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### LANGUAGES

Italian (mother tongue)  
English  
Spanish  
Portuguese  
German (A2)

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### BIOGRAPHY

PhD in Urban and Regional Planning (2016/17, University of Palermo – TU Berlin), actually post-doc researcher at the ICS, Institute of Social Science of Lisbon since 2020. I have been an active member of an international collective of researcher/activists called SqEK (Squatting European Collective) from 2014 to 2020. My PhD dissertation titled, “Conflicting citizenship and (re)active zones in the urban areas: confronting the cases of Berlin and Rome – Policies and practices for defining processes of ‘reclaiming’ urban public spaces”, focused on the analysis of relevant cases of insurgent reappropriation /reclaiming of urban public spaces making a comparison between two cities historically characterised by organised forms of social struggle and grassroots’ transitional space reappropriation practices such as squatting. My research focuses on the attempt to define if and when these practices achieve to have an impact upon contemporary policymaking and urban agenda. In order to define that, in my research I trace the analysis on how and under which conditions these practices, pioneering new ideas, have been facilitated, hampered, or co-opted, along these last decades by institutions and dominant discourses and practices in different European Cities.

- Urban Planning Theory
- Contentious Urban Development processes
- Grassroots’ radical processes of space reclaiming
- Social Movements & Urban Activism
- Institutionalization of radical grassroots practices
- Housing movements

### AFFILIATIONS

Universidade de Lisboa, ICS, Instituto de Ciências Sociais, Post-Doc

Università degli Studi di Palermo, Department of urban and regional planning, PhD (V)

Technical University of Berlin, Institute for Urban and Regional Planning, PhD

## Education

- 2016  
February            Doctoral degree  
(PhD title awarded by the University of Palermo – awarding in process by the TU Berlin)  
Title of the Dissertation: Conflicting citizenship and (re)active zones in the urban areas: confronting the case of Berlin and Rome - Policies and practices for defining processes of 'reclaiming' urban public spaces
- 2012 - 2015            Ph.D. student in Urban and Regional Planning  
co-tutoring programme between the Department of Architecture, Section City, Territory, Landscape, University of Palermo and Technische Universität Berlin, School of Planning Building Environment, ISR - Department of Urban and Regional Planning  
Research doctoral thesis on "Policies and practices for defining processes of 'reclaiming' urban public spaces"  
Tutors: Prof. Enrico Gualini (TU Berlin); Prof. Francesco Lo Piccolo (University of Palermo)
- 2013                    Joint research doctoral thesis with Technische Universität Berlin, School of Planning Building Environment, ISR - Department of Urban and Regional Planning (tutor: Prof. Enrico Gualini)
- 2011                    Master degree in Architecture  
University of Roma 3  
Thesis: Barcelona Global city Vs Barcelona's model Grade:110/110  
Tutor Prof. F.Cellini, co-tutor prof. G.Caudo

## Academic career

- 2020  
September-  
Currently on            Post-doc researcher at the Instituto de Ciências Sociais, ICS - University of Lisbon. Awarder of the National competition for the Estímulo ao Emprego Científico Individual 2019 edition – part of the Urban Transition research Hub in ICS since Sept 2020
- 2014 - 2015  
I semester            Students tutor and teaching assistant in Urban Planning II w/workshop - Prof. Francesco Lo Piccolo  
Third year bachelor degree in Urban and Regional Planning, Faculty of Architecture, University of Palermo
- 2014 - 2015  
I semester            Students tutor and teaching assistant in Urban and Regional Planning Theory and History course - Prof. Francesco Lo Piccolo  
Second year bachelor degree in Architecture, Faculty of Architecture, University of Palermo
- 2014  
II semester            Students tutor and teaching assistant in Exchange program Workshop: "Messaggeri della conoscenza" - Prof. Enrico Gualini and Francesco Lo Piccolo
- 2012 - 2013  
I semester            Students tutor and teaching assistant in Urban Planning w/workshop - Prof. Ignazia Pinzello  
First year master degree in Urban and Regional Planning, Faculty of Architecture, University of Palermo

