

CURRICULUM VITAE ET STUDIORUM

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Current Position

Research Associate (Senior) from 2017

Previous Position

Research Director at the Istituto di Scienze e Tecnologie della Cognizione
2004-2016

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Date and place of birth August 12, 1952, Aosta, Italy

Awards

- 2015 Career Award from the *Associazione Primatologica Italiana* for her outstanding contribution to Primatology.
- 2015 Winner of the Jack Ward Film Award, as best non-commercial film on animal behaviour given by the Animal Behaviour Society at its 52th Meeting held in Anchorage (US) with the 80 min DVD "The bearded capuchins of Fazenda Boa Vista." done with Alessandro Albani
- 2014 Premio Giuria Studenti (Award from the Students' Jury) of the International Scientific Film Festival (DocScient) for the documentary "The Bearded Capuchins of Fazenda Boa Vista".
- 2012 Prix Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire given by the Société Française pour l'Etude du Comportement Animal.
- 2007 Premio Frassetto (Frassetto Award) for Physical Anthropology of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei (Italian Academy of Science)
- 2015 Winner of the Jack Ward Film Award , as best non-commercial film on animal behaviour given by the Animal Behaviour Society at its 44th Meeting held in Burlington, Vermont (US).
- 2015 Award for her outstanding contribution to Primatology by the Associazione di Primatologia Italiana, VI European Federation for Primatology Meeting and XXI Italian Association of Primatology Congress, Rome, Italy, August 25-28, 2015

Editorial Board

2009- 2015 Associate Editor *Folia Primatologica*
1990-2008 Editorial Board *Folia Primatologica*
1996 -2014 Editorial Board *Primates*
2001 - Editorial Board *International Journal of Primatology*
1998-2000 Editorial Board *Journal of Comparative Psychology*
2008- Editorial Board *Rendiconti Lincei – Scienze Fisiche e Naturali*

Membership in Scientific Organizations

International Primatological Society, **Secretary General** (2004-2008)
Life time Member
Società Italiana di Etologia **President** (2004-2008), **Secretary** 1992-2000;
Vice-President 2000- 2004
Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Foundation Fysen (2003-2011)
Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the *Festival della Scienza* di Genova (2006-2012)
Associazione Primatologica Italiana, Vice-President 1991-1994, **President** 1994-1997
Honorary member of the Jane Goodall Institute Italia
European Federation of Primatologists (Representative for the Associazione Primatologica Italiana 1992-1997)
Member of the CNR *Commissione di Bioetica* 1995-2003
Scientific Director of the Jane Goodall Institute – Italia since 2022

Manuscript Reviewer

American Journal of Primatology, Animal Behaviour, Animal Cognition, Animal Welfare, Behaviour, Behavioral processes, Biology Letters, Cognition, Science, Nature, Current Biology, International Journal of Primatology, PLoS ONE, Primates, Proceedings of the Royal Society of London B, *Folia Primatologica*, Ethology, Ecology and Evolution, Zoo Biology, Behavioral Processes, Journal of Comparative Psychology, etc.

Grant Reviewer

National Science Foundation, Science and Engineering Research Council, Leakey Foundation, Agenzia Spaziale Italiana, Conservation International, The Third World Academy of Sciences, Fysen Foundation, Remote Evaluator for EEC, etc.

Language Proficiency

Italian, English (fluent), French (fluent), Portuguese (intermediate)

