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Education

- * In May 2002 I successfully defended a thesis entitled *A Contribution to a Theory of International Systems Change* (written in English) and I obtained a Ph.D. in Political Sciences at the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa (Italy) with the maximum award and distinction.
- * In the academic year 1999-2000 I attended the Graduate School of European and International Studies of the University of Reading (UK), and obtained a Master of Art in European Studies with the maximum award and distinction.
- * From March to September 1999 I have attended a postgraduate course in International Relations in Florence organized by a well-known cultural institution, the Forum per i Problemi della Pace e della Guerra, together with the Italian Foreign Affairs Ministry. I obtained the course Diploma with the maximum award.
- * In April 1997 I graduated in Political Sciences at the University of Pisa with a thesis in Political Philosophy entitled "Kant's Political Philosophy: the origins of federalism as the political thought of peace" (in Italian). I obtained the maximum award and distinction.
- * Having won a national selection for one of three scholarships, from November 1992 to April 1997 I have attended the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa. I successfully attended internal courses and seminars in different academic disciplines related to political sciences, as well as and language courses, and submitted regularly research papers every academic year. The school also requires the regular academic program of the University of Pisa.

* In June 1992 I obtained the International Baccalaureate Diploma (in English) at the United World College of the Adriatic in Duino (Italy) with a grade of 38/45.

* In 1990 I was admitted at the United World College of the Adriatic in Duino with a full scholarship following a national selection.

Main Research Interests

My main research interests relate regards federalism and nationalism, European and other regional integration processes, global governance and cosmopolitan democracy, interdependence, international systems change and IR theory. While most authors of the Italian federalist tradition focused on the normative identification of preferred institutional models, my research is centered around transition processes. These kind of processes are always complex and not linear. In order to grasp them I have attempted to exploits insights developed by authors from different schools of thoughts and even different academic disciplines, who provided complementary views of different aspects of the same processes.

In my PhD thesis I developed a tripartite framework to study the process of international systems change taking into account material and economic interdependence, the power balance, and the dominant legitimating believes. Historical materialism, political realism, and social constructivism tend to stress just one of these aspects which interact among each other and need all to be considered within a complex theoretical framework. Applying it to the XX century international system, I suggested that a systems change has taken place, but has not been fully recognised, and thus has not produced all its potential consequences. With the end of WWII the material and economic interdependence require large units to be fully exploited. Therefore only continent-wide states could achieve, as the US and the USSR, or aspire, as China, to a great power status. The start of regional integration processes, mainly of an economic character, is a signal and a consequence of this systems change. The increase of the scope and extension of interdependence which underlies this process has produced global problems and the globalization process together with an increasing demand for global governance, confirmed by the proliferation of international agreements and organizations. However, the fact that nationalism and the idea of national sovereignty, also enshrined in the UN Charter, still represent the fundamental legitimating believes for most political units and for the international systems, make it difficult to produce effective and democratic institutional answers to the current transition process.

In the monograph about federalism and European integration I developed a more detailed theoretical framework to explain the timing of the integration process, which existing theories are unable to explain effectively. I suggest that the political and economic situation within and outside

Europe occasionally produce problems or crisis which cannot be solved at the national level. Thus a window of opportunity opens up for European and federalist personalities and organizations to propose a solution to the crisis which advances the integration process, while national governments initially tend to solve it thorough national means, as political realism would predict. If a European institution and/or a national government accept the proposal and put it into the negotiating agenda, this may result in an advancement of the integration process. The crisis thus determines the time and the sector of the possible advancement of the integration processes. Personalities such as Monnet or Spinelli and their organizations can play a role only during the crisis and only if they are able to identify a constructive solution which can be accepted and put forward by a strong political leadership. This framework conceptualise the interaction between economic and material evolution, ideas and power in the development of the integration process, exploiting the useful insights developed by neo-functionalism, intergovernmentalism and federalism.

In the monograph about material interdependence I focus on the process of material evolution and the ways in which it sets the problems societies have to face. At the same time I stress the possibility to develop different solutions and answers – each with different costs and benefits for the various groups involved. I thus exclude any possible historical determinism and analyse the interaction with ideas and power to explain the different solutions that have historically been attempted with regards to the same structural problems. This is particularly relevant with regards to the bew global structural problems mankind has to face, which may require new institutions and policies and new levels of government to prevent mankind self-destruction through war or an environmental catastrophe.

