

CURRICULUM VITAE

MARCO GARDINI

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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SHORT BIO AND RESEARCH TOPICS

Since the 1st of October 2023, Marco Gardini is Associate Professor of Social and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Pavia. From 2006 to 2012 Marco Gardini has conducted research in Togo on witchcraft accusations, access to land, and the relation between land conflicts' resolution and the renegotiation of the legitimacy of local and national authorities. In 2013, he obtained his Ph.D. in Anthropology at the University of Milano-Bicocca in co-partnership with the University of Bayreuth (Summa Cum Laude) with a thesis of historical anthropology on land conflicts in Togo. From 2014 to 2018, Marco has been a Post-Doc Researcher in Anthropology at the University of Milano-Bicocca. He has collaborated with SWAB (Shadows of Slavery in West Africa and Beyond, ERC-GRANT 313737) with a research project that explored continuities and discontinuities in the forms of labour exploitation on the highlands of Madagascar, where he has conducted fieldwork since 2013. From 2018 to 2020, he has collaborated with the project TAAD (The Aging African Diaspora: Perspectives from Lombardia). He has been Adjunct Professor in Social Anthropology at the University of Bologna (a.a. 2018/2019), in Cultures and Societies of Africa at the University of Milano-Bicocca (a.a. 2019/2020), and in Political Anthropology at the University of Pavia (a.a. 2018/2019-2019/2020). In 2019 (09/09) he attained the Scientific National Habilitation to Associate Professorship in Social and Cultural Anthropology. From the 1st October 2020 to the 30th September 2023 he has been Research Fellow/Assistant Professor (*Ricercatore a tempo determinato tipo B*) at the University of Pavia. He has been the P.I. of the projects WAD ("Women of the African Diaspora: 'Herstories' beyond Numbers in Lombardy", Rif. 2021-1202 – Bando 2021 – Ricerca sociale, Fondazione Cariplo) and TAIA ("Transnational Aging between Italy and Africa: Anthropological Perspectives", PRIN PNRR 2022). Since 2024, he is the Coordinator of the BA Degree Programme in Social Sciences for Global Challenges, University of Pavia. In 2026, he obtained the National Scientific Habilitation to Full Professorship in Cultural and Social Anthropology.

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND
INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH
GRANTS**

- Dates 1 OCTOBER 2023- present
- Occupation or position held **ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**
- Name and address of employer Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Pavia

- Dates 1 OCTOBER 2020 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2023
- Occupation or position held **RESEARCH FELLOW/ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
(RICERCATORE A TEMPO DETERMINATO TIPO B)**
- Name and address of employer Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Pavia

- Dates 1 NOVEMBER 2018- 30 SEPTEMBER 2020
- Occupation or position held **POST-DOC FELLOW, PROJECT TAAD (THE AGING AFRICAN DIASPORAS)**
- Name and address of employer Department of Human Sciences for Education “Riccardo Massa”, University of
Milano-Bicocca
- Title of the project Aging Eritrean and Senegalese African Diasporas in Lombardia.

- Dates 31 MARCH 2020- 30 SEPTEMBER 2020
- Occupation or position held **ADJUNCT PROFESSOR (PROFESSORE A CONTRATTO) IN CULTURES
AND SOCIETIES OF AFRICA**
- Name and address of employer Department of Human Sciences for Education “Riccardo Massa”, University of
Milano-Bicocca.

- Dates 1 OCTOBER 2019- 30 SEPTEMBER 2020
- Occupation or position held **ADJUNCT PROFESSOR (PROFESSORE A CONTRATTO) IN POLITICAL
ANTHROPOLOGY**
- Name and address of employer Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Pavia

- Dates 1 OCTOBER 2018- 30 SEPTEMBER 2019
- Occupation or position held **ADJUNCT PROFESSOR (PROFESSORE A CONTRATTO) IN POLITICAL
ANTHROPOLOGY**
- Name and address of employer Department of Political Sciences, University of Pavia

- Dates 24 SEPTEMBER 2018- 24 SEPTEMBER 2019

- Occupation or position held **ADJUNCT PROFESSOR (PROFESSORE A CONTRATTO) IN SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY**
- Name and address of employer Department of History and Cultures, University of Bologna

- Dates 1 MAY 2018- 30 AUGUST 2018

- Occupation or position held **RESEARCH ASSISTANT**
- Name and address of employer Department of Human Sciences for Education “Riccardo Massa”, University of Milano-Bicocca
- Title of the project Domestic Work and the Legacies of Slavery in Madagascar

- Dates 1 MAY 2016- 30 APRIL 2018

- Occupation or position held **POST- DOC FELLOW, PROJECT SWAB (SHADOWS OF SLAVERY IN WEST AFRICA AND BEYOND, ERC GRANT AGREEMENT N° 313737)**
- Name and address of employer Department of Human Sciences for Education “Riccardo Massa”, University of Milano-Bicocca
- Title of the project Legacies of Slavery in Madagascar

