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Profile

Noemi Lanna is Associate Professor at the University of Naples "L'Orientale" where she teaches "History and Institutions of Japan" and "Japan in the International System".

After graduating in Political Science (four-year language: Japanese) at the Oriental Institute of Naples, he obtained an M. A. in Social Sciences (Shakaigaku shūshi) at the Hitotsubashi University of Tokyo, where he conducted research activities for two years, and a PhD in oriental studies at L'Orientale University. She was a fellow of the "Center for International Studies" of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at the invitation of Prof. R. Samuels (2003-4), visiting professor for the KUPES program of the University of Kobe (2016) and visiting professor for the "Erasmus staff mobility for teaching" program at the Ruhr Universitat Bochum (2019) and at the University of Iceland (2024).

Her research interests focus on modern and contemporary history of Japan and on the international history of East Asia.

Current position

- Associate Professor of *Modern and Contemporary History of Japan and Japan in the international system* at L'Orientale University. On 13 June 2026: Awarded the Italian National Scientific Qualification for the position of Full Professor in Academic Recruitment Field 10/N3 – Cultures of Central and Eastern Asia.
- Member and deputy coordinator of the Asian, African and Mediterranean Studies Doctoral Committee, L'Orientale University.
- Member of the National Doctoral Committee "peace studies".
- Scientific coordinator of the exchange program between Nanzan University and l'Orientale University and the "Doublee Degree" program between Kōbe University and L'Orientale University.

Past positions

- November 2008-October 2014 Lecturer in Modern and Contemporary History of Japan and International Relations at L'Orientale University.

- Feb. 2006-Oct. 2008 Postdoctoral research fellow at L'Orientale University, Department of Asian Studies.

Education

- November 1992-May 1997 Faculty of Political Sciences, L'Orientale University, Naples; course: a four years degree course in Political Sciences (major: Japanese studies).
- May 1997 Faculty of Political Sciences, L'Orientale University: graduated with distinction (110/110 cum laude, correspondent to a first-class honours degree).
- April 2000-April 2002 School of Social Sciences, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo; course: Master of Arts in Social Sciences.
- February 2002 School of Social Sciences, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo; successfully obtained the degree of Master of Arts in Social Sciences. Dissertation thesis: "Takeuchi Yoshimi shisō shiteki kentō. Sengo Nihon ni okeru kindaikaron to nashonarizumu shisō no bunmyaku no naka de" (A historical Analysis of Takeuchi Yoshimi's thought in the context of the Debate on Modernization and Nationalistic Thought in Post-war Japan).
- May 2005 L'Orientale University; successfully obtained the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, (course in "Contemporary Northeast and Southeast Asia Issues"), defending the doctoral thesis on "La memoria contesa: revisionismo storiografico ed identità nazionale nel Giappone postbellico (1945-1970)" (The Contended Memory: Historical Revisionism and National Identity in Postwar Japan, 1945-1970).

Scholarships awarded

- 1998-2000 *Monbukagakushō* two-year post-graduate scholarship awarded for post-graduate studies by the Japanese Ministry of Education.
- 1995 July-August University of Kyoto for Foreign Languages: "Intensive summer course in the Japanese Language for European Students". Scholarship awarded by the *Japanese-German Center*, Berlin.

Teaching and research activities in foreign universities

- April 1998-March 2000 Monbukagakushō Postgraduate research fellow at Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo.
- October 2003-April 2004 Fellowship at the “Center for International Studies”, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston.
- October-November 2012 External examiner of a PhD thesis submitted at La Trobe University, Melbourne.
- July 2014; June 2015 Teaching activity at Kōbe Daigaku. Lectures delivered on the topic: “East Asian Community from the point of view of history and thought”. February 2016. Intensive course for the KUPES program, Kōbe Daigaku.
- June 2018 (11-15): *Erasmus+ Staff mobility for teaching*, Kōbe Daigaku.
- January 2019 (15-19): *Erasmus+ Staff mobility for teaching*, Ruhr Universitat Bochum, Fakultät für Ostasienwissenschaften.
- May 2024- Member of the *Comité de suivi de thèse* (Sciences Po, Paris) of the PhD candidate Julius Becker.
- October 2024 (21-5): *Erasmus Staff mobility for teaching*, University of Iceland.
- January 2026 (3-17): Teaching activity at the Kokusai bunkagaku kenkyūka of Kōbe Daigaku in the framework of the LEGO project (Italy - East Asia Cooperation: from Local Expertise to a Global Outlook).

Teaching experiences

- 2004-2011 Adjunct Professor at ICE (Italian Institute for International Commerce), Postgraduate course “Expert in internationalization of enterprises with knowledge of Oriental Languages”, Conegliano Veneto and Venice.
- 2004-2011 Academic adviser for the postgraduate course in “Expert in internationalization of enterprises with knowledge of Oriental Languages”, ICE (Italian Institute for International Commerce), Venice.
- 2010-2011 Lecturer in *Globalisation and identity processes*.
- 2011-2014 Lecturer in *International Relations*.
- 2015-2016 Associate Professor of *History, institutions and civilizations of the Far East*.
- 2016-2019 Associate Professor of *International history of East Asia*.
- 2009-present Lecturer/ Associate Professor of *Modern and contemporary history of Japan*.
- 2019-present Associate Professor of *Japan and the International system*.

