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1. PERSONAL DETAILS

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2. EDUCATION

1997-2002 **London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)**
M.Phil., Ph.D. Social Anthropology
Conducted 20 months of fieldwork in Niger, Department of Tahoua

1994-1997 **London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)**
B.A. Social Anthropology. First Class Honours

1993 **High-school 'E.Q. Visconti' (Rome, Italy)**
Classical Studies focus. Final mark: 60/60

3. PUBLICATIONS

3.1 MONOGRAPHS

In preparation *Slavery and Emancipation in Twentieth Century Africa*. Contracted to Cambridge University Press (New Approaches to African History series). Manuscript due for submission on 30 April 2019.

2015 *From Slavery to Aid: Politics, Labour, and Ecology in the Nigerien Sabel, 1800-2000*. Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press (African Studies series). ISBN: 9781107119055. Paperback released December 2017: ISBN 1107545110.

- Finalist for the 2016 *Melville J. Herskovits Award* awarded by African Studies Association, USA.
- Finalist for the 2016 *Fage and Oliver Prize* awarded by the African Studies Association, UK.

3.2 EDITED VOLUMES

2018 *Landscapes, Sources, and Intellectual Projects of the West African Past*. Co-edited with Toby Green. Leiden: Brill. ISBN: 9789004380189.

2010 *Being and Becoming Hausa: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. Co-edited with Anne Haour. Leiden: Brill. ISBN: 9789004185425; E-ISBN: 9789004185432.

2009 *Reconfiguring Slavery: West African Trajectories*. Sole editor. Liverpool: Liverpool University Press. ISBN: 9781846311994. Paperback with new preface released February 2016: ISBN 9781781383056.

3.3 ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

- 2018 'Périodiser la fin de l'esclavage: Le droit colonial, la Société des Nations et la résistance des esclaves dans le Sahel nigérien, 1920-1930'. *Les Annales: Histoire, Sciences Sociales*, vol. 72, no. 4, pp. 983-1021. (English original to be published in 2019 as 'Periodizing the End of Slavery: Colonial Law, the League of Nations, and Slave Resistance in the Nigerien Sahel, 1920s-1930s'.)
- 2017 'What "Development" Does to Work'. *International Labor and Working Class History*, vol. 92 (Fall 2017), pp. 7-23. Introduction to Special Issue on 'Developmentalism, Labor, and the Slow Death of Slavery in Twentieth Century Africa' guest-edited by Benedetta Rossi.
- 2017 'From Unfree Work to Working for Free: Labor, Aid, and Gender in the Nigerien Sahel, 1930–2000'. *International Labor and Working Class History*, vol. 92 (Fall 2017), 155-182.
- 2017 'Freedom Under Scrutiny'. *Journal of Global Slavery*, vol. 2, no. 1 (2017), pp. 185-194.
- 2016 'Dependence, Unfreedom, and Slavery in Africa: Toward an Integrated Analysis'. *Africa*, vol. 86, no. 3, pp. 571-590.
- 2016 'The Agadez Chronicles and Y Tarichi: A Reinterpretation'. *History in Africa*, vol. 43 (2016), pp. 95-140.
- 2015 'African Post-Slavery: A History of the Future'. *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, vol. 48, no. 2, pp. 303-324.
- 2014 'Tubali's Trip: Rethinking Informality in the Study of West African Labour Migrations'. *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, vol. 48, no. 1, pp. 77-100. Full text available online 'open access'.
- 2014 'Migration and Emancipation in West Africa's Labour History: The Missing Links'. *Slavery and Abolition*, vol. 35, Issue 1 (2014), pp. 23-46. Full text available online 'open access'.
- 2004 'Order and Disjuncture: Theoretical Shifts in the Anthropology of Aid and Development'. *Current Anthropology*, vol. 45, no. 4, pp. 556-560.
- 2004 'Revisiting Foucauldian Approaches: Power Dynamics in Development Projects'. *The Journal of Development Studies*, vol. 40, no. 6, pp. 1-29.

3.4 CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- Forthcoming** 'From Slavery? Rethinking Slave Descent as an Analytical Category: The Case of the Mauritanian and Moroccan *Hratin*'. Final version accepted by editor Ann McDougall for special issue in *L'Ouest saharien*.
- 2018 'Thick Contextualisation: Interpreting West African Landscapes, Sources, and Projects' (with Toby Green). In *Landscapes, Sources, and Intellectual Projects of the West African Past*. Co-edited with Toby Green. Leiden: Brill.
- 2018 'Landscapes, sources, and intellectual projects: An interview with Paulo Fernando de Moraes Farias'. In *Landscapes, Sources, and Intellectual Projects of the West African Past*. Co-edited with Toby Green. Leiden: Brill.
- 2015 'Kinotocracy: The Government of Mobility at the Desert's Edge'. In J. Quirk and D. Vigneswaran (eds.) *Mobility Makes States: Migration and Power in Africa*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, pp. 223-256.

