

Pietro Scarduelli

Curriculum vitae

PERSONAL DATA

Born in Milan, 11.25.1948

BIO AND EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy at the University of Milan in 1970. In 1975 I received a grant of CNR first at the University of Milan, later at the University of Turin.

UNIVERSITY CAREER

2004-	Associate Professor, University of Eastern Piedmont
1992-2002	Research Fellow, University of Eastern Piedmont
1981-1992	Research Fellow, università of Turin
1975-81	Grant of CNR, University of Milan and Turin

MAIN FIELDS OF INTEREST

1. Antropology of the space
2. Anthropology of the ritual
3. Anthropology of globalization
4. Ethnology of Indonesian Archipleago
5. Ethnology of Nepal and Bhutan

CURRENT ISSUES OF RESEARCH

1. Rituals of power

Comparative study of the ritual practices associate to the power and authority in the traditional societies, ancient kingdoms and modern States. Study of the origin of the ritual behavior in the Mankind, of emotional, cognitive and social facets of the human rituals and of the many functions of the rituals.

2. Symbolic organization of the space

Study of the symbolic organization of the space both in general and in local ethnographic contexts, mainly in the Indonesian Archipelago, in Nias and Alor islands. Survey of the symbolic structure of the traditional house, of the cosmological model framed in the house, of symbolic lay-out of the village.

3. Anthropology of the contemporary world

Study of the different facets of ethnicity and ethnic identity, of the differences between ethnic groups and nations, study of the nationalism and cultural process in the globalized world, migrations, acculturation processes, social distribution of culture.

4. Ethnology of Indonesian Archipelago

Ethnographic researches on the field in the islands of Nias and Alor and among the Toraja of the island of Sulawesi, focus on different issues: preferential marriages, political organization of traditional chiefdoms, inter-ethnic relations, funerary ceremonies.

5. Anthropology of Himalayan area

Field researches in Kathmandu, Nepal on the Kumary, the living goddess and in Bhutan, on the symbolic organization of the space and holy places.

TOP FIVE PAPERS

1. L'isola degli antenati di pietra, Laterza 1986
2. Antropologia del rito. Bollati-Boringhieri, 2000
3. Sciamani, stregoni, sacerdoti, Sellerio 2007
4. Culture dell'Indonesia, Sellerio 2009
5. I riti del potere, Carocci 2014

AWARDS

1. Winner of the 2015 EUA Best Paper
2. 2014 "Best Professor", Università del Piemonte Orientale