

# DR. ARCH. VALERIA FEDELI

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## *Synthetic profile*

Born in 1972, architect, she is Researcher and Assistant professor at the Department of Architecture and Planning, Politecnico di Milano, since January 2007. She obtained her PhD in Planning and Public policies, IUAV, in 2001. For her PhD thesis in 2002, she was awarded with the 'G. Ferraro' prize for the best doctoral national dissertation in Planning. She also holds an Advanced Master Degree in Planning at the Scuola di Specializzazione in Pianificazione Territoriale e Ambientale at Politecnico di Milano, 2001-2002. She has been Post-doc research fellow at Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris in 2003, exploring institutional innovation and decentralizing policies in France.

Since 2001, as research fellow, and then Assistant Professor, she has taken part, also with roles of coordination, in national and international research projects, dealing with themes of urban and territorial governance (COFIN/2002 "Urban and territorial policies between Government e Governance", prof. P.L. Crosta, IUAV), innovation in urban and territorial policies (PRIN/2005, "The territories of the changing cities: innovations in descriptions and policies", prof. A. Balducci); knowledge production and use in policy design (EU VI framework, STREP "Governance for Sustainability G-FORS", dedicated to explore the relationship between governance forms and the production of knowledge in the field of policies for sustainability).

Since 2001, in the framework of several research-in-action experiences promoted by local administrations and developed through research contract with DIAP, she has opened and implemented a research field which combines her interests for the policy approach with the planning approach and is dedicated to explore forms of innovation produced in the frame of strategic planning experiences and forms of actors cooperation in metropolitan and urban contexts, together with the interest in the interpretation of processes of territorial, political, institutional transformation European cities are dealing with, on the background of processes of internationalization, globalization and Eu policies construction.

Throughout these research experiences she has been involved actively in processes in which the Department of Architecture and Planning has played a relevant role in planning and policy design, on the base of a deep collaboration with local administrations, with an important contribution both in the production of usable knowledge in planning processes, both in the enhancement of innovation in urban and territorial governance and planning. In this sense she has a specific interest and skills matured in the field of case studies research and a particular experience in policy studies in the planning field. She is also particularly interested in the field of institutional studies in so far they intercept the way in which institutions deal with problems in the planning fields: planning law reforms and programs of reform in the public administration are a focus of her research activities.

Lecturer in Planning at Politecnico di Milano, since 2001, she is now teaching in the Bachelor in Planning Urban Analysis in Laboratory of Urban and territorial Analysis; Planning Tools in the Urban Design Studio; Urban and social analysis.

Since 2001 she has activated, throughout the promotion of different networking activities, a series of research relationships with colleagues all over Europe, interested in developing research programs on the field of institutional innovation, governance and urban and territorial policies. She is active member of Association of European Schools of Planning (2001-2003 Young Academics coordination Group, since 2008 vice-member of COREP for Italy) and of European Urban Research Association, for which in 2008 she has coordinated the activities of the local organizing committee in charge for the organization in Milan of the XI EURA Conference "Learning cities in a knowledge based society", also editing the publication of

papers. She is national vice-representative in COREP, Committee of Representative of Aesop; member of the Advisory Board of EURA, European Urban Research Association.

### ***Main research interests***

Her research activities focus on governance, metropolitan and territorial planning, strategic planning. In particular her recent research focus have been:

- a. ***strategic planning as a promising innovation for the national context:*** she is developing a personal research project on the occurring experiences of strategic planning in the Italian context. in particular her interest focus in defining the nature and innovative character to a strategic approach in planning. She has published several articles and edited a book on this theme (see list of publication);
- b. ***inter-municipal cooperation as a way to treat the weakness of territorial planning in Italy:*** she has been developing during her Phd and post-doc experiences a specific research focus on inter-municipal cooperation dealing with the wicked problem of territorial planning. Recognising the failures of a top-down promoted comprehensive and hierarchical approach to territorial planning, she is interested in the development of institutional innovations within a governance approach. She has published several articles on this theme (see lists of publication);
- c. ***a governance perspective, as a way to interact with the difficult but promising process of construction of EU spatial policies:*** she has developed a specific attention to European studies and the difficult construction of the European Union. Looking at EU as a crucial terrain of innovation and reflection on the role of spatial policy in a transnational environment, she has tried to contribute to the thematisation of space in the policy and political domain, inside a governance perspective, attentive to the emergence of differentiated approaches and reflective on the conceptual profile of spatial disciplines themselves. She has co-edited one book on this theme (see below list of publication);
- d. ***processes of territorial transformation and challenges to the field of urban and territorial policies:*** collaborating to the PRIN 2005-2007 Research programme, coordinated by Prof. A. Balducci, co-funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research and Politecnico di Milano "Territories of the changing city: innovations of descriptions and in policies", she has developed a specific reflection of major processes of territorial transformation affecting Italian cities. In particular she has focussed her attention on the growing relevance of mobility patterns, and the redefinition of the relationships among territoriality, sovereignty and citizenship from a governance perspective.