- 2013 'Without History? Interrogating Slave Memories in Ader (Niger)'. In M. Klein, C. Brown, S. Greene, and A. Bellagamba (eds.) *African Voices on Slavery and the Slave Trade*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 536-554.
- 2010 'Tuareg Trajectories of Slavery: Preliminary Reflections on a Changing Field'. In A. Fisher and I. Kohl (eds.) *Tuareg Society within a Globalized World: Saharan Life in Transition*. London and New York, I.B. Tauris, pp. 89-108.
- 2010 'The Emergence of Hausa Identity: History and Religion' (with Anne Haour). In A. Haour and B. Rossi (eds.) *Being and Becoming Hausa: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, pp. 1-34.
- 2010 'Being and Becoming Hausa in Ader (Niger)'. In A. Haour and B. Rossi (eds.) *Being and Becoming Hausa: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, pp. 113-140.
- 2009 'Introduction: Rethinking Slavery in West Africa', in B. Rossi (ed.) *Reconfiguring Slavery: West African Trajectories*, pp. 1-25.
- 2009 'Slavery and Migration: Physical and Social mobility in Ader (Tahoua)'. In B. Rossi (ed.) *Reconfiguring Slavery: West African Trajectories*, pp. 182-206.
- 2009 'The Paradox of Chronic Aid'. In X. Crombé and J.H. Jézéquel (eds.) *A Not-so-natural Disaster: Niger 2005*. London: Hurst (English translation of original French volume), pp. 105-124.
- 2007 'Les Paradoxes des Aides Chroniques'. In X. Crombé and J.H. Jézéquel (eds.) *Niger 2005: Une Catastrophe Si Naturelle*. Paris: Karthala, pp. 145-172.
- 2006 'Aid Policies and Recipient Strategies in Niger'. In D. Lewis and D. Mosse (eds.) *Development Brokers and Translators: The Ethnography of Aid and Development*. Bloomfield: Kumarian, pp. 27-49.
- 2001 'Women, Land and Development: Gendered Paradigms of Tenure in the Rural Development Project of Keita (Niger)'. In Matteo, S. (ed.) *ItaliAfrica: Bridging Continents and Cultures*. New York: Forum Italicum Press, pp. 119-142.

3.5 ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

- In preparation** 'Slavery and Political Culture', 10,000 words. *Bloomsbury Cultural History of Slavery & Human Trafficking*, Volume 6 '1946 CE – Present', edited by Benjamin Lawrance. New York: Bloomsbury.
- In preparation** Four articles: Labour (and slavery): 4500 words; Abolitionisms: 6000 words; Gender (and slavery): 6000 words; Migrations (and slavery): 4500 words. *Histoire Mondiale de l'Esclavage*, edited by Paulin Isnard, Claude Chevalyre, Benedetta Rossi, and Cecile Vidal. Paris: Seuil. Publication expected 2022.
- 2019 '[Hausa](#)', a 200-entry commented bibliography for the Oxford Bibliographies Online, African Studies.
- 2018 '[Migration History and Historiography](#)'. In *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African History*. Oxford University Press.
- 2005 Five entries: 'Marshall Plan'; 'Food Aid'; 'Power, Discourse and Development'; 'Governmentality'; and 'Actor Oriented Approaches,' *Routledge Encyclopedia of International Development*. General editor: Tim Forsyth; London: Routledge.

3.6 MEDIA, BLOGS, AND REPORTS

- 2017 Interview with Benedetta Rossi, 'The Power of Savors'. Published online in the website of Humboldt University (Berlin) on 18 December 2017: https://www.hu-berlin.de/en/press-portal/nachrichten-en/december2017/nr_171218_00

