

Maria Vasile, anthropology PhD candidate – CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal information

Date of Birth: 13/08/1992

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Current position

February 2018 – today **PhD candidate**, ERC Consolidator Project *Food Citizens? Collective food procurement in European cities: solidarity and diversity, skills and scale*, Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, Leiden University, Leiden (The Netherlands).

Working experience

March 2017 – February 2018 **Social Protection and Rural Institutions Consultant**, Economic and Social Development department, United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Rome (Italy).

September 2012 – March 2014 **Assistant Project Manager**, NGO Pathologists Beyond Borders, Rome (Italy) and Lusaka (Zambia).

Education

September 2014 – 2016 **International Master of Science in Rural Development** (summa cum laude), Gent University (Belgium), Humboldt University (Germany), Pisa University (Italy), Wageningen University (the Netherlands).

Thesis title: "Representing local food: a study of farmers' social representations around local food in Porto Alegre, Brazil."
Supervisors: Dr. Jessica Duncan (Wageningen University) and Prof. Fabiana Thomé da Cruz (Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul).

October 2010 – 2013 **Bachelor in Development Studies**, Faculty of Political Science, Roma Tre University, Rome (Italy).

Languages and skills

Mother tongues: Italian and French.

Other languages: English (C2), Portuguese (B2), German (B1), Standard Arabic (A2).

Computer skills: Microsoft and Macintosh platforms, Nvivo, Adobe Premiere.

Other skills: Visual research (photography and video making), facilitation of multi-stakeholders' platforms.

Selected academic activities

September 2018 – today **Member of the Sustainability Research Cluster**, Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, Leiden University, Leiden (The Netherlands).

January 2019 – today **Secretariat member**, Italian Network for Local Food Policies.

July 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 **Contract tutor and lecturer**, Rural Development Summer School *Food and Innovation in Rural Transition: the Tuscany case*, Pisa University, Garfagnana (Italy).

December 2019 – June 2020 **Guest scholar**, Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin, Turin (Italy).

2019 **Reviewer** for the *Journal Anthropology of Food*.

February – March 2015 **Quantitative Data Analyst**, project *Monitoring Food Security in Ekurhuleni District, South Africa*, Gent University (Belgium) and Pretoria University (South Africa).

Selected publications

Scientific articles

Mari V., Vasile M. (2020), From recipe to collective improvisation: an ethnographic vignette about food assistance in Barriera di Milano, Turin, *lo Squaderno* 56: 43-46.

Vasile M. & Thomé da Cruz F. (2019), Identity-construction, mutual enskilment and political negotiation at the farmers' market, *Revista do Desenvolvimento Regional* 24(1): 212-226

Vasile M. & Duncan J. (2017), 'We want to be part of the broader project': Family Farmers and Local Food Governance in Porto Alegre, Brazil, *Built Environment* 43(3): 390-401. (awarded best paper prize for early career scholars)

Blog posts and media production

Vasile M. & Pisano A. (4 January 2021), A multi-disciplinary conversation about urban transformation in Turin The case of Mirafiori Sud. A multi-disciplinary conversation about urban transformation in Turin The case of Mirafiori Sud [blog entry].

Del Bello C., Periccioli A. & Vasile M. (9 June 2020), Torino: from food to demands [blog entry].

Gracjasz A. & Vasile M. (12 June 2019), Local resistance for sustainable farming and climate justice. Local resistance for sustainable farming and climate justice [blog entry and video].

Book reviews

Vasile M. (forthcoming), Book review. Review of: Narotzky S. (ed.) (2020) Grassroots Economies. Living with Austerity in Southern Europe, *Interface: A Journal for and about Social Movements* 13(2).

Vasile M. (2017), Book review. Review of: Gaarde I. (2017) Peasants Negotiating a Global Policy Space - La Via Campesina in the Committee on World Food Security, *Interface: A Journal for and about Social Movements* 9(2).

Selected academic presentations

"Visions and practices of urban regeneration and food production: insights from an urban gardening project in Turin", Panel *Cibo e trasformazioni urbane. La prospettiva della foodification*, Conferenza della Società degli Studi Geografici: Cibo e Geografia (online), June 10 2021.

"A common language. Institutions, third sector and counter-hegemonic movements in Turin, Italy", co-presented with Antonio Vesco, Panel 88 *Emerging Urban Political Subjectivities*, International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) Inter-Congress (online), March 9-14 2021.

"Marginalità e povertà a Torino Nord. Riflessioni a partire dall'emergenza alimentare durante la crisi COVID-19", Webinar Atlante del Cibo 2020, Turin University (online), June 30 2020.

"Italian local collective actors on the move: transforming and resisting in times of uncertainty", co-presented with Irene Moretti, European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) Mediterranean Network (Mednet) Conference: The future(s) of the Mediterranean between uncertainties and resilience, Turin (Italy), October 24 – 26 2019.

“What is a sustainable diet? Insights from the study of collective food procurement networks”, Panel: *Consumers and Healthy Diets*, Sustainable Food Systems – Sustainable Diets Conference, American University of Rome, Rome (Italy), October 11 2019.

“Between volunteering, resistance and the neighbourhood: investigating imaginaries of solidarity in contemporary Turin”, Panel: *Imagining and Practising Solidarities in Urban Contexts* [Sponsored by the Commission on Urban Anthropology], International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) Inter-Congress, Poznan (Poland), August 27-31 2019.

“‘We want to be part of the broader project’, family farmers and local food governance in Porto Alegre, Brazil”, guest lecture as part of the course *Toolkits for Marginal Areas* (Prof. Filippo Barbera), Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin, Turin (Italy), December 18 2018.

“Identity-construction, mutual enskilment and political negotiation at the farmers' market”, Working Group 11 *Socio-biodiversity products chains and traditional food networks: understanding their role in food and nutrition security and sustainable development*, Third International Conference on Agriculture and Food in an Urbanizing Society, Porto Alegre (Brazil), 17 -21 September 2018.