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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizenship: Italian

Born in Naples, Italy Date: 22/9/1970

CURRENT POSITION

Associate Professor in African Studies (History, Political and Social Sciences) at the Department of Asian, African and Mediterranean Studies, University of Naples “L’Orientale”.

PAST POSITIONS

- Researcher and Senior Lecturer in African Studies (History, Political and Social Sciences) at the Department of Asian, African and Mediterranean Studies, University of Naples “L’Orientale”.
- Research Fellow at the Department of African and Arab Studies, University of Naples “L’Orientale”; research project in “*Restructuring local power and government in South Africa*”, coordinator: prof. Maria Cristina Ercolessi.
- Teaching Assistant in Politics and Society in Contemporary Africa at I level Degree Courses in Political Science and International Relations, University of Naples “L’Orientale”.

EDUCATION

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| 30 April 2004 | PhD in History of Africa, at Università degli Studi di Siena, PhD Thesis: <i>African Small and Micro-Entrepreneurs in Witwatersrand: a Historical Perspective</i> . |
| a.a. 1996-1997 | Master in Tourism Economics and Management at Ciset (International Centre of Studies on the Tourist Economy), Università Ca’ Foscari di Venezia. |
| 13 March 1996 | Degree in Political Science (Asia-Africa) at the University “L’Orientale” of Naples.
Mark grade: 110 cum laude/110
Thesis: <i>Informal entrepreneurs in Sub-Saharan Africa</i> .
Relatore: prof. ^{ssa} M. Cristina Ercolessi. |

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND PRIZES

- **National Scientific Qualification** for Associate Professor in “History of international relations and of non-European societies and institutions”.
- Recipient of **National Funding for basic activities related to research (FFABR 2017)**.

SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS

- President and member of the Scientific Committee of the Center on Contemporary African Studies (Centro Studi sull’Africa Contemporanea, CeSAC) at the Department of Asian, African and Mediterranean Studies of the University of Naples “L’Orientale”.
- Member of the Board and Secretary of the Italian Society of International History (Società Italiana di Storia Internazionale, SISI), 2021-2023.
- Member of the Board of the Italian Association of African Studies (Associazione per gli Studi Africani in Italia, ASAI), 2019-2020.

ACADEMIC/TEACHING EXPERIENCES (LECTURES)

2022-2023	Lecturer in History of Sub-saharan Africa at I level Degree Courses in Political Science and International Relations, Università di Napoli “L’Orientale”
Since 2012 to 2023	Lecturer in Local development policies in Africa , at the Master Degree Courses in Asian and African Relations and Institutions, Università di Napoli “L’Orientale”
2008-2011; 2020-2023	Lecturer in Politics and Society in Contemporary Africa at I level Degree Courses in Political Science and International Relations, Università di Napoli “L’Orientale”
April-July 2023	Scientific Committee and Lecturer of the Erasmus Blended Intensive Programme, “ <i>Comparative African Politics: ‘Africa is not a country’</i> ”, organized by the University of Hradec Králové, University of Naples L’Orientale, Science Po Bordeaux, and the University of Bayreuth.
15 giugno 2023	Member of the Examining Committee of the PhD in Global History, Culture and Politics at Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna.
2022/2023	Member of the Commission for the evaluation and the Examining Committee of PhD Candidates in Political Sciences at the University of Catania (Italy).
2004-2022	Organisation and Participation in the Scientific Committee of the biannual AEGIS Summer School in African Studies .
2022	External Examiner for Master of Arts Thesis by Coursework and Research at the Faculty of Humanities, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg
2022	Member of the Commission for the evaluation and the Examining

Committee of PhD Candidates in Political Anthropology at the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, University of Leiden (NL).