- Dates 1 MAY 2014- 30 APRIL 2016

- Occupation or position held **POST- DOC FELLOW, PROJECT SWAB (SHADOWS OF SLAVERY IN WEST AFRICA AND BEYOND, ERC GRANT AGREEMENT N° 313737)**
- Name and address of employer Department of Human Sciences for Education “Riccardo Massa”, University of Milano-Bicocca
- Title of the project Old and new forms of exploitation of agricultural and urban labour in Madagascar

- Dates 15 OCTOBER 2013- 15 MARCH 2014

- Occupation or position held **RESEARCH ASSISTANT, PROJECT SWAB (SHADOWS OF SLAVERY IN WEST AFRICA AND BEYOND, ERC GRANT AGREEMENT N° 313737)**
- Name and address of employer Department of Human Sciences for Education “Riccardo Massa”, University of Milano-Bicocca
- Title of the project Personal Dependence and Unfree Labour in Africa

- Dates 02 DECEMBER 2008 – 10 JUNE 2013

- Occupation or position held **PH.D. CANDIDATE IN ANTHROPOLOGY**
- Name and address of employer Department of Human Sciences for Education “Riccardo Massa”, University of Milano-Bicocca
- Title of the project Land and Conflicts in South Togo

QUALIFICATION

• Dates	15/06/2026
• Title of qualification awarded	National Scientific Habilitation to Full Professorship in Cultural and Social Anthropology (<i>Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale: Professore di Prima Fascia</i>)
• Dates	09/09/2019
• Title of qualification awarded	National Scientific Habilitation to Associate Professorship in Cultural and Social Anthropology (<i>Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale: Professore di Seconda Fascia</i>)
• Dates	2010-2013
• Title of qualification awarded	Ph.D. in Anthropology
• Name and type of organisation providing education and training	University of Bayreuth, Department of Anthropology
• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Cultural and Social Anthropology, African Studies
• Title of Thesis	Land and Conflicts in South Togo
• Level in national or international classification	Summa Cum Laude
• Dates	2009-2013
• Title of qualification awarded	Ph.D. in Anthropology
• Name and type of organisation providing education and training	University of Milano-Bicocca
• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Cultural and Social Anthropology, African Studies
• Title of Thesis	Land and Conflicts in South Togo
• Dates	2005-2008
• Title of qualification awarded	Master in Social and Cultural Anthropology
• Name and type of organisation providing education and training	University of Bologna
• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Cultural and Social Anthropology,

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title of Thesis 	<p>Spiriti mimetici. Storie incorporate. Strategie politiche vodu nelle cerimonie di Gbagba tra gli ewe del Togo</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level in national or international classification 	<p>110/110 Cum Laude</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates 	<p>2002-2005</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title of qualification awarded 	<p>Bachelor in Anthropology</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and type of organisation providing education and training 	<p>University of Bologna</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal subjects/occupational skills covered 	<p>Cultural and Social Anthropology</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title of Thesis 	<p>“Fare cerchio”. Le dinamiche di costruzione dell’identità tra gli Elfi</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level in national or international classification 	<p>110/110</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates 	<p>2002</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title of qualification awarded 	<p>High School Diploma</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and type of organisation providing education and training 	<p>Liceo Scientifico A. Tassoni (Modena)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level in national classification 	<p>100/100</p>

DIRECTION AND PARTICIPATION TO NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

From 31/07/25 Principal Investigator of MEMOI (“Missione Etnologica in Madagascar e Oceano Indiano/Ethnological Mission in Madagascar and the Indian Ocean”, con riconoscimento del Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale).

30/11/23 – 28/02/26 Principal Investigator of the Project PRIN PNRR 2022 “Transnational Aging between Italy and Africa: Anthropological Perspectives (TAIA)”, euro 264.000, CUP: F53D23011040001

01/02/2022-31/01/2025: Principal Investigator of the Project WAD (“Women of the African Diaspora: ‘Herstories’ beyond Numbers in Lombardy”, Rif. 2021-1202 – Bando 2021 – Ricerca sociale, Fondazione Cariplo, euro 196.560,00, CUP: F15F21002440007), University of Pavia.

28/09/23- 27/09/25 Participation to Project PRIN, “Arms, Beads and Cloth. African Consumers and the 19th- century Global Economy”, Research Unit: University of Pavia, Coordinatore nazionale: Prof.ssa Karin Pallaver, University of Bologna, J53D23000530006.

01/11/2018-30/09/2020: Participation to Project TAAD (The Aging African Diasporas: Perspectives from Lombardia, Fondazione Cariplo), Post-Doc Fellow, University of Milano-Bicocca.

15/10/2013- 30/04/2018: Participation to Project SWAB (Shadows of Slavery in West Africa and Beyond, Erc Grant Agreement 313737), Post-Doc Fellow, University of Milano-Bicocca.

01-02-2013 / 01-02-2016 Participation to Project PRIN "Stato, Pluralità, Cambiamento in Africa", Post-Doc Fellow, Research unit: University of Milano-Bicocca (PRIN 2010-2011, Area 14, codice 201048XTL, Coordinatore nazionale: Prof. Pierluigi Valsecchi, Università di Pavia).