Professional Experience and Grants

- 2015-2016 Project in collaboration with the University of Heidelberg (Prof. Dr. Sabina Pauen, Dr. Sabrina Bechtel-Kühne, and Dr. Babett Voigt). FoF4Project No. D.801000/14.049 "The contribution of self-regulation processes to innovation in human children and non-human primates"
- 2012-2014 "Progetto di Interesse strategico Progetto di Interesse coordinato dal CNR e inserito nel Piano Nazionale delle Ricerche: "Invecchiamento: innovazioni tecnologiche e molecolari per un miglioramento della salute dell'anziano". € 100.00 (for the year 2012)
- 2012-2016 Progetto: "Primate Archaeology. An evolutionary context for the emergence of technology" ERC Starting Grant (PI: Michael Haslam, University of Oxford). Il sito Fazenda Boa Vista e il gruppo di ricerca *EthoCebus* partecipano al progetto.
- 2013 Project "How bearded capuchin monkeys process cashew nuts (*Anacardium occidentale*). Funded by the Leakey Foundation. \$18.950.00 (Co-PI with D. Fragaszy)
- 2012 Project "CO2: Coopération et communication chez diverses espèces de primates (*Macaca tonkeana*, *M. fuscata*, *Cebus apella*, *C. capucinus*)" Funded by Università Italo Francese, Finanziamento Galileo. € 2777,8.
- 2011 Project "How others help young bearded capuchin monkeys (*Cebus libidinosus*) learn to crack nuts with stone tools" (PI: D. Fragaszy). Funded by the National Geographic Society. \$ 23.123
- 2010 Project "Selection and transport of hammer-stones by wild capuchins" Funded by the Leakey Foundation. \$13.000
- 2008-2011 Project Large-scale integrating project (IP) proposal ICT Call 3 FP7-ICT-2007-3 "Intrinsically Motivated Cumulative Learning Versatile Robots" IM-CleVer, (PI Gianluca Baldassarre). € 100.000
- 2006-2010 Responsabile dell'Unità che partecipa al Progetto Europeo Humans - The analogy-making species (ANALOGY) del Sesto programma Quadro (NEST Parthfinder What it means to be human) ISTC-CNR Unit (€ 124.500)
- 2007- 2010 Project (RSTL- CNR) "Gestione di una colonia di Primati non umani in cattività" (€ 182.000).
- 2007-2010 Project *The Evolution of cooperation and trading* (TECT) della European Science Foundation (Programma Eurocores), (PI for the ISTC, Cristiano Castelfranchi). (€ 57.500)
- 2007-2008 Co-investigatore con Dorothy Fragaszy (Department of Psychology, Univ. of Georgia, Athens U.S.A.), Eduardo Ottoni, Patricia Izar

- (Department of Exp. Psychology, Univ. of S. Paulo, Brasile) of the Project *Wild capuchin monkeys transport and lift heavy stone tools bipedally* sponsored by National Geographic Foundation. 2007-2008. \$ 18.000
- 2008 Co-Organizer, as SIE President, of the XXIII Congresso della Società Italiana di Etologia (SIE), Arcavacata di Rende (Italy)
- 2008 Co-Organizer, as IPS Secretary General, of the XXII Congress of the International Primatological Society, Edinburgh, August 3-8, 2008
- 2007 Co-Organizer of the *Giornata Lincea Golgi "Scimmie uno (s)comodo specchio"*. Roma, Accademia dei Lincei, 10 maggio 2007
- 2006 Co-Organizer, as IPS Secretary General, of the 21st Congress International Primatological Society, Entebbe (Uganda) June 25-30,
- 2006 Co-Organizer, as SIE President, of the XXII Congresso Nazionale della Società Italiana di Etologia, Erice (Tp) 18-22 Settembre 2006
- 2006-2008 Investigator in the European Project of the Sixth Framework Program (NEST Parthfinder "What it means to be human") *Humans- The analogy-making species*. ISTC-CNR Unit (€ 124500)
- 2005-7 Investigator in the European Project of the Sixth Framework Program (NEST Parthfinder "What it means to be human") *Stages in the Evolution and Development of Sign Use*. ISTC-CNR Unit (€ 211.000)
- 2005-6 Principal Investigator. Grant from the MIUR for the project *"Ricerca ed Etica: osservare, capire e rispettare. " (Research and Ethics: to observe, to understand and to respect)* Principal Investigator. (€ 20.000)
- 2004 Co-investigator with Dorothy Fragaszy (Department of Psychology, Univ. of Georgia, Athens U.S.A.), Eduardo Ottoni, Patricia Izar (Department of Exp. Psychology, Univ. of S. Paulo, Brasile) "Documenting stone tool use in wild capuchin monkeys", sponsored by National Geographic Foundation (\$ 19.971).
- 2004 Co-investigator with Dorothy Fragaszy (Department of Psychology, Univ. of Georgia, Athens U.S.A.), Eduardo Ottoni, Patricia Izar (Department of Exp. Psychology, Univ. of S. Paulo, Brasile) "Documenting stone tool use in wild capuchin monkeys", sponsored by Leakey Foundation (\$ 15.000).
- 2004 Organizer (with T. Matsuzawa and D. Fragaszy) Meeting sponsored by the HOPE-JSPS (Primate Origins of Human Evolution of the Japanese

