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Research Interests

- Pilgrimages and Replicas of Holy Sites in Northern Italy
- Holy Land studies and pilgrimages
- Travel writings and women travel writing
- Feminine literature

Academic Background

- 2010-2014 Post-Doctorate, *The Holy Sepulcher Near Home: Pilgrims at San Girolamo, Reggio Emilia and at Santo Stefano, Bologna, Emilia Region, Italy*, European Forum, Hebrew University, Jerusalem. Supervisor: Prof. Bianca Kühnel.
- 2005-2010 PhD, *Matilde Serao: Memories of Palestine*, Land of Israel Department, Haifa University. Dissertation Advisors: Prof. Yossi Ben-Artzi and Prof. Sandra Debenedetti-Stow.
- 1975-1980 Laurea in Lingue e Letterature Straniere (Foreign Languages and Literature) “cum Laude”, Bologna University, Italy. Thesis: *La Femme Rompue di Simone de Beauvoir*.

Academic Appointments

- 2002-2009 Italian Lecturer (Italian language, culture and literature), Foreign Languages Department, Faculty of Humanities, at Haifa University and Technion, appointed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome.
- 1998-2001 Italian culture and language teacher in Biel-Bienne, Switzerland, appointed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome.
- 1995-1998 Italian culture and language teacher in Bristol, UK, appointed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome.
- 1993 Instructor & Teacher Training Coordinator for Italian language teachers in the USA, sponsored by the Italian Embassy, Washington DC, USA, appointed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome.
- 1982-92 English language teacher, Italian State Schools.

Grants and Prizes

- 2005 Premio Profildonna (Women Profile Award), City of Modena, for cultural achievements.
- 2007 Picture and profile in *Donne Protagoniste, Il Valore delle Donne* (Women in the Limelight. The Value of Women), Collana Editoriale “Le Donne e gli Uomini della Repubblica”, Pagani Holding Editore, Rubiera (Reggio Emilia), Italy, p. 258.

Conference Presentations (selection)

- Chair-discussant at the session “Church Institutions, Monks and Clergymen”, at the Conference “The Making of Jerusalem: Constructed Spaces and Historic Communities”, at the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem 2-4 July 2014, 4 July
- “Italian Lady Travelers to Jerusalem (1850-1935). Descriptions and Impressions on the Armenian Presence in the Old City of Jerusalem” at the Conference “The Making of Jerusalem: Constructed Spaces and Historic Communities”, at the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem 2-4 July 2014. She takes part as a Spectrum member, 3 July
- “Jerusalem Elsewhere: the Replica of the Holy Sepulcher and the stations of the *Via Crucis* in San Girolamo, Reggio Emilia, Italy”, The Sixteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University Jerusalem, July 28 – August 1, 2013.
- “Un Sacro Monte di pianura: il complesso devozionale di San Girolamo, Reggio Emilia ”(A Sacred Mount on the Po River Plain: The devotional complex of San Girolamo in Reggio Emilia), Oratory of San Girolamo church, Deputazione di Storia Patria per le Antiche Provincie Modenesi, sezione di Reggio Emilia, Italy, 20 April, 2013.
- “Pellegrine alla Basilica di Santo Stefano in Bologna. Le motivazioni speciali e i riti alla Replica del Santo Sepolcro”, (Lady Pilgrims at the Basilica of Santo Stefano in Bologna. Their Particular Motives and Rites at the Replica of the Holy Sepulcher), organized by the Deputazione di Storia Patria per le Province di Romagna, at the Archivio di Stato (State Archives), Bologna, 4 November 2012.
- “Two Italian Lady Pilgrims in Jerusalem under the British Mandate”, 28th Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies *Multicultural Israel in a Global Perspective: Between One Society and Many Societies*, University of Haifa, June 25-27, 2012.
- “Riti privati e riti pubblici nella chiesa di San Girolamo di Reggio Emilia e al suo Santo Sepolcro” (Private and Public Rites in the Church of San Girolamo and on its Holy Sepulcher), Oratory of San Girolamo church, Deputazione di Storia Patria per le Antiche Provincie Modenesi, sezione di Reggio Emilia, Italy, April 14, 2012.
- “Uso privato e uso pubblico del Santo Sepolcro di Reggio Emilia e del suo tempio (S. Girolamo), edificati al tempo di Modena capitale del Ducato D’Este”(Private and Public Use of the Holy Sepulcher of Reggio Emilia and of its Temple, San Girolamo, during the time of Modena as the Capital City of the D’Este Duchy), Deputazione di Storia Patria per le Antiche Provincie Modenesi, Aedes Muratoriana, Modena, Italy, February 25, 2012.
- “Matilde Serao in Galilee (1893): Descriptions and perceptions seen through the eyes of an Italian woman writer and solo traveler”, The Eighth Convention of 'The Chair for the Study of the History and Activities of the Jewish National Fund' (KKL), *New studies in the history of Zionist settlements*

and building land. To mark 110th Anniversary of the Jewish National Fund and the beginning of Jewish settlements in the Lower Galilee, Beck Hall, University of Bar – Ilan, November 27, 2011.