01-01-2009 / 10-06-2013 Participation to Project MEBAO (Missione Etnologica in Benin e Africa Occidentale, Coordinatore: Prof.ssa Alice Bellagamba), Ph.D. candidate.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Gardini, M. 2023 (a). *Anzianità e Invecchiamento in Africa e nella Diaspora. Prospettive Antropologiche*. Carocci Editore, Roma.

Gardini, M. 2017 (a), *La Terra Contesa. Conflitti fondiari e lavoro agricolo in Togo*: Edizioni Mimesis, Milano.

Edited Volumes and Special Issues in Peer Reviewed Journals

Gardini, M. (a cura di) 2025, *Traiettorie Riproduttive e Mobilità tra Africa ed Europa*, Milano, Ledizioni.

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Gardini, M., Massa A. (a cura di) 2022, "Antropologia dei futuri passati: sguardi dall'Africa, l'Europa e l'Oceania", in *Lares - Quadrimestrale di studi demoetnoantropologici*, LXXXVIII, n.2.

Bellagamba, A., Gardini, M., Menin, L. (eds.) 2018 (a), *Shadows of Slavery. Refractions of the Past, Challenges of the Present*. Opendemocracy Ebook Series, ISBN: 978-1-7325178-0-6

Gardini, M. 2016 (a cura di), "Lo Stato", in *Antropologia, Rivista Semestrale*, Vol.3, n. 2.

Gaibazzi, P.; Gardini, M. (eds.), 2015, "Fate and Fortune in Africa", in *Critical African Studies*, Vol. 7, n. 3.

Peer Reviewed Articles in Scientific Journals

Gardini, M. 2025 (a) “Razzismo, ossessioni identitarie e filo-lepenismo in Madagascar”, *Rivista di antropologia contemporanea* 2/2025, pp. 375-392.

Gardini, M. 2025 (b) “Il custode degli antenati: anzianità rituale e rituali dell’anzianità”, *Archivio antropologico mediterraneo* [Online], Anno XXVIII, n. 27 (2) | 2025, online dal 19 dicembre 2025, URL: <http://journals.openedition.org/aam/10863>; DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4000/15ew8>

Gardini, M., Frisone, G. 2025 “Anzianità e rituali in Africa e nelle diaspore: un’introduzione”, *Archivio Antropologico Mediterraneo*, [Online], Anno XXVIII, n. 27 (2) | 2025, online dal 19 dicembre 2025, URL: <http://journals.openedition.org/aam/10763>

Gardini, M. 2024, “Violare le interdizioni statutarie: un’etnografia delle unioni ‘proibite’ sugli altipiani del Madagascar”, *Antropologia, Rivista semestrale*, Vol. 11, n. 2, pp. 23-40.

Gardini, M. 2022 (a), “The Chameleonic Nature of Freedom: Notes on the Concept of *Fahafahana* in the Highlands of Madagascar”, *Africa: Journal of the International African Institute*, Vol. 92, n. 2, pp. 230-248.

Gardini, M. 2022 (b), “Networks of Solidarity among Former Marxist Activists in the *bas quartiers* of Antananarivo”, *Journal of Southern African Studies*, Vol. 48, n. 4, pp. 653-665 (First published online: 30 June 2022).

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Gardini, M., Massa A. (eds.) 2022, “Introduzione: Antropologia dei futuri passati”, in *Lares - Quadrimestrale di studi demoetnoantropologici*, LXXXVIII, n.2, pp. 183-197.

Gardini, M. 2021 (a). “Fear of the Dark: Urban Insecurity and the Legacies of Slavery in Antananarivo”, *Journal of African Diaspora Archaeology and Heritage*, 10:1-2, 110-127 (First published online: 14 August 2020).

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Gardini, M. 2020 (c). “The Theft of the ‘White Sapphire’. Ancestors’ Bones, Violated Tombs, and the (In)Visibility of Immoral Economies in Madagascar”, *Ethnos*, Vol. 85, n. 5, pp. 882-899 (first published online 10 June 2019 <https://doi.org/10.1080/00141844.2019.1626468>).

Bellagamba, A.; Gardini M. 2020. “What is a ‘Slave’? Terminologies, Historicity, and Anti-Trafficking in Two Contemporary African Contexts (Madagascar Highlands, Southern Senegal)”, *Africa: Rivista Semestrale, N.S.* Vol. 2, n. 1, pp. 67-86.

Gardini, M. 2019 (a). “Sauver les domestiques malgaches à l'étranger”. L'appropriation de la rhétorique ‘néo-abolitionniste’ à Ambositra (Madagascar)”, in *Politique Africaine*, n. 154, pp. 75-94.

Gardini, M. 2019 (b). “Profiting from ‘Remoteness’. The Economic and Political Centrality of Malagasy Red Zones”, *Social Anthropology*, Vol. 27, Issue 2, pp. 172-186.

Gardini, M. 2016 (a), “Antropologia dello Stato: un'introduzione”, in *Antropologia, Rivista Semestrale*, Vol.3, n. 2, pp. 7 – 23.

Gardini, M. 2016 (b), “I Limiti della Risaia: Centralizzazione Politica, Banditismo e Sovranità in Madagascar”, in *Antropologia, Rivista Semestrale*, Vol.3, n. 2, pp. 61 – 80.

