. (2020a). Star Architecture and the Field of Urban Design. In Alaily-Mattar N., Ponzini D., Thierstein A. (eds) *About Star Architecture* (pp. 55-67). Springer, Cham. (book chapter)

- Semi, G., & Bolzoni, M. (2020b). La gentrification commerciale et le renouvellement urbain à Turin. In Fleury, Delage, Endelstein, Dubucs, and Weber (eds) *Le petit commerce dans la ville-monde*, (pp-239-251). L'oeil d'or, Paris. (book chapter)
- Filandri, M. A., Olagnero, M., & Semi, G. (2020). Casa dolce casa? Italia, paese di proprietari. Bologna, Il Mulino (book)
- Semi, G. (2020). La città dello spazio pubblico è morta?. *Polis*, 35(2), 215-224. (Journal paper).
- Semi, G. (2020). «Look, there are winners and losers and there are losers because there are winners». Understanding relational sociology with Matthew Desmond. *Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia*, 61(1), 191-208. (Journal paper).
- Semi, G., & Tonetta, M. (2019). Short-term rental platforms and rent extraction in Turin: Middle classes confronting austerity. In *Annales de géographie* (No. 3, pp. 40-61). Armand Colin. (journal paper)
- Filandri, M., & Semi, G. (2018). Housing Inequality: The Need for a Shift in Public Policy Intervention. *Sociological Research Online*, 1360780418798377. (journal paper)
- Semi, G. (2018). Entre esthétique et conflit. Table ronde avec Luc Boltanski et Arnaud Esquerre, *Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia*, 59(3), 593-598. (journal paper)
- Capello, C., & Semi, G. (2018). Torino. Un profilo etnografico. Milano, Meltemi. (edited book)
- Semi, G. (2017) "Il ritorno della questione abitativa." *Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia* 58.3: 697-704. (journal paper)
- Pfirsch, T., & Semi, G. (2016). Segregation in the cities of the European Mediterranean. *Méditerranée. Revue géographique des pays méditerranéens/Journal of Mediterranean geography*, (127), 15-23. (special issue introduction)
- Semi, G. (2015). Gentrification. Tutte le città come Disneyland?. vol. 829, p. 1-237, Bologna: Il Mulino, ISBN: 978-88-15-25803-8 (book)
- Schmoll, C., Semi, G. (2013). Shadow circuits: urban spaces and mobilities across the Mediterranean. *Identities*, vol. 20, p. 377-392, (journal paper)

List of previous and ongoing research project

The short-term city: digital platforms and spatial (in)justice [STCity], 2020-2023, research funded by Italian Ministry of University and Research (PRIN/MIUR), role: Principal Investigator of local unit of the University of Turin.

Quale futuro per Torino Nord? Trasformazioni, speculazioni e crescita nel comparto residenziale e commerciale dell'area nord di Torino, 2019-2021, research funded by Fondazione CRT – Torino, role: Principal Investigator.

The Global Production of Local Atmospheres, 2012-2014, research funded by Compagnia di San Paolo and Università di Torino, role: Principal Investigator

La crisi del ceto medio, 2004-2010, research funded by Consiglio per le Scienze Sociali, Roma, role: Principal Investigator of research unit on middle class and consumption

L'Italie. Recomposition territoriales du Local à l'Europe, 2012-2016, research network, role: Member. <http://www.efrome.it/la-recherche/programmes/detail-programme/detail/litalie-recomposition-territoriale-du-local-a-leurope.html>

Invited presentations to peer-reviewed internationally established conferences

January 2022, 'Keynote Speech: Droit à la ville ou droit à la rente? Plateformes, rentiers et ville court-terme' Conference « Airbnb en région Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur : approches comparées des dynamiques touristiques et foncières locales », Aix-en-Provence, MMSH.

December 2019, 'Keynote Speech: A Fifth- Wave of Gentrification? Platforms, Rentiers and the Short-Term City', Conference "Consumption, Gentrification, and the New Colonialism", Florence University of the Arts, Florence, Italy.

June 2019, Keynote Speech: Between scales and focals. Municipalism and the challenge of the local trap., Conference “¿Un Municipalismo Transformador? La Experiencia de Barcelona en Perspectiva” Institut de Govern i Politiques Publiques, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

September 2017, 'When the Syndrome Goes Viral: Airbnb and Tourism in an Ordinary City' (with Marta Tonetta), RC21 Conference, Leeds, UK.

April 2016, 'Urban designers and the global provision of manufactured public spaces', Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, US.

August 2015, "I mean, Disney makes places". Professional boundary-making, (public) place-making and the envisioning power of Urban Design", RC21 Conference, Urbino, Italy.

April 2015, "'Place-making? I think it's retrograde, conservative, nationalist". The making of a new professional elite group: Urban Designers." Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, US.

July 2014, “A City, Two Neighborhoods, Ten Years: Observing Gentrification before and during the Crisis”, XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama, Japan.

Mai 2012, “Is national multiculturalism still the issue? Rescaling the local in Italy” (with Camille Schmoll), Living Together in Diversity Conference, Central European University, Budapest.

March 2012, “Rendez-vous, vous êtes cernés! Actions publiques, stratégies marchandes et les effets de gentrification”, L’action publique au service de la gentrification : dynamiques, acteurs et stratégies d’un processus inévitable ?, Université de Tours

September 2011, “Circulations, transnational networks and urban spaces: Do we inhabit the same "Space-Time"?” (with Camille Schmoll), Ethnography, Diversity and Urban Space Conference, St Anne's College, Oxford University.

Main research interests

Urban studies: critical urban design, gentrification analysis, platform capitalism and urbanism, public spaces, short-term rentals, spatial segregation, urban ethnography.

Migration studies: Mediterranean circulations, mobilities, everyday multiculturalism.

Sociology: qualitative methods and ethnography, critical theory, middle class analysis, housing studies.