- 2017** 'Modern Slavery, Brexit, Migration, and Development: Connecting the Dots'. Beyond Trafficking and Slavery, an Open Democracy blog, 21 November 2017: <https://www.opendemocracy.net/beyondslavery/benedetta-rossi/modern-slavery-brexit-migration-and-development-connecting-dots>
- 2015** 'The Everyday Gender Inequalities that Underpin Wartime Atrocities'. Beyond Trafficking and Slavery, an Open Democracy blog, 22 April 2015: <https://www.opendemocracy.net/beyondslavery/benedetta-rossi/everyday-gender-inequalities-that-underpin-wartime-atrocities>
- 2011** Audio podcast of Benedetta Rossi's 20-minute intervention in the panel 'The Slave Next Door: Global and Local Labor', Symposium on Contemporary Slavery, Exit Art Cultural Centre, New York City.
- 2010** *Physical and Social Mobility in Ader (Tabona, Niger)*. Final Report (40 pages) of the Research Project *Mobilités Ouest-Africaines* (MOBOUA) for the *Institut de Recherche pour le Développement* (IRD).
- 2010** Interview with Benedetta Rossi, 'Il faut penser une forme d'aide qui va aider le Niger à se passer de l'aide', published on national newspaper of the Republic of Niger, *Le Républicain*, no. 932, 10-16 June 2101, p. 8 (full page).
- 2008** Interview with Benedetta Rossi, 'Lingering Impact of Slavery', *Research Intelligence*, issue 34, Spring 2008.

Contributed articles to policy-oriented bulletins and reports including *Oxford Analytica* (global strategic analysis), *Haramata* (Newsletter of the International Institute for Environment and Development), and *BOND* (Newsletter of British Overseas NGOs for Development).

3.7 BOOK REVIEWS

- 2018**, Lefebvre, C. 'Frontières de sable, frontières de papier. Histoire de territoires et de frontières, du Jihad de Sokoto à la colonisation française du Niger, XIXe – XXe siècles'. Paris, Publication de la Sorbonne, 2015. Forthcoming in *Critique Internationale*, vol. 78, no. 1.
- 2014**, Lawrance, B. and Roberts, R. (eds.) 'Trafficking in Slavery's Wake: Law and the Experience of Women and Children in Africa'. *Slavery and Abolition*, vol. 35, no. 4, pp. 677-679.
- 2011**, Spaulding, J. and Beswick, S. (eds.) 'African Systems of Slavery'. *Africa*, vol. 81, no. 2, pp. 265-266.
- 2010**, Campbell, G., Miers, S., and Miller, J. (eds.) 'Children in Slavery Through the Ages'. *Africa*, vol. 80, no. 3, pp. 516-518.
- 2009**, (with Dmitri Van Den Bersselaar) Parker, J. and Rathbone, R. 'African History: A Very Short Introduction'. *Africa*, vol. 79, no. 1, pp. 317-318.
- 2005**, Diouf, S. (ed.) 'Fighting the Slave Trade: West African Strategies'. *Progress in Development Studies*, vol. 7, no. 5, pp. 249-250.
- 2004**, Liberski-Bagnoud, D. 'Les Dieux du Territoire: Penser Autrement la Généalogie'. *Man/Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, vol. 10, no. 4, p. 967.
- 2003**, Hagberg, S. 'Poverty in Burkina Faso: Representations and Realities'. *Man/Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, vol. 9, no. 1, pp. 173-174.
- 2002**, Bierschenk, T., Chaveau, JP., Olivier de Sardan, JP. (eds.) 'Courtiers en Développement: Les Villages Africains en Quête de Projets'. *Man/Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, vol. 8, no. 3, pp. 581-582.
- 2002**, Casajus, D. 'Gens de Parole: Langage, Poésie et Politique en Pays Touareg'. *Man/Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, vol. 8, no. 1, pp. 186-187

4. CAREER

4.1 ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 1/2012-to date **University of Birmingham**
Department of African Studies and Anthropology (DASA)
Reader in the history and anthropology of Africa.
Departmental Head of Post-graduate Studies.
Teaching: Masters and PhD: 'Research Skills and Methods in African Studies'.
Primary supervisor of 5 PhD students. UG 2nd and 3rd year special subject:
'Slavery and Freedom in Twentieth Century Africa'.
- 1/2008-12/2011 **University of Liverpool**
Department of History
Lecturer in African history and RCUK Fellow.
Convener of MA in International Slavery Studies. Co-Director of Centre for
the Study of International Slavery (2010-11). Courses lectured: MA core course
'International Slavery'; undergraduate courses: 'Sahara and Sudan: Introduction
to the History and Historiography of Interior West Africa, 1000-1900'; and
'West Africa in the Twentieth Century'.
- 1/2005-12/2007 **School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)**
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
ESRC Research Fellow. Conducted one-year (Jan.-Dec. 2005) field research in
Niger. Lectured graduate and undergraduate courses on West African Culture
and Society in 2006 and 2007.
- 9/2004-1/2005 **University of Sussex at Brighton**
School of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies
Visiting Lecturer. Lectured MA course 'Concepts of Social Development'.
- 2002-2004 **London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)**
Department of Anthropology
Lecturing Fellow. Lectured PG and UG course 'Gender, Sex and Kinship'; MA
in Anthropology and Development.
- 2002-2003 **University of Sussex at Brighton**
School of African and Asian Studies
Visiting Lecturer. Course: 'Development Aid and Projects'.
- 2001-2002 **University of California at Santa Barbara**
Department of Archaeology and Anthropology
Teaching Assistant. Courses: 'Technology and Culture'; 'Science and Society';
'Introduction to Social Anthropology'.
- 2000-2001 **University of Sussex at Brighton**
School of African and Asian Studies
Visiting Lecturer. Course: 'Development Aid and Projects'.