Research projects

- May 2020-present member of the POSOC 19 (POuvoirs et SOciétés face à la Crise du Covid-19) research network.

- February 2016-2020 Member of the JSPS funded research project "Research on the Public Policies on Migration, Multiculturalization and Welfare for the Regeneration of Communities in European, Asian and Japanese Societies".
- April 2016-2017 Coordinator of the Italian Unit of the research project "Kindai Nihon no Itaria hakken. Media to 'chi'", Kyōto Gaikokugo Daigaku.
- 2014-2015 Member of the international research project "Ajia kyōdōtai o kangaeru. Ajia chiiki kyoryoku no kadai to tenbō".
- 2014-2015 Member of the international research project "Japanese theatre in the Twenty century: inside and outside the stage". P.I. Professor Matilde Mastrangelo Sapienza University, Rome.
- 2012-2013 Member of the international research project "Japanese theatre from late 1800s and early 1900s: scenic machine between urban spaces and reforms". P.I. Professor Matilde Mastrangelo, Sapienza University, Rome.

Major talks and lectures (last 12 years)

- 20/10/2014. Discussant at the international conference "Is Japan (really) back? Japanese politics, economy and security at the test", ISPI, Milano.
- 22-23/10/2016. "Kick-off symposium for JSPS Core-to-core programme", Kōbe University: **International Migrations in East Asia: Some Preliminary Reflections.**
- 26/10/2017 Invited speaker at the round-table "Italy and the two Koreas. Opportunities and Challenges", jointly organized by Istituto per gli Affari Internazionali and the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Italy, Roma.
- 11/12/2018 Invited speaker at the round-table "Italia e Giappone. Nuove sfide per la geopolitica" organized by Italian Cultural Institute (Tokyo) and the Italian Embassy, Tokyo.
- 25/08/2021 Speaker at the 16th International Conference of the European Association for Japanese Studies, Ghent: **Not in our name: Japanese intellectuals question the Meiji Centennial celebrations.**
- 10/03/2025 Invited speaker at workshop "Italy-Japan Relations in the XXI Century: Like-Minded Countries Amidst Global Challenges", organized by LUISS University, Rome: **Italy-Japan Relations Through History.**
- 23-4/02/2026 Speaker at the international conference "Rekishi to bungaku. Shijitsu to kyokō no hazama", organized by Sapienza Università di Roma and Minato no kai: **Bungaku o tōshite miru Nomonhan jiken. Murakami Haruki ni shōten o atete.**
- 9-11/03/2026 Speaker at the international conference "Classical Echoes Between Worlds: Graeco-Roman Antiquity and Japan", organized by Università degli studi di Napoli "L'Orientale", Napoli: **The Concept of 'Glorious Death' in Oda Makoto: from Ancient Greece to Postwar Japan via Vietnam.**

Major scholarly publications (last twelve years).

- "Mémoire contestée: l'heritage de la colonisation de la Corée dans les relations nippon-coréennes", *Outre-terre. Revue Européene de geopolitique*, n. 39 (avril-mai-june 2014).
- "Rekishishi kara miru Ajia kyōdōtai", in Sakai Kazunari (ed.), *Chiiki to riron kara kangaeru Ajia Kyōdōtai*, Tokyo: Ashi-shobō, 2015.
- "Le Japon et l'Administration Trump: horizons d'une alliance «inébranlable »", *Outre-terre. Revue Européene de geopolitique*, n. 50 (2017/1).
- "The China problem as a Japan Problem. Takeuchi Yoshimi and Japan's Post-war Debate on China", *RSO*, N.S. XCII, 1-2 (2019).
- "Memory as the Continuation of Politics by Other Means. Yoshida Shigeru's 'Japan's Decisive Century'", *Annali dell'Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale"*, 80 (2020).
- "Nihon" in Sakai Kazunari (ed.), *Yoku wakarū EU seiji*, Kyoto: Mineruba shobo, 2020.
- "Nations in a Showcase: A Comparative Perspective on the Italian National Jubilee (1961) and the Meiji Centennial (1968)", *Asiatische Studien/Etudes Asiatique*, 75:2 (2021).
- K. Sakai, N. Lanna, *Migration in Asia. A Multilevel Analysis*, London and New York: Routledge, 2022.
- "Japan and the Genesis of APEC: A Preliminary Study in the Light of Recently Declassified Documents", *Quaderni di Scienze Politiche*, Anno XII - 21/2022.

Affiliations

- European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS).
- British Association for Japanese Studies (BAJS).
- Associazione Italiana per gli Studi Giapponesi (AISTUGIA).
- Società Italiana di Storia Internazionale (SISI).