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Tommaso Trevisani è professore associato presso il Dipartimento Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo (DAAM), dove insegna Storia dell'Asia Centrale e Società e Culture dell'Asia Centrale. Dal 2018 è coordinatore del centro studi sull'Asia centrale, Caucaso, Turchia, Tibet, Iran (CSACTI) del progetto Dipartimento d'Eccellenza del DAAM. Si è laureato nel 2001 in Filosofia politica presso la Sapienza Università di Roma e ha conseguito il dottorato di ricerca in Antropologia sociale presso la Freie Universität di Berlino nel 2008, con una tesi sulla decollettivizzazione in Uzbekistan. Ha conseguito un diploma presso la scuola di dottorato del Center for Development Research dell'Università di Bonn. È stato ricercatore a tempo determinato presso il German Institute for International and Security Affairs di Berlino (2008-2010), la Humboldt-Universität di Berlino (2011-2012), il Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology (2012-2015), e presso l'Università di Tübingen (2015-2016). Nel 2013 ha ottenuto l'abilitazione nazionale come Professore di seconda fascia nel settore concorsuale 10/N3 – Culture dell'Asia centrale e orientale, nel 2023 l'abilitazione nazionale come Professore di prima fascia nel medesimo settore.

È il responsabile scientifico di numerose convenzioni di ateneo con università in Uzbekistan e Kazakistan. Dal 2023 coordina l'unità di ricerca di ateneo del Progetto PRIN “Water Management and environmental change in Central Asia: politics, society, and transnational connections (1948-2020s).”

I suoi interessi di ricerca riguardano l'antropologia e la storia dell'Asia centrale sovietica e contemporanea. Le sue pubblicazioni si basano su approfonditi studi etnografici in Uzbekistan e Kazakistan e includono lavori sui mutamenti nel mondo dell'agricoltura e su questioni ambientali; sull'antropologia del lavoro e dei rapporti di classe; sui mutamenti nei rituali e nei matrimoni nell'Islam; sul nation-building in Asia centrale socialista e postsocialista.

Tommaso Trevisani is an Associate Professor at the Department of Asia, Africa and the Mediterranean (DAAM), where he teaches the courses Central Asian History and Central Asian Societies and Cultures. Since 2018 he has been coordinator of the Center for Studies on Central Asia, the Caucasus, Turkey, Tibet, Iran (CSACTI) of the Department of Excellence project of the DAAM. He graduated in 2001 in Political Philosophy from Sapienza University of Rome and received his PhD in Social Anthropology from the Freie Universität Berlin in 2008, with a thesis on decollectivization in Uzbekistan. He holds a diploma from the doctoral school of the Center for Development Research at the University of Bonn. He has been a research fellow at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs in Berlin (2008-2010), the Humboldt University Berlin (2011-2012), the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology (2012-2015), and at the University of Tübingen (2015-2016). In 2013 he obtained the national qualification as Associate Professor in the 10/N3 competition sector – Cultures of Central and East Asia, in 2023 the national qualification as Full Professor in the same field. He is the scientific director of numerous university agreements with universities in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. Since 2023 he has been coordinating the university research unit of the PRIN Project "Water Management and environmental change in Central Asia: politics, society, and transnational connections (1948-

2020s)." His research interests are in the anthropology and history of Soviet and contemporary Central Asia. His publications are based on extensive ethnographic studies in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan and include work on changes in the world of agriculture and environmental issues; on the anthropology of work and class relations; on changes in rituals and marriages in Central Asian Islam; on socialist and post-socialist nation-building in Central Asia

Current Position

Associate Professor, Department of Asian, African and Mediterranean Studies, University of Naples L'Orientale

Education

5 December 2008 – Dr. Phil. in Ethnology/Social Anthropology at Free University Berlin grade: magna cum laude

27 April 2001 – Graduated in Philosophy at the University of Rome “La Sapienza” (full grade)

Academic career

November 2023: Italian National Academic Qualification as Full Professor for Central Asian Studies

Since October 2016: Associate Professor for Central Asian Studies at the Department Africa, Asia and the Mediterranean, Orientale University Naples

