

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Keywords: New municipalism, commons, co-production, democratisation, public services

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN ACADEMIA

24/11/2022 – **Marie Skłodowska-Curie SoE post-doctoral researcher**
Current Urban Studies Institute, University of Antwerp, Belgium.
01/02/2020 – **Juan de la Cierva Formación post-doctoral researcher**
23/11/2022 Institute of Government and Public Policies, UAB, Spain (6-month maternity leave).
23/09/2019 – **Post-doctoral researcher**
31/01/2020 Institute of Government and Public Policies, UAB, Spain.
23/09/2019 – **Visiting researcher**
25/11/2019 Urban studies Institute, University of Antwerp, Belgium.
28/01/2019 – **Post-doctoral researcher**
27/07/2019 Institute of Government and Public Policies, UAB, Spain.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE, URBAN REGENERATION AND ART

01/01/2010 - **Co-funder and manager of not for-profit-organisation**, MettiamoSuBottega, Trani, Italy.
31/12/2013 Project: Labcittà.
01/08/2011 - **Head Architect (01/09/2012 - 30/11/2013) and Architect (01/08/2011 - 30/08/2012)**, Eat Work Art Ltd, London, UK. Project: Hackney Downs Studios Regeneration Project.
30/11/2013
01/03/2010 - **Architect**, LaPanaderia Slp, Sevilla, Spain. Research Project: La Vivienda como Proceso.
31/07/2010




EDUCATION

09/11/2018 **PhD in Politics, Policies and International Relations**, UAB, Spain.
PhD in Regional Planning and Public Policy, IUAV, Italy.
Thesis: In, against, beyond and through the State: limits and possibilities of Urban Commons in Barcelona. Supervisor: Prof. Borelli G, and Prof. Blanco I.
2015 **Post-graduate Course in Local Participatory Action and Sustainable Urban Development**.
IUAV, Italy. Certificate released 07/12/2018.
01/11/2012 **MSc in Urban Regeneration**. UCL, The Bartlett School of Planning, UK.
Dissertation: The third sector and its regeneration identity building: analysis of the instrumental power of third sector organisations in Hackney. Supervisor: Dr: Moore S.
19/06/2009 **Second Level Degree in Architecture**. Università degli Studi di Ferrara, Italy.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed articles (Article postprints are accessible at the UAB repository)

- 1) **Bianchi** (2022) Empowering policies for grassroots welfare initiatives: blending social innovation and commons theory. *European Urban and Regional Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09697764221129532>.
- 2) **Bianchi et al.** (2022) Urban commons and the local state: co-production between enhancement and co-optation. *Territory, Politics and Governance*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21622671.2022.2108491>.

- 3) **Bianchi** (2022) The commonification of the public under new municipalism: commons-state institutions in Naples and Barcelona. *Urban Studies*. doi:<https://doi.org/10.1177/00420980221101460>. [Times cited Google scholar: 3].
- 4) **Bianchi** (2022) The local state's repertoires of governance strategies for the urban commons. Nuancing current perspectives. *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23996544221108333>. [Times cited Google scholar: 3].
- 5)  **Bianchi I** (2022) The autonomy of urban commons' reproduction in relation to the local state: between material and decision-making autonomy. *Partecipazione e Conflitto*, 15 (2):370-389. <https://doi.org/10.1285/i20356609v15i2p370>. [Times cited Google scholar: 2].
- 6)  Pera R and **Bianchi** (2022) Governmentality, the Local State, and the Commons: An Analysis of Civic Management Facilities in Barcelona. *Social Inclusion*, 10(1):115-125 <https://doi.org/10.17645/siv10il.4732> . [Times cited Google scholar: 3].
- 7) Rossini L, **Bianchi** (2020) Negotiating (re)appropriation practices amid crisis and austerity. *International Planning Studies*. 25 (1), pp. 100-121. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13563475.2019.1701424> [Times cited Google scholar: 8].
- 8) Blanco I, Salazar Y and **Bianchi** (2020) Urban governance and political change under a radical left government. The case of Barcelona. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 42(1), pp. 18-38. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2018.1559648> [Times cited Google scholar: 140].
- 9)  **Bianchi** (2018) A Relational Approach for the Study of Urban Commons: The Case of the Escocesa Art Centre in Barcelona. *Tracce Urbane. Italian Journal of Urban Studies*, 4, pp.171-193. https://doi.org/10.13133/2532-6562_2.4.14356 [Times cited Google scholar: 1].
- 10) **Bianchi** (2018) The Post-political Meaning of the Concept of Commons: the Regulation of the Urban Commons in Bologna. *Space and Polity*, 22(3), pp. 287-306. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13562576.2018.1505492> [Times cited Google scholar: 40].

