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Education

European University Institute, Florence, Italy

Ph.D. candidate, Department of History and Civilization, 2018-2023

Research Project: The Brazilian raw cotton trade: merchants and mercantile strategies during the industrial revolution

Supervisor: Giorgio Riello

Second advisor: Regina Grafe

European University Institute, Florence, Italy

Master, Department of History and Civilization, 2018-2019

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Supervisor: Giorgio Riello

University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

Master, Department of History, Graduate Program in Economic History, 2014-2017.

Dissertation: The business of Pernambuco: financing, trade and shipping in the second half of the eighteenth century.

Supervisor: Maximiliano M. Menz

Federal University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

Bachelor, School of Philosophy, Languages and Human Sciences, 2009-2014.

Monograph: The transport of sugar between Pernambuco and Portugal: quantification and economic dynamics of the transport in the Atlantic Portuguese, 1759-1807.

Supervisor: Maximiliano M. Menz

Research Interest

Trade, shipping and credit in early modern era	Cotton trade
Slavery and the slave trade	Sugar trade
Networks	Agents and institutions
Atlantic History	Colonization
Global History	

Teacher training courses

Introduction to Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, organized by the European University Institute (EUI) - 40 hour course.

Language skills

English – fluent

Spanish – only reading

French – only reading

Italian – only reading

Portuguese – native speaker

Fellowships

Master's Research Scholarship, FAPESP (São Paulo Research Foundation), 2014-2017.

Research Internships Abroad, FAPESP (São Paulo Research Foundation), 2015-2016.

Scientific initiation research grant, FAPESP (São Paulo Research Foundation), 2013.
Technical training research scholarship, FAPESP (São Paulo Research Foundation), 2011-2012.

Awards

ABPHE Award for Best Master's Dissertation, Brazilian Association of Researchers in Economic History (2018).

Publications

Book

Financiando o negócio de Pernambuco: produção colonial, comércio ultramarino e a economia do transporte no Atlântico português (século XVIII). São Paulo: Hucitec Editora, 2021.

Articles

‘The fleet system and the troubled shipping institutions in the Portuguese Atlantic (seventeenth and eighteenth centuries)’, accepted for publication in the *Colonial Latin American Review*.

‘Reassessing the productivity of enslavement on large-scale plantations and small farms in Brazilian cotton production (c.1750–c.1810)’, *Historical Research*, vol. 96, issue 272, May 2023, pp. 193-221. <https://doi-org.eui.idm.oclc.org/10.1093/hisres/htac030>. (With Diego de Cambraia Martins)

‘The Brazilian Economy during the Old Regime Crisis (c. 1750-1807).’ *Revista de Historia Economica - Journal of Iberian and Latin American Economic History*, 41 (1), 119-146, 2023 <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0212610921000185>. (With Angelo Alves Carrara, Maximiliano Mac Menz, and Rodrigo da Costa Dominguez).

‘Hierarquias mercantis no Atlântico Português: as relações de agência no comércio entre Portugal e Brasil, 1780 a 1807’. *Revista de História*, v. 180, 2021, pp. 1-43. <https://www.revistas.usp.br/revhistoria/article/view/167979>

‘Os Mapas de Exportações Como Fonte de Pesquisa (Segunda Metade Do Séculos XVIII e Início Do Século XIX)’. *História e Economia - Revista Interdisciplinar*, v. 22, 2019, p. 86–101. <https://www.historiaeconomia.pt/index.php/he/article/view/196/181>. (With Diego de Cambraia Martins)

‘A movimentação comercial de um negociante em Pernambuco no final do século XVIII: o diário de escrituração de Bento José da Costa’. *Faces da História*, [S.l.], v. 5, n. 1, p. 179-197, jun. 2018. ISSN: 2358-3878. <http://seer.assis.unesp.br/index.php/facesdahistoria/article/view/898>.

‘Contract Enforcement and Risk Reduction: the Luso-Brazilian Companies in the last Quarter of the Eighteenth Century’. *Global Histories*, Volume IV, p. 84-105. May 2018. ISSN: 2366-780X. <https://www.globalhistories.com/index.php/GHSJ/article/view/163>.

Review

Felipe Souza Melo “*Staying Afloat: Risk and Uncertainty in Spanish Atlantic World Trade, 1760-1820* by Jeremy Baskes (Review)” *Revista de Economia Política e História Econômica*, n. 40 (June 2018): 192-196, <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gAjUBGjdTDV-qVbWetumKx1jX6R8C1JG/view>.

Working paper

‘The Limits of Liberty after the Creation of International Courts in the Atlantic World: Demography and the Work of Liberated Africans in Plantations and Public Road Construction (1831-1864)’. Working Paper. European University Institute, 2022. <https://cadmus.eui.eu/handle/1814/74622>. (With Télió Anísio Cravo)

‘O Algodão do Brasil e a Economia Atlântica: Comparações entre Maranhão e Pernambuco (C.1750- C.1810)’. 7ª Conferência Internacional de História Econômica e IX Encontro de Pós Graduação em História Econômica, ABPHE, 2018. (With Diego de Cambraia Martins)

Refereeing

I have recently refereed one submission for the following journal: Revista Cantareira.