- “Adorazione alla Replica del Santo Sepolcro e nei luoghi della *Via Crucis* nella chiesa cittadina di San Girolamo” (Adoration at the Holy Sepulcher Replica and the *Via Crucis* Stations, San Girolamo church, Reggio Emilia), Oratory of San Girolamo church, Deputazione di Storia Patria per le Antiche Provincie Modenesi, sezione di Reggio Emilia, Italy, April 30, 2011.
- “Il Santo Sepolcro vicino a casa: devozione a San Girolamo, Reggio Emilia. Un itinerario dello spirito” (The Holy Sepulcher Near Home: Devotion in San Girolamo, Reggio Emilia. A Spiritual Itinerary), Deputazione di Storia Patria per le Antiche Provincie Modenesi, Aedes Muratoriana, Modena, Italy, January 29, 2011.
- “Courageous Women: ‘solo’ women travelers. Itineraries and observations”. Presentation as part of a series: *Travel to Israel: Yesterday and Today*, first evening dedicated to “Italian Women Travelers to the Land of Israel between 1850 and 1935”, Italian Temple, Jerusalem (Hevrat Yehudei Italia), June 10, 2009.
- “Viaggiatrici italiane dell'Ottocento in Palestina (Italian Women Travelers in Palestine in the 1800s): Cristina di Belgiojoso, *Vita intima e vita nomade in Oriente*”, Dante Alighieri Institute, Haifa, June 15, 2008.

Forthcoming Publications

- “Italian Lady Travelers to Jerusalem (1850-1935). Descriptions and Impressions on the Armenian Presence in the Old City of Jerusalem”, *Bazmavep*, Armenian Historical Literary Revue (in print).
- “Matilde Serao in Galilee (1893): Descriptions and Perceptions Seen through the Eyes of an Italian Woman Writer and Solo Traveler”, Special edition publication of the Chair for the Studies of the History and Activities of the Jewish National Fund (KKL) (in print).

Publications

- “La chiesa di San Girolamo in Reggio Emilia e il suo Santo Sepolcro” (The Church of San Girolamo in Reggio Emilia and Its Holy Sepulcher), *Profilodonna Magazine*, n. 1, Anno XIV (marzo 2014), pp. 35-37.
- “Sacro Monte di pianura: il complesso devozionale di San Girolamo, Reggio Emilia” (Sacred Mount on the Po River Plain: The devotional complex of San Girolamo in Reggio Emilia), *Reggio Storia*, n. 141 (ott-dic. 2013), pp. 6-13.
- “Riti privati e riti pubblici nella chiesa di San Girolamo di Reggio Emilia e al suo Santo Sepolcro” (Private and Public Rites in the Church of San Girolamo and on its Holy Sepulcher), in *Bollettino Storico Reggiano*, Anno XLV, Fascicolo I n. 147 (aprile 2013), pp. 91-107.

- “*Viatrix Domini*: la viandante di Dio. Pellegrine alla Basilica di Santo Stefano, Bologna. Le motivazioni speciali e i riti alla Replica del Santo Sepolcro”(*Viatrix Domini*: the Wanderer of God. Lady Pilgrims at the Basilica of Santo Stefano in Bologna. Their Particular Motives and Rites at the Replica of the Holy Sepulcher), in *Atti e Memorie della Deputazione di Storia Patria per le Province di Romagna*, Nuova Serie - Volume LXIII (2012), pp. 189-229.
- “Il Santo Sepolcro vicino a casa: devozione al complesso seicentesco di San Girolamo, Reggio Emilia. Un itinerario dello spirito”(The Holy Sepulcher Near Home: Devotion to the XVII Century complex of San Girolamo, Reggio Emilia. A Spiritual Itinerary), in *Atti e Memorie della Deputazione di Storia Patria per le Antiche Province Modenesi*, serie XI, XXXIV (2012), pp. 31-53.
- “Una Professoressa modenese in Terrasanta” (A Modenese Teacher in the Holyland), *Profilodonna-Magazine*, C. Biccocchi-Main Street ed. Modena, n. 2 June 2003, pp. 32-33.