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Qualifications

PhD (Politics), San Marino University, 1997

MA, BA (Chinese Studies), University of Venice Ca' Foscari, 1991

Professional History

2011 onwards: Associate Director, Australian Centre on China in the World (CIW)

2005-2014 Co-editor of *The China Journal*, now published by University of Chicago Press

2001–2010: Australian National University, Canberra, Australia. Various research and teaching positions in the College of Asia and the Pacific, Contemporary China Centre, Faculty of Asian Studies, Department of Political and Social Change

1997–Sep 1999: Trade and Economic Section, Embassy of Italy, Beijing

1993–1997: Research fellow on the International Politics of China and East Asia, Centro Studi di Politica Internazionale, Rome, Italy

1989–1997: Director, Research and Documentation Centre on Contemporary China
Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli, Milan, Italy.

Recent Research Projects:

Converting Farmland for Development. Politics Community and Conflict in China, *ARC Discovery Project* with Jonathan Unger and Sally Sargeson.

Urban/Ideology and Contemporary China: Toward an Agenda for Studying China's Urban Condition. *CIW China Urban project*.

Community and new forms of social stratification in a Chinese city ARC (Australian Research Council) *Discovery Project*

Governability, borders and urban citizenship: investigating practices and impacts of spatial differentiation on the governance of mega-urban development in the Pearl River Delta. *Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft* (German Research Foundation).

The making of urban citizens: social inclusion and division in China's new urban areas, *ARC Discovery Project* with Andrew Kipnis.

Other Languages

Chinese, Italian, German, French

Publications

Books

[*The Government Next Door. Neighborhood Politics in Urban China*](#), Ithaca, Cornell University Press, 2014, 240 pages

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Paradoxes of Labour Reform: Chinese Labour Theory and Practice from Socialism to the Market, Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, and London: RoutledgeCurzon, 256 pages, 2002

Storia della Repubblica Popolare Cinese [A History of the People's Republic of China], Milan: Bruno Mondadori, 256 pages, 2002

Ed., *East Asian Capitalism: Conflicts, Growth and Crisis*, Milan: Feltrinelli, XLI, 532 pages 2002

Lavoro e Società in Cina, Milan: Franco Angeli Ed. 2001, 128 pages, 2001

Ed. *Se io fossi il Governo! Documenti del Movimento democratico cinese 1989*, Milan, Franco Angeli, 1993. Quaderni della Fondazione Feltrinelli no. 43, 1993.

Submitted research publications

'Gentrifying China's Urbanization. Why Culture and Capital aren't Enough.', prepared for a special section of *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, edited by Carolyn Cartier, (submitted).

Housing China's Inequality, prepared for the *Handbook of Class and Stratification in China*, edited by Guo Yingjie, 2014 (submitted)

'Urbanizing Collective Land: Localisms, Elites, and the Industrialization of the Pearl River Delta', *Local Elites in China*, edited by David Goodman and Guo Yingjie (submitted)

'Chinese Families Going Global' in Geremie R. Barmé, Jeremy Goldkorn and Linda Jaivin (eds) *Shared Destiny: The China Story Yearbook 2014*, Canberra: The Australian Centre on China in the World, 2014 (submitted)

'Finding China's Urban: The Changing Function of a Governing Institution' in *Power in the Making*, edited by Vivienne Shue and Patricia Thornton, Cambridge University Press (submitted)

'Fragmented land practices: Policy options for the Pearl River Delta', prepared for a special issue of *China Information* edited with Carolyn Cartier, (in preparation)

Articles and book chapters

'The Moral Worlds of Wealth and Poverty' in *The China Journal*, No. 72, July 2014. Pp. 139-145.

Ed. 'Are Rights Awakening? A Discussion about Labour in China' with Ivan Franceschini, Jack Linchuan Qiu, Anita Chan, Sun Wanning, and Pun Ngai, *Passato e Presente*, No. 92 May August 2014, pp. 13-30.

'A new land reform?' in Geremie R. Barmé with Jeremy Goldkorn eds, *China Story Yearbook, 2013 Civilising China*, Canberra: Australian Centre on China in the World, 2013, online at: <http://www.thechinastory.org/yearbooks/yearbook-2013/forum-land-law-ans-protest/a-new-land-reform/>, 2013

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'Awakening the God of Earth. Land Place and Class in Urbanizing Guangdong' in Beatriz Carrillo and David SG Goodman eds, *Workers and Peasants in the Transformation of Urban China*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2012

With Beibei Tang, 'The Great Divide. Institutionalized inequality in China's Market Socialism' in Guo Yingjie and Sun Wanning eds, *Unequal China: The Political Economy and Cultural Politics of Inequality*, London: Routledge, 2012

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