

# Michela Bonato

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About me: Meticulous researcher and writer adept in collecting, analyzing, and interpreting qualitative data; defining issues and conceptualizing alternative solutions, with great understanding of Asian societies, particularly China. Possessing extensive analytical skills, strong attention to detail, and a significant ability to work in multicultural environments. Experience in communication.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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09/2021 – CURRENT

**ITALIAN LANGUAGE LECTURER** – JILIN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY

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Teaching classes in Italian Language, Culture and Society, B.A. level.

09/2021 – CURRENT – Venice, Italy

**TEACHING ASSISTANT SENIOR** – CA' FOSCARI UNIVERSITY, DSAAM

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I organized four seminars on historical geography topics.

I help organize three classes (History of China 2, modern and contemporary times; Italian Literature to foreign students; Buddhist Views of Nature and the Environment).

19/07/2021 – 24/07/2021 – online

**SUMMER SCHOOL EVENT ASSISTANT** – CENTRO STUDI SULLA CINA CONTEMPORANEA

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I helped organize the CSCC Summer School "*EU-China Cooperation: Green Transition and Digital Economy Between National Policies and Multipolarism*", and co-chaired the lectures.

<https://www.euchinasummerschool.com/>

12/2020 – 10/2021 – Ragusa, Italy

**CHINESE LANGUAGE LECTURER** – UNIVERSITY OF CATANIA

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Teaching classes in Chinese Language and Translation (B.A. first year students; 42 hours).

01/2021 – 09/2021 – Venice, Italy

**TEACHING ASSISTANT JUNIOR/SENIOR** – CA' FOSCARI UNIVERSITY, VARIOUS INSTITUTES

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Online exam supervisor (winter, middle-term and summer semester exams).

11/2015 – 09/2016 – Walldorf, Germany

**INFORMATION SECURITY DEPT. OFFICE CLERK** – SAP SE

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Conceptualized and wrote articles related to the "security" topic, and published in SAP Jam and other internal channels. Collected, studied, and interpreted large sets of qualitative data; conducted interviews on internal security awareness using Skype for Business (+100 countries).

Assisted in the implementation of internal trainings and visual campaigns on the subject.

Wrote and reviewed web contents for SAP internal portal.

Participated in meetings with directors, and provided information on the survey progress.

09/2014 – 06/2015 – Chongqing, China

**ENGLISH LECTURER** – CHONGQING NORMAL UNIVERSITY

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Conceptualized and designed PPT presentations on various topics. Used non-formal teaching methods such as games to develop active participation. Encouraged the intercultural exchange of knowledge and practices.  
Volunteering experience.

09/2014 – 05/2015 – Chongqing, China

**ENGLISH TEACHER** – CHONGQING BEIBEI DISTRICT KINDERGARTENS

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Used non-formal teaching methods such as games to develop active participation. Encouraged the intercultural exchange of knowledge and practices. Kids' age two to five.  
Volunteering experience.

01/2014 – 03/2014 – Heidelberg, Germany

**GRADUATE ASSISTANT** – RUPRECHT-KARLS-UNIVERSITÄT HEIDELBERG, INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY

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Translated and reviewed academic material (Chinese-English), later used for the publication of a book chapter (in Gebhardt, Ed., 2018).

11/2013 – 11/2013 – Mannheim, Germany

**PRESS AND MEDIA INFOPOINT AND SUPPORT** – INTERNATIONALES FILMFESTIVAL MANNHEIM-HEIDELBERG

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Facilitated the use of multimedia room.  
Worked as Italian-English interpreter.

04/2012 – 04/2014 – Udine, Italy

**PRESS AND MEDIA INFOPOINT** – FEFF FAR EAST FILM FESTIVAL

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Facilitated the use of multimedia room.  
Internship activity.

07/2008 – 12/2008 – Venice, Italy

**PRODUCTION AND SALES** – RIVARENO ICE CREAM PARLOUR

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I worked on the production of artisanal ice cream based on Rivareno technologies.  
I worked on sales.

09/2007 – 06/2008 – Italy

**SWIM INSTRUCTOR** – RANAZZURRA S.R.L. VENICE LIDO

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Taught to swim to kids, adults, and people with disabilities.  
Obtained FIN certificate "swim instructor - first level".

**WAITRESS** – VARIOUS RESTAURANTS ("AL RIO", "TRATTORIA AL CANTINON" CINTO EUG.; "AKADEMIE" HEIDELBERG)

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2003-07; 2012-13

## ● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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02/07/2021 – 10/12/2021

**"DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION" DIPLOMA** – ISPI (Italian Institute for International Political Studies)

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Project Cycle Management (02-03/07/2021); Disaster Risk Reduction (07-08/07/2021); NGO and International Cooperation (14-15/07/2021); Slums and Integrated Participative Projects (15-16/10/2021); International Cooperation (12-13/11/2021).