I am currently working with prof. Stefan Collignon to set up a project about Asia and its role in the international system, which would include also an analysis of Asian multi-national federations, such as India and Indonesia.

Research and teaching experience

* Since October 2005 I am research fellow at the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa, where I regularly teach some lessons within the courses held by professors Barbara Henry and Anna Loretoni, and within the Master in Human Rights and Conflict Management. My research and lessons in the last few years focused on IR theory (especially realism, English School, liberalism and social constructivism), federalism and nationalism, global governance, European integration theories, the European democratic deficit and institutional reform, international systems change, and regional integrations. This semester I already taught a 12 hours course about *Il mutamento del sistema internazionale*. I have contributed to the organization of a number of seminars and

conferences at the Sant'Anna School in this period, especially about IR and political science, including the symposia of the Fourth General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research organized in Pisa in September 2007 by prof. Luciano Bardi, which were hosted by the Sant'Anna School.

* Between February 2002 to February 2006 I was research fellow at the Centre for Studies on Federalism of Turin, created in 2001 by the Universities of Turin and Pavia together with the San Paolo Foundation. I have been one of the first two researchers of the Centre, and I have contributed to its initial development including the set up of the library and the web-site as well as to the organisation of seminars and conferences, also providing the input and initial planning for some of them. I have represented the Centre at different academic seminars and conferences in Italy and abroad. I continue to cooperate with the Centre, as I am still in charge of the projects I proposed and helped to set up.

* I am the Editorial coordinator of the *Bibliographical Bulletin on Federalism*, edited on-line by the Centre for Studies on Federalism of Turin (www.csfederalismo.it/Bulletin), which receives an average of 10000 visits a months from scholars from all over the world. The eleven members of the editorial board monitor about 750 international academic journals and select and put in the appropriate section all relevant articles according to the scientific criteria I set up, which were approved by the Executive Board of the Centre. I check the relevancy and section of all articles included, thus ensuring the homogeneity and quality of the final output. This also enables me to have an excellent overview of the international academic literature.

* I am the Editorial coordinator of the new on-line peer review journal *Perspectives on federalism* edited by the Centre for Studies on Federalism of Turin (www.csfederalismo.it/Perspectives). The journal will be officially launched in March 2009, but the work to set it up started at the beginning of 2008. The thirtytwo editorial board members monitor the web-sites of the main institutions of 21 states (mainly federal states or states undergoing federalizing and devolution processes) and of 56 regional and international organizations in the world and send me a monthly report. On this basis, and under the supervision of the Director prof. Umberto Morelli, I ask short notes or proper academic articles to board members and external scholars according to their scientific interests, and then send them to the double blind review and follow them until eventually published. As the journal is to be presented officially only in 2009, it is not yet accessible from the Centre homepage, even if it is already available on-line at www.csfederalismo.it/Perspectives.

* Since 2001 I have been an active member of the research group on Globalization of the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa, chaired by prof. Barbara Henry. I have contributed

to the planning of the activities and to the seminars organised, also delivering lectures and presenting research papers.

* Since 2003 I have been a regular participant of the permanent seminar of Philosophy of Law of the University of Parma, chaired by prof. Gianluigi Palombella. A short note about *Trattati/costituzione: un confronto* was published on the seminar web-site (http://www.unipr.it/arpa/dsgs/interventi_partecipanti.htm).

* Between 2001 and 2006 I was editor of *Il dibattito federalista*.

* I was awarded a contribution to the Promotion of Research by Young Scholars by the Italian National Council of Research in 2004, for a research project about “The European unification process and the changes in national and European identities. Reflections on the basis of the theory of civilization by Norbert Elias” after a national selection. I am continuing to study this issue within my fellowship at the Sant’Anna School.

