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I am a fellow at the Institute for Advanced Jesuit Studies (IAJS) at Boston College. During two semesters (August 2017 - May 2018) I am writing essays and working on my doctoral dissertation. I conducted research on hundreds of *Litterae indipetae*, petitions written by the Jesuits who asked to be sent to the overseas missions (in my case, Italian Jesuits in the 17th and early 18th centuries, aiming for the Chinese and Japanese destination). My research interests focus on Cultural history, History of emotions, History of masculinity and family, Relations and perceptions between East and West, Letters.

I received my Ph.D in the History of Societies, Institutions and Thought at the University of Trieste/Udine, Italy (November 2017). Title of the dissertation: "«Outbursts of enflamed hearts». Italian Jesuits asking for the Indies (1687-1730 ca.)".

I spent three months (2015, September to December) as an associate research student at CREMS (Centre for Renaissance and Early Modern Studies), University of York; my supervisor was Professor Simon Ditchfield.

I obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Archival Studies and Librarianship (*magna cum laude*, University of Trento) and a Master's Degree in Italian Philology (*magna cum laude*, University of Verona). I am also a qualified Archivist, having attended the School of Archive-keeping, Paleography and Diplomatics (at the State Archive of Bolzano).

Publications:

- ❖ "Le risposte dei Generali", in *Una fonte lunga cinque secoli: Litterae Indipetae*, Università di Napoli L'Orientale - forthcoming.
- ❖ "«In nomine patris». The Struggle Between an Indipeta, his Father, and the Superior Generals of the Society of Jesus (1701 – 1724 ca.)" in *Gender and Generations. Selected papers of the annual ISCH conference, Trieste 2016*, University of Bucharest Press - forthcoming (2018).
- ❖ "«The ardent desire to spread all my sweat and blood». Italian *Litterae indipetae* between 1690 and 1730", in *Narratives of suffering, Persecution and Disappointment in the Early Modern Period. Giving Birth to New Martyrs*, Lisbon, Catholic University of Portugal - forthcoming (2018).
- ❖ "The Many Faces of Ignazio Maria Romeo, SJ (1676–1724?), Petitioner for the Indies: A Jesuit Seen through his *Litterae Indipetae* and the *Epistulae Generalium*" for the journal *Archivum Historicum Societatis Iesu*, Vol. 85, Fasc. 170 (2016/II), pp. 365-404.

Reviews of:

- ❖ Kaijian, Tang, *Setting Off from Macau: Essays on Jesuit History during the Ming and Qing Dynasties*, Leiden and Boston 2016, in *Journal of Early Modern History* Vol. 07, Nr. 7-8, pp. 271-273.
- ❖ *Jesuit Mapmaking in China. D'Anville's Nouvelle Atlas de la Chine (1737)*, edited by Roberto M. Ribeiro and John O'Malley, S.J., in *Archivum Historicum Societatis Iesu* Vol. 84, Fasc. 167 (2015/I), pp. 167-169.
- ❖ *Missioni, saperi e adattamento tra Europa e imperi non cristiani* edited by Sabina Pavone and Vincenzo Lavenia, Macerata 2005 for *Archivum Historicum Societatis Iesu* Vol. 85, Fasc. 169 (2016/I), pp. 253-256.

Conference presentations (selection of the last years):

- ❖ "Outbursts of Enflamed Hearts. Italian Jesuits Asking for the Indies", presentation at Institute for Advanced Jesuit Studies, Boston College, Boston (January 2018).
- ❖ "Bloody Jesuits! Italian Candidates to the Indies and Their Temperaments (XVII-XVIII centuries)", for the 6th annual "Scientiae" conference, Padua (April 2017).
- ❖ "«Ready to use every violence against my domestic enemies». Italian Jesuits Yearning for the Eastern Indies (XVII—XVIII centuries)", for the conference "Powerful Emotions/Emotions and Power", sponsored by the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions and the University of York, York, UK (June 2017).
- ❖ "The best candidate to the Indies (16th-18th century)", for the international conference "Emotions: Movement, Cultural Contact and Exchange, 1100-1800" sponsored by the Freie Universität Berlin and the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions, with involvement of scholars from The Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin (June 2016).
- ❖ "Matteo Ricci (1552-1610): true and false miracles in the Ming Empire", for the 5th annual "Scientiae" conference, Oxford (June 2016).
- ❖ "*In nomine patris*: the struggle between an indipeta, his father and the Father general of the Company of Jesus (1702-1720)", for the Annual Conference of the International Society for Cultural History, Trieste (July 2016).

Other: I collaborated in the New Sommervogel Project, an open-access database with a comprehensive and searchable bibliography of every article related to the Society of Jesuit. I was member of the Italian PRIN (Research Projects of National Interest) group about the topic of *Litterae indipetae*. I am honorary fellow ("Cultore della materia") in Global History at the University of Trieste.