4.2 CONSULTANCIES

- 2001, July **Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
Burkina Faso
Evaluation mission of the *Programme de Mise en Valeur de la Vallée de la Nounao*.
- 2000, August **Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
Niger
Fourth Phase of Keita Project: follow up.
- 2000, April **Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
Ethiopia
Income Generating Activities for Rural Women in Arsi and Bale regions.

2000, February	Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Niger Socio-economic and gender issues in the Keita Project.
1999, December	Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ethiopia Identification of gender issues in Arsi and Bale regions.
1999, October	Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Niger Fourth Phase of Keita Project: socio-economic and gender issues.
1997-1999	Peace Child International (NGO, UK) National Coordinator for Niger.
1997, July	Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Niger Evaluation of gender approach of Keita Project.
1995, July	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO, UN) Niger 'Academic Research Associate' at the Keita Project.

5. GRANTS, PRIZES, AND EXTERNALLY FUNDED COLLABORATIONS

5.1 MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS

2018-2020	AHRC Global Challenges Research Fund, Anti-slavery Knowledge Network Grant Legacies of Slavery in Niger: Mobilising Memory, Heritage, and Politics to End Abuse (LESLAN): Research and Global Challenges grant of £100,000 (maximum amount). Rossi is PI with co-Is Ali Bouzou (Timidria) and Mahaman Tidjani Alou (Abdou Moumouni University of Niamey).
2017-2018	Re: Work, Humboldt University, Berlin Research fellowship for the project The Rise of African Abolitionism.
2008-2011	Research Councils UK (RCUK) Research and teaching Fellowship in International Slavery covering full salary located at the School of History of the University of Liverpool and Centre for the Study of International Slavery (Liverpool).
2005-2007	Economic and Social Research Council Research Fellowship of £136,500 for project on Trajectories of Slavery in Ader (Niger). Project results evaluated as 'outstanding' in the 2008 ESRC review.
2001-2002	London School of Economics and Political Science Doctoral Fellowship covering living expenses and travel for research toward completion of doctoral thesis at the University of California at Santa Barbara.
1998-2001	Economic and Social Research Council Doctoral Research Studentship covering full fees of PhD (3 years).
1997-1998	London School of Economics and Political Science M.Phil. Research Studentship covering full fees (1 year).
1994-1997	City of Westminster (EC) Award covering full fees for entire undergraduate BA programme (3 years).

5.2 COLLABORATIVE AND NETWORK GRANTS

- 03/2018-02/2023** **European Commission Starting Grant (ERC), PI: Camille Lefebvre.** 'Hausa and Kanuri Languages as Archive for the History of Sahara and Sahel in 18th and 19th Century' (LANGARCHIV). (Total grant: Euro 1,497,168; University of Birmingham/Benedetta Rossi's participation: 154,855 Euro). Dr Rossi acts as Senior Research Associate for the project and organiser of conference 'African Texts, Languages, and History' in January-February 2020.
- 01/2017-12/2020** **European Commission Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)** Network Grant (Euro 1,107,000), 'Slavery in Africa: A Dialogue between Europe and Africa' (SLAFNET). Co-applicant. PI: Marie-Pierre Ballarin (Nice).
- 09/2015-08/2020** **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC Canada),** Partnership Grant (CAN\$ 2,049,938), 'Conjugal Slavery in War: Partnership for the Study of Enslavement, Marriage, and Masculinities'. Co-applicant; PI: Annie Bunting.
- 09/2014-09/2017** **AHRC-British Library Collaborative Doctoral Partnership,** Islamic Pluralism in the Political History of the Central Sahel. Full tuition fees and maintenance funding for one PhD student. Sole applicant.
- 12/2012-12/2015** **ESRC Teaching Partnership Grant,** co-teaching and supervision of graduate students at the Université Cheikh Anta Diop of Dakar (£ 7,000).
- 1/2011-12/2014** **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC Canada),** Partnership Development Grant (CAN\$ 202,283), 'Forced Marriage, Gender, and Conflict Situations: Partnership for Historical and Comparative Research'. Co-applicant; PI: Prof. Annie Bunting.
- 1/2008-12/2010** **Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD, Paris),** Projet Mobilités Ouest-Africaines (MOBOUA), PI: Dr. Monique Bertrand. Collaborative interdisciplinary project on mobility and migrations in West Africa. £11,300 for 4 months of field-research in Niger.
- 3/2008-4/2009** **Arts and Humanities Research Foundation and Economic and Social Research Council (AHRC/ESRC)**
Network grant (£15,000) in collaboration with Dr. Anne Haour.