- 2019-2020 **Referee** for the Doctoral School in Architecture, City and Design at IUAV of Venice.
- 2018-2019 **Member of the Commission** for the evaluation of PhD Candidates in Asian, African and Mediterranean Studies at the University of Naples “L’Orientale”.
- 2018 **Referee** for the PhD programme in Urban Studies of the School of Advanced Studies at Gran Sasso Science Institute.
- 2017 **Member of the Commission** for the evaluation of PhD Candidates in Social and Political Change at the University of Turin.
- 2016 **Lectures** at the PhD Programme of the Department of Asian, African and Mediterranean Studies at the **Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”** (Disciplinary Sector in Contemporary History and Social Sciences)
- 2013 **Lectures** at the course *Experts in International business and trade focusing on new emergent markets – Africa, Gulf and Mediterranean*, organized by the Italian Trade Agency (ICE) at the University of Naples “L’Orientale”.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

- August 2023 Visiting Research Associate at the **National Research Foundation Programme in History, Chair on “Local History and Present Realities”**, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, and at the **Department of Media and Communication Studies**, at the **University of Johannesburg**.
- October - November 2018; August 2018 Visiting Research Associate at the **National Research Foundation Programme in History, Chair on “Local History and Present Realities”**, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, and at the **Department of Media and Communication Studies**, at the **University of Johannesburg**.
- March-April 2013 Visiting Research Associate at the **National Research Foundation Programme in History, Chair on “Local History and Present Realities”**, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, to conduct research on “Informal Trading Policies of the City of Johannesburg” within the National Research Programme (PRIN) “State, plurality and change in Africa”.
- September- November 2011 Visiting Research Associate at the **National Research Foundation Programme in History, Chair on “Local History and Present Realities”**, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, to conduct research on “Informal Trading Policies of the City of Johannesburg”, in collaboration with **Yeoville Studio**, School of Architecture and Planning at the University of the Witwatersrand.

- November-December 2010 Research fieldwork in Johannesburg as Visiting Research Associate at the **University of the Witwatersrand**, Johannesburg,
- July-August 2008 Visiting Research Associate at the **Wits University Graduate School of Public and Development Management, University of the Witwatersrand**, Johannesburg, to conduct research on *“Restructuring of Local Government in Gauteng, South Africa”* within the National Research Programme (PRIN) *“Reforms of Governance, Social Exclusion and Combating Poverty in Southern Africa: the cases of South Africa and Angola”*.
- 2007-2008 National Research Programme (PRIN), funded by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR), on *“Governance and institution building: virtuous circle of development and poverty reduction policies in Southern Africa”*, coordinated by prof. Anna Maria Gentili, Università degli Studi di Bologna. Local research unit at the Department of Studies and Research on Africa and Arab Countries at the Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”, on *“Reforms of Governance, Social Exclusion and Combating Poverty in Southern Africa: the cases of South Africa and Angola”*, coordinated by prof. Maria Cristina Ercolessi.
- 2005 **City of Naples Observatory on Development Cooperation.** Consultant and project manager on international development Cooperation, coordinator of research activities in association between the City of Naples and the Faculty of Political Sciences at the Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”.
- 2005 Participation in the research programme *“A «parallel diplomacy» for the Mediterranean region? Scenarios and perspectives of decentralised cooperation in Campania”*, funded by Campania region, conducted by the **Department of Studies and Research on Africa and Arab Countries** at the **Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”**.
- June 2001 – May 2002 Visiting Research Associate at the **Wits University Graduate School of Public and Development Management, University of the Witwatersrand**, Johannesburg.
- 1998 Collaboration in the research on South African politics, funded by MURST, at the **Department of Studies and Research on Africa and Arab Countries** at the **Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”**.
- October-December 1993 Research for Master Degree’s Thesis at the **University of Dar es Salaam** (Tanzania), tutors: prof. L. A. Msambichaka and prof. M. S. D. Bagachwa.