ISPI Summer School (75 h).

**Field(s) of study**

- Social sciences

29/30 | <https://www.ispionline.it/en/ispi-school>

01/2021 – 06/2021 – Italy

**PF 24 (ITALIAN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TEACHER TRAINING)** – Ca' Foscari University of Venice

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I passed the four scheduled exams (pedagogy; ICT in education; anthropology; cognitive and developmental psychology).

I passed two extra exams on linguistic subjects (Chinese Linguistics; Chinese Didactics).

**Field(s) of study**

- Education

24 ECTS + 12 ECTS | <https://www.unive.it/pag/26427/>

02/11/2020 – 30/11/2020

**WETELL SUMMER SCHOOL: INNOVATING STORYTELLING TO ADDRESS CIVIC AWARENESS** – Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna

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Lectures by Elena Lamberti, Justina Austraiskiene, Justina Urbonaite, Paolo Rondelli, Marco Petrelli, Paolo Granata, Julia Creet (subjects: Activism/politics of dissent: cultural memory & trauma; City as classroom: active citizenship and environmental semantic; Language, discourse and dissent: stereotypes and counter-narratives; Creativity and dissent: the free will of poetry; collective writing/rewriting; Ecology and dissent: ecocriticism and counter-narratives: Complex ecosystems: media ecology, storytelling, civic awareness).

Final Project "*Metaphors & Language. Into the reception of Coronavirus Crisis in China, Germany, and France*" (with M. Mileto e M.G. Manduzio).

**Field(s) of study**

- Humanities

30/30 | 6 ECTS | <https://site.unibo.it/wetell-school/en>

09/2012 – 06/2020

**PHD** – Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Institute of Geography

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urban planning, water/land management, state-building, visual culture and marketing, Southwest China

Researched and wrote articles related to China geopolitics, urban space, and propaganda.

Read and translated large datasets from Chinese language; conducted field research.

Participated in international workshops and conferences.

Obtained a one-year fellowship from China Scholarship Council to study and research at Southwest University Chongqing, China.

**Field(s) of study**

- Human geography
- Chinese studies

**Thesis:** "Spatialization of Happiness in Chongqing Watershed"

cum laude | EQF level 8 | <https://www.geog.uni-heidelberg.de/human/hydraulicempire.html>

01/09/2014 – 31/07/2015

**VISITING RESEARCHER** – Southwest University Chongqing

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I took classes in Human and Economic Geography at the Inst. of Geography, Southwest University.

I conducted field research (participant observation, interviews, and archival research).

I engaged in activities organized by my local supervisor within the Land Planning Group (conferences, field trips), and was active participant and organizer of events at the International Inst. (foreign cultures' festival; photo contest; international dinners).

I took classes in Advanced Chinese, and passed the Chinese language proficiency exam HSK6 (C2).

**Field(s) of study**

- Human geography, economic geography

[www.swu.edu.cn](http://www.swu.edu.cn)

24/06/2013 – 05/07/2013

**TOCHINA SUMMER SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP** – Turin University

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Courses on internal and foreign politics, economic strategies of contemporary China.

Final evaluation: "pass with merit"

**Field(s) of study**

- Politics, economics

<https://www.tochina.it/training/tochina-summer-school>

2009 – 2011

**M.A. CHINESE STUDIES** – Ca' Foscari University of Venice

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Majoring in Chinese language, modern history, party politics, cultural studies, urban studies.

Conducted one month fieldwork to develop the thesis project (ethnographic approach; archive research at Chongqing National Library).

*Specific seminar: history and institutions: Shanghai urban development (Prof. Dr. L. De Giorgi)*

**Field(s) of study**

- Chinese Language and Culture

**Thesis:** "Chongqing: Dettagli urbani di una città in movimento"

110/110 Lode | <https://www.unive.it/pag/15719/>

09/2010 – 05/2011

**VISITING GRADUATE STUDENT (ERASMUS PROGRAM)** – Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Institute of Chinese Studies

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<https://www.zo.uni-heidelberg.de/sinologie/>

2006 – 2009

**B.A. CHINESE STUDIES** – Ca' Foscari University of Venice

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*Specific seminar: cultural geography (Prof. Dr. S. Soriani)*

<https://www.unive.it/pag/15719/>

01/2009 – 06/2009

**VISITING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT (INTENSIVE CHINESE COURSE)** – Capital Normal University Beijing, China

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[eng.cnu.edu.cn](http://eng.cnu.edu.cn)

2001 – 2006

**HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA** – Liceo Classico G. B. Ferrari Este (PD), Italy

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Ancient Greek and Latin; literature; philosophy; English.

Additional courses: Spanish; theater workshop (finalist at Rassegna Nazionale Teatro Scuola 2006, Castro dei Volsci, Fr).

