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CURRENT POSITION

Lucia Ceci, PhD, is Full Professor of Modern History, Department of History, Humanities and Society, University of Rome Tor Vergata

OTHER PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Director, Roman Centre for the Jewish Studies (CeRSE)
Editorial board, Fascism and Right-Wing Radicalism in Europe and America: Past and Present, *БЕРЕГИНЯ. 777* (Moscow)
Member of the Scientific Board, Fondazione Istituto Gramsci,
Member of the Scientific Board, Istituto Nazionale Ferruccio Parri
Member of the Scientific Board, Roman Institute for Italian History from Fascism to the Resistance,
Member, Centre for the Study and Documentation of Religions and Political Institutions in Post-Secular Society
Member of the Scientific Board, Italia contemporanea,
Member, Sangalli Institute Award for the Religious History
Member, Editorial Committee Plus Ultra/Studies in History
Member of the editorial committee, Religious Studies monograph Series, University Florence Press

POSITIONS HELD

Assistant Professor of Modern History, University of Rome Tor Vergata (2004-2018)
Coordinator of the Historical curriculum, PhD Program Storia e Scienze filosofico-sociali, University of Rome Tor Vergata (2006-2020)
Teaching contract in History & Civilization, BA in Global Governance, University of Rome Tor Vergata (2014, 2015, 2017)
Visiting professor, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre (2009)

AWARDS

Prize Desiderio Pirovano for the book *Il papa non deve parlare. Chiesa, fascismo e guerra d'Etiopia*, 2010.
Prize Friuli Storia for the book *L'interesse superiore Il Vaticano e l'Italia di Mussolini*, 2014

RESEARCH TRAINING AND GRANTS

Member, Prin 2015 *The encounter of reform communism and the Catholic Church with the human rights 1975-1991* (2016-2019)

Principal Investigator, Research Program “Uncovering Excellence” on *Religious Devotion between Mafia and Anti-Mafia* (2015-2016), University of Rome Tor Vergata

Member, EU network on Pius XI directed by A. Melloni (2008-2014)

Member, Prin 2008 *International order, democracies and totalitarianism in the Church of Pius XI* (2010-2012).

Member, National Committee for the Guglielmo Massaja bicentenary celebrations (2008)

Member, Prin 2004 *Rome: a Mediterranean city* (2005-2008)

Post-doc fellowship in Modern History, University of Rome Tor Vergata with a research project on *Colonialism, Catholic Missions, and Islam in East Africa* (1998-1999)

Post-doc Fellowship, Luigi Einaudi Foundation. Research project: *The progressive Catholic thought in the long Sixties: the role of the Catholic publishers between circulations, spreading and censorship* (1996-1997)

ACADEMIC DEGREES

1991-1995: PhD in Political and Social History of Modern and Contemporary History, Department of History – University of Rome La Sapienza (January 1996). Thesis: *The role of Gustavo Gutiérrez in the development of Liberation Theology in Latin America*.

July 1990: Laurea cum laude in Philosophy, University of Rome Tor Vergata

FIELDS OF RESEARCH

Relationships between Church, politics, and religious dimension (19th and 20th centuries) - Colonial Studies (19th and 20th centuries) – Fascism - II World War – Catholic Anti-Semitism (20th century) – Pacifism (20th century) – Religion and Mafia (20th century).

SELECTED INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIA AND PAPERS

(last ten years)

The irruption of human rights in the Catholic World: the Latin American context, “Human Rights and the Transformation of Political and Christian Cultures in the Late Twentieth Century”, Pisa, Scuola Normale Superiore, 10-11 December 2020

L’appello ai potenti nel XX secolo: grazia, razza, cittadinanza/L’appel au pouvoir au XXe siècle: grâce, race, citoyenneté”, CeRSE, Rome, 10 December 2019

The Vatican and Ethiopia during the Italian Invasion, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Ecumenical Study Conference, Revisiting the Historical Relationship between the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church and the Ethiopian Catholic Church, Addis Ababa, 1-2 May 2019

«Hybrid unions»? *The Catholic Church and the racial laws in Italian East Africa (1935-1939)*, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, 26 September 2018

Fascist Racism in the Colonies: Building a Legal Discrimination, Nathan & Jeanette Miller Center for Historical Studies, University of Maryland, Washington, DC, 25 September 2018 (the paper was also presented at the Italian Cultural Society, Washington, DC, 23 September 2018)

Italian Catholicism and Human Rights Activism: Transnational Networks against the Violations committed during Military Rules in Chile and Argentina, in *Progressive Catholicism in Latin America and Europe. 1950s–1980s. Social Movements and Transnational Encounters*, Kadoc, Leuven, 27-30 May 2018

Fascist Racism in the Colonies: Building a Legal Discrimination, The Racist Laws. Before and After the Shoah: Models, Practices and Heritage, International Holocaust Remembrance, Rome 27 May 2018

Benedict XV. A Pope in the World of the 'Useless Slaughter' (1914-1918), Keynote speech, Bononia, 4-5 November 2016

Semplice cristiano, martire ragazzino: Rosario Livatino tra santità cattolica e religione civile, L'immaginario devoto tra mafie e antimafia, Rome, 15-16 June 2016.

