

# Gian-Luigi Bulsei

## *Curriculum vitae*

### BIO AND EDUCATION

After achieving in 1981 a Degree magna cum laude and first class honours in Philosophy and Human Sciences at the University of Turin, I alternated the professional experience of public official with periods of study, research and teaching at various Italian and foreign universities; I have also been a consultant to the Council of Ministers-Department of Public Administration, the Foromez, the Economic and Social Research Institute of the Piedmont and the School of Business Administration of the University of Turin. In 1989 I obtained a PhD in Sociology and then was visiting at the University of Bristol, fellow of the Italian Council for Social Sciences and of the University of Turin, research fellow and then Assistant professor of Sociology of Economic and Labour at the University of Eastern Piedmont - Faculty of Political Science. Since academic year 2012/13 I am Aggregate Professor of Sociology applied to the Department of Humanistic Studies, where coordinate the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research on Local Society

### UNIVERSITY CAREER

2012-	Aggregate Professor, University of Eastern Piedmont
2000-2012	Assistant professor, University of Eastern Piedmont
1999-2000	Research fellow, University of Eastern Piedmont
1989-1999	Adjunct Professor, University of Turin and other

### UNIVERSITY POSITIONS

2014-	Representative UPO in the Scientific Committee of the Inter-University Centre Agora Science
2009-	Delegate of the Rector for the no profit and civil economic
2001-2010	Member of the University Committee for the Orientation

### SCIENTIFIC POSITIONS

2012-	Coordinator of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research on Local Society
2007-	Member of the Scientific Council of the Centre of Excellence for Health Management
2002-2012	Member of the Scientific Committee of the Centre for Voluntary and Social Enterprise

## MAIN FIELDS OF INTEREST

1. Social and environmental sustainability
2. No profit organizations and civil economy
3. Communities and local administrations
4. Participation and public policies
5. Environmental, health and local welfare

## CURRENT ISSUES OF RESEARCH

### 1. "Water and sustainability: social representations and local communities"

The research deals with the sociological point of view some issues strongly related to the issue of sustainable management of water resources: 1) the centrality of the Community dimension in the perception of the problem; b) the relationship between local communities, institutional procedures and scientific and technological paradigms (the so-called expert systems); 3) the need to involve citizens in decisions concerning the water issue, through ways of participating in adequate territorial scale.

### 2. "The society widespread: organizations and policies"

Local actors are subjects of whole society, but the territorial variable redefines their action context (resources, relationships, opportunities and constraints). The aim of the research project is to analyze the contribution that various collective actors (public institutions, economic entities, third sector organizations) provide the government of the territory, with particular attention to social and environmental sustainability of local policies.

### 3. "Participation and urban policies: from cases to models"

Starting from some experiences of deliberative democracy imple in Piedmont, it is reflected inductively on possible models of participation for engaging experts, administrators and citizens in the public discussion on how to tackle urban problems.

### 4. "Local mobilization and public decisions to grips with the environmental and health risks"

The reconstruction of three exemplary cases of serious risks for the environment and health in Piedmont (asbestos pollution caused by the Eternit plant at Casale Monferrato, the rehabilitation of the Bormida Valley, urban mobility and traffic pollution) allowed to highlight the social and political vitality of local communities and the impact of processes of social mobilization on public policies: with particular attention to the demand for health and environmental quality coming from local communities involved and to the possibility that citizens's participation helps to activate processes of social and institutional innovation.

## 5. "Common goods: the participatory management of environmental resources"

The analysis deals with the complex and controversial issue of commons: a peculiar category of goods involving different decision-making and relational models as well the ownership entitlements among public, private and collective bodies. The common resources are an elective and problematic field for testing new organized forms of collective decision, because the management of environmental assets requires to take into account both the collective interests such as individual or categorical ones.

### CURRENT FUNDED PROJECTS

PROGRAMME	FUNDED PROJECT
2015- UPO: Local Research	<i>Deliberative democracy: how it works and normative implications on political choices and social practices</i> (DISUM)
2010- Regione Piemonte: Humanities and Social Sciences Programme	<i>Report on the Piedmont Health System</i> (RoPHS - CEIMS)  <a href="http://ceims.unipmn.it/attivita.php">http://ceims.unipmn.it/attivita.php</a>

### TOP FIVE PAPERS

1. 2016 - *Essere comunità in condizioni avverse*, "Sociologia urbana e rurale", 110
2. 2014 - *L'ascolto del territorio. Esperienze di democrazia partecipativa*, Roma, Aracne
3. 2012 - *La società diffusa. Organizzazioni e politiche locali*, Roma, Carocci
4. 2010 - *Le sfide della sostenibilità. Risorse ambientali, qualità sociale, partecipazione pubblica*, Roma, Aracne
5. 2005 - *Ambiente e politiche pubbliche. Dai concetti ai percorsi di ricerca*, Roma, Carocci