Book chapters

- 1) Pera, **Bianchi** and Salazar (forthcoming-accepted). The Embeddedness of Public-common Institutions: The Citizen Assets Programme in Barcelona. In Bua and Bussu (eds) *Reclaiming participatory governance. Social Movements and the Reinvention of Democratic Innovation*. London: Routledge
- 2) **Bianchi** (forthcoming-accepted) The everyday politics of the urban commons: ambivalent political possibilities in the dialectical, evolving and selective urban context. In Hamel and Domaradzka (eds) *Handbook of Urban Social Movement*. Commissioned by Edward Elgar Publishing.
- 3) **Bianchi** (2022) The tendency towards enclosure: an inherent and market/state-shaped dynamic of the urban commons. Insights from Barcelona. In Lijster T, Volont L, Gielen P (eds) *Rise of the Common City: Cultural Commoning in Urban Conditions*. Brussels: Academic and Scientific Publishers, pp.47-71.
- 4) Perez, **Bianchi**, Busacca (2021) Conflictividad asociada a la turistificación: Machu Picchu y Venecia. In Romero L, Castro H y Valera A (eds) (2021). *Globalización neoliberal, extractivismos y conflictividad ambiental y territorial en américa latina y europa*. Valencia: Tirant lo Blanch, pp. 331-380.
- 5) **Bianchi**, Salazar Y, Pera M (2021). «No olvidemos nunca quiénes somos ni por qué estamos aquí». Sobre Barcelona en Comú, movimientos sociales y cambio radical. In Monge C, Bergua J, Minguijón P, Pac Salas D (eds) (2021). *Tras la indignación. El 15M: miradas desde el presente*. Barcelona: Gedisa, pp. 149-160.
- 5) **Bianchi** (2020) Urban Commons: Between Collaborative Pacts and Neoliberal Governmentality. In Borelli G. and Busacca M. (eds) (2020). *Society and the City: The Dark Side of Social Innovation*. Milano: Mimesis International, pp. 63-78.
- 7) **Bianchi** (2018) Dal Pla Buits al Patrimonio Cittadino di Uso e Gestione Comunitaria. In Ostanel, E. (2018) *Spazi fuori dal Comune*. Franco Angeli: Milano, pp. 52-57.

Work in progress

Book Monograph: *Barcelona: Urban commons and local state assemblages* (Commissioned by Routledge)
 Edited book with Dr Russell. *New municipalism and the politics of the common* (Under review BUP)

PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 04/2023 **Co-Principal Investigator** (with Bertie Russell and Lavinia Stanford), *New municipalism, democratic public ownership, and the politics of the common*. Funded by Urban Studies Foundation, UAB, Spain.
- 11/2022 **Principal Investigator**, *COMMOCRACY*. Funded by Flanders Research Foundation, University of Antwerp, Belgium.
- 9/2019- **Team Member**, *Yes We Rent!*; Funded by EU - Urban Innovative Actions; PI: Dr Gallego R, UAB, 9/2022 Spain.
- 05/2021- **Principal Investigator**, *Municipalist strategy in crisis?*. Funded by Independent Social Research 05/2022 Foundation, UAB, Spain.
- 01/2017- **Associate researcher**, *Research Group on Urban Governance, Commons, Internet and Social Innovation (URGOCIS)*, Funded by Agencia De Gestio D'ajuts Universitaris I De Recerca; PI: Dr Blanco I, UAB, Spain.
- 01/2020- **Associate researcher**, *La gestión procomún en el Área Metropolitana de Barcelona*; Funded by 06/2021 Càtedra Barcelona UPF de Política Econòmica Local; PI: Dr Villamayor S, UAB, Spain.
- 01/2019- **Team member**, *Coproducción pro-común y desarrollo territorial en el Área Metropolitana de 07/2019 Barcelona*; Funded by Càtedra Barcelona UPF de Política Econòmica Local; PI: Dr Parés M, UAB, Spain.
- 01/2015- **Team member**, *PROTO_LOCAL. From protest to proposition. Municipalities of change, urban 12/2018 policies and social movements*; Funded by Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness; PI: Dr Mota F, UAM, Spain; Dr Janoschka M, University of Leeds, UK.
- 04/2015 **Team member**, *Collaborative Governance Under Austerity: An Eight-case comparative study*; Funded -12/2018 by Economic and Social Research Council; PI: Prof. Davies J, De Montfort University, UK.
- 01/2010- **Principal Investigator**, *Labcittà*. Funded by: Regione Puglia, *Giovani Idee per una Puglia migliore*. 12/2011 MettiamoSuBottega, Italy.
- 03/2010- **Team member**, *La Vivienda como Proceso*; Funded by Consejería de Vivienda y Urbanismo. Junta de 07/2010 Andalucía, Supervisor: Lorenzo P, Muxí Z. La Panaderia Slp, Seville, Spain.

CONTRACT

- 06/2021- **Principal Investigator**, *OK Europe!* Funded by: Fondazione Giacomo Feltrinelli. UAB, Spain. 10/2021

CONFERENCES

Conference co-chair

- 1) *Alternativas a la externalización de servicios públicos locales: remunicipalización, gestión público-comunitaria y contratación pública responsable* (with Salazar Y). AECPA. 07-09 September 2022. Universitat de Girona, Spain.
- 2) *Law Track* co-chair (with Prof. Alterman R and Dr. Olsson L). AESOP Conference 10-14 July 2018. University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Organising committee

- 1) **Summer school**, *Cities and state: exploring a complicated relations*. 10-14 July 2023. Urban Studies Institute. University of Antwerp.
- 2) **Master Class**, *Urbanism in times of insurgency*. 16- 17 July 2015. University IUAV of Venice. (with Matteo Basso, Andrea Curtoni, Verena Lenna, Giulia Mazzorin).

Invited Speaker

- 1) **Confernece**, *Gestión público-comunitaria*. Hacia una democracia participativa. Comunicar, evaluar, legislar. II jornada de la Red de Innovación en Procesos Participativos, 28 February 2023, *Valencia, Spain*.
- 2) **Seminar**, *Public-common institution a radical democratization of local public services*. 27 February 2023. School of Social Sciences, University of Hasselt, Belgium.

- 3) **Seminar**, *The commodification of the public under new municipalism: commons-state institutions in Naples and Barcelona*. Il farsi comune della democrazia urbana: Esiste una via napoletana al nuovo municipalismo? 20 July 2022, IRSS, National Research Council, Italy.
- 4) **Conference**, *The combination of public and commons rulemaking. Insights from Barcelona*, Rise of the common city. The future of culture is common conference. 1-3 June 2022. University of Antwerp, Belgium.
- 5) **Seminar**, *Beni Comuni a Barcellona. Dagli spazi autogestiti al programma "Patrimonio Civico"*. Spazi di contaminazione - Seminari di geografia critica. 16 March 2021. Università degli Studi di Bologna, Italy.
- 6) **Lecture Series**, *Urban Commons as anarchist strategy of action: from theory to practice in Barcelona*. Planning Theory Lecture Series: Another City is Possible. 22 February 2020. Technische Univesitat Berlin, Germany.
- 7) **Seminar**, *Urban Commons: from (supposed) autonomous social practices to collaborative governance arrangements*. 10 October 2019. Urban Studies Institute, University of Antwerp, Belgium.
- 8) **Seminar**, *Misperceiving autonomy: a survey of Urban Commons in Barcelona*. Seminari Grup de Pensament Crític. 20 March 2019. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain.

