

D'Onofrio, Federico, Curriculum Vitae

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Research interests

Intellectual history, history of political economy, global history, rural history, history of quantification, economic history

Current positions

01/11/2025 – open ended Associate professor in history of economic thought, Department of Political Sciences, University of Bologna

01/02/2024 – open ended Associate professor in agricultural history, Institute for social and economic history, University of Vienna (on leave)

Research project: PI **ERC Starting Grant** “DataRev”: the team includes one post-doc, two phd students, two research assistants, one administrator.

Grants, fellowships and awards

Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale: professore di I fascia (habilitation to the rank of full professor)

2021 – 2026 ERC Starting Grant “Leading the first data revolution in European agriculture: farm accountancy data and their impact 1870-1945” (1.5 million euros).

2018 – 2019 Marie Skłodowska Curie Individual Fellowship, Department of Management/ University of Venice/ Italy “Farm Accountancy Data as a Source for the History of European Agriculture” (171.000 euros).

2013 – 2014 Rubicon Grant of the Dutch Organization for Scientific Research, with the title: ‘Peasant farms and agricultural policies: the history of a paradigm of response’, project number 446-12-017, The Netherlands (71.000 euros).

Education

01/07/2008 – 30/06/2012 Ph.D., Thesis’ title: *Knowing to Transform: three ways for agricultural economists to observe Italy 1900-1940*; Faculty of Law, Economics and Business, Utrecht Universiteit, The Netherlands. Date of defence: 28.02.2013

Supervisors: Prof. Mary Morgan, Prof. Janneke Plantinga, co-supervisor: Prof. Harro Maas

01/09/2007 – 30.06.2008 M.Sc. in Economics, CORIPE, Piemonte, Italy, 9.2007-6.2008, with scholarship of CORIPE.

01/10/2001 – 15/07/2008 Diploma (20/20), Scuola Normale Superiore Pisa; from 2001 to 2006 studies were fully funded by a competitive scholarship of the Scuola Normale Superiore.

01/10/2004 – 30/05/2007 Laurea magistrale in Philosophy (110/110 cum laude), Università di Pisa.

Previous positions

08.01-08.02.2026 Visiting Professor at Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociale , CRH

01-31.12.2025 Visiting Professor at Università di Torino, dipartimento di Storia

09/2021 – 31/01/2024 Assistant professor in agricultural history (fast tenure-track), Institute for social and economic history, University of Vienna

01/09/2019-30/08/2021 Marie Skłodowska Curie Action Fellow at the Department of Management, University of Venice, Italy.

01/10/2018-30/08/2020 Fellow of the Department of Economic History at the London School of Economics and Social Sciences.

01/10/2016-30/09/2018 Senior SNF Researcher at University of Lausanne in project IZLRZ1-163856/1 directed by François Allisson on the Swiss-Russian economist Nikolaj Sieber.

25/4-30/9/2016 Post-doctoral researcher at the Paris School of Economics, project on « Systemic Risk in the 1930s» (SYSRI-30) led by Prof. Angelo Riva, financed by the French Nation Research Agency ANR.

01/09/2014-30/04/2015 post-doctoral Fellow at the Center for the History of Political Economy of Duke University.

01/09/2013-30/08.2014 Yale University Department of Political Science, post-doctoral Fellow on project entitled 'Peasant farms and agricultural policies: the history of a paradigm of response'

Supervision

I am currently supervising three PhD students

Languages

Italian: native; English, French: C2; German: C1; Russian: C1; Dutch A2.

Services to the profession

I have acted as referee for the following journals: *Storia Economica*, *Agricultural History Review*, *Agricultural History*, *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, *Il pensiero economico italiano*, *Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology*, *Science in context*, *Journal of World History*.

I am co-founder of the HelvHet mailing list and of the VenHist mailing list

Networks and collaborations

I am associated researcher at the Institut d'Histoire Economique Paul Bairoch at Université de Genève, member of the *Narrative Science* network, and member of the CNRS International Research Network 2022 *Coping with variety: resource-use and specialization in rural change*.

List of publications

Publications in peer reviewed journals

- 1) D'Onofrio, F. and Mignemi, N. (2025), The making of perfect markets: Agriculture and international statistics in the early 20th century", *Journal of world history*; 36-3, pp. 409-439.
- 2) D'Onofrio, F. and Mignemi, N. (2023), "[The International Institute of Agriculture and the information infrastructure of world trade \(1905-1947\)](#)", *Histoire et Mesure*; 38-1, pp. p. 13-38.
- 3) D'Onofrio, F. and Mignemi, N. (2023), "Global figures: Tools for observing and governing agricultural markets (1880s-1940s), Introduction", *Histoire et Mesure*; 38-1, pp. p. 5-12.
- 4) D'Onofrio, F. and Tyler, H. (2022), "Wolf Ladejinsky: Field Trips for a Democratic Countryside", *History of Political Economy*; 54-3, pp. 459-481.
- 5) D'Onofrio, F. (2021), "Pubblica felicità, storia e Provvidenza: l'Economia Civile di Genovesi nel contesto dell'Assolutismo Illuminato", *Il pensiero economico italiano*, 29-1, pp. 27-45.
- 6) Allisson, F., **D'Onofrio, F. (corresponding author)**, Raskov, D., Shirokorad L. (2020), "[Marxism before Marxism: Nikolaj Sieber and the birth of Russian social-democracy](#)", *European Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, 27-4, pp. 298-323.
- 7) D'Onofrio, F. and Serra, G. (2020), "Hidden agencies: Economists and authoritarian regimes in the 20th century", *Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology*, 38(B), pp. 3-16.