* I have held a number of lessons and seminars for the Centre for Studies on Federalism, the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa, the Master in International and Diplomatic Career of the University of Parma, and I took part as a speaker to many conferences on European integration of an academic as well as of a political character. I also participated to the Fourth General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research organized in Pisa in September 2007, and to many seminars and conferences organised by the Centre for Studies on Federalism and the Sant’Anna School of Pisa, the Istituto Affari Internazionali, the Istituto di Studi di Politica Internazionale, by the Madison Trust of London, the University of Reading, the London School of Economics, the University of Cambridge, the Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut di Essen, the University of Parma, the Istituto Suor Orsola Benincasa of Napoli, the Istituto di Studi Altiero Spinelli and several other academic institutions.

* In the last decade I have organised courses and given lectures about European integration to high school teachers and pupils for the local authorities of Pisa and the Tuscany Region, and I have worked as an expert for some of the high schools engaged in projects and competitions about European integration.

* In the last seven years I have organised and directed a week-long seminar on European integration and federalism sponsored by the Tuscany Region for selected high school students who have won a competition about European integration. I have often been a speaker at other such conferences elsewhere.

Publications and works

- * The essay *Altiero Spinelli and European federalism* is currently under print in Ann Ward and Lee Ward (editors), *The Ashgate Research Companion to Federalism*, Ashgate, Aldershot, 2009.
- * The essay *Integrazione (Teorie della)* is under print in *Dizionario dell'integrazione europea*, a cura di Piero Craveri, Umberto Morelli, Gaetano Quagliariello, Rubbettino, Roma, 2009.
- * I am editing the proceedings of the Conference "Immanuel Kant and Alexander Hamilton, the Founders of Federalism. A Political Theory for Our Time", for the Centre for Studies on Federalism, including my introduction and my article *The relations between international and domestic politics*. The Centre is discussing the possibility of publishing it with University Press of America.
- * Together with prof. John Pinder, I am editing an Anthology of selected papers by Mario Albertini about nationalism, federalism and European integration. Albertini's writing are in Italian and have not got appropriate international attention yet, although they provide original insights for the study of European integration. The translations have been completed and we are currently working on the introduction and notes. It will be published by Federal Trust, London.
- * The essay *Altiero Spinelli e la teoria delle relazioni internazionali*, has been presented at the International conference "Aspetti fondamentali del pensiero e dell'azione federalista di Altiero Spinelli", organised by the Centre for Studies on Federalism on December 2007 in Turino. Prof. Umberto Morelli is currently editing the proceedings and the final paper has already been handed in.
- * I am completing an article *Attori e "tempi" del processo di unificazione europea* to be published on a monographic issue of the journal *Il Ponte*, with guest editor Fabio Masini, to be published in March 2009.
- * I am revising the paper *Federalismo e democrazia*, presented at a research seminar about democracy held at the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa and organized by the research group on globalization as prof. Anna Loretoni is currently editing the proceedings of the seminar.
- * I am revising the note presented at the conference *Laicità e principio di non discriminazione* held at the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies last spring for the proceedings of the conference. The note deal with the influence of the Catholic Church on the Italian party system, especially after 1992.
- * I am working on a thoroughly revised Italian version of my PhD thesis on international systems change, which is under contract for Il Mulino, Bologna.
- * The monograph *Federalism and material interdependence*, was published by Giuffrè, Milan, 2008.