- Society for the Promotion of Science) "Tool use: chimpanzees and capuchins face to face" Cogne, August 28-31, 2004.
- 2004 Organizer (with ISTC colleagues) of the Precongress meeting: "Capuchins: the state of the art", Convento dell'Osservanza, Radicondoli, 18 – 22 August.
- 2004 Two month stay in Brasil at the University of Brasilia in the laboratory of neuroscience and behaviour for research. Teaches a course entitled *Primate Cognition*.
- 2003 - Principal Investigator. Grant from the Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR/FIRB) "*Azione e percezione nella costruzione del mondo cognitivo*" with 8 Reserach Units. (€ 550.000)
- 2003-2004 Principal Investigator. Grant from the MIUR for the project "Uomini e scimmie a confronto: un laboratorio *on line*. " (*Humans and monkeys vis-a-vis an on-line laboratory*) Principal Investigator. (€ 46.850)
- 2002-2003 Principal Investigator. Grant from the MIUR for the project "Imparare a conoscersi: riflessioni sulle basi biologiche del comportamento dei Primati umani e non umani" (*Learning to know ourselves: the biological basis of human and non-human primate behavior*) Principal Investigator. (€ 36.000)
- 2000 Principal Investigator. Grant from CNR: *Sviluppo cognitivo e apprendimento nei Primati*. Unit of Cognitive Primatology and Primate Centre, Istituto di Psicologia, CNR.
- 2001 Principal Investigator. Grant *Sviluppo cognitivo e apprendimento nei Primati*. Unit of Cognitive Primatology and Primate Centre, Istituto di Psicologia, CNR.
- 2000 Organizer, of the meeting of XIV Conference of the SIE. San Giuliano Terme (Pisa), September 4-6, 2000.
- 1998 Member of the Scientific Committee of the International conference "*Social learning and cultural transmission: from invertebrates to great apes and humans: Toward a biological synthesis*". Naples June 30- July 5, 1998.
- 1998 Organizer, of the joint meeting of the *Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour (Summer meeting)* and the XVIII Conference of the SIE. Urbino, September 2-4, 1998).
- 1998 Collaborator in the Project "Evolution of cognition: comparative and developmental approaches". Monbusho International Scientific

Research Program: Joint Research: Grant by the Ministry of Education of Japan to Kazuo Fujita.

- 1997– 1998 Principal Investigator. Grant from the MURST (Ministry of Education and Scientific Research) the project "Scientific education and constructivism: an approach to the teaching of biological evolution".
- 1997 Special Grant from the CNR for a brief project (Capuchins in nature) in the National Park of Santa Rosa and the Stazione Biologica La Selva
- 1997 Appointed by the Regione Piemonte as Scientific advisor and organizer of the exhibit "Primates. Noi e le scimmie" held at the Museo di Scienze Naturali of Turin.
- 1997 Visiting scientist at the Centre Suisse de Recherches scientifiques in Abidjan (Ivory Coast) to observe the tool use in wild chimpanzees in the Tai National Park.
- 1994-99 Consultant for the Project "Organization of manual activity". PI, Dr. Fragaszy. [Project Bio-behavioral studies of language and cognition. Investigator: Dr. Rumbaugh].
- 1993-94 Principal Investigator (with D. Fragaszy, University of Georgia, Athens), CNR grant for a two year collaborative project entitled "Role of social and cognitive factors in the feeding behavior of Primates".
- 1993-98 Member of the Italian Commission of the CITES (International Convention on the Trade of Endangered Species). Position resigned.
- 1992-1995 Consultant to the CNR *Commissione di Bioetica*.
- 1989 Collaborative Scientist, Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center, Emory University, Atlanta Georgia USA
- 1989 – 1990 Principal Investigator (with D. Fragaszy, University of Georgia, Athens), CNR grant for a two year collaborative project entitled "*Apprendimento per imitazione: un approccio comparato (Learning through imitation: a comparative approach)*" (Italy-USA)
- 1989 – 1993 Collaborative scientist *Acquisizione di comportamenti complessi nei primati e suoi correlati biofisiologici: confronti con I modelli di sviluppo effettivo a cognitivo nell'uomo*, Istituto Superiore di Sanita'.