Gardini, M. 2015 (a), “L'activisme politique des descendants d'esclaves à Antananarivo: les héritages de Zoam” in *Politique Africaine*, n. 140, p. 23-40.

Gaibazzi P. & Gardini M., 2015 (b), “The work of fate and fortune in Africa”, in *Critical African Studies*, Vol. 7, n. 3, 203-209.

Gardini, M. 2015 (c), “Where does fortune come from? Agrarian work ethics and luck in Togo”, *Critical African Studies*, Vol. 7, n. 3, pp. 210- 226.

Gardini, M. 2015 (d). “I Figli di Lendrema: schiavitù e post- schiavitù in Madagascar” in *Mondo Contemporaneo*, 2- 2015, pp. 65-87.

Gardini, M. 2014 (a) "Nowadays spirits allow themselves to be photographed. Renegotiating the Political Role of Yam Ceremonies in Agou, Southwestern Togo" in *Anthropos* 109. 2014/1. 33-44.

Gardini, M. 2013 (a) “Oracles, Chieftaincies and Witchcraft Accusations in Southwestern Togo” in *Journal of Legal Pluralism and Unofficial Law*, 45:2, 249-265.

Gardini, M. 2012 (a), “Land Transactions and Chieftaincies in Southwestern Togo” in *Africa Spectrum*, 47, 1, pp. 51-72.

Chapters in Books

Gardini, M. forthcoming 2026. “Agricultural Slavery in Africa”, in Martin Klein, Edward Alpers, Mariana Candido, Ahmadou Sehou, Lorelle Semley, and Benedetta Rossi (eds.), *Oxford Encyclopedia of Slavery, the Slave Trade and the Diaspora in African History*, Oxford University Press, Oxford (first published online March 22, 2023 "Agricultural Slavery in Africa", *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African History*. Oxford University Press, 2016, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190277734.013.853>)

Gardini, M. 2025, “Migrazioni, genitorialità e traiettorie riproduttive tra Africa ed Europa: un'introduzione”, in Gardini, M. (a cura di), *Traiettorie Riproduttive e Mobilità tra Africa ed Europa*, Milano, Ledizioni, pp. 9-28.

Gardini, M. 2025, “Genitorialità in movimento: migrazioni e traiettorie riproduttive sugli altipiani del Madagascar”, in Gardini, M. (a cura di), *Traiettorie Riproduttive e*

Mobilità tra Africa ed Europa, Milano, Ledizioni, pp. 205-226.

Gardini, M. 2025, “Stregoneria”, in Brivio, A., González Díez, J., Gusman, A., *Antropologia delle religioni. Temi – Etnografie – Pratiche*, Milano, Hoepli, pp. 264-269.

Gardini, M. 2024, “‘Pulire la merda degli altri’. Oblio, gerarchie sociali e stigma tra gli svuotatori di latrine di Antananarivo (Madagascar)”, in Rimoldi L., Scaglioni M. (a cura di), *Antropologia dei rifiuti nelle Afriche del Terzo Millennio. Scarti, Sfide, Riconfigurazioni e opportunità*, Milano: Utet, pp. 39-59.

Gardini, M.; Rimoldi, L. 2023, “People and Ideas from Elsewhere. Notes on Social Anthropology in the UK”, in D’Agostino G., Matera E., *Histories of Anthropology*, London: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 47-74.

Gardini, M.; Rimoldi, L. 2022. “Dialoghi dall’altrove. Qualche nota storica sull’antropologia sociale britannica”, in D’Agostino, G.; Matera V. (eds.), *Storie dell’Antropologia*, Milano: Utet, pp. 43-66.

Gardini, M.; Rimoldi, L. 2021. “The Bridge and the Dance: Situational Analysis in Anthropology”, in Matera, V.; Biscaldi, A. (eds.), *Ethnography: A Theoretically Oriented Practice*, London: Palgrave Mcmillan, pp.159-179.

Gardini, M.; Rimoldi, L. 2020. “Analisi situazionale. Genesi e sviluppo di un metodo etnografico”, in Matera V. (a cura di), *Storia dell’etnografia. Autori, teorie, pratiche*. Roma: Carocci editore, pp. 155-177.

Gardini, M.; Rimoldi, L. 2019. “Max Gluckman, ‘The Bridge’ e le eredità della Scuola di Manchester”, Introduzione a Gluckman, M., *Analisi di una Situazione Sociale*, Milano, Ledizioni

Gardini, M. 2018 (b). “Struggling on the wrong side of the chain: labour exploitation in global agriculture”, in Bellagamba, A., Gardini, M., Menin, L. (eds.). 2018(a), *Shadows of Slavery. Refractions of the Past, Challenges of the Present*. Opendemocracy Ebook Series (previously published in Open Democracy, 13/11/2017, <https://www.opendemocracy.net/beyondslavery/marco-gardini/struggling-on-wrong-side-of-chain-labour-exploitation-in-global-agricult>).

