

CURRICULUM VITAE

Graduated in Arts and Humanities in 1996 at Sapienza University of Rome, EGO held a Master of Science in Medical Anthropology at the University of Brunel-West London (UK) in 1998 and obtained a PhD in Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology at University of Turin in 2003. He is currently Associate Professor of Cultural Anthropology at the Department of History and Cultures, Alma Mater Studiorum-University of Bologna (since September 2014) where he teaches Cultural Anthropology, Medical Anthropology and Global Health and Suffering in the main degree courses of the School of Arts and Humanities.

EGO is part of the Academic Board of the University of Bologna PhD program in Global Histories, Cultures, and Politics at the Department of History and Cultures and, presently, he is supervising three PhD students. He is the current Degree Program Director of the University of Bologna Second Cycle Degree (Two Years Master) in Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology.

EGO is member of the Fondazione Alsos experts' group that selected and funded fifteen Post Graduate grants for the Research Program on "Migrations and migrants in Italy" (<https://www.fondazionealsos.org/it/bando>).

EGO is also the Director of a University Centre for International and Intercultural Health, a multi-professional and interdisciplinary research centre, where the analysis of the mechanisms that produce inequalities - both at global and local level - is combined with the search for health promotion strategies, with particular attention to the most vulnerable social groups.

As member of the Municipality of Bologna Health Promotion Board, EGO coordinated the analysis of the relationship between health indicators, economic inequalities and residence in the city of Bologna territory, with the aim of designing health equity promotion policies. Inevitably and quite coherently, the Covid-19 epidemic impact and the response to it have become part of the above research agenda. He is also coordinating the scientific group on social and healthcare services supporting the Bologna Mayor experts board for the Post-Covid restart of Bologna.

EGO previously held the position of full-time Researcher in Cultural Anthropology (permanent position) at the Alma Mater Studiorum-University of Bologna – from January 2004 to September 2014 – as well as that of Adjunct Professor in Medical Anthropology at the University of Milan (Bicocca), and Ca' Foscari, University of Venice.

His research activities started in 1997-1998 when he conducted ethnographic research in the UK on Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, investigating the lived experience of a controversial clinical condition, and its relationship with processes of social legitimation of medical knowledge. Between 1998 and 2003 he has conducted long-term ethnographic fieldwork on the HIV/AIDS epidemics in the Cameroon North-West Province, analysing the role of generational and gender disparities in the spread of HIV/AIDS. The research combined an interpretative analysis of the local cultural interpretation of the epidemics with a study of the mechanism of social production of suffering. Since 2003 he has developed several research fields (in Italy as well as elsewhere) rooted in a theoretical view of health as a cultural

construct that needs to be socially generated. Coherently with such a standpoint, in all his scientific activities he has predilected a Participatory and Action Research approach, as participation appears as the appropriate means to operationalize both: people's involvement in defining their best interest, and their engagement in transformative social actions. Many of such action-research activities have been devoted to the field of migrants' healthcare. In 2009 he cofounded in the Bologna Province a Socio-Cultural Consultation Service with the aim of supporting healthcare and social services in dealing with complex cases related to migrants' health needs in cooperation with professional from other disciplinary fields (e.g. psychiatry, public health, law, economics, etc.). The Service was active until 2014, when eventually anthropological consultation became part and parcel of Emilia-Romagna Region Reception Program (Start-ER -Salute Tutela e Accoglienza di Richiedenti e Titolari di Protezione Internazionale in Emilia-Romagna). Ever since, he has been deeply involved in medical anthropology training of the personnel involved in the above Regional Reception Program on the socio-cultural dimensions of suffering and healthcare.

He took part in the validation of the pilot training programme for health care providers in the context of the European Union Health program (2008-2013) "Training packages^[1] for health professionals to improve access and quality of health services for migrants and ethnic minorities including the Roma (MEM-TP)". The project aim was to improve access and quality of health services for migrants and ethnic minorities in the EU and to reduce observed inequities.