CONGRESS ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT (SELECTION)

- 5-6 ottobre 2023 Participation in the International Conference *Combatting the Gendered Impacts of Climate Change in the MENA Region: Opportunities, Challenges and Trade-Offs*, Chair of the panel “Community-Based Resilience to Climate Change: Global Experiences”, held at the University of Naples L’Orientale.
- 20 settembre 2023 Participation in international workshop “*The Transformation of African Agency in the 21st Century*”. Speaker at the Round Table on “*Disentangling African Agency in the 21st Century*”, held at the Rettorato of the University of Naples L’Orientale.
- 17 agosto 2023 Participation in *2023 Pier Paolo Frassinelli Research Methodologies Boot Camp*, School of Communication, University of Johannesburg (UJ), held at the Nadine Gordimer Auditorium, UJ Library.
- 7-9 giugno 2023 Organisation and Scientific Committee of the **X annual Conference of the Italian Society of International History (SISI)**, held at the University of Naples L’Orientale, Palazzo del Mediterraneo. Discussant of the panel “*Contested Statehood, Governance, and Power: Political Agency at the Periphery*”.
- 7 febbraio 2023 Book launch of the volume *The Question of Agency in African Studies*, Unior Press, series Il Porto delle Idee, edited by Antonio Pezzano, Daniela Pioppi, Varona Sathiyah and Pier Paolo Frassinelli, held at the Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Studies.
- 7-14 December 2022 Organisation of Workshops on *The Question of Agency in African Studies*.
- 14 November 2022 Book launch of the volume *The Question of Agency in African Studies*, Unior Press, series Il Porto delle Idee, edited by Antonio Pezzano, Daniela Pioppi, Varona Sathiyah and Pier Paolo Frassinelli, held at the University of Naples L’Orientale, Sala Conferenze, Palazzo Corigliano.
- 7-8 July 2022 IX Annual Conference of the Italian Society of International History (SISI), held at the University of Siena. Member of the Scientific Committee; convenor and speaker in the panel “*The transformation of the State in Asia, Africa and Latin America in the post-Cold War*”.
- 29 June – 2 July 2022 Convenor of the panel “Governing Cities in Africa” at the VI Conference of the Association of African Studies in Italy (ASAI), “Third millennium Africas in the global world. Challenges, reconfigurations, and opportunities”, held at the University of Urbino “Carlo Bo”.
- 21 July 2020 Participation in book launch *Atlante delle città. Nove (ri)tratti urbani per un viaggio planetario*, published by Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli. Organised by the network LIRe - Librerie Indipendenti in Relazione, piazza del Gesù in Napoli.