Gardini, M. 2018 (c). “Working for former masters in Madagascar: a ‘win-win’ game for former slaves?”, in Bellagamba, A., Gardini, M., Menin, L. (eds.). 2018(a), *Shadows of Slavery. Refractions of the Past, Challenges of the Present*. Opendemocracy Ebook Series (previously published in Open Democracy, 17/11/2017 <https://www.opendemocracy.net/beyondslavery/marco-gardini/working-for-former-masters-in-madagascar-win-win-game-for-former-slaves>)

Gardini, M, 2018 (d). “Malagasy domestic workers: from slavery to exploitation and further emancipation?”, in Bellagamba, A., Gardini, M., Menin, L. (eds.). 2018(a), *Shadows of Slavery. Refractions of the Past, Challenges of the Present*. Opendemocracy Ebook Series (previously published in Open Democracy, 20/7/2016, <https://www.opendemocracy.net/beyondslavery/marco-gardini/malagasy-domestic-workers-from-slavery-to-exploitation-and-further-emanc>)

Gardini, M. 2016 (c) “Working as a Boy. Labour, Age, and Masculinities in Togo, c.1975-2005” in Rodet, M. and Razy E. 2016, *Children on the Move in Africa, Past and Present Experiences of Migration*, Oxford: James Currey, pp. 104-122.

Gardini, M. 2014 (b) “Chi acquista un terreno, acquista un problema. Fasci di diritti e conflitti fondiari in Togo”, in Ciabbari, Fiamingo, Van Aken *I conflitti sulla terra. Tra accaparramento, consumo e accesso indiscriminato*. Ed. Altravista, Lungavilla, p. 191 – 206.

Gardini, M. 2012 (b), “I Problemi irrisolti non marciscono mai”. Chefferies e gestione dei conflitti nella regione sud-occidentale del Togo” in Fiamingo C. (2012) *Africa che cambia. Processi evolutivi in Africa subsahariana: un'antologia di analisi e studi di caso*. Milano: Edizioni UNICOPLI, pp. 69-81.

Encyclopaedia Entries

Gardini, M. 2023 (b), "Agricultural Slavery in Africa", *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African History*. Oxford University Press, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190277734.013.853>

Book Reviews

Gardini, M. 2025, “Book Review: Aleksandar Bošković and Günther Schlee (eds.) *African Political Systems Revisited*. New York, Berghahn Books, 2022”, *Cahiers d'Études Africaines*, LXV (1), 257, pp. 309-311.

Online Journals and Academic Blogs

Gardini, M. 2021 (c), “Elogio della pausa caffè e tensioni verso il futuro: note a margine del convegno SIAC2021”, *Dialoghi Mediterranei*, 52, 1 novembre 2021, <http://www.istitutoeuroarabo.it/DM/elogio-della-pausa-caffe-e-tensioni-verso-il-futuro-note-a-margine-del-convegno-siac2021/>

Gardini, M. 2016 (d), Banditry and the Politics of Remoteness in the Highlands of Madagascar, *Allegra Lab* 21/11/2016, <http://allegralaboratory.net/banditry-and-the-politics-of-remoteness-in-the-highlands-of-madagascar/>

Working Papers and Reports

Gardini, M. 2022 (d) “The Aging Senegalese Diaspora in Milan: Successful Models, Return Trajectories, and Challenges of Elderly People between Senegal and Italy”, TAAD Report, Ledizioni, ISBN: 978885526741, DOI: doi.org/10.14672/55266741 <https://www.ledizioni.it/prodotto/the-aging-senegalese-diaspora-in-milan/>

Gardini, M. 2022 (e) “The Eritrean Diaspora in Milan: Successful and Unsuccessful Models of Aging”, TAAD Report, Ledizioni, ISBN: 9788855267519, DOI: doi.org/10.14672/55267519, <https://www.ledizioni.it/prodotto/eritrean-diaspora-milan/>

Gardini, M. 2016 (c) “Political Claims and the Legacies of Slavery in Madagascar: An Interview and Some Notes”, Working Paper, SWAB Series, 1/2016, Ledizioni. ISBN: 978-88-6705-531-9, doi: 10.14672/67055319

Ph. D. Dissertation

Gardini, M. 2013 (b) “Land and Conflicts in Togo”, Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Milano-Bicocca, University of Bayreuth.

INVITED TALKS AND PAPERS PRESENTED AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

“‘To whom do I owe my loyalty?’. Aging, Remittances and Belonging in Transnational Malagasy Families”, ECAS 2025, Praga, 24-28 giugno 2025.

“Fare ricerca (anche) tra chi non ci piace: razzismo, ossessioni identitarie e filolepenismo in Madagascar”, Giornata di studio “L’antropologia al tempo della destra, ovvero ‘la cultura di destra’”, 29 maggio 2025, online.

“Impurità, insubordinazione e contro-poteri. Pratiche di resistenza e sovversione dei “raccoltori di escrementi” di Antananarivo”, Convegno ASAI 2024, Messina, 12-14 settembre 2024.

“Di furti, possibili restituzioni e costruzione del patrimonio: lo strano caso di alcune “pietre del fulmine” di Agou (Togo)”, Convegno SIAA 2023, Perugia, 14-16 dicembre 2023.