5.3 INVITED VISITING POSITIONS AND SMALL GRANTS

- 03/2019** **Fondation Les Treilles (France)**
One-week 'writing retreat' at Les Treilles estate for four associate editors of the forthcoming Histoire Mondiale de l'Esclavage (Paulin Isnard, Cecile Vidal, Claude Chevalere, Benedetta Rossi) <http://www.les-treilles.com/en/>
- 01-02/2019** **Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris)**
Invited Visiting Scholar at the Laboratoire des Mondes Américaines: 4 public lectures on the global history of slavery and abolition.
- 03/2017** **College of Arts and Law, University of Birmingham**
Nominated by undergraduate students for the Teaching Excellence Award.
- 05/2016** **Oxford University, All Souls College**
Evans-Pritchard Lectureship 2015/16
Evans-Pritchard Lecturer 2015/16: five public lectures on 'Slavery and Emancipation in Twentieth Century Africa'. Awarded stipend of £3000.
- 10/2013** **College of Arts and Law, University of Birmingham**
Award (£700) for contributions to departmental administration.

- 01/2013** **African Studies Association UK (ASAUK)**
Conference grant: £1200 for the organisation of the first annual Fage Lecture in the context of Conference for CWAS Fiftieth Anniversary.
- 03/2009** **British Academy**
Overseas Conference Grant (ref. OCG-53751): £500 (fixed quota) for participation in conference 'Tales of Slavery', University of Toronto, 20-23 May 2009.
- 2008** **African Studies Association (ASAUK)**
Conference grant: £500 (maximum amount) for supporting the participation of one African scholar.
- 2007** **British Academy**
Conference grant: £2,000 (maximum amount) for the organisation of the international conference 'African Trajectories of Slavery'.
- 2007** **Thriplow Charitable Trust**
Conference grant: £2,030 for the organisation of international conference 'African Trajectories of Slavery'.
- 2007** **Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)**
Network grant: £6,000 for collaborative workshops with 10 European scholars.
- 1993** **Soroptimist International (Italy)**
Winner of national contest as best school-leaving diploma (Maturità) in the Lazio Region, Italy.

6. SELECTED INVITED LECTURES

- 2019, 26 February** **University of Cambridge, King's College**
Economic History Seminar
Invited lecture: 'Struggles over slavery, struggles over power. Africa 1926-1946'.
- 2019, 16 February** **Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris)**
Co-organiser and speaker at round table and public outreach event '[African Abolitionism in the 21st Century](#)'.
- 2019, 8 February** **Centre international de recherches sur les esclavages (CIRES), Paris**
'Euro-American Abolitionisms in the African Mirror'.
- 2019, 1-2 February** **Zurich University, MA in Applied History**
Invited visiting lecturer, to deliver lecture on 'Slavery and the Slave Trade' in the 'African History' Masters module.
- 2019, 31 January** **Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris)**
Anthropology Seminar, 'Violence, vulnérabilité, temporalité'
'Esclavage dans les guerres africaines contemporaines?'
- 2019, 21 January** **Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris), Institut des mondes africaines**
'Périodiser la fin de l'esclavage: Le droit colonial, la Société des Nations et la résistance des esclaves dans le Sahel nigérien, 1920-1930'.
- 2019, 18 January** **Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris), d'études nord-américaines**
'Gender, Sex, and Slavery in World History'.
- 2018, 30 August** **University of Concepción (Chile), Gender Equity and Sexual Diversity Department**
Invited lecture: 'Gender Violence in Africa: Between Wartime Atrocities and Everyday Discrimination'.

