

CURRICULUM VITAE

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RESEARCH AREAS

Human Geography, Economic/Political Geography.

Regional expertise: Eastern Europe and Eurasia.

Research topics: Italian foreign direct investments, Industrial districts, Outsourcing, Post-socialist transformation of Eastern Europe and Russia, EU enlargement and European integration.

EDUCATION

PhD, Geography, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA. 2002-2007

Dissertation: *The Relationship between the Processes of Outsourcing of Italian Textile and Clothing Firms and the Emergence of Industrial Districts in Eastern Europe*

Defended: May 4, 2007

PhD, Geo-History and Geo-Economy of border regions, Università degli Studi di Trieste, ITALY . 2001-2006

Dissertation: "Il distretto industriale come modello di cooperazione internazionale.

Un'indagine teorico-empirica" (*The Industrial District as a Model of International Cooperation: a Theoretical and Empirical Analysis*)

Defended: April 28, 2006

BA/MA, Communication Studies, Curriculum in Business and Institutional 1994-2000

Communication, Università degli Studi di Trieste, ITALY

Final Grade: 110 e.l. (highest grade in the Italian system)

International Students program, Moscow State Linguistic University, 1997-1998
RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Languages: Italian (native), English (fluent), Russian (fluent)

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor** Department of Public Policy Leadership, University of Mississippi 2008 - Present
- Visiting Lecturer** Department of Geography, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2007-2008

GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

- Dissertation Completion Fellowship. Awarded by the Graduate School, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2006-2007
- NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant. Proposal # 0503922 2005
Nationally competitive grant, awarded to pursue fieldwork research
- Off Campus Dissertation Research Fellowship. Awarded by the Graduate School, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2005
- Doctoral Research Travel Award. University Center for International Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2005
- Julie Gatewood Latané Fellowship in Interdisciplinary Living. Awarded by Latané Center for Human Sciences 2002-2005
- Scholars for Tomorrow Fellowship. Awarded by the Graduate School, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2002-2003

PUBLICATIONS

- C. Sellar "Outsourcing" in Warf B. (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Geography* Thousand Oaks, CA, SAGE Publications, Forthcoming
- C. Sellar "Towards a local model for the internationalization of Italian firms in Eastern Europe" *EGRG Working Paper 02.07*. Available online http://www.econgeog.org.uk/wps_0207.html
- C. Sellar "La ricerca di un'identità e di una collocazione geopolitica nuova nella Russia postsovietica. Il punto di vista di alcuni studiosi russi" (The research of an identity and of a new geopolitical collocation in Post Soviet Russia. The point of view of some Russian scholars), review essay in *Geografia nelle scuole* n. 1 gennaio-febbraio 2002, pp. I-VI.

C. Sellar, J. Pickles “Where Will Europe End? Ukraine and the Limits of European Integration” *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, n. 2 2002, pp. 123-142.

C. Sellar “L’Ucraina in Europa: quale futuro?” (Ukraine in Europe: What a future?) pp. 201-226 in G. Battisti (eds.) *Un pianeta diviso: contribute alla geografia dei popoli e dei confine*, Trieste, Università degli Studi, 2002.

C. Sellar “L’Ucraina nel processo di integrazione europea” (Ukraine in the process of European integration), *Geografia nelle scuole*, n. 4 luglio-agosto 2001, pagg. 131-140.

Thesis: “*La Repubblica di Ucraina e l’Unione Europea: un esempio di transizione economica in un contesto geopolitico da rifondare*” (The Republic of Ukraine and the European Union: An Example of Economic Transition in an Evolutionary Geopolitical Context), 2000.