15 September 2015- 2016 researcher at Tübingen University (Collaborative Research Cluster 923 “Threatened Order – Societies under Stress”)

January 2013: Italian National Academic Qualification as Associate Professor for Central Asian Studies

15 September 2012-14 September 2015 researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale

7 March 2011-4 September 2012 researcher at the Central Asian Seminar at the Humboldt University Berlin

1 July 2008- 31 October 2010 postdoctoral research fellow at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik

1 February-31 July 2010: Lecturer at Institute for Social Anthropology, University of Bern

January-December 2007; February-March 2008: Tutor at the Master in International Cooperation, Human Rights and Peacekeeping in the Mediterranean and the Balkans at the Salento University, Lecce, Italy

1 July 2002-31 December 2005 researcher at the Zentrum für Entwicklungsforschung (Center for Development Research) Bonn University, Germany

Fieldwork

In Kazakhstan: Karaganda region: 2013-14, 2015, 2016 (ca. 12 months); Mirzachol/Hungry Steppe region: 2016, 2017, 2018 (ca. 1 month)

In Uzbekistan: Khorezm: 2003-4, 2006 (ca. 12 month); Ferghana Valley: 1997, 1998, 2001-2, 2009 (ca. 10 months), Karakalpakstan: 2023-2025 (several brief fieldwork trips)

Current academic appointments

Since October 2023 Research Unit Coordinator at the University of Naples l'Orientale of a PRIN (funded by Italian Ministry for Universities and Research) Project (2023-2026) on "Water Management and Environmental Change in Central Asia" (PI Prof. Pianciola, University of Padua)

Since 1 December 2020 Member of the Internationalisation Committee of the Orientale University Naples

Since 9 April 2019 member of the Doctoral School committee of the Doctoral Program on "Asia, Africa and the Mediterranean Studies", Orientale University Naples

Since 15 March 2018 Coordinator of the Centre for the Study of Central Asia, Caucasus, Turkey, Tibet and Iran at the Department for Asian, African and Mediterranean Studies, Orientale University Naples

Since 10 December 2018 member of the Editorial Committee of the Journal *Annali dell'Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale"*, Sezione orientale (AION-Or)

Scientific coordinator of the bilateral cooperation between the University of Naples L'Orientale and: the Institute of History, Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan; Buketov University Karanganda; Ablaihan University Almaty; Al-Farabi University Almaty, Samarkand Institute of Foreign Languages.

Past academic appointments

2-28 February 2025 Visiting Professor at the École des hautes études en sciences sociales in Paris

1-31 October 2023 Visiting Professor at the Buketov Karaganda State University, Kazakhstan

2022-2024 Member of the Quality Assurance group of the Study course Lingue e Culture Orientali e Africane

22 November 2019-January 2025 member of the Research Project “Ceremoniac”, based at the Centre d’ Etudes des Mondes Russe, Caucasien et Centre Européen, EHESS Paris, funded by the French Research Agency (ANR) on "Shaping inequalities or building social bonds? Ceremonial economy under and after socialism in Central Asia (1960s-2020s)"

10 April 2018- 1 December 2020 Delegate for Internationalisation at Orientale University Naples

1 July 2015-30 June 2019 member of the “Agrichange” Project Reflection Board (Volkswagen foundation), by IAMO Halle (Saale), Kazakh National Agrarian University (Almaty), and the Samarkand Agricultural Institute

15 September 2012-14 September 2015 member of the Research Group Industry and Inequality in Eurasia, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

7 March 2011-4 September 2012 member of the Berlin Graduate School for Muslim Cultures and Societies as Postdoctoral research associate

Professional affiliations

ASIAC (Associazione Italiana per lo studio dell’Asia Centrale e del Caucaso)

CESS (Central Eurasian Studies Society): member since 2011

DGV (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Völkerkunde/German Anthropological Association): member since 2009

EASA (European Association of Social Anthropologists): member since 2014

ESCAS (European Society for Central Asian Studies): board member 2007-2011; since 2011 advisory board member

Language skills

Italian (mother tongue), German, English, French, Russian, Uzbek