- 2018, 28 August **Universidad de Chile, Centro de Estudio de Genero y Cultura en America Latina**
Invited lecture: 'Sexual Slavery in Contemporary African Wars' (['Esclavitud sexual en las guerras de África contemporánea'](#)).
- 2018, 4-5 July **Institut fur Arbeit und Lebenslauf in Globalgeschichtliche Perspektive, Humboldt University, Berlin**
Invited speaker for Symposium on Global Labour History.
- 2018, 1 July **Freie Universität, Berlin**
Global History Colloquium
Invited lecture: 'Periodizing the End of Slavery: Colonial Law, the League of Nations, and Slave Resistance in the Nigerien Sahel, 1920s-1930s'.
- 2017, 6 April **All Souls College, University of Oxford**
Conference 'Illegalism, Violence, and State Avoidance in Libya, Chad and Central African Republic'
Keynote lecture: 'Interpreting Violence and State Avoidance: A Perspectival Approach'.
- 2017, 21 March **Edinburgh University**
Diaspora Studies Seminar
Invited lecture: 'Slaves of the Central Sahel: Colonial Law, Slave Resistance, and Periodising African Emancipation'.
- 2016, 25 October **École française de Rome and EHESS**
Atelier doctoral interdisciplinaire 'La Méditerranée: un laboratoire de l'histoire globale et des processus de globalisation', Rome
Invited to give lecture and convene session: 'Esclavage et émancipation en Afrique au XXe siècle: entre histoire et anthropologie'.
- 2016, 12 September **Universidade de Sao Paulo (Brazil), Department of History**
Public lecture: 'Slavery and Emancipation in 20th Century Africa'.
- 2016, 16 June **Conférence-débat organisée par l'IMAF et l'EHESS autour de l'ouvrage de Benedetta Rossi 'From Slavery to Aid: Politics, Labour, and Ecology in the Nigerien Sahel 1800-2000'**
[Book discussion](#) with presentations by Frederick Cooper (NYU), Ghislaine Lydon (UCLA), Henri Médard (Université de Provence AMU), and Camille Lefebvre (CNRS). Benedetta Rossi was invited to reply to comments.
- 2016, 1-15 May **All Souls College, University of Oxford**
2016 Evans Pritchard Lecturer
Invited to be resident Evans Pritchard Fellow (2 weeks) and give five public lectures on the theme '[Slavery and Emancipation in Twentieth Century Africa](#)'.
- 2015, 11-12 September **Queen Mary University, London, Department of History**
Workshop 'Cultures of Colonial Violence and Warfare: From Pacification to Decolonisation'
Invited speaker, 'Azawagh 1899-1917: Entangled Histories of Colonial Violence and Resistance in the Nigerien Sahel'.
- 2015, 10-11 June **University of Amsterdam, Institute of Migration and Ethnic Studies**
Conference 'Who Belongs Where: The Comparative Study of Migration and Settlement Control'
Invited speaker, concept paper on 'nomadism' as one of four historical regimes for controlling human mobility.
- 2015, 8 June **Institute of Historical research, University of London, Imperial and World History Seminar**
Invited speaker at roundtable 'The Future of African History'.

- 2015, 4-6 June **Symposium on ‘Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Children Born of War: From World War II to Current Conflict Settings’, funded by Volkswagen Foundation, Conference Centre of Schloss Herrenhausen, Hannover.**
Invited speaker, ‘Wartime Enslavement of Women and Children Born of War in Africa: Linking the Historical and the Contemporary’.
- 2014, 20 October **University of East Anglia, Sainsbury Institute for Art**
Keynote lecture: ‘Departures, Crossroads, and Ways of Moving in the *Longue Durée* of African History’.
- 2014, 23 September **Harriet Tubman Institute for Research on Africa and its Diasporas (Toronto, Canada)**
Speakers Series: ‘From Slavery to Aid in the West African Sahel’.
- 2014, 21 March **Queen Mary University London**
Invited speaker at symposium *How Historians Think* in honour of Carlo Ginzburg. Presentation title: ‘The Anthropologist as Witch’.
- 2014, 24 February **Völkermuseum der Universität Zürich, Switzerland**
Public Lecture: ‘Enslavement and Marriage in Africa’
- 2013, 14-15 November **Université Libre de Bruxelles, Institut de Sociologie et Laboratoire d’Anthropologie des Mondes Contemporains**
Invited speaker at symposium *Questions d’Esclavage Africain*. Presentation title: ‘Slave Descent as an Analytical Category in West African Societies’.
- 2013, 12 October **University of Oxford, All Souls College**
Invited speaker at symposium *Strategies of Imperial Control in Arid and Semi-Arid Environments: The Steppe and the Sahara*. Presentation title: ‘Kinetocracy: Towards a Model for Nomadic Government in Desert-like Environments’.
- 2013, 23 September **East China Normal University, Shanghai, China, History Department and Centre of African Studies.**
Public Lecture: ‘The Environmental Factor in Africa’s History’.
- 2013, 18 September **China Agriculture University, Beijing, China, Development Studies and African Studies**
Public Lecture: ‘The Development of “Development” at the Desert’s Edge’
- 2013, 17 September **University of Tsinghua, Beijing, China, Departments of International Relations and History.**
Public Lecture: ‘Slavery and Emancipation in West Africa’.
- 2011, 22-23 November **Institut für Arbeit und Lebenslauf in Globalgeschichtliche Perspektive, Humboldt University, Berlin**
Invited speaker at symposium *Life-cycle and African Slavery*, ‘Contexts of Choice: Gender, Age, and Opportunity in the Life of Women of Slave Descent’.
- 2011, 18 October **Lady Lever Art Gallery, Liverpool**
Autumn 2011 Lecture Series
Public Lecture: ‘“We Had to Give Yesterday’s Slaves the Time to Learn Freedom”: Colonial Attitudes Toward Slavery and Forced Labour in French West Africa, 1900-1946’.
- 2011, 13 October **Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool**
Autumn 2011 Lecture Series and Black History Month Lectures
Public Lecture (Black History Month), ‘Mobility and Escape of Enslaved persons, 19th and 20th Century West Africa’.
- 2011, 21 September **African Studies Centre, University of Leiden, The Netherlands**
ASC Seminars
Public Lecture: ‘Gender, Slavery, Policy: Hadijatou Mani in Context’.