Partially available on the website of Informest, public agency supporting Italian companies in their investments in Eastern Europe through the provision of real non financial services, scouting and dissemination of information about the opportunities in the area:

http://www.informest.it/documentazione/UA_tesi.pdf

Works in progress

C. Sellar, M. Emilova, C. Petkova, K. McNeil “Policies, foreign donors and institutional change in the development of industrial clusters in Bulgaria.” *Submitted to International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*

C. Sellar “How to be more inclusive? The Italian-English literature on small firms.” *Submitted to Progress in Human Geography*

C. Sellar “From ‘Exotic’ to ‘Familiar.’ Italian Textile and Clothing Firms and the Shifting Perception of Eastern Europe” *To be submitted to Journal of Cultural Geography*

Conference papers

C. Sellar *New spaces, new Governance, new interfaces. The case of Italian banks and business services in Eastern Europe* presented at the 104th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, held in Boston in April 2008.

C. Sellar *Towards a local model for the internationalization of Italian firms in Eastern Europe* paper presented at the Economic Geography Research Group Annual Symposium, held at the University of Sussex, June 6-7, 2007.

C. Sellar *From 'Exotic' to 'Familiar.'* *Italian Textile and Clothing Firms and the Shifting Perception of Eastern Europe* presented at the 103th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, held in San Francisco in April 2007.

C. Sellar *Relationship between the Processes of Outsourcing of Italian Textile and Clothing Firms and the Emergence of Industrial Districts in Eastern Europe* presented at the 101th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, held in Denver in April 2005.

T. Johnson, J. Surface, C. Sellar *Geographies of Cross-Border Outsourcing, Employment and Migration Patterns in the EU and NAFTA* presented at the 59th annual meeting of the South Eastern Division of the Association of American Geography, held in Biloxi (MS) in September 2004.

C. Sellar, J. Pickles *Post-Cold War urban transitions West of the 'Curtain': The case of Trieste* presented at the 100th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, held in Philadelphia in March 2004.

C. Sellar, G. Battisti *The Development of the Kiosk Trade in the Post-Soviet Moscow* presented at the 99th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, held in New Orleans in March 2003.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University Teaching

<u>Instructor</u> Courses: People and Places; World Regional Geography UNC-Chapel Hill, Department of Geography Designed introductory level courses in human geography	2007-2008
<u>Teaching Assistant</u> Courses: World Regional Geography; Developing World; Global Issues; Political Geography UNC-Chapel Hill, Department of Geography; Curriculum for International Studies Taught recitation sections and graded papers and exams	2002-2005
<u>Instructor</u> Courses. Italian language: Home reading; Public law and news language Moscow State Linguistic University (Russian Federation)	1997-1998

Research and service

Temporary Research Assistant 2005 (summer)
UNC-Chapel Hill, Davis Library; Slavic Cataloguing Department
Catalogued books in Slavic languages

Student Assistant 2003-2004
UNC-Chapel Hill, Davis Library; Catalogue Management Department
(summer)
Responsibilities: supported the cataloguing of books in Slavic languages

Research Assistant 2001
Italian textile and apparel industry. Investigator: Prof. John Pickles - Fulbright
Distinguished Chair of Geography at the University of Trieste
answered phone calls, collected data, assisted with Italian language translations

Tutor 2000-2002
Università degli Studi di Trieste – curriculum in communication studies,
curriculum in advertising techniques
Counselled students in the planning of the curriculum. Opened a more
effective channel of communication between students and faculty

NON ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Supervisor 2001-2002
ICE (Italian Institute for Foreign Commerce)
Revised the Business Guide of Ukraine and the Investment Guides of Belarus
and Ukraine <http://www.ice.it/estero2/kiiev/>

Instructor 2001
Course: Economic Transition in Eastern Europe and FSU and the Development
of the Ten Pan European Transport Corridors
Designed course for vocational education students.

Internship 1999-2000
Secretariat for CEI Projects in Liaison with EBRD, office of Trieste (see:
<http://www.ceinet.org>).
Developed a survey concerning the business environment in some Central
European countries, prepared a brochure, write letters, answered phone calls.

REFERENCES

Dr. John Pickles (advisor), Phillips Distinguished Professor of Geography and International Studies

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