“Violare le interdizioni statutarie: un’etnografia delle unioni “proibite” sugli altipiani del Madagascar”, Convegno Siac 2023, Roma, 21-23 settembre 2023

Discussant Panel “Shaping African Diasporas through Reproductive/Non-reproductive Choices”, Ecas 2023, Cologne, 02/06/23.

Invited talk for book presentation: ‘Anzianità e invecchiamento in Africa e nella diaspora. Prospettive Antropologiche’”, Seminario Centro MODI, Università di Bologna, 21/04/23.

Invited talk for book presentation: ‘Anzianità e invecchiamento in Africa e nella diaspora. Prospettive Antropologiche’”, Università di Milano-Bicocca, 19/04/23.

“Bandits, Violated Tombs, and the Immoral Economies of the ‘White Sapphire’”, Convegno Asai 2022, Urbino, 29/6-01/7/22.

“Malagasy Domestic Workers and the Legacies of Slavery. An Intersectional Approach”, Convegno Asai 2022, Urbino, 29/6-01/7/22.

Invited talk at Research Symposium “Lexicons of African Freedom”, “Tombs, Famadihana and Freedom in the Highlands of Madagascar”, University of Pavia, 29/04/2022.

Invited talk at Black History Month, “Schiavitù in Africa: aspetti storici ed eredità contemporanee”, Biblioteca Cabral, Bologna, 03/03/2022.

Invited talk at ASA Roundtable “Pier Larson’s Legacy in African Studies”, 18/11/2021.

“Schiavitù e ‘nuove schiavitù’ sugli altipiani del Madagascar”, Invited talk at “La Statale” University of Milan, 08/11/2021.

“Significati e pratiche della libertà sugli altipiani del Madagascar”, Convegno SIAC 2021, Roma, 24/09/2021.

Invited talk at Online Seminar Cycle “Genealogies of African Freedoms”, “Significati e pratiche di libertà sugli altipiani del Madagascar: alcune note sparse”, University of Turin, 02/03/2021.

“Aging in the Diaspora: the Case of Elderly Eritrean Women in Milan”, Protection of Vulnerable Groups in Migration, Eu law & policies in Managing MigrAtion Jean Monnet module 621219-EPP-1-2020-1-IT-EPP, University of Pavia, 15/01/2021

“Retoriche della schiavitù e politiche della migrazione: il caso delle lavoratrici domestiche malgascse”, Master Immigrazione, Genere, Modelli Familiari e Strategie di Integrazione, XII edizione 2019/2020, 04/12/2020.

“L'utilità del confine: contrabbando, conflitti fondiari e posti di blocco sul confine tra Togo e Ghana”, Summer School Corso di Laurea Magistrale in Studi dell’Africa e dell’Asia, 22/09/2020.

“Loneliness and Ageing among Elderly Eritrean Domestic Workers in Milan”, EASA 2020, Virtual Lisbon conference, 23/07/2020.

“Successful and Unsuccessful Models of Aging among Elderly Eritrean Migrants in Milan”, ECAS 2019, Edinburgh, 11-14/6/2019.

“Navigating Stigma and Marginality. Networks of Solidarity in the bas quarters of Antananarivo”, Invited Talk at Workshop: “The Dynamics of Solidarity. Society, Politics and the making of Continuity in the Global Malagasy World”, Halle, 29-31/5/2019

“Stato e Guerra in Africa”, Invited Talk at “Festival dell’Antropologia”,

13/04/2019.

“Conventional and Less Explored Sources for the Study of Slavery and Post-Slavery in Africa”, Invited Talk at the Seminar Cycle for Ph.D. Candidates in History, University of Pavia, 6/2/2019

“Le politiche del saccheggio. Marginalità sociale, razzie e proteste politiche nei bas quartiers di Antananarivo (Madagascar)” Asai Conference- Bologna 5-7/9/2018.

“A Matter of Class, Social Prestige, and Freedom. Domestic workers in Antananarivo and Ambositra (Madagascar). AsaUK Birmingham 11-13/9/2018

“Trapped between international paternalism and poisoned benevolence. The everyday struggle of Malagasy domestic workers”, International Conference: Moving Beyond Paternalism: Supplicants, Saviors and the politics of Anti-Slavery and Anti-Trafficking in Africa”, 29/11 – 1/12/ 2017, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa.

“Masters of Yesterday, Masters of Today. Employers, Domestic Workers and the Metaphors of Slavery in Madagascar”, ECAS 2017, Basel, 29/06/2017-02/07/2017.

“Le Eredità della Schiavitù in Madagascar”, Invited talk at University of Bologna 29/3/2017.

“Urban insecurity, moral orders and the legacies of slavery in Antananarivo”, ASAI Conference, Catania, 22-24/9/2016.

"Fear of the Dark: Urban Insecurity and the Legacies of Slavery in Antananarivo", ASAUUK Biennial Conference, Cambridge, 7 - 9 /9/ 2016.

“Rural Insecurity, Banditry, and the Politics of Remoteness on the Highlands of Madagascar”, EASA 2016, Milan, 20-23/7/2016.

“Pride, Silence and Shame. Political Mobilizations of Slave Descendants in Antananarivo”, Invited Talk at Laboratoire d’Anthropologie des Mondes Contemporains (LAMC), Bruxelles, 5/2/2016.