## Synthetic CV

**Since January 2010**, confirmed researcher, Politecnico di Milano, Dipartimento di Architettura e Pianificazione (DIAP), HO8.

**January 2007**, non confirmed researcher Politecnico di Milano, DiAP, ex ICAR 20.

**2004 - 2006** Assegno di ricerca (research asistant) "Territori fragili", DIAP; POLIMI.

**2004**, Post-Doc fellowship as *research assistant* Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, prof. Patrick Le Galès, EU funded RTN Urban-Europe.

**2003**, Assegno di ricerca (research asistant), "Pianificazione strategica in contesti di dispersione urbana", DIAP, Politecnico di Milano.

**2002**, Specialization School in Territorial and Environmental Planning, at Scuola di Specializzazione in Pianificazione Territoriale e Ambientale, Politecnico di Milano, with the final dissertation "Unioni di comuni: forme di intercomunalità e pianificazione".

**2002**, Prize "G. Ferraro" (promoted by SIU Società Italiana Urbanisti; Dp, IUAV; DIAP, Politecnico di Milano; DU, La Sapienza Roma ) for doctoral dissertation in Planning.

**2001**, PHD in "Pianificazione e Politiche pubbliche del territorio", DRPPT, ex DAEST/DP, IUAV, Venezia, dissertation with right of publication 'Geografie del locale: un percorso tra capitale sociale e istituzioni alla ricerca di nuovi statuti pubblici del territorio".

**1997**, Architecture professional examination and enrollment in the National associations of Architects.

**1996**, Master in Architecture, Facoltà di Architettura, Politecnico di Milano, IOO/IOOL, thesis "Il riuso della cintura ferroviaria milanese: una proposta infrastrutturale e un'ipotesi di piano strutturale delle trasformazioni".

### *National and International research activities (selection)*

**PERIPHERIA, 2011** (DIAP, coord. By Alessandro Balducci and Grazia Concilio), the project deals with the development of the Living Lab logic from private business to the urban sphere: the production of knowledge and the role of social innovation in the urban dimension is the central research focus.

**Università e città: Milano, la città degli studi (2010)**, self-funded research project on the role of university as an urban actor in the Milan context; the research project was coordinated together with F. Cognetti and prof. Balducci and it developed the research project candidated to the 2010 edition of FIRB which had not been funded (despite high quality evaluation results). The research was published by AIM, Associazione Interessi Metropolitan.

**PRIN 2009/2011 "Il progetto di territorio: metodi, tecniche, esperienze"** (coord. prof. A. Magnaghi). She is part of the DIAP unit, coord. by prof. Balducci and she is contributing to the general theme "*Riconfigurazioni del territorio delle regioni dell'urbanizzazione diffusa*", with a research project on the role of Urban Agriculture in metropolitan context in the production of public goods.

**PRIN 2005/2007 "I territori della città in trasformazione: innovazioni delle descrizioni e nelle politiche"** (coord. prof A. Balducci). She has coordinated operatively the National network, contributing to the research project design. She has produced a contribution on the changing nexus between territoriality-sovereignty- citizenship in urban regions. She has co-edited both publications outcomes of the research project.

**"G-FORS Governance for Sustainability", EU VI framework funded project, STREP, Priority 7 - Citizens and Governance in a knowledge-based society Lead partner Landeshauptstadt Hannover.** The project aimed at exploring forms of knowledge and governance in the field of policies for sustainability. In particular it investigates three fields of policies: Particulate Matter, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Emission Trades. Valeria Fedeli, as part of The DIAP Group, coordinated by Prof. A. Balducci, was involved in the Work-packages "Case Studies", developing a case study related to the introduction of a congestion charge in the city of Milan. She is now producing three articles on co-edited books on the case study results.

**SPARC Project, INTERACT, under the V EU framework, Coordinated by Prof. A. Balducci** The Spatial Planning and Regional Competitiveness (SPARC) project is a transnational collaborative project aiming at providing a distance learning module to enable practitioners throughout the EU to further the achievement of territorial cohesion and competitiveness. It was funded by the ERDF (INTERACT programme), DCLG and the Government of Luxembourg. She here developed a didactic module related to Milan urban region context, under the Governance Perspective.