- 2011, 11 June** **Exit Art Gallery, New York**
Art Exhibition on Contemporary Slavery
Invited panellist at public debate.
- 2010, 1 June** **Université Populaire de Niamey (Niger)**
Public Lecture, 'Identité Haussa: langage, histoire et religion'.
- 2009, 22 April** **WISE Public Lecture**
Invited speaker, 'Transformations of Slavery in Niger: The Case of Tahoua'.
- 2009, 13 February** **Centre d'Etude des Mondes Africains, Aix en Provence**
Seminar series 'l'Afrique en contexte. Pouvoirs, espaces et discours'
Invited speaker, 'Violences, traite et esclavage: du vécu traumatique aux stigmates actuelles': paper and discussion with the historian Antonio de Almeida Mendes.
- 2008, 15 October** **African Studies Centre, Edinburgh, African Studies Seminar**
Invited speaker, 'From Slaves to Migrants: Transformations of Labour and Mobility in North-Eastern Ader, 1917-1946'.
- 2007, 12 November** **Université Paris 1 'Sorbonne'**
Séminaire Esclavages, Emancipations et Abolitions en Afrique
Invited speaker, 'L'esclavage Reconsidéré, Trajectoires d'Esclaves dans les Sociétés Ouest-Africaines'.
- 2007, 31 May – 02 June** **Austrian Academy of Sciences**
Seminar 'Tuareg Moving Global'
Invited speaker, 'Tuareg Trajectories of Slavery'.
- 2007, 25-26 May** **Centre of African Studies, University of London**
International conference: African Trajectories of Slavery
Organiser. Opening paper 'Rethinking Slavery in Africa'.
- 2007, 09 Mar.** **University of Oxford, Anthropology Department Seminars**
Invited speaker, 'Ethnic Pluralism and Interethnic Hierarchy in Ader (Niger)'.
- 2007, 08 Feb.** **Centre of African Studies, University of London**
Invited speaker, 'Dependence and Independence in Ader: Articulations between Slavery and Colonialism in Niger'.
- 2006, 24 Nov.** **University College London, West Africa Seminars**
Invited speaker, 'Hierarchy, Ethnicity, and Identity in Ader'.
- 2005, Dec** **Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin**
Mobility in the Sahara-Sahel Space
Invited speaker, 'Status and Mobility in Ader'.
- 2004, Oct** **University College London, West Africa Seminars**
Invited speaker, 'Hierarchy in Ader: Trajectories of Servility at the Desert's Edge'.
- 2004, February** **School of Oriental and African Studies, Anthropology and Development Seminars**
Invited speaker, 'Gender and/in Development: The *Femme de Keita*, the *Femmes du Sabel*, and Women in Ader (Niger)'.
- 2003, September** **Columbia University, New York**
Sheps Lecture: 'Global Governance and Hidden Transcripts: Unveiling Development Rhetorics in Keita (Niger)'.