- * The note *How to re-launch the European unification process?* was published on Perspectives on Federalism, at www.csfederalismo.it/Perspectives in July 2008.
- * The essay *La creazione della moneta unica ed il significato dell'Euro* was published in M.Campopiano, L.Gori, G.Martinico, E.Stradella (a cura di), *Dialoghi con il Presidente. Scritti in onore di Carlo Azeglio Ciampi*. Edizioni della Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, 2008.
- * An interview on *Federalism and Irak*, given to Mr. Farhad M. Hassan, Deputy editor in chief of Gulan political weekly magazine, has been published on July 2008 at www.gulan-media.com.
- * The monograph *A federalist Framework Theory of European Integration* has been published as a research paper of the Centre for Studies on Federalism, on its web-site (http://www.csfederalismo.it/DocumentFolder/PP_Castaldi_05.pdf). It has been downloaded about 920 times in 2008 (I have access only to this year statistics). I am currently working on a revised and expanded version into proper book form.
- * The article *Pace, processo di civilizzazione e unificazione europea*, was published in Storia Politica Società, Anno VII, n. 10-11, dicembre 2006-giugno 2007.
- * The book review *Pace e Guerra dai classici ai contemporanei*, was published in Teoria politica, Vol. XXIII, n. 2, 2007.
- * My Ph.D. thesis, *A Contribution to a Theory of International Systems Change* has been published on-line as a research paper of the Centre for Studies on Federalism (http://www.csfederalismo.it/DocumentFolder/PP_Castaldi_02.pdf). It has been downloaded about 880 times in 2008 (I have access only to this year statistics).
- * The book review entitled *A History of World Federalism: Lessons for European and World Federalists*, commenting on the two volumes book by Joseph Preston Baratta, *The Politics of World Federation*, Westport, Praeger, 2004 (Vol. I United Nation, Un Reform, Atomic Control. Vol. II From World Federalism to Global Governance), was published in The Federalist Debate, XVIII, N. 2, July 2005.
- * The article *Crisi dello Stato nazionale e rilancio del processo costituente*, was published in Il Dibattito Federalista, XXI, n. 2, 2005.
- * The review of Lucio Levi, *Crisi dello Stato e governo del mondo*, was published in Il Dibattito Federalista, XXI, n. 2, 2005.
- * The article *Rilanciare il processo costituente europeo per un'Europa soggetto di pace*, was published in ScienzaePace (Rivista del CISP Università di Pisa), I, n. 1, giugno 2005, disponibile sul sito <http://scienzaepace.unipi.it>.

- * The essay *Fundamental Rights, Citizenship and Democracy and the drafting of a Constitution for the European Union*, in Barbara Henry and Anna Loretoni (eds.), *The emerging European union : identity, citizenship, rights*, ETS, Pisa, 2004.
- * The article *L'Unione Europea e la Turchia* was published in Il Dibattito Federalista, XX, 3, 2004.
- * The article *La fase costituente e il ruolo dei federalisti* was published in Il Dibattito Federalista, XX, 1, 2004.
- * The article *Il rapporto Europa-USA? La vera questione è affrontare i problemi globali*, was published in Il Dibattito Federalista, XIX, 1-2, 2003.
- * The review of Lucio Levi, *Il pensiero federalista* (Laterza 2002), was published in Il Dibattito Federalista, XIX, 1-2, 2003.
- * The article *Considerazioni sulla strategia e il ruolo del MFE* was published in Il Dibattito Federalista, XVIII, 1-2, 2002.
- * The article *Political and Strategic Phases in the Unification processes* was published in The Federalist, XLIII, 1, 2001.
- * The article *Kant* was published within the section "Federalism in the history of Political thinking" in The Federalist, XL, 1, 1998. The article introduces some of Kant's most important passages about the need for a world federation to ensure peace.
- * The article *A Reply to Some Objection to the European Constituent Assembly Strategy* was published in <<The Federalist Debate>>, X, 3, 1997.

Other working experiences

- * In spring 1999 I contributed to a research made by the Fondazione Piaggio in Tuscany for the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and the Ministry of Defence about the civil service in Italy as a substitute for the compulsory military service.
- * In the summer 1997 I contributed to a comparative research about academic excellence in the European countries for the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, under the supervision of professors Nicola Bellini and Riccardo Varaldo.

Languages and computer skills

- * Italian native speaker.
- * Excellent oral and written English.
- * Good passive French in both listening and reading.

- * Basic oral Polish.
- * Excellent computer skills in relation to Office and the internet.

Other informations

* I am an active member of the Union of European Federalist, and member of statutory bodies at local, national and European level of the organization. I am currently secretary of the regional Tuscany section and member of the national board. From March 1995 up to May 1999 I have been Secretary General of the Italian Section of the Young European Federalists. In that capacity, among other activities, I have organized a European Youth Convention, an eighteen thousands people rally, and an audition with the then Italian Prime Minister, Romano Prodi in Florence, during the European Council in June 1996. During my federalist activity I have organised, and I have often been a speaker at, a number of political and cultural events, including seminars, conferences, TV programs, audition to the Parliament and to the Prime Minister, and public rallies.

All these experiences helped me to develop the ability to work within a team, to motivate people, as well as to provide leadership when needed. It also made me familiar with all practical aspects related to planning, financing, running, and accounting for a project.