Presentations

8th Summer Academy of Atlantic History. *The Brazilian Raw Cotton Trade: Merchants and Mercantile Strategies During the Industrial Revolution*. 2023. (Workshop). Hull, England.

Pierre du Bois Doctoral Workshop. *The different impacts of European capitalist development on the cultivation of Brazilian raw cotton (c. 1750 – c. 1810)*. 2022. (Workshop). Geneva, Switzerland.

Congresso Internacional Independências do Brasil. *Pombal, os ingleses e o algodão do Brasil (c. 1770 – c. 1820)*. 2022. (International Congress). (remotely).

10º Encontro. Escravidão e Liberdade no Brasil Meridional. *Plantações em grande escala ou pequenas fazendas? Reavaliando a escravidão e o campesinato na produção brasileira de algodão (c.1750-c.1810)*. 2021. (Conference). (remotely).

Economic History Society annual conference. *Cotton Traders in Hemispheric Perspective: Cross-imperial Networks Between Brazil, Portugal and Europe, 1780-1808*. 2021. (Conference). University of Warwick (remotely).

Centuries of Cloth Historical Approaches to the Study of Textiles. *Cotton Traders in Hemispheric Perspective: Cross-imperial Networks Between Brazil, Portugal and Europe, 1780-1808*. 2021. (Workshop). University of Cambridge (remotely).

Instituições mercantis e vida económica no império português: Uma aproximação à economia a partir dos agentes. *Cumprimento dos contratos e redução dos riscos: as sociedades mercantis luso-brasileiras no último quartel do século XVIII*. 2018. (Workshop). Lisbon, Portugal.

Colóquio Internacional: Centralismo e Exploração no Império Português. *Hierarquias mercantis no Atlântico Português: o centralismo metropolitano no comércio com o Brasil, 1780 a 1807*. 2018. (Colloquium). São Paulo, Brazil.

LSE Economic History Graduate Seminar. *Brazilian Cotton and the Atlantic Economy: Production and Trade in Maranhão and Pernambuco (c.1750-c.1810)*. 2018. (Seminar). London, England.

7th International Conference on Economic History and IX Meeting of Post-Graduation in Economic History. *Cotton from Brazil and the Atlantic Economy: comparisons between Maranhão and Pernambuco (c.1750-c.1810)*. 2018. (Conference). Ribeirão Preto, Brazil.

Colloquium: Life trajectories in an ocean of business - mercantile organization, social hierarchies and capital investment. *The commercial movement of a merchant in Pernambuco in the late eighteenth century: the bookkeeping diary of Bento José da Costa*. 2017. (Colloquium). São Paulo, Brazil.

Archive of the State of São Paulo. *Export records for the second half of the eighteenth century*. 2016. São Paulo, Brazil.

Seminary of Modern History. National Library of Portugal, Lisbon. Diogo Ramada Curto and Pedro Cardim. *The transport of commodities between Pernambuco and Portugal: hierarchies, mercantile groups and financing (1780-1807)*. 2016. (Seminar). Lisbon, Portugal.

The empire and colonization Symposium: Society, Economy and Administration. *The fleet system and the regulation of freights in the colonial circuits (second half of the eighteenth century)*. 2016. (Symposium). São Paulo, Brazil.

V Latin American Congress of Economic History. *The trade between Pernambuco and Portugal: hierarchies, mercantile groups and chains of credit and indebtedness (1780-1807)*. 2016. (Congress). São Paulo, Brazil.

VI International Meeting of Colonial History. *Mercantile asymmetries: the trade between Pernambuco and Portugal (1780-1807)*. 2016. (Meeting). Salvador, Brazil.

XI Brazilian Congress of Economic History and 12th International Conference on Business History. *The fleet system and the organization of sugar production in Pernambuco in the first half of the eighteenth century*. 2015. (Congress). Vitória, Brazil.

XXVIII National Symposium on History. *Fragmentation of sugar mills in Pernambuco in the 18th century. Hypotheses and numbers for discussion*. 2015. (Symposium). Florianópolis, Brazil.

VII Congress of Graduate Students of the Post-Graduate Program in Economic History of the University of São Paulo. *The transport of commodities between Pernambuco and Portugal: quantification, hierarchies and mercantile groups in the Portuguese Atlantic (1755-1807)*. 2014. (Congress). São Paulo, Brazil.

IV International Seminar on the History of Sugar. *Transport of sugar between Pernambuco and Portugal: quantification and dynamics of the transport economy in the Portuguese Atlantic (1756-1807)*. 2013. (Seminar). Santos, Brazil.

International Symposium on Scientific Initiation of the University of São Paulo. *Transport of sugar between Pernambuco and Portugal: quantification and dynamics of the transport economy in the Portuguese Atlantic (1756-1807)*. 2013. (Symposium). São Paulo, Brazil.

V History Week at UNIFESP. *Sugar transport between Pernambuco and Portugal: quantification and dynamics of transport economy in the Portuguese Atlantic (1756-1807)*. 2013. (Meeting). São Paulo, Brazil.