- 3-5 October 2019 Organisation and Participation in International Doctoral Workshop, “*The question of agency in African Studies*”, held at the Scuola di Procida per l’Alta Formazione dell’Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”.
- 11-14 June 2019 Participation in the VIII AEGIS European Conference of African Studies, held in Edinburgh, speaker in the roundtable on “*African Studies Associations in Europe - a critical revision of aims and future challenges*”.
- 4-5 April 2019 Participation and organisation of the workshop “Sopravvivere alla città. Apprendere dall’Africa”, at the Fondazione Feltrinelli and Politecnico di Milano. Organisation and Participation in workshop “*African urbanscapes. La rilevanza politica dell’informale*” e alla conferenza del ciclo *Atlante delle città*, su “*Maputo/Napoli. Formale/Informale: come si coglie la sfida della città creata dal basso?*”, at the Fondazione Feltrinelli. Participation in roundtable “*Beyond Rhetoric: Unpacking African Urbanisms*”, at Politecnico di Milano.
- 15 March 2019 Organisation and Participation in the Conference “*Il caso Alpi: una verità sepolta dai rifiuti*”, organised by the Centro Studi sull’Africa Contemporanea (CeSAC), in collaboration with Libera and Link.
- 16 November 2018 Participation in BookCity Milano, at the Università Statale di Milano, Dipartimento di Studi Internazionali, Giuridici e Storico-Politici, speaker in the panels: “Città d’Africa tra inclusione/esclusione, sostenibilità/insostenibilità” and “Nuove frontiere e nuovi sguardi attraverso il prisma della rivista *Afriche e Orientali*”.
- 5-7 September 2018 Participation in V Conference ASAI “Plural Africa. Politica, saperi e dinamiche sociali nel tempo e nello spazio”, held at the Università degli Studi di Bologna. Convenor of the panel “Città, mobilità, informalità in Africa”.
- 18 July 2018 Organisation of the Nelson Mandela Day, in collaboration with Comune di Napoli and Europe Direct.
- 7 June 2018 Round Table “Microimprenditoria africana nel Sudafrica post-apartheid”, held at the Facoltà di Scienze Politiche Economiche e Sociali dell’Università degli Studi Milano.
- May 2018 Organisation and Participation at the documentaries Festival “Mondovisioni”, in collaboration with ArciMovie, Internazionale and Coinor, Cinema Astra di Napoli.
- 6 February 2018 Participation in the Seminar “Diritto alla città, lavoro ambulante e repressione: analisi e proposte”, held at the Dipartimento di Scienze politiche sociali e della comunicazione dell’Università di Salerno. Titolo della presentazione: “Le politiche del commercio di strada in Africa subsahariana: il caso di Johannesburg come paradigma di governance asimmetrica”.
- 24 November 2017 Organisation of the Study Day “Migrazioni, Rifugiati, Xenofobia”, in collaboration with CEICC (Comune di Napoli) and ArciMovie: workshop at L’Orientale held by prof. Loren Landau of the University of the Witwatersrand; film “Voetsek!

- Us, Brothers?" by Andy Spitz, at cinema Astra, within the season AstraDoc.
- 15-17 November 2017 Scientific Committee, discussant at the International Conference "The right to the city in the South, everyday urban experience and rationalities of government", held at the Université Paris Diderot – Cessma.
- 10 November 2017 Doctoral Seminar on "Le pratiche dello Stato in Africa: spazi sociali e politici contestati" at the Dottorato in Mutamento Sociale e Politico, Università di Torino.
- 30 May 2017 Chairman at the Round Table "Africa: Science and Freedom", Hotel Ambassador, Napoli.
- 21 April 2017 Seminar on "La gouvernance asymétrique du commerce informel au centre de Johannesburg", held at the Université Paris VII - Denis Diderot, Programme DALVAA – « Repenser le droit à la ville depuis les villes du Sud – regards croisés Afrique subsaharienne/Amérique Latine » (programme Émergences, jan. 2014-jan. 2018)
- 7-8 October 2016 Participation in the Conference "Tematiche, caratteristiche e metodologie delle storie di area in Italia: un confronto", held at the Università di Pavia.
- 7-8 April 2016 Participation in Workshop PRIN "Stato, Pluralità e Cambiamento in Africa", held at the Università degli Studi di Pavia.
- 19 January 2016 Organisation of the International Workshop "Xenophobia in Africa: Citizenship and Politics of Exclusion and Inclusion", PRIN "Stato, Pluralità, Cambiamento in Africa", held at the Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale".
- 14 December 2015 Organisation and Participation in the Study Day "Sudafrica: opportunità di business, formazione e scambio di know how per le imprese", held at the Camera di Commercio di Napoli.
- 16-17 October 2015 Participation in the International Conference "L'Africa delle città/Urban Africa", organised by the Centro Piemontese di Studi Africani (CSA) with the Associazione per gli Studi Africani in Italia (ASAI), in Turin.
- 25-26 June 2015 Participation in the International Conference "City Portraits: Johannesburg", organised by the IUAV UNESCO Chair, at the IUAV Venice.
- 26-27 March 2015 Organisation and Participation in the International Colloquium "*Practices of the State: Contested Social and Political Spaces*", PRIN "Stato, Pluralità, Cambiamento in Africa", held at the Rettorato dell'Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale".
- 15-16 January 2015 Organisation of the Study Days "*Il Sudafrica post-apartheid è poi così nuovo?*", with Rehad Desai, director of the films *The Battle for Johannesburg* and *Miners Shot Down*; book launch Raphael d'Abdon (ed.), *Marikana. Il Sudafrica e la fine del sogno arcobaleno*, held at the Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale" and Cinema Astra di Napoli.
- 25-28 September 2013 Organisation and participation in the International Summer School "Voices of Protest Engaging Political Power in North and

Sub-Saharan Africa” at the Scuola di Procida per l’Alta
Formazione, Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”.