**2001-2002, "Reti sociali informali e produzione di beni pubblici: rischi e potenzialità del trattamento"** COfin 2002 "Le politiche urbane e territoriali tra Government e Governance", IUAV coord. by prof. P.L. Crosta; contribution on the theme of the "Co-production of public goods".

### *Main consultant activities in DIAP (selection)*

**Governare la Metropoli Milanese, DiAP /Camera di Commercio di Milano (2009-2010)**, coord. by prof. B. Dente and prof. Balducci, exploring the role of Social Housing Policies in Milan Urban Region.

**DUBAI URBAN DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (2010)**, coord. by prof. A. Balducci, "Vision and indicators" for the elaboration of Dubai Urban Master Plan, for AECOM Middle East.

**Dieci anni di pianificazione strategica in Italia, DiAP /RECS (2009-2010)**, coord. by prof. G. Pasqui, promoted by RECS (Rete delle città strategiche) for the production of "Rapporto di valutazione su dieci anni di valutazione strategica in Italia", an evaluation of the experiences of strategic planning in Italy in the last ten years.

**Città di Città (2005-2008), Strategic project for the Province of Milan.** She coordinated operatively a large group of colleagues of DIAP, under the scientific responsibility of prof. Balducci, in the activities of the Strategic Project Città di Città, promoted by the Province of Milan.

**Research programme for the elaboration of "Strategies for reorganisation of productive spaces" of the province of Vicenza (2004-2005)**, coordinated by prof. Balducci and strategic studies, for the Preliminary Document of the coordination territorial plan of the Province.

**Area Plan Adda Martesana (2002-2006)**, Development of an Area Study promoted by the Province of Milan and the 28 municipalities of Martesana Adda (Studio d'area Adda Martesana, 2002) and the following construction of a Territorial Strategic Plan (Piano d'Area Martesana Adda, 2006)

**Strategic Agenda and plan Zingonia (2001-2003)**, The setting of a strategic agenda for eight municipalities in the province of Bergamo (Strategic Agenda Dalmine-Zingonia, 2001 and the production of a Strategic Plan (Strategic Plan Dalmine-Zingonia, 2002).

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Books (editor and author) (selection)*

Balducci A., Fedeli V., Pasqui G. (2011), *Planning for contemporary urban regions*, Ashgate, Aldershot, UK.

Balducci A., Cognetti F. Fedeli V. (a cura di) (2010), *Milano: città degli studi. Storia, geografia e Politiche delle università milanese*, AIM, Abitare Segesta

Balducci A., Fedeli V., Pasqui G. (edited by) (2008), *In movimento. Confini, Popolazioni e Politiche nel territorio milanese*, FrancoAngeli, Milano.

Balducci A., Fedeli V. (edited by) (2007), *I territori della città in trasformazione: tattiche e percorsi di ricerca*, FrancoAngeli, Milano.

Doria, L., Fedeli, V., Tedesco, C., (eds.) (2006), *Rethinking European spatial policies as a hologram: actions, institutions, discourses*, Ashgate, Aldershot, UK

Fedeli, V., Gastaldi, F. (2004) (edited by), *Pianificazione strategica e spazio urbano. Riflessioni a partire da pratiche in corso*, FrancoAngeli, Milano

Cardinali, D., Fedeli, V., Gelli, F., Milanese, E. (2002), *Esperienze di governo locale. Quattro casi internazionali*, FrancoAngeli, Milano

### Chapters in book (selection)

Fedeli V. (2012, forthcoming), "Milán, retos sin solución de la ciudad europea contemporánea", in Balbo M., (edited by) Europa, Collection Centralidades, FLACSO.

Fedeli V., (2011) in "Deconstructing and recomposing planning through strategies and tactics: the experience of the strategic project « città di città »", in Zepf M. et Andres L., *Les enjeux de la planification territoriale en Europe Presses Polytechniques Universitaires Romandes*, Lausanne.

Davies K., Pacchi C., Fedeli V., Lund-Iversen M. (2010), "Governance, knowledge and policy networks in Strategic Environmental Assessment" in Atkinson R., Terizakis G., Zimmermann K. (edited by), *Sustainability in European Environmental Policy Challenges of Governance and Knowledge*, Routledge. ISBN 978-0-415-56289-8.