2012-2015 Collaboration For the editorial staff of PhD journal

## Publications

- 2023** **Rossini, L., Tulumello, S.** (2023). Housing Crisis and Social Mobilization in times of COVID-19. In *Partecipazione e conflitto*, Vol.16, no.1, p. 1-6
- 2023** **Rossini, L., Martinez, M.A., Garcia Bernardos, A.** (2023). The configuration of a multi-pronged housing movement in Barcelona. In: *PARTicipation and CONflict*, ISSN 1972-7623, E-ISSN 2035-6609, Vol.16, no.1, p. 63-86
- 2020** **Rossini, L.** (2020). Laci (Italia case study). Book chapter published in *Polítiques de referència internacionals per a la promoció d'habitatge cooperatiu d'usuàries* [ENG. International reference policies for the promotion of cooperative housing for users] edited by Baiges, C., Ferreri, M., Vidal, L. for La Dinamo. Pp. 60-67 <https://ladinamofundacio.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Document-estudis-internacionals- La-Dinamo.pdf>
- 2019** **Rossini, L., Bianchi, I.** (2019). Negotiating (re)appropriation practices amid crisis and austerity. In *International Planning Studies*, 1-22, pp.100-121
- 2018** **Rossini, L., Azozomox, Debelle, G.** (2018). "Keep your piece of cake, we'll squat the bakery!" Autonomy meets repression and institutionalization. In *Urban politics and squatters' movements in Europe. Contexts, cycles and comparisons*, Miguel Martinez Lòpez (Ed.), Squatting European Kollektive, Palgrave, pp. 247-270
- 2018** **Mudu P., Rossini, L.** (2018). Occupations of housing and social centers in Rome: a durable resistance to neoliberalism and institutionalization. In *Urban politics and squatters' movements in Europe. Contexts, cycles and comparisons*, Miguel Martinez Lòpez (Ed.), Squatting European Kollektive, Palgrave, pp. 99-120
- 2017** **Rossini, L.** (2017). *Conflicting Citizenship and (re) active Zones in the Urban Areas: Confronting the Cases of Berlin and Rome. Policies and Practices for Defining Processes of "reclaiming" Urban Public Spaces*. Technische Universität Berlin PhD Dissertation. <https://depositonce.tu-berlin.de/items/4bb7defc-5a14-4e42-b197-748490c0e032>
- 2015** **Rossini, L.** (2015). Resistere al "tramonto della città pubblica": metodi di inclusione dei processi di (ri)appropriazione dello spazio pubblico. [Eng: Resist the 'sunset' of the public city: methods for inclusion of processes of (re) appropriation of public space]. Essay published in the book on the conference proceedings, *La Ricerca Che Cambia*, ISBN 978-88-62-42-163-8, LetteraVentidue Edizioni S.r.l., Siracusa, Italy, pp. 683-698
- 2014** **Rossini, L.** (2014). 'Reclaiming public spaces': identificazione di strategie e metodi per la partecipazione dei cittadini nella produzione e gestione di spazi pubblici [eng: 'Reclaiming public spaces': identification of strategies and methods for citizen participation in the production and management of public spaces] in *Urbanistica Informazioni*, vol. 257, ISSN n. 0392-5005, INU Edizioni, Rome, pp. 152-156
- 2014** **Rossini, L.** (2014). Il dibattito internazionale e la (ri)appropriazione locale del confronto sugli spazi autonomi [eng: The international and the local (re)appropriated debate over autonomous spaces] in *Planum on-line journal*, ISBN 9788899237004, pp. 107-114 [<http://www.planum.net/>]

Attended Conferences

- 2022  
July L Rossini, A. García Bernardos, M. A. Martínez  
**The configuration of a multi-pronged housing movement in Barcelona**  
XIV Congreso Español de Sociología FES
- 2022  
June L.Rossini, A.G. Bernardo, M.A. Martinez  
**The configuration of a multi-pronged housing movement in Barcelona**  
The Struggle for Housing Justice Crises, Movements, Knowledge and Policy - Council for European Studies Social Movements Research Network and Project HOPES Pre-conference
- 2021  
April L Rossini  
**Squatting in Rome and its confrontation with the institutions**  
Conference "Houses of cards? The rules and institutions of housing illegality in Western countries
- 2021  
February L Rossini  
**Squatting in Berlin: the history of a movement**  
Conference held for the eviction of the historical feminist house project, Liebig34 in Berlin
- 2018  
April L.Rossini  
**Urban commons and the third way to reclaim the right to the city in Rome: From reclaimed theatres to social centers**  
"Squatting and urban commons" Conference - Stockholm
- 2016  
October **Squatting European Kollektive meeting** in Rotterdam
- 2015  
December S.Costanza and L.Rossini  
**Where ends the 'common good' when there's no more public space?**  
V meeting in economic-political geography "beyond globalization": COMMONS, Rome
- 2014  
December L.Rossini  
**'Reclaiming public spaces': identificazione di strategie e metodi per la partecipazione dei cittadini nella produzione e gestione di spazi pubblici** [eng: 'Reclaiming public spaces': identification of strategies and methods for citizen participation in the production and management of public spaces]  
VII INU meeting, "una Politica per le città italiane", Naples
- 2014  
November 19-20th L.Rossini  
**Resistere al "tramonto della città pubblica": metodi di inclusione dei processi di (ri)appropriazione dello spazio pubblico** [eng: Resist the 'sunset' of the public city: methods for inclusion of processes of (re) appropriation of public space]  
Seminary/conference: "LA RICERCA CHE CAMBIA" – National conference of Italian PhD candidates in Architecture, Urban and Regional Planning and Design, IUAV, Venice
- 2014  
August L.Rossini  
**'Resisting' new urban social movements: exploring the tools to post-politicize insurgent practices in the con-temporary city**  
RGS-IBG Annual International Conference, Geographies of co-production, London