Oral Presentations in Conferences

- 1) EURA (2022, 2019, 2016) ECPR (2021); IPA (2021); RC21 (2022, 2021, 2016), AESOP (2019, 2018, 2017, 2016); UAA (2014) AECPA (2022, 2021); SISP (2019, 2017), RGS (2019) International Conference of Critical Geography (2019) Centre for Urban Research and Austerity (CURA) Conference (2022), International Conference on Urban Commons (2021), RGS-IBG Annual International Conference (2019), AESOP International Public Space and Culture Group Conference (2017), Contested Cities Network International Conference (2016), AESOP Planning/Conflict Group Symposium (2016), Società degli studi Geografici Congresso Annuale (2015).

SUPERVISING AND MENTORING ACTIVITIES

Suprvisor of 7 Master Students

2021-22: Marta Gascó (MA Social Policy and Community Action, UAB), Julia Alfaro Gallardo (MA Social Policy and Community Action, UAB), Roma Elfi Tan (MA Political Science, UAB), Diego Baranza (MA Public Management, UAB, UB, UPF). **2020-21:** Riccardo Valentini (MA Urban Geography, Università degli Studi di Bologna), Marc Algora (MA Social Policy and Community Action, UAB), Ismael Ot Pandilla (MA Social Policy and Community Action, UAB).

Suprvisor of 1 PhD Student

2022-current: Rodrigo Paixao (co-tutorship UAB, Spain/ UFABC, Brasil).

STUDENT EVALUATION

Evaluation Board, PhD annual assessment, PhD Politics, Policies and International Relationships, UAB (2021-2022); Evaluation Board, MA Social Policy and Community Action, UAB (2020, 2021); Evaluation Board, MA Political Science, UAB (2022); Evaluation Board, BA Political Science, UAB (2022).

TEACHING

Graduate and post-graduate level

2022-2023 *Social Policy and Welfare*, MA Social Policy and Community Action, UAB. TL: Spanish [5h].

2022-2023 *Public management and public policy*, MA Political Science, UAB. TL: English [5h].

2021-2022 *Public management*. BA Political Science, UAB. TL: Spanish [60h].

2021-2022 *Public management and public policy*, MA Political Science, UAB. TL: English [8h].

Doctorate level

2022 *EU Policy on Open Science*. PhD in Political Science, Public Policies and International Relations. 4 May. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona [2 h].

- 2021 *Solivid Project – Collaborative mapping online research*. CURA Urban Methodologies Summer School. Urban Inquiry for a post-pandemic city. 23 June. De Montford University, Leceister, UK [1 h].
- 2019 *Conflicts on Commons in the City – the Cases og Bologna and Barcelona*. Kassel Summer School in Qualitative and Quantitative Research - The Study of Violence and Conflicts. 9-10 September. University of Kassel, Germany [10h].

OUTREACH AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

Invited talk - Popular science seminars

- 1) *Città e beni comuni: esiste il modello Barcellona?* I processi di partecipazione nel governo della città. 23 February 2021. Sud Europa di fronte alla Turistificazione (SET) Network, Italy
- 2) *Los requisitos materiales para la reproducción de los Comunes Urbanos y el rol del Estado*. Comunidades Epistémicas en los Comunes Urbanos. 17-18 December 2019. Medialab-Prado, Madrid, Spain
- 3) *New municipalism, democracy and commons*. What about New Municipalism? Fearless Cities. 9 June 2017. UPF, Barcelona, Spain.