I regularly present papers as part of organised panels at the main annual conferences in African Studies, such as the African Studies Association (UK) conferences, the African Studies Association (US) meetings,

the AEGIS-ECAS conferences, the CRG African History meetings, the American Historical Association meetings, and the American Anthropological Association meetings.

7. ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

2020 (May), principal organiser, international conference ‘African Texts, Languages, and History’ in the framework of LANGARCHIV Project (EU-funded).

2019 (April), co-organiser, Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia), international conference and summer institute organised in the framework of SLAFNET Project (EU-funded).

2018 (April), principal organiser (with Vijaya Teelock), ‘Between Slavery and Post-slavery: Citizenship, Dependence, and Abolitionism in African and Indian Ocean Societies’, University of Mauritius, international conference and summer institute organised in the framework of SLAFNET Project (EU-funded). Participants: 50.

2018 (September), convenor of stream (4 panels) on ‘Slavery and Marriage in African Societies’ (with Joel Quirk) at the African Studies Association of the UK 2018 Biennial Conference, University of Birmingham.

2016 (September), convenor of stream (18 accepted panels, 14 actual panels) on ‘Slavery and Freedom in African Societies’ at the African Studies Association of the UK 2016 Biennial Conference, Cambridge University.

2015 (November), principal organiser (with Toby Green), ‘Landscapes, Sources, and Intellectual Projects in African History’, University of Birmingham, Department of African Studies and Anthropology (DASA) and Centre of West African Studies (CWAS). Participants: 80.

2013 (September), sole organiser, ‘Crossroads in African Studies’, international conference on the current state and future directions of African Studies marking the fiftieth anniversary of the Centre of West African Studies of the University of Birmingham. I raised approximately £8000 for conference funding. Participants: 200.

2010 (March), sole organiser, ‘Post-Slavery and Migration in African History’, workshop held at the University of Liverpool (UK). Participants: 30.

2008 (November), co-organiser with Anne Haour (UEA), Hausa History and Society Project, Second Conference held at the University of Liverpool and World Museum Liverpool (UK). Participants: 50.

2008 (July), co-organiser with Anne Haour (UEA), Hausa History and Society Project, First Conference held at the University of East Anglia, Sainsbury Research Centre (UK). Participants: 50.

2008 (April), sole organiser, Round Table: ‘Slavery and Citizenship in Comparative Perspective’, Centre for the Study of International Slavery (Liverpool). Participants: 50.

2007 (May), sole organiser, ‘African Trajectories of Slavery’, international conference held at the Centre of African Studies of the University of London (UK). Participants: 100.

8. INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

2018-to date, DASA Departmental Head of ‘impact’.

2015-2018, DASA Head of Post-graduate Studies: responsible for all PGT (Masters) and PGR (Research and PhD) matters, including admissions, induction, open days, programme review, website and prospectus, and scholarships.

2014-to date, University of Birmingham, College of Arts and Law, member of the College Internationalization Board.

2014-to date, Member of the Hakluyt Society, London.

2014-to date, Member of the Scientific Committee for the *Centre Africain de Recherches sur les Traites et les Esclavages* (CARTE), with Headquarters in Dakar, Senegal.

9. EDITORIAL WORK

2018-to date, serving on the editorial board of the journal *Slavery and Abolition*

2018-to date, serving on the international scientific committee of the journal *Esclavages & post-esclavages (Slaveries & Post-slaveries)*, the journal of the French International Research Center on Slaveries and Post-slaveries (CIRES), a research centre of the CNRS.

2017-to date, serving on the Advisory Editorial Board of *African Studies Review (Journal of the African Studies Association of the US)*.

2017-to date, one of five associate editors of a new *Encyclopaedia of African Slavery, the Slave Trade and the Diaspora* contracted to Oxford University Press, part of online Oxford Research Encyclopaedia series. Editor in Chief: Martin Klein (University of Toronto).

2017-to date, one of four associate editors of a forthcoming World History of Slavery (*Histoire Mondiale de l'esclavage*) contracted to Seuil, Paris. I am responsible for entries focusing on the African continent. Editor in chief: Paulin Ismard (La Sorbonne, Paris).

2016-to date, serving on the Advisory Editorial Board of *African Economic History*.

2015-to date, Reviews Editor for the *Journal of Global Slavery*.

10. LANGUAGES

Italian:	First language.
English:	Spoken: excellent. Written: excellent.
French:	Spoken: excellent. Written: good.
Hausa:	Spoken: good. Written: good.
Modern Greek:	Spoken: very good. Written: good.
Ancient Greek:	Proficiency in the translation of classical texts.
Latin:	Proficiency in the translation of classical texts.