Armondi S., Fedeli V., Pasqui G., (2010), "I piani strategici alla prova", In Florio R. (a cura di), *10 anni di Pianificazione strategica in Italia, Regioni, esiti e criticità*, pg.9-115.

Balducci A., Fedeli V., Rabaiotti G. (2008), "Abitare nella città di città", in Bonomi A. (a cura di), *La vita nuda*, p. 181-188, Electa, Firenze. ISBN 978-88-370-646-3.

Fedeli V. (2008), "Istituzioni come 'spazi intermedi': come e a cosa pensano oggi le istituzioni", in Balducci A., Fedeli V., Pasqui G. (edited by), *In movimento. Confini, Popolazioni e Politiche nel territorio milanese*, p. 124-137, FrancoAngeli, Milano. ISBN 978-88-568-0364-8.

Balducci A., Fedeli V. (2007), "Esplorazioni nella città contemporanea", in Balducci A., Fedeli V. (a cura di) (2007), *I territori della città in trasformazione: tattiche e percorsi di ricerca*, FrancoAngeli, Milano. ISBN 978-88-464-9076-6, pp.9-38.

Fedeli, V. (2005) "L'invenzione del 'locale': la Francia e una stagione di riforme", in Vinci I. (a cura di) (2005), *Il radicamento territoriale nei sistemi locali*, FrancoAngeli, Milano, pg. 179-202..

Fedeli, V. (2005) "Decentramento e democrazia: alcune questioni emergenti nel caso francese", in Gelli, F (a cura di) (2005), *La democrazia locale tra rappresentanza e partecipazione*, FrancoAngeli, Milano, pg.159-184.

Fedeli, V.(2004), "Forme di associazione intercomunale: ripensare le autonomie locali" in Facchinetti, M., Ferraresi, G., Moretti, A. (a cura di), *Reti, attori e territori. Forme e politiche per progetti di infrastrutture*, FrancoAngeli, Milano, pg.117-123

### Articles on national and international journal (selection)

Fedeli V., Cognetti F., (2011 forthcoming), "Milano "città degli studi", nella sezione "L'università tra città e territorio nell'Italia del XXI secolo" a cura di M. Savino e N. Martinelli in *Urbanistica*, INU.

Fedeli V. Cognetti F., A. Balducci (2011, in pubblicazione), "L'università come attore urbano: temi e questioni per un'altra riforma", *Archivio di studi urbani e regionali*, FrancoAngeli.

Fedeli V. (2010), cura della sezione dedicata a raccogliere gli atti del Convegno "Pari(s): Comprendre, Aménager, Gouverner la ville contemporaine"; articolo introduttivo dal titolo: "Parigi: un cantiere di riflessione sulla città contemporanea" e articolo conclusivo, insieme ad A. Balducci "Riflessioni a partire dalla Tavola Rotonda", in *Territorio* n°52, FrancoAngeli, Milano. ISSN 1825-8689.

Balducci A., Fedeli. V. (2010) in "Strategic Planning in Italy: first steps inside an open field of experimentation" and "The Strategic Project "Città' di Città": interacting with problematic context conditions", in Special issue of *Urban Planning International*, Beijing/China, edited by K. Kunzmann, W. Fang and P. Potz.

Fedeli V. (2009), "Le Grand Paris(s) de l'agglomération parisienne. Elementi per una riflessione sulla città e sull'urbanistica", in *Territorio* n. 50, FrancoAngeli, Milano.

Balducci A., Fedeli V. (2008), "The State of European Cities Report: some critical reflections upon urban phenomena in the European Union" in *Urban Research & Practice*, vol. 3; p. 240-253, ISSN: 1753-5069

Fedeli V. (2007), "Un Atlante per avvicinarsi e avvicinare i territori del Vicentino", *Urbanistica* n.132, pp. 80-84, INU Edizioni.

Fedeli, V. (2003), "Scende ridendo e sale piangendo. Sulla costruzione di una tesi di dottorato", *CRU*, n°13, ALINEA, Firenze, pg.61-67.

Fedeli, V. (2002), "Unioni comunali: luoghi e occasioni di integrazione via interazione", in *Urbanistica informazioni*, n°181, pg. 47-48.

Balducci, A., Fedeli, V. (2002), "Intercomunalità e agende strategiche", in *Urbanistica Informazioni*, n°183, pg.56-57.  
Fedeli, V., Facchinetti, M. (2001), "Contesti insediativi e pratiche urbanistiche: nuovi territori disciplinari", in *Territorio*, n°18, DiAP, Facoltà di Architettura, Milano, pg.83-113.