One-month English Summer Camp (08/2005; Whittier College, LA).

Passed FCE exam (16/05/06; Certificate No. 0015450512).

**Field(s) of study**

- Humanities

2003 – 2006

**CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE/PROFICIENCY** – "A. Gualtieri" Music School Monselice (PD) / Scuola Civica di Musica Este (Civic Music School)

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Electric guitar and modern singing courses.

● **NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

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**EACS European Association for Chinese Studies**

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**AISC Italian Association for Chinese Studies**

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**AAS Association for Asian Studies**

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**Società Geografica Italiana (geographical association)**

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**EASA European Association of Social Anthropologists**

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● **SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES**

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2018 – 2021

**ESG Choir Heidelberg**

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Choir member, soprano (concerts a.o. "Ein deutsches Requiem", J. Brahms; "Elias", F. Mendelssohn-Bartholdy).

<https://esgchorheidelberg.de/konzerte/>

09/2020 – 09/2020

**Certificate of Attendance**

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Ca' Foscari University of Venice Online Course UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (4th ed)

duration: 14 hours; certificate no. 0EkUSgAvgu

2015 – 2015

**AIMUN Delegate (Peking University Asian International Model United Nations)**

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Peking University Beijing, China

05/2012 – 05/2012

**Group Leader - Italian Representative**

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Targu Jiu, Romania

Training Course "Youth Environment Strategy" promoted by "Youth in Action Program" (LLP), EU. Youth Pass 4.3.

Coordinated the selection process of Italian team members; helped organizing travels.

Conceptualized and carried out a pre-training survey on household waste sorting.

03/2012 – 03/2012

### **Participant - Italian Representative**

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Xylokaastro, Greece

Training Course "Formal and Non-Formal Learning in Europe" promoted by "Youth in Action Program" (LLP), EU. Youth Pass 1.1.

Took part in activities aimed at sharing ideas and practices on non-formal learning processes among young European citizens.

09/2014 – 05/2015

### **English Second Language Teacher**

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Chongqing, China

Volunteered as English teacher and kids entertainer in two kindergartens in Chongqing, Beibei District (China).

Applied non-formal learning practices (games, theatre, etc.).

2002 – 2005

### **Kids Entertainer**

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Cinto Euganeo, Italy

Summer and winter activities using non-formal learning practices (games, workshops, theatre, etc.), organized at the local parish within the Azione Cattolica framework.

Took part in weekly seminars organized by Istituto Salesiano Tusini (Bardolino, Verona).

1994 – 2002

### **Competitive Swimming (It.: propaganda, agonismo)**

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Nuoto 77 / TeamEuganeo Este (PD)

## **CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

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11/2021 – 12/2021 – Ca' Foscari University, Department of Asian and North African Studies

### **Cycle of Seminars - History of China 2**

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I held four seminars related to the B.A. level course "History of China 2" organized by Prof. Laura De Giorgi.

Contents: Modern infrastructures, information and trade networks in late Imperial China and Republican China; Territoriality and resource fragmentation during the anti-Japanese war; Economic geography and the environment from 1949 until the early Eighties, and current situation after the WTO entrance; Landscape and representations of nature to serve politics and identity construction in Maoist and Deng era, and current (mis-)uses of landscape images.

08/2021 – ICAS 12, Kyoto Seika University, Japan (Online)

### **Poster "Narratives of Forest Conservation: Insights from Chongqing, China"**

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<https://icas.asia/icas-12>

08/2021 – ICAS 12, Kyoto Seika University, Japan (Online)

### **Paper "Rationalities of Green Urbanization in Chongqing: Local Environment at the Service of Eco-Capitalist Logics?"**

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<https://icas.asia/icas-12>

11/02/2021 – 12/02/2021 – University of Catania, CHAIN Project, Well-Being and Cultural Heritage Conference

### **Paper "New spatialities for the elderly: upscale housing market and landscape management in Chongqing"**

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<https://www.chain-conference.com/home>

**Paper "Progetti Urbani a Chongqing: narrative di potere tra eredità e memoria"**

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Lecture organized by Prof. Dr. L. De Giorgi within the M.A. Seminar: *Storia della Cina Moderna e Contemporanea* (history of modern and contemporary China).

Paper: "*Chongqing urban projects: power narratives between heritage and memory*"

12/2020 – Decima Giornata di Studio "Oltre la globalizzazione – Feedback", Società Geografica Italiana

**Paper "Pratiche di sviluppo integrato città-campagna nella Cina sud-occidentale: Visioni sostenibili e marketing territoriale"**

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Tenth study session on political-economic geography. Online conference.

Paper "*Practices of urban-rural integrated development in South-west China: Sustainable visions and territorial marketing*".