2014  
May 15-16th L. Rossini  
**Il dibattito internazionale e la (ri)appropriazione locale del confronto sugli spazi autonomi** [eng: The international and the local (re)appropriated debate over autonomous spaces]  
XVII National Conference SIU, l'urbanistica italiana nel mondo, Milano

2013  
July L. Rossini  
**Conflicting citizenship and (re)active zones in the urban areas: the case of Rome**  
AESOP PhD Workshop, Planning for Resilient Cities and Regions, Belfast

## Activities

2023 Reviewer for the journal Housing Studies

2023 Co-organizer of the third edition of the Lisbon Early-Career Workshop in Urban Studies

2023 Editor of the special issue "Social Mobilisations and Planning through Crises" | plaNext-Next Generation Planning

2023 Editor of the Blog SHIFT for SHIFT research group at ICS

2023 Chair of the Reading Group activity in the Urban Transition Hub of the research group SHIFT at ICS

2022 Reviewer for the journal Housing Studies

2022 Editor of the special issue on: "Housing crisis and social movements in times of COVID-19" for Partecipazione and Conflitto Journal

2022 Main organizer and moderator of the Second Edition of the Lisbon Early-Career Workshop in Urban Studies in collaboration with Aesop YA

2021 Moderator of the first edition of the Lisbon Early-Career Workshop in Urban Studies

2021 Reviewer for Radical Housing Journal (RHJ)

2021 Chair of the Webinar Housing in Europe: from financialization to mobilization  
Speakers: Manuel B. Aalbers (KU Leuven); Melissa García Lamarca (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona); Sonia Arbaci (University College London); Thomas Maloutas (Harokopio University of Athens)

2021 Organizer of the webinar Housing Crisis and Social Mobilization in Times of COVID-19  
Speakers: Armin Kuhn (Left Parliamentarian Group in the German Bundestag and Stadt von Unten Berlin); Marco Allegra (ICS-ULisboa, Urban Transitions Hub); Margherita Grazioli (GSSI and Blocchi Precari Metropolitan); Miguel Martinez (University of Uppsala)

2021 Moderator for the Future Workshop organized by the Urban Transition Hub for ICS-ULisboa in collaboration with the municipality of Lisbon

2016 Organisation of the Squatting European Kollektive meeting in Rotterdam

- 2015 Collaboration in the organization of of the 9th AESOP Young Academics conference Differences and Connections: Beyond Universal Theories in Planning, Urban, and Heritage Studies, 23-26 March, University of Palermo
- 2014 Organization of the Exchange programme Workshop “Messaggeri della conoscenza”, Planning controversies and local conflicts in urban development: interpretive approaches and deliberative practices, promoted by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MIUR)
- 2014 Participative process experience within the “Messaggeri della conoscenza” Workshop. Negotiation of conflicts over a squatted abandoned public property in Palermo
- 2014 Organisation of the Squatting European Kollektive meeting in Rome

### Professional practice experience: Architect & Urban Planner

- 2019-2020 Planner and Architect designer for the Minos Digenis Arquitectos, C/ Ciutat de Granada 28b
- 2016-2018 Architect designer AeV Architetti, Piazza di Sant'Anastasia, 3, 00186 Roma
- 2015 Architect designer for RAETHIA real estate
- 2012 STUDIO STELLA – Social housing projects
- 2011 MAI STUDIO - Restoration project for a 5 floors Victorian apartment in Artesian Road, London
- 2010 Preliminary Project and 3D presentation for the new Curia Generalizia for RAETHIA real estate
- 2005 Pilot Project for a new Light Metro Line, Rebibbia-Guidonia's track (Rome)
- 2004 Urban regeneration project (contratto di quartiere) for Torre Maura's area in Rome in collaboration with arch. Francesca Saveria Bedoni