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCES

- Founder and Editorial Committee of the journal *afriche e orienti*, since 1999
- Referee for the journal *Partecipazione e conflitto* since 18-11-2014
- Referee for the journal *Studi culturali*, since 29-04-2016
- Referee for the journal on line *Articulo – Journal of Urban Research*, since 20-07-2017
- Referee for the journal *L'Uomo Società Tradizione Sviluppo*, since 29-2-2020
- Referee for the series Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies of Brill, since 27-3-2020
- Referee for the journal *Processi Storici e Politiche di Pace. Journal of History, Politics and International Cooperation*, since May 2022
- Referee for the journal *Politique Africaine*, since January 2023
- Referee for the journal *Journal of African Development*, since September 2023

PUBLICATIONS

Pezzano A., “Développement de l’entreprise informelle en Afrique subsaharienne”, in C. Coquery-Vidrovitch (dir.), *Villes et développement dans les pays du Sud*, Laboratoire SEDET, Université Paris 7 – CNRS, 1999, pp. 102-110.

Pezzano, A. e Etzo, S., “Sviluppo e riforma del governo locale”, in “*Dossier. La transizione in Sudafrica*”, *Afriche e Orienti*, n° 3, autunno 1999, pp.14-19.

Pezzano A., “Il lungo cammino verso la democrazia di Ben Ali. Le prime elezioni presidenziali pluraliste in Tunisia”, in “*Dossier. Elezioni e transizioni politiche in Africa*”, *Afriche e Orienti*, n° 4, inverno 1999, pp. 38-46.

Pezzano A., “Percorso bibliografico. Il settore informale”, in *Afriche e Orienti*, n° 1, primavera 2001, pp. 48-51.

Pezzano A., *I piccoli e micro-imprenditori africani in Witwatersrand: una prospettiva storica*, tesi di dottorato in Storia dell’Africa, Università degli Studi di Siena, 2004, 582 p.

Pezzano A., “La prima Conferenza Europea di Studi Africani”, in *Afriche e Orienti*, n. 1/2, 2006, pp. 198-200.

Pezzano A., “La ristrutturazione del potere e del governo locale nel Sudafrica democratico”, in M. C. Ercolessi, O. Cappelli, *Oltre la democratizzazione, III. Cittadinanza, lotte e potere in Africa*, “Meridione. Sud e Nord del Mondo”, IX, 2, aprile-giugno 2009, pp. 58-94.

Pezzano A., “La sfida della governance nel Sudafrica postapartheid. Politiche di sviluppo o strategie di lotta alla povertà?”, in M. C. Ercolessi (a cura di), *Governance e politiche di sviluppo in Africa australe*, Carocci, 2009, pp. 69-73.

Pezzano A., “La sfida della governance nel Sudafrica postapartheid. Governance, partecipazione e povertà urbana”, in M. C. Ercolessi (a cura di), *Governance e politiche di sviluppo in Africa australe*, Carocci, 2009, pp. 75-99.

Pezzano A., “Tutti gli uomini di Zuma.”, in *Limes*, n. 3, 2010, pp. 93-8.

Pezzano A., “Focus Sudafrica. Un paese alla ribalta mondiale.”, in *Babel*, n. 1, 2010, pp. 4-5.