- 8) D'Onofrio, F. and Serra, G. (2019), "Arthur Lewis and the Classical Foundations of 'Development': Economic History and Institutional Change", *Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology*, 37A, pp. 157-164.
- 9) D'Onofrio, F. (2018) "La nazione meglio polita: buon governo e costituzione economica della Cina alla scuola di Genovesi" *Società e Storia*, 161, pp. 471-497.
- 10) D'Onofrio, F., (2017) "[Agricultural numbers: the statistics of the International Institute of Agriculture in the Interwar period](#)," in *Agricultural History Review*, 65-2, pp. 277-296.
- 11) D'Onofrio, F., (2017) "Micro-foundations of Italian agrarianism: Italian agricultural economists and fascism," in *Agricultural History*, 92-3, pp 369-396.
- 12) D'Onofrio, F., (2015), "[On the concept of 'Felicitas Publica' in Eighteenth Century Political Economy](#)", in *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, 37-3, pp. 449-471.
- 13) D'Onofrio, F., (2012), "[Making variety simple: agricultural economists in Southern Italy, 1907-1909](#)" in *History of Political Economy*, 44, pp. 93-113.

Monographs and edited volumes

1. D'Onofrio, F. (pre-contracted), *The Global Economy: History of an Idea* (working title), Cambridge, Cambridge University Press
2. D'Onofrio, F., (2016), *Observing Agriculture in Early Twentieth-Century Italy: Agricultural Economists and Statistics*, London and New York, Routledge.
3. Joly, N. and D'Onofrio, F. (eds), (2025), *The invention of the accounting farmer*, Woodbridge: Boydell & Brewer.

Contributions to books and other articles

- 1) D'Onofrio, F., (forthcoming), "Agriculture", in Storli, E., Dungy, M., Gerrard, A. (eds), *The Routledge Handbook for the Economic History of Natural Resources*, London, Routledge
- 2) D'Onofrio, F., (2026), "Agricultural experts and the rise of agricultural economics in Italy" in Planas, J. and Segers, Y. (eds), *Agricultural Modernisation in Europe, 1880-1980: the Role of Experts*, Woodbridge, Boydell & Brewer.
- 3) D'Onofrio, F., (2026), "From the International Institute of Agriculture to the Food and Agriculture Organisation" in Cabo, M., Fernández Prieto, L., and Pan-Montojo, J. (eds.), *From rural modernities to agricultural modernisation. Technologies and discourses on progress in the 20th century*, Woodbridge: Boydell & Brewer, pp. 101-118.
- 4) D'Onofrio, F., (2025), "The intentional spread of farm accountancy offices in Europe 1870-1950" in Joly, N. and D'Onofrio, F. (eds), *The invention of the accounting farmer*, Woodbridge, Boydell & Brewer.
- 5) Joly, N. and D'Onofrio, F., (2025), "Introduction" in Joly, N. and D'Onofrio, F. (eds), *The invention of the accounting farmer*, Woodbridge, Boydell & Brewer.
- 6) D'Onofrio, F., (2023), "Il neoliberalismo al tramonto della globalizzazione : D'Onofrio legge Slobodian", *Storica : rivista quadrimestrale* : 86, 2023, (2023), pp. 187-200.
- 7) D'Onofrio, F., (2019) "Numeri falsi e numeri errati: le basi informative della politica granaria a Napoli nella seconda metà del secolo XVIII", in *La polizia de' grani: Mercati, regole e crisi di sussistenza nelle economie di Antico Regime*, A. Clemente, S. Russo (eds.), Roma: Gangemi, pp. 161-180.
- 8) D'Onofrio, F., (2013), « Les statistiques agricoles de l'Italie libérale et les porteurs d'intérêts (1907-1929) », in Danièle Fraboulet, Clotilde Druelle-Korn, Pierre Vernus (dir.), *Les organisations patronales et la sphère publique. Europe XIXe et XXe siècles*, Rennes, PUR, pp. 143-152.
- 9) D'Onofrio, F., (2007). "Giordano Bruno e la favola di Deucalione", in O. Catanorchi, D. Pirillo (eds.), *Sogni, favole, storie. Seminario su Giordano Bruno*, Pisa, Edizioni della Scuola Normale.

Pipelined and under revision papers

- 1) D'Onofrio, F., "The experience of value and the value of experience: land valuation in the 19th and 20th century" submitted to *Science in Context*.
- 2) D'Onofrio, F. and Chuchko, M., "The evolution of representativeness criteria in agricultural economics: the case of farm accountancy data"
- 3) D'Onofrio, F., "Coup d'Oeil: An early-modern concept to understand decision-making"
- 4) D'Onofrio, F., "The modern fact and the antiquarian: the philological origins of political economy"
- 5) Charles, L., Daudin, G., D'Onofrio, F., "French Grain Trade and the International Market (1720 to 1820)".