“Political Activism of Slaves’ Descendants in Post-colonial Madagascar: The Zoam Movement”, Ecas 2015 Conference, Paris, 8-10/07/ 2015.

“Contemporary Forms of Exploitation and the Legacy of Slavery in Madagascar” Conference “Slavery in Africa. Past, Legacies, and Present”, Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, 27-29/10/ 2014.

“The cocoa planter, the migrant and the moto-taxi driver. A Togolese family history”, ASAI Conference, Macerata, 17-20/09/ 2014.

“Working as a ‘boy’: free and unfree labour in Togo”, International Workshop “Shadows of Slavery in Africa and Beyond. An agenda for research and

comparison”, 05-06/05/2014.

“Domestic Servants in a Post-Slavery Context”, Invited talk at SOAS 12/3/2014.

“Repressione e Dissenso in Togo”, Seminar Series “Lo Stato Prospettive Antropologiche”. University of Milano- Bicocca 6/12/2013.

“L’Antropologia dello Stato. Un’introduzione”. Seminar Series “Lo Stato Prospettive Antropologiche”, University of Milano-Bicocca. 24/10/2013.

“Dinamiche di conflitto e di appropriazione della terra in Togo. Dall’introduzione dei *cash crops* alla registrazione dei titoli fondiari”, Workshop “I valori della Terra”, University of Milano-Bicocca. 11/4/2013.

“Nowadays Spirits allow themselves to be photographed. Renegotiating the Political Role of Yam Ceremonies in Agou (south western Togo)”, Italian Conference of African Studies, Pavia. 18-20/9/2012.

“Changing Forms of Land Access in Togo” AEGIS (Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies) Summer School, Cortona. Giugno 2012.

“Frontiere e Contrabbando in Togo” Seminario del Corso di Antropologia delle Migrazioni, University of Milano-Bicocca. 2/11/2011.

“Multiple Borders: Migrations, Land and Conflicts in Togo”, ABORNE Conference Lisbon “Migration and Mobility”. 21-25/9/2011.

“Problems of Land Kill Men. Access to Land, Conflicts and Chefferies in Southwestern Togo” European Conference of African Studies (ECAS), Uppsala. 15-18/6/2011.

“I Problemi irrisolti non marciscono mai”, Italian Conference of African Studies, Napoli. 30/9- 2/10/ 2010.

**ORGANIZATION OF
CONFERENCES, SEMINARS
AND PANELS AT NATIONAL
AND INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCES**

1-2-3/07/2026 Member of the Scientific and Organizing Committee of ASAI 2026, University of Pavia.

20/02/2026 Organizer of the Roundtable: “Studi storici e antropologici sull’Oceano Indiano in Italia: prospettive, linee di ricerche e reti”, University of Pavia.

08-09/09/2025 Organizer of the Workshop: “Transnational Aging between Italy and Africa”, University of Pavia

23/01/2025 Organizer of the Workshop: “Mobilità e Scelte Riproduttive tra Africa ed Europa”, University of Pavia.

12-14/09/2024 Panel Convenor (with Gloria Frisone): “Anzianità e Rituali in Africa e Nelle Diaspore”, Convegno ASAI 2024, Messina.

18/07/2024 Discussant of the Panel: “Waste and Waste Management in Africa: Anthropological Perspectives”, EASA 2024 online.

3-23/04/2024 Organizer and Participant of the Seminar Cycle “Rituali e Performance: Prospettive Antropologiche”, Collegio Ghislieri, Pavia.

14-15/03/2024 Panel Convenor (with Alessandro Gusman): “Aging and Mobility in Africa and in the African Diasporas”, Agenet Easa Conference, Venice.

03/04/2022 Organization of the WAD International Workshop: “Motherhood and Migration: Challenges, Social Roles and Desires”, University of Pavia.

23/09/2021 Panel Convenor (with Aurora Massa) ““Anthropologies of past futures between memories and new aspirations”, SIAC Conference 2021, Roma.

22/02/2020 Organizer of the Workshop: “Migrazioni e invecchiamento in Lombardia: Traiettorie di vita e politiche di inclusione/esclusione”, World Anthropology Day 2020, Milan.

12/12/2019 Organizer of the Roundtable. “Invecchiare nella città: una sfida contemporanea”, Convegno SIAA, Ferrara.

05/06/2019 Organizer of the International Workshop “Invecchiamento e Diaspore: Prospettive Antropologiche”, Università di Milano-Bicocca.

08-10/07/2015 Panel Convenor (with Laura Menin) “On the Margins of Society. Ethnographies of Social Mobilization and Marginalized Groups in Africa and Beyond”, ECAS 2015, Paris.

17- 20/09/2014 Panel Convenor (with Laura Menin) “Lavoro, Mobilità e Stato in Africa” al Convegno ASAI 2014 (Macerata).

05-06/05/2014 Organizer of the International Workshop “Shadows of Slavery in Africa and Beyond. An agenda for research and comparison”, 05-06/05/2014, University of Milano-Bicocca.

2013/2017 Organizer of Swab Research Seminars.