Pezzano A., “Un paese paralizzato dalle sue contraddizioni”, in *Il seme sotto la neve. Sezione Glocal: Sudafrica*, giugno 2010 (rivista on line).

Pezzano A., “Le elezioni del 7 maggio 2014 in Sudafrica, a vent’anni dalla conquista della democrazia”, in *Afriche e Orienti*, n. 1-2, 2014, pp. 145-55.

Lissoni A., Pezzano A. (a cura di), *The ANC between Home and Exile: Reflections on the Anti-Apartheid Struggle in Italy and Southern Africa*, Università degli studi di Napoli L'Orientale, Dipartimento Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo, collana Il Porto delle Idee, Napoli, 2015, 219 p.

Pezzano A., “Studies on South Africa in Italy. A Historiographical Survey”, in A. Lissoni, A. Pezzano (a cura di), *The ANC between Home and Exile*, Università degli Studi di Napoli L'Orientale, Dipartimento Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo, collana Il Porto delle Idee, Napoli, 2015, pp. 17-36.

Pezzano A., “‘Integration’ or ‘Selective Incorporation’? The Modes of Governance in Informal Trading Policy in the Inner City of Johannesburg.”, in *The Journal of Development Studies*, vol. 52, n. 4, 2016, pp. 498-513.

Pezzano A. (a cura di), “*Le pratiche dello Stato in Africa: spazi politici e sociali contestati*”, in *afriche e orienti*, dossier, n. 2/3, 2016

Pezzano A., “Introduzione. Le pratiche dello Stato in Africa: spazi politici e sociali contestati”, in *afriche e orienti*, n. 2/3, 2016, pp. 4-21

Pezzano A., “La *governance* asimmetrica del commercio informale nel centro di Johannesburg”, in *afriche e orienti*, n. 2/3, 2016, pp. 113-132

Pezzano A., “*Getting stuck between the old and the new*”: una prospettiva storica sui piccoli e micro-imprenditori africani nel Witwatersrand, I Libri di Emil, Bologna, 2017, 572 p.

Pezzano A., “I modi della *governance* nel commercio informale a Johannesburg”, in Alessandro Gusman, Cecilia Pennacini (a cura di), *L’Africa delle Città/Urban Africa*, Accademia University Press, Torino, 2017, pp. 342-353.

Pezzano A., “Il governo locale in Sudafrica tra retorica e pratiche della *governance*”, in M. C. Ercolessi, S. de Simone (a cura di), *Autorità locali in Africa: pratiche di gestione e accesso alle risorse*, Università degli Studi di Napoli L’Orientale, Dipartimento Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo, collana Il Porto delle Idee, Napoli, 2017, pp. 179-202

Pezzano A., “‘Integration’ or ‘Selective Incorporation’? The Modes of Governance in Informal Trading Policy in the Inner City of Johannesburg.”, in K. Meagher, L. Mann and M. Bolt (eds), *Globalisation, Economic Inclusion and African Workers. Making the right connections*, Chapter 2, Routledge, New York, 2018. ISBN 13: 978-1-138-21894-9

Pezzano A., “Johannesburg: città frammentata”, in P. Piscitelli (a cura di), *Atlante delle città. Nove (ri)tratti urbani per un viaggio planetario*, Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli, Milano, 2020, pp. 31-47.

Pezzano A., Pioppi D., Sathiyah V., Frassinelli P. P. (eds.), *The Question of Agency in African Studies*, Unior Press, Università degli studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”, Dipartimento Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo, collana Il Porto delle Idee, Napoli, 2021.

Pezzano A., Pioppi D., “Introduction: Agency in Social and Political Studies”, in A. Pezzano, D. Pioppi, V. Sathiyah, P. P. Frassinelli (eds.), *The Question of Agency in African Studies*, Unior Press, Università degli studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”, Dipartimento Asia, Africa e Mediterraneo, collana Il Porto delle Idee, Napoli, 2021, pp. 15-22.

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SIGNATURE