La réception de Mit Brennender Sorge en Italie, Pie XI, un Pape contre le nazisme? L'encyclique Mit brennender Sorge (14 mars 1937), Brest (France), 4-6 June 2015

Il pontificato di Pio XI e la violenza politica. Legittimazioni, delegittimazioni, circolazioni, Pio XI nella crisi europea | Pius XI. im Kontext der europäischen Krise, Gespräch, 4-6 May 2015

La Chiesa cattolica e la politica armata, in 1914-1945. L'Italia nella guerra europea dei trent'anni, Florence, 21-23 May 2014

Il dibattito sull'insegnamento della religione tra le due guerre, La religione istruita nella scuola e nella cultura dell'Italia contemporanea, Venice, 12-13 January 2012

Feixisme i antifeixisme des de la Guerra Civil i fins a la Transició (1936-1977), Barcelona, 25-26 November 2011

The First Steps of «Parallel Diplomacy»: The Vatican and the US in the Italo-Ethiopian War (1935-1936), in *Pius XI and America*. Brown University, Providence (USA), 28-30 October, 2010

L'azione della Santa Sede nel conflitto italo-etiopeico: la Segreteria di Stato, i nunzi e il gesuita, Le gouvernement pontifical sous Pie XI: pratiques romaines et gestion de l'universel, École française de Rome, Rome, 5-6 March 2010

Lucia Ceci has authored books and articles in Italy, Usa, Germany, France, Spain, Russia. She also wrote on cultural dissemination journals (e.g. Saturno, Reset, Treccani web magazine), and contributed to the cultural project of the website "Culti e Mafie" (<http://cultiemafie.uniroma2.it>).

BOOKS

The Vatican and Mussolini's Italy, Brill, Boston-Leiden 2016 (Italian edition: *L'interesse superiore. Il Vaticano e l'Italia di Mussolini*, Laterza, Roma-Bari 2013, 2019²)

Il papa non deve parlare. Chiesa, fascismo e guerra d'Etiopia, Laterza, Roma-Bari 2010

Il vessillo e la croce. Colonialismo, missioni cattoliche e islam in Somalia (1903-1924), Carocci, Roma 2006

La teologia della liberazione in America Latina. L'opera di Gustavo Gutiérrez, Franco Angeli, Milano 1999

EDITED BOOKS

L'immaginario devoto tra mafie e antimafia. 1. Riti, culti e santi (with Tommaso Caliò), Viella, Roma 2017

Culti di fine millennio. Devozioni di massa e modernità nell'universo cattolico, in «Memoria e Ricerca», 24, 3 2016

Guglielmo Massaja 1809-2009. Percorsi, influenze, strategie missionarie, Società Geografica Italiana, Roma 2011

La Resistenza dei militari, "Annali del Dipartimento di Storia", 2, 2006

Chiesa, laicità e vita civile. Studi in onore di Guido Verucci, (with Laura Demofonti), Carocci, Roma 2005

SELECTED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

(last 7 years)

Religion in War and the Legitimization of Violence, in *Benedict XV. A Pope in the World of the 'Useless Slaughter' (1914-1918)*, directed by A. Melloni, Brepols, Turnhout, 2020, vol. 1, 285-302

Католическая церковь и фашизм в Италии: модернизация, войны, антисемитизм (1929–1945 гг.) (*The Catholic Church and Fascism in Italy: Modernization, Wars, Anti-semitism, 1929-1945*) // Фашизм и правый радикализм на Западе и на Востоке: история и современность // Берегиня. 777. Сова: общество, политика, экономика. 2016. № 4(31). С. 99-111, Bereginia. 777, Right-Wing Radicalism in Europe and America: Past and Present, 99-111

Comment, Forum Essay on the David Kertzer's book *The Pope and Mussolini: The Secret History of Pius XI and the Rise of Fascism in Europe*, in «The Catholic Historical Review» 102.4 (Autumn 2016), 799-813

La réception de Mit brennender Sorge en Italie, in F. Bouthillon et M. Levant édts, *Pie XI, un Pape contre le nazisme ? L'encyclique Mit brennender Sorge (14 mars 1937)*, éditions dialogues, Saint-Thonan 2016, 277-296.

"ЭТО ДВИЖЕНИЕ СТАЛО НЕОБХОДИМОСТЬЮ": КАТОЛИЧЕСКАЯ ЦЕРКОВЬ И ПОЛИТИЧЕСКОЕ НАСИЛИЕ ФАШИСТОВ В ИТАЛИИ (1920-1924 ГГ.). - БЕРЕГИНЯ. 777. СОВА: ОБЩЕСТВО, ПОЛИТИКА ЭКОНОМИКА. НАУЧНЫЙ ЖУРНАЛ. 2014. № 4: ФАШИЗМ И ПРАВЫЙ РАДИКАЛИЗМ В ЕВРОПЕ И АМЕРИКЕ: ИСТОРИЯ И СОВРЕМЕННОСТЬ. («This Movement has become a Necessity»: *the Catholic Church and the Political Violence of Fascism in Italy (1920-1924)*, Bereginia. 777, 2014. N. 4: Fascism and Right-Wing Radicalism in Europe and America: Past and Present), 127-139

Der Papst darf nicht sprechen. Die Kirche, der Faschismus und der Italienisch-Äthiopische Krieg, in S. Hensel and H. Wolf eds. *Die Katholische Kirche und Gewalt. Europa und Lateinamerika im 20. Jahrhundert*, Böhlau Verlag, Köln Weimar Wien 2013, 59-78

