Roberto Ganau
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am an historian of early modern England, France, and Florence. My research explores the intellectual, cultural, and social context of early bankruptcy legislation, and the non-economic discourses that influenced bankruptcy reforms.

EDUCATION

New York University
September 2019 – May 2026 (expected)
PhD in History
Qualifying exams passed in May 2021

University of Oxford
October 2017 – June 2019
Master of Philosophy in Economic and Social History

Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna di Studi Universitari e di Perfezionamento
October 2014 – October 2017
Master of Science in Economics

Università di Pisa and Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna
March 2015 – May 2017
Master of Science in Economics (joint degree)

Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna di Studi Universitari e di Perfezionamento
October 2011 – December 2015
Licenza in Economics (post-BA certificate)

University of Pisa
September 2011 – March 2015
Laurea in Economia e Commercio (BSc equivalent)

FELLOWSHIPS (apart from the Departmental funding)

Chateaubriand Fellowship at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris, France)
Spring 2025

Lane Cooper NYU Dissertation Research Fellowship
2023-2024

Einaudi Doctoral Fellowship
2022-2023
Fondazione Luigi Einaudi di Torino

NYU Remarque Doctoral Fellowship at ENS
Spring 2023
The fellowship consists of a Visiting Scholar position at the Ecole Normale Superieure and paid accommodation.

Ermenegildo Zegna Founder's Scholarship
2017-2019
Full scholarship (about £ 50,000) covering my tuition fees and living expenses in Oxford

Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna scholarship
2011-2016
Full scholarship covering fees and living expenses (EUR 90,000) awarded to the top 5% of applicants

United World College of the Adriatic scholarship
2009-2011
Full scholarship covering fees and living expenses (EUR 50,000)

TRAVEL GRANTS AND SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS (apart from departmental Summer funding)

Global Research Initiative fellowship
2024
Grant covering the expenses of my research period at NYU Paris (September-December 2024) and providing office space.

Global Research Initiative fellowship
2023
Grant covering the expenses of my research period at NYU Paris (January-February 2023) and providing office space.

Global Research Initiative fellowship
2022
Grant covering the expenses of my research period in Florence (June 2022) and providing office space.

NYU History Department Travel Grant
December 2019
Grant partially covering the expenses related to the presentation at Bocconi University on November 15th

NYU Conference Fund Grant
December 2019
Grant partially covering the expenses related to the presentation at Bocconi University on November 15th

LINGUISTIC COMPETENCIES

English: full professional knowledge
French: full professional knowledge
Latin: Good reading knowledge
Italian: mother tongue
Spanish: reading ability
Catalan: reading ability

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Adjunct Professor for "Debt and the Origins of Capitalism in Early Modern Europe, 1300-1850" at New York University (NYU)
July 2023 – August 2023

Course Assistant for "The New Testament and Early Christianities" at NYU
January 2022 – May 2022

Adjunct Instructor for 'Introduction to Media Studies' at New York University
September 2021 – December 2021

Adjunct Instructor for 'Modern European History' at University of Sassari (online)
February 2021 – May 2021

Course Assistant for 'Capitalism and Geopolitics 1450-2050' at New York University
September 2020 – December 2020

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Sovereignty and Commerce in Sixteenth-Century France. Towards a reappraisal of French Protomercantilism"
Institute of Historical Research (London, UK)
November 20th, 2024.

"Imprisonment for debt and bankruptcy in Revolutionary England"
PHEDRA Winter School (Venice, Italy)
October 30th, 2024

"Sovereignty and Commerce in Sixteenth-Century France. Towards an Intellectual History of Bankruptcy"
PHEDRA Summer School (Sevilla, Spain)
June 25th-28th 2024.

"Towards an Intellectual History of Bankruptcy in Early Modern England"
Fondazione Luigi Einaudi (Turin, Italy)

November 20th 2023

"Death to the Bankrupts! The moral and political origins of bankruptcy legislation in early modern Europe"
Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna (Pisa, Italy)
May 2nd 2023

"Death to the Bankrupts! The moral and political origins of bankruptcy legislation in early modern Europe"
London School of Economics (London, UK)
May 2nd 2023

"Governing conflict"
Law and Economics Conference of STOREP (Italian Association for the History of Political Economy), online
June 17th 2021
The article has been published on the Italian Review of Economic History/Rivista di Storia Economica (see Publications).

"Governing conflict"
Bocconi University
November 15th 2019

"Governing conflict" at the Graduate Seminar in Economic and Social History at the University of Oxford
February 20th 2019

Young Scholars Initiative Plenary, Institute for a New Economic Thinking
Budapest, November 18th-22nd 2016
Presentation of a paper on "An increasing returns perspective on Economic Growth: from Adam Smith to Nicholas Kaldor"

PUBLICATIONS

Governing Conflict: Law and Industrial Relations in Italy, 1945-1980
Italian Review of Economic History (2023)
This article summarizes the findings of my Oxford MPhil thesis.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Co-founder of the **NYC Early Modern History Workshop** (with Guy Erez, Stephanie Reitzig, and Julia Tomasson)
Jointly hosted by New York University and Columbia University
A.y. 2023-2024

OTHER WRITTEN WORKS (selected)

Sovereignty and Commerce in Sixteenth-Century France. Towards an Intellectual History of Bankruptcy
May 2024

The reduction of interest scheme in mid-century England as a case in the political economy of taxation
May 2020
First-year research paper at the NYU History PhD programme

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna
Representative of Bachelor's and Master's students at the governing body of the School (Academic Senate)
February 2015 – May 2016

Economics Student Representative at the Social Science Council
March 2014 – February 2015

'Alternative pathways in Social Science: a conference on Complexity' at Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna
(with Alessandro Gemignani, Saverio Pertosa, Silvio Ravaioli and Matteo Tranchero)
December 15th 2015
We organised a conference with leading economists and philosophers to discuss some of the most recent tendencies on Complexity in Philosophy and Economcs.
€ 700 grant awarded by University of Pisa to organise the event

Conference on 'Debunking austerity: towards alternative economic policy scenarios?' at Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna
(with Flavio Calvino, Mattia Guerini e Maria Enrica Virgillito)
November 17th-18th 2014

$ 5000 grant awarded by the Institute for a New Economic Thinking (New York, USA) to organise the event