<https://sites.google.com/unifi.it/ssg2020feedback/home?authuser=0>

07/2019 – ICAS 11, Leiden, The Netherlands

**Paper "Shaping historical memories in Chongqing: Local urban politics and the legacy of the Republican Period"**

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07/2016 – 14th EASA Conference, Milan Univ., Italy

**Paper "From water reservoir to amusement park: The Chongqing Garden Expo Park and local water politics from a hydraulic society perspective"**

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05/2014 – 12th Asian Studies Conf., Haifa Univ., Israel

**Paper "On the way to an Asian Greater China? New Chinese foreign policy in Pacific area between nationalism and economic issues"**

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05/2013 – 5th Seminar on Eastern Philosophy, Termini Imerese (PA), Italy

**Paper "Cartography and Visual Correspondences: Thought and Reality of Modernism in Europe and China"**

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2018 – Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Institute of Geography

**Paper "Discussion on PhD Layout"**

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*Workshop on Theoretical Approaches in Human Geography organized by Dr. S. Runkel (Uni Heidelberg).*

2017 – Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Institute of Geography

**Paper "Power dialectics on Chongqing water reservoirs. Ideas, representations, and matter of a phenomenon"**

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*Workshop on Human Geography organized by Prof. Dr. H. Gebhardt (Uni Heidelberg) and Prof. Dr. A. Mattissek (Uni Freiburg).*

**Workshop China Law Research, Uni Helsinki, 2016**

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*Accepted as participant.*

## ● PROJECTS

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01/2020 – CURRENT

**CSCC Centro Studi Cina Contemporanea**

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[http://www.csccl.it/upload/doc/focus\\_17.pdf](http://www.csccl.it/upload/doc/focus_17.pdf)

Writing investigative articles on Chinese issues.

04/2016 – 07/2016

#### Filmmaking "The Shore" as part of the seminar: Chinese Silent Cinema 1920-1930s

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<https://katalog.ub.uni-heidelberg.de/titel/68024623>

I created the film poster and b/w captions.

I participated in the writing of the script.

Heidelberg University, Institute of Transcultural Studies.

06/2014

#### Logo design for the Green City Academic Association

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<http://www.agreencity.org/>

2013 – CURRENT

#### Editor of the blog section "Langlebigkeitsspillen - China Impulses"

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[dieblumenkohlrezepte.wordpress.com](http://dieblumenkohlrezepte.wordpress.com)

Conceptualized and wrote articles based on photographic material.

Photo editing using Adobe Creative Suite.

Followed the principles of photojournalism.

2012 – 2015

#### Freelance on Chinese blog of photography "Zaijietou - On the street"

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<https://www.facebook.com/zaijietou>

Published photographic material on street photography in China.

Edited pictures using Adobe Creative Suite.

Selected five times as "photo of the week" on the online magazine *china-files.com* (2013-14).

<http://zaijietou.com/category/xiaolianhua/> (the blog was censored; content still available on Facebook page "zaijietou").

## FUNDS AND AWARDS

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2021: ICAS 12 Conference Registration Fee Discount (100 EUR)

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01/09/2014 - 31/07/2015: China Scholarship Council Fellowship (2,000 RMB/month)

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2013 - 2014: Kurt-Hiehle-Stiftung Travel Grants (tot. 1,000 EUR)

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07/2013: ToChina Summer School Full Fellowship

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01/09/2010 - 31/05/2011: Ca' Foscari Erasmus Program Scholarship

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2015

Wasser ist Leben (photo contest)

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ZASS Stiftung. Selected for photo calendar.

2014

¿fremd\_bilder? (photo contest)

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Schwarzweiss e.V. Heidelberg. Selected for exposition.



Caratteri Cinesi/China-Files.com. Selected five times and published as "picture of the week".  
[https://www.academia.edu/44064496/Photo\\_Selection\\_from\\_the\\_blog\\_Zai\\_jietou](https://www.academia.edu/44064496/Photo_Selection_from_the_blog_Zai_jietou)

## ● **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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Mother tongue(s):

**ITALIAN. OTHER LANGUAGES: ENGLISH (ADVANCED); CHINESE (ADVANCED HSK6); GERMAN(DSH2); SPANISH(B2/C1)**

## ● **COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS**

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Writing | Creativity | Accuracy | Detail orientation | Good team player

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## ● **DIGITAL SKILLS**

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Microsoft Office | Social Media | Adobe Creative Suite

## ● **OTHER INFO**

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### **Declaration of responsibility**

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I hereby declare to know about the penal sanctions imposed in case of false declaration (arts. 46, 47 DPR no. 445/2000 and ff.).

### **Data Privacy**

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I hereby declare to be informed about data treatment, and consent to the processing of my personal data, including sensitive data, by personnel assigned to the custody and storage of applications and to their use for the purpose of the selection process (Italian D.Lgs. 196/2003).

03/01/2022

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