- 1987 Principal Investigator (with S. J. Suomi); project entitled "Comparative Study of Social Organization, Reproductive Activities, and Tool-Use Behavior in Cebus Monkeys".
- 1986 Principal Investigator (with D. M. Fragaszy); CNR for three-year collaborative project entitled "Tool-Use and Social Transmission in Capuchin Monkeys (*Cebus apella*)"
- 1985 Visiting Scientist, Primatenethologie Laboratory, University of Kassel (West Germany).
- 1982 Research scientist (tenured), Institute of Psychology, (CNR).
- 1989-91 Principal Investigator (with K. A. Bard, Yerkes Primate Research Center, Atlanta GA and D. Fragaszy, University of Georgia, Athens), CNR grant for a three-year collaborative project entitled "Imitational Learning: A Comparative Approach".
- 1984-90 Chief of the Primate Laboratory of Institute of Psychology
- 1981 Researcher (tenured), University of Pisa. Position resigned in 1982.
- 1981 Visiting Scientist, Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 1980 Awarded NATO-fellowship, California Regional Primate Research Center, University of California, Davis.
- 1979 Research Associate on the survey of the geographical distribution of yellow baboons (*Papio cynocephalus*) in Somalia, East Africa.
- 1978 Awarded National Research Council fellowship.
- 1977-78 Renewal of the fellowship by the Scuola Normale Superiore. Guest researcher, Institute of Psychology, National Research Council, Rome, to initiate a new research program on primate behavior.
- 1975-77 Awarded fellowship, Scuola Normale Superiore of Pisa, for a two-year research project on orientation in homing pigeons. Research conducted at the Institute of Biology, University of Pisa, under the supervision of Prof. F. Papi.
- 1975 Graduated with full honors in Biology at the Institute of Genetics, University of Rome. Thesis: Cryptic and warning colorations in some species of *Orthoptera Acrididae*).

Teaching Experience

1992 & 1996 Teacher in the University Certificate of Primatology, Organized by the Faculté de Médecine, Université Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg (France) and the Bochum Ruhr Universität (Germany).

2002 *Psicologia dello sviluppo cognitivo nell'arco di vita* at the Università di Roma "La Sapienza" (Facoltà di Psicologia 1).

2003-2013 Teacher in the Scuola di Specializzazione dell'Istituto di Psicologia e Psicoterapia cognitiva post-razionalista (IPRA).

2003 (September-October) Teaches a seminar on *Primate Cognition* at the University of Brasilia (UnB), Laboratório de Neurociências e Comportamento, Dept. De Ciências Fisiológicas, Instituto de Biologia

Consultantships and Media

Le Scienze (Italian Edition of *Scientific American*), RAI (Italian Radio and Television Broadcasting Corporation), Radio 24, BBC, Procura Generale della Repubblica (Italian Court), Ministero Agricoltura e Foreste, Ministero dell'Ambiente (CITES Commission), *L'Espresso*, *La Stampa*, *Il Messaggero*, *Repubblica*, etc., Sole 24 Ore, Io Donna, Focus, National Geographic-Italia, Il Volo delle Oche, Moebius, Quark, Radio 3 Scienza, Televisione Svizzera Italiana. New Scientist, Science Daily, etc.