Always in the field of the analysis of the relationship between healthcare and migration he supervised a research project in the city of Parma University Hospital on the clinical application of anthropology, where medical personnel was trained in assessing migrants' health needs and defining appropriate treatment ("Trasferimento di buone pratiche di contrasto alle iniquità" – sottoprogetto n. 4 "Mediazione di sistema" - Fondo Regionale per la Modernizzazione).

Presently, in cooperation with Tuscany Global Health Centre, he is coordinating and supervising the action-research and training activities of medical staff in the Tuscany Healthcare Units dedicated to child and maternal health within the project I.C.A.R.E. – Integration and Community Care for Asylum and Refugees in Emergency, Co-funded by the Internal Security Fund or Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund of the European Union (Grant Agreement No. Home/2017/AMIF/AG/EMAS/0075).

Parallel to the research activities on migration and healthcare, he is also the University of Bologna representative in the Cooperation Project between the Emilia-Romagna Region and a series of Municipalities and Universities in Brazil on the implementation of Community Hospitals and intermediate care for an appropriate response to the health needs of an ageing population ("RERSUS - Cure Intermedie: confronto e trasferimento di strumenti gestionali tra Italia e Brasile"). The project has been developed in collaboration with the Regional Social and Health Agency, with whom several training activities have stemmed, mainly dedicated to medical anthropology training of the medical personnel of the Emilia-Romagna Community Hospitals (Os.Co. – Ospedali di Comunità).

Over the years he has also participated to several national research projects:

- 2000-2002 Member of the University of Turin Unit in the National Research Project (PRIN directed by Prof. F. Remotti) "Luoghi dei vivi e luoghi dei morti. Confini, separazioni, intersezioni: prospettive interdisciplinari e comparative";

- 2002-2004 Member of the University of Turin Unit in the National Research Project (PRIN directed by Prof. F. Remotti) “Tanatometamorfosi. Il corpo dopo la morte in una prospettiva multidisciplinare e comparativa”;
- 2004-2006 Member of the University of Bologna Unit in the National Research Project (PRIN directed by Prof. F. Remotti, University of Turin) “Le religioni come sistemi complessi: la dinamica interreligiosa tra aperture e chiusure”;
- 2007-2009 Member of the University of Bologna Unit in the National Research Project (PRIN directed by Prof. F. Remotti, University of Turin) “Persone e società: confini, soglie, transizioni. Comparazioni interculturali e interdisciplinari”;
- 2017-2020 Member of the University of Bologna Unit in the National Research Project (PRIN directed by Prof. A. Bellagamba, University of Milan-Bicocca) "Genealogies of African freedoms ".

He has been visiting scholar at: Duke University (North Carolina - USA); Universidade Federal Fluminense (Niterioi, Brazil); Universidade Federal de Mato Grosso do Sul (Campo Grande, Brazil); UNIRIO (Rio de Janerio, Brazil), and his research outputs have been published in national and international peer-reviewed journals and book series, including: Palgrave, University of California Press, Berghahn Books, Amsterdam Univ. Press, UCL Press (forthcoming).

He is member of the International Advisory Board of the UCL Lancet Commission on Culture and Health, that led to the publication of the Culture and Health Report: [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(14\)61603-2](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(14)61603-2). He also edited the Italian translation of the report (<https://centri.unibo.it/csi/it/pubblicazioni/cultura-e-salute-traduzione>); he is also member of the “Cultural Contexts of Health (CCH) Experts Group” WHO/Regional Office for Europe.

He is member of the scientific board of several peer-reviewed anthropological journals and book series as well as of several Scientific Associations such as: European Medical Anthropology at Home; Italian Society for Medical Anthropology.

He presented scientific papers at dozens of national and international conferences and he has been organizing several of them, such as: “Bodies, performativity, sexuality and the ‘free choice’ paradigm. Critical approaches” (Bologna, 2013, in collaboration with the London School of Oriental and African Studies and the UCL Centre for Gender Studies; the 8th Edition of the Medical Anthropology at Home International Conference (Bertinoro, 2014).

He acts as referee for national and international journals, such as: *Anuac. Rivista della società italiana di antropologia culturale*; *AM. Rivista della Società Italiana di Antropologia Medica*; *Archivio Antropologico Mediterraneo*; *Human Organization*, to mention a few.