Invited talk - Training courses for policymakers

- 1) *Public Policy Study Visit, Barcelona*. 27 Nov 2019/14 Sep Venetoinazione. Veneto Region, Italy
- 2) *Public Policy Study Visit, Barcelona*. 19 Oct 2022. Venetoinazione. Veneto Region, Italy

Popular science articles

- 1) Bianchi I and Fernandez C (2021) *OK Europe! The right to housing and fostering territorial cohesion*. Fondazione Feltrinelli Blog. Fondazione Feltrinelli.
- 2) Bianchi I (2021) *New municipalism, property and freedom: The battle for rent regulation in Spain*. Minim Online Magazine. Minim.
- 3) Bianchi I (2019) *Urban alternatives, to what degree? Parallelisms between the Commons and Municipalism*. Spatial Justice and the Commons. Centre for Spatial Justice: Istanbul, pp. 79-84.
- 4) Bianchi I (2017) *La relació entre espais autogestionats i l'Administració Municipal: el cas de la nau ocupada per sub-saharià al poble nou*. La political del Comú. Nous Horitzons. N 215, pp.74-78.
- 5) Blanco I, Salazar Y, Bianchi I (2017) *Transforming Barcelona's urban model? Limits and potentials for radical change under a radical left government*. Urban Transformation. University of Oxford.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Peer-review

2017- current Reviewer of research articles for the following journals: Antipode, European Urban and Regional Studies, International Journal of the Commons; Journal of Urban Affairs, Sociologia Urbana e Rurale, Autonomie Locali e Servizi Sociali; Partecipazione e Conflitto, Revista Española de Ciencia Política, Tracce Urbane, Isegoria. Reviewer of book proposals for Routledge.

Project evaluation

2022 Projet générique, Sociétés et territoires en transition - Agence Nationale de la Recherche. France.
 2022 Investigación joven y emergente – Ajuntament de Barcelona. Spain.

MEMBERSHIP OF LEARNED SOCIETIES

2019 -current Member ECPR- European Consortium for Political Research
 2019 -current Member EURA – European Urban Research Association
 2017- current Member RC21 -Sociology of Urban and Regional Development

FUNDING, SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Project Title	Funding source	Amount	Period	Role
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New municipalism, democratic public ownership, and the politics of the common	Urban Studies Foundation – Seminar Series Award	22,500	2023-2024	Co-Principal Investigator
COMMONCITY	European Commission – MSCA Actions – Postdoctoral fellowship	191,760.00	2023-2025	Principal Investigator
COMMOCRACY	FWO – Flanders Research Foundation	186.000 €	2022-2024	Principal Investigator
Municipalist Strategy in Crisis?	ISRF Flexible Grants for Small Groups	5.500 €	2021	Principal Investigator
Juan de la Cierva Formación Fellowship	Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Research	70.000 €	2020-2022	Postdoctoral Researcher
La gestión procomún en el Área Metropolitana de Barcelona	Càtedra Barcelona UPF de Política Econòmica Local	23.000 €	2021-2022	Associate researcher
Urban Governance, Commons, Internet and Social Innovation	Agencia De Gestio D'ajuts Universitaris I De Recerca	36.800 €	2017-2021	Associate researcher
Urban scholar	University of Antwerp	2.500 €	2019	Visiting scholar
PhD Mobility	Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research	10.229 €	2016-2017	PhD Visiting Student
PhD Scholarship	Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research	41.000 €	2014-2017	PhD Candidate
Labcittà Regeneration Project	Regione Puglia, Principi Attivi	25.000 €	2010-2011	Principal Investigator

PRIZES, MENTIONS, DISTINCTIONS

2018	Publication recommended for PhD Thesis. Università IUAV di Venezia
2012	MSc in Urban Regeneration. Dissertation marked as “Excellent” for its “impressive quality” University College of London, The Bartlett School of Planning
2010	Labcittà Regeneration Project. Winning project. Regione Puglia
2009	Mercado Des(h)echo [critical reflection on the costs of packaging] Selected art work. Runner-up prize. EME3 exhibition, CCCB Barcelona.

COMPETENCES AND SKILLS

Computer skills:	Nvivo, Adobe Creative Suite, Microsoft Office
Language skills:	Italian (mother tongue), English (C2), Spanish (C2), Catalan (B1)