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Background and main thematic areas

He graduated *cum laude* in Architecture and Planning in 1993, got a PhD in Urban, Territorial and Environmental Planning and, from 2001 to 2010, he was Contract Professor at Politecnico di Milano in the courses of "Planning and Local Development", "Urban and Regional Systems Analysis" and in the "Laboratory of Urban Planning".

He is lecturer and speaker at seminars and courses in Italian, European and non-European universities, as well as in public entities, cooperatives and consortia.

He got two post-doc research grant in DiAP-Department of Architecture and Planning of Politecnico di Milano in the research program:

- "The role of alternative economies in local development policies" (2006-2007).
- "Analytical issues, for integrated territorial government" (2008-2009).

Since the early 90's he has been working on local development policies with a participatory and self-sustainable approach. He has developed these issues in Italy and abroad working on the relationships between land, environment, social networks and rural development, with a particular focus on issues connected with urban and periurban food systems.

He works both in Italy and around the world with on-field-projects, theoretical and methodological research with social, economic and institutional actors at different levels (Local Authorities, regional and national governments, OECD, EU Commission, Council of Europe, FAO, UNDP, etc..), teaches in courses, seminars and lectures in universities and institutions in Italy and abroad.

These activities integrates original research skills, process management, organization of social networks and consultancy to institutions that have been developed and implemented even in the areas of participatory and integrated programs and plans for Local Authorities (Pisl, PIT, Local Agenda 21; AQST, Projects Leader, etc..), in the evaluation of urban and regional planning (PGT, PTCP, area plans, SEA, EMAS, etc..) and in legislative and regulatory activities.

He has used these skills to contributing to the foundation and to moderation of solidarity economy networks at local, national and international level, with a particular emphasis on issues related to the role of consumers as a fundamental driver for socially-driven economy based on the agro-food cycles within a food sovereignty perspective.

Now he works mainly as partner in EStà - Economia e Sostenibilità (www.assesta.it), a non profit think tank that is focused on the promotion of the culture of sustainability, on community resilience and on circular economy through a participatory and strategic approach to public policies, the start up of social enterprises and the promotion of innovative high level training courses with Università della Sostenibilità (www.unistost.org).

Main roles

- From 2014: scientific coordinator of the methodologies of the Urban Food Policy of Milan (Italy) and of related local and international activities.
- Member of the International Advisory Committee of the FLEdGE international research and knowledge sharing partnership (Food: Locally Embedded Globally Engaged), based in the Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at Wilfrid Laurier University, Toronto (Canada).
- President of Urgenci (2010-2015), a worldwide association that brings together the different types of networks and associations of Local Partnerships between Producers and Consumers (Community Supported Agriculture) in their various national and continental forms (eg Teikei in Japan, AMAP in France, CSA in the English-speaking world, ASC in Canada, etc..)
- In this role he's been participating to the World Committee on Food Security of FAO in the context of the "consumers constituency" in the contexts of the Civil Society Mechanism of the World Committee on Food Security of FAO.
- Research and technical support activities to the Social Cohesion Division of the Council of Europe on issues related to the role of consumers and local communities in creation of local food systems and sustainable development policies to build a common platform on the relationships between EU institutions and solidarity economies.
- Member of the Working Group "Constructing indicators of progress and well-being with the citizens and the communities" within the OECD Global Project "Measuring the Progress of Societies Beyond GDP".
- Participant of Technical Consultation Groups of the "Food for cities" multi-disciplinary group that unites the different FAO operative units working on issues of urban and peri-urban agriculture and urban food policies.
- One of the founders of RES (Italian Network of Social Economy) and a member of the European Platform of RIPESS (Intercontinental Réseau pour la Promotion de l'Economie Sociale et Solidaire) and IRIS (Inter-réseau des Initiatives Solidaires)
- 2000-2001: responsible for Italy's communication of the European Commission's LIFE program. Over the past ten years he has worked in several European projects (Tacis City Twinning, Interreg, Equal, Life, 7th Framework Programme) and is active in a number of international cooperation projects in Africa, Asia, Middle East and Latin America (EuropeAid UNDP, IFAD) on issues related to agriculture and territorial planning.

Selection of books and articles

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- Calori A., *Network alimentari locali e politiche urbane. Agende istituzionali ed esperienze*, in "Territorio", n.1/2010.
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- Calori A. (a cura di), *Coltivare la città*, Terre di Mezzo-Altreconomia, Milano 2009