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Freelance researcher and journalist

Independent researcher and freelance writer.

Her work focuses on urban studies, planning and housing policies.

Positions held

Freelance Journalist from 2020 to present

Internazionale/L'Essenziale (<https://www.internazionale.it/tag/autori/sarah-gainsforth>)

Il Manifesto (<https://ilmanifesto.it/archivio?autore=Sarah%20Gainsforth>)

Jacobin Italia (<https://jacobinitalia.it/autore/gainsforth-sarah/>)

FanPage (<https://roma.fanpage.it/author/sarahgainsforth/>)

Author of reports and investigations on housing, tourism, social issues

Freelance Journalist from April 2018 to present

Il Manifesto – Alias (<https://ilmanifesto.it/>)

Author of articles on tourism and urban planning

Freelance journalist from 2017 to 2020

La Repubblica Roma (<https://roma.repubblica.it>)

L'Espresso (<https://espresso.repubblica.it>)

Author of surveys with data on Airbnb in Rome and Naples

Editor-in-chief from February 2018 to January 2019

DinamoPress (<https://www.dinamopress.it/>)

In charge of the management and organisation of the Rome section In charge of the editorial staff for urban issues Author of political news articles, cultural insights, commentaries

Intern journalist from August to October 2017

Roma Today (<http://www.romatoday.it/>)

Author of political news articles, in-depth reports on social and urban planning issues Author of investigations on urban regeneration and the real estate market in Rome

Translator from 2002 to present

Sapienza University of Rome, Roma Tre University

Translation of academic articles for professors and researchers from Political Science departments

Global Rights Report - Fight Impunity-Association Against Impunity and for Transitional Justice, edited by Associazione Società INformazione Onlus, with the participation of CGIL

Translation of reports

Deep Blue srl

Translation and creation of English language content for the website

Paneikon, 11marzofilm, Hullabaloo

Translation of scripts for documentaries, shorts and feature films

Full-time permanent employee from 2008 to 2014

Pasteur Institute - Cenci Bolognetti Foundation

P.le Aldo Moro 5, 00185 Rome, Italy (www.istitutopasteur.it)

Organisation of scientific events, review of scientific articles funded by the institute, correspondence in English, administration and secretariat

Publications

Books

Cameriera, I Quanti Einaudi, December 2022

Abitare stanca. La casa: una storia politica, Effequ, May 2022, Premio Giulio Angioni 2023

Dopo il turismo, Esiste un turismo sostenibile? Eris Edizioni, October 2020

Airbnb città merce, Storie di resistenza alla gentrificazione digitale, Derive Approdi, September 2019,
Premio Napoli 2020 finalist

Chapters

Le case di San Lorenzo

chapter in *Dopo la gentrificazione, Un quartiere laboratorio: dalla crisi economica all'abitare temporaneo*,
DeriveApprodi, September 2023

Tourism in the cracks of the Italian economy

chapter in *The Last Grand Tour: Contemporary Phenomena and Strategies of Living in Italy*
edited by Michael Obrist, Antonietta Putzu
Park Books, 2023

Homes in Italy, a political tale

chapter in *Open for Maintenance*, Arch +, catalogue, German Pavilion, Biennale Architettura 2023
Venice, May 2023

Abitare, IEA! Inclusion, emancipazione, agency per combattere le disuguaglianze, (*Housing, IEA! Inclusion, empowerment, agency to combat inequalities*)
CNCA, October 2022

Residenze per studenti tra pubblico e privato

report, with Marco Peverini, in *Casa e Abitare nel PNRR, Quaderni per la Ripresa e la Resilienza del Paese*
Caritas Italiana, 2022

Dopo Airbnb, riabitare Roma

chapter in *Oltre la monocultura del turismo, per un atlante delle resistenze e delle contro-progettualità*
edited by I. Agostini, G. Attili, L. De Bonis, A. Esposito, G. Maria-Salerno
Edifir Edizioni Firenze, 2022

Addomesticare la città, consumo visuale e produzione di spazio

chapter in *Espressioni urbane. Muri sconciati, writing e street art*
edited by P. Ascari, P. Rivasi

Mimesis, 2022

Riabitare lo spazio vuoto

chapter in *Per una città umana, About a City 2020*, edited by Gabriele Solazzi

Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli, December 2020

Lectures and seminars

Città in Scena, Festival della Rigenerazione urbana

Bari, Infrastrutture

Round table, with Mariella Anese, Marialessandra Secchi and Annalisa Metta

Auditorium, Rome, 15 December 2023

Congresso Architetti 2023 Bolzano e Trento, In-sostenibili certezze

Riabitare il futuro: le case, le persone, il Paese

Lecture

Bolzano, 30 November 2023

Osservatorio Casa Abbordabile (OCA) di Milano Metropolitana

The student housing crisis in Italy. Problems, policies and claims

Seminar, with Simone Agutoli (Unione degli Universitari) and Angela Santangelo (University of Bologna)

Dipartimento di Architettura e Studi Urbani, Politecnico di Milano

Milan, 16 November 2023

SMARTDEST Final Conference

European tourist cities between social challenges and global transitions

Policy round table

Barcelona, 15 September 2023

Festivaletterature di Mantova, 2023

Organization and hosting of the series of lectures *Due città e l'Italia in mezzo*

-*Riabitare le aree interne*, lecture, with Antonio De Rossi and Raffaele Spadano, September 6

-*Genova grandi opere*, lecture, with Agostino Petrillo, September 7

-*Lecce e il suo mare*, lecture, with Rita Miglietta, September 8

Mantua, September 2023

Radio Popolare Milano

Living in Milan. Rich people stuff?

Round table

with Alessandro Santoro, pro-rector of the Bicocca University and Pierfrancesco Maran, councillor for housing and urban planning of the City of Milan

Milan, June 10 2023

City of Naples

Abitare stanca: housing, a political tale, Dialoghi sull'Abitare,

Book presentation

Department of Architecture,

University of Naples Naples

Naples, June 7 2023

Comitato Monti

Rome, a city too open? Short-term rentals, depopulation and degradation of the historic centre

Policy round table on short-term rentals with officials of the City of Rome
Rome, June 6 2023

University of Ferrara
The importance of public housing for a new housing policy
Seminar, in collaboration with Acer Ferrara Ferrara
Ferrara, April 18 2023

Istituto Svizzero
Dispute Conference *Overbooking: Rethinking sustainable tourism in the 21st Century*
The perfect place to be: Airbnb's growth and impact in Rome
Lecture
Rome, Novembre 11, 2022

Iulm University, Milan
Tourism beyond narratives: trends, impacts and hidden costs,
Lecture
New travel trends course, Master's degree in Hospitality and tourism management
Milan, October 2022

Internationale a Ferrara, 2022
-Affitti italianissimi
-Italy, starting from home, work, income: three essential issues
Ferrara, 1-2 October 2022

Festivaletterature di Mantova, 2022
Homes for inhabiting
Lecture, with Andrea Staid
Mantua, 9 September 2022

Goethe-Institut and Museo delle periferie in collaboration with nGbK Berlin
New Words New World, Words Voices Bodies,
Meeting #1 Glossary of Urban Practices | ABITARE – round table
Rome, 8 June 2022

University of Insubria
After Tourism
Online lecture
Sociology of Communication and Tourism
May 2022

Urbanpromo 2021, National Institute of Urban Planning
Tourism, market and culture: post-Covid and possible alternatives
Online lecture
16 November 2021

Education

Diploma – Liceo Statale Classico Virgilio, Rome 1999

Diploma – Journalism school, Fondazione Lelio e Lisli Basso, Rome 2017