2013/2014 Organizer of the Seminar series: “The State: Anthropological Perspectives”, University of Milano-Bicocca.

27-30/06/2013 Panel Convenor (with Paolo Gaibazzi) “Work ethic, labour and subjectivities in Africa”, European Conference of African Studies (ECAS), Lisbon.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

a.a. 2022/23 – present: Environmental Anthropology (40 hours), University of Pavia.

a.a. 2020/2021 - present: Political Anthropology (40 hours; 27 in a.a. 22/23), University of Pavia.

a.a. 2020/2021 -present: Social and Cultural Anthropology (40 hours), University of Pavia.

Since a.a. 2021/2022 Member of the Ph.D. Programme in History, University of Pavia

(and member of the team organizing Ph.D. teaching activities).

a.a. 2019/2020 Adjunct Professor (*Professore a Contratto*) in Cultures and Societies of Africa, University of Milan-Bicocca (24 hours).

a.a. 2019/2020 Adjunct Professor (*Professore a Contratto*) in Political Anthropology, University of Pavia (40 hours).

a.a. 2018/2019 Adjunct Professor (*Professore a Contratto*) in Political Anthropology, University of Pavia (40 hours).

a.a. 2018/2019 Adjunct Professor (*Professore a Contratto*) in Social Anthropology, University of Bologna (30 hours).

a.a. 2017/2018: Lecturer in Political Anthropology, University of Pavia (20 hours).

6/2/2019 Seminar for Ph.D. candidates at the University of Pavia: “Conventional and Less-Explored Historical Sources for the Study of Slavery and Post-Slavery in Africa”.

16/11/2018 Seminar at the “Intercultural Master on Health, Welfare, Labour, and Integration”, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, “Anthropology and International Cooperation”.

INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Since 2024 Coordinator of the BA Degree Programme in Social Sciences for Global Challenges, University of Pavia.

Since 2022 Member of the Teaching Commission of the Ph.D. Programme in History, University of Pavia.

From 2022 to 2024 Member of the AQ (*Assicurazione Qualità*) group of the Ph.D. Programme in History, University of Pavia.

Since 2021 Member of the AQ (*Assicurazione Qualità*) group of the Master Course in African and Asian Studies, University of Pavia.

Since 2021 Member of the AQ (*Assicurazione Qualità*) group of the Bachelor Course of Political Sciences and International Relations, University of Pavia.

Since 2021 Workers’ Safety Representative, University of Pavia.

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Since 2025 Member of the Directory Board of “Antropologia: Rivista Semestrale”.

2023 Member of the Scientific Committee of Editorial Collection: *Umane Società*, Ed. Arcoiris.

Since 2020 External Reviewer for *Oxford Encyclopedia, American Ethnologist, Ethnopolitics, Slavery and Abolition, Brill, Africa: Journal of the International African Institute, Politique Africaine, Archivio Antropologico Mediterraneo, Afriche e Orienti.*

Since 2018 Editorial Assistant of “Africa: Rivista Semestrale di studi e ricerche”.

Since 2017 Member of the Editorial Board of “Antropologia: Rivista Semestrale”.

MEMBERSHIPS

Since 2024 Member of the Executive Board of ASAI (Associazione per gli Studi Africani in Italia)

Since 2023 Member of the Steering Committee of the “Centro Interuniversitario per la ricerca in antropologia culturale, politica e della comunicazione” – CIRA

2022 Member of the Scientific Committee of the Exposition “Schiavitù e tratta: vite spezzate tra Africa e Americhe. Una ricostruzione storica”, organized by Biblioteca Amilcar Cabral e Settore Biblioteche e Welfare culturale del Comune di Bologna, Sala d'Ercole - Palazzo d'Accursio, Bologna, 29 April - 28 May 2022.

Since a.a. 2021/2022 Member of the Ph.D. Programme in History, University of Pavia.

Since 2021 Member of ASA (African Studies Association - USA).

Since 2021 Member of CSPE (Centro Studi Popoli Extra-europei Cesare Bonacossa).

Since 2021 Member of SIAC (Società Italiana di Antropologia Culturale).

Since 2016 Member of EASA (European Association of Social Anthropology).

Since 2012 Member of ASAI (Associazione per gli Studi Africani in Italia).

2011 Member of ABORNE (African Borderland Research Network).

OTHER WORKING ACTIVITIES

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| • Dates | 2018-2019 |
| • Occupation or position held | CONSULTANT (ANTHROPOLOGY OF MIGRATION) |
| • Name and address of employer | Associazione Basso Monferrato
Astigiano (BMA) |
| • Dates | 2006-2008 |
| • Occupation or position held | EDUCATOR |

- Name and address of employer Comune di Modena, Politiche Giovanili, Progetto “Infobus/Buonalanotte”

- Dates 2002-2004

- Occupation or position held **EVENT ORGANIZER**
- Name and address of employer Comune di Modena, Politiche Giovanili, Progetto “La Tenda”

LINGUISTIC COMPETENCES

MOTHER TONGUE **ITALIAN**

OTHER LANGUAGES **ENGLISH (EXCELLENT), FRENCH (EXCELLENT), EWE (BASIC), MALAGASY (BASIC)**

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