

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- 2004-2008 PhD Geography
Newcastle University, School of Geography, Politics, and Sociology
Dissertation: City, war and geopolitics: political violence and built environment in Lebanon
- 2003-2004 MA Cross-Mediterranean Cooperation and Integration. Grade: distinction
University of Venice (Italy), Faculty of Oriental Languages
Dissertation: The Barcelona process: contrasting geopolitical visions of the Mediterranean
- 1998-2003 BA (4 years), Oriental Languages and Cultures. Grade: Distinction (*Laurea cum laude*) University of Venice (Italy)
Dissertation: Remapping Beirut: urban spatialities between war and reconstruction

EMPLOYMENT

- 2019-present Lecturer in Political Geography, School of Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Birmingham.
- 2013-2019 Birmingham Fellow, School of Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Birmingham.
Affiliate, Institute for Conflict, Cooperation & Security, University of Birmingham.
- 2014 Maternity leave
- 2009-2012 British Academy Post-Doctoral Fellow (PDF/2009/428)
Department of Geography, RHUL
- 2008 - 2009 Research Assistant (ESRC RES-181-25-0028)
Manchester Architecture Research Centre (MARC), University of Manchester

FUNDING AND AWARDS

- 2019 Birmingham International Engagement Fund (BIEF) and the Institute of Advanced Studies (IAS), University of Birmingham. Funding of workshop: *Terrorspheres. The emotional experience of urban security in twenty-first century Europe. Workshop.* £950 + organisational costs.
- 2018 (Co-I) GEES pump-priming fund. An urban atlas of the Istrian-Dalmatian exodus in Italy (1943-54). £1400.
- 2017 (Co-I) AHRC, AH/R004331/1: £59K
Research Networking grant (Highlight Notice for International Development)
Humanities for resilience
- 2017 (Co-I) Initiative d'Excellence Paris/Seine: €85K

Vivre en ville avec la terreur : quels effets du terrorisme diffus sur les ambiances urbaines?

- 2016 CBRL Pilot Study Award: £5425
How a sectarian territory was made: mapping the Dual Qaimaqamiyya of Mount Lebanon (1842-1860)
- 2016 Gees pump-priming fund: £4513.56 *Violent emergencies and the urban geopolitics of affect. Exploring the emotional mechanisms of urban lockdown in Paris and Brussels.*
- 2013 University of Birmingham, Institute of Advanced Studies (IAS) workshop: **£ 1000**
Responding to Uprising. Between resilience and resistance
- 2011-2012 British Academy Small Research Grant (SG102042): **£ 7,301**
Views from the Holiday Inn. War, urban landscape, and memory in Beirut
- 2009-2012 British Academy Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF/2009/428): **£ 258,315**
Geographical Perspectives on War and Cities: the case of Beirut
- 2004-2007 Newcastle University PhD Scholarship
City, war and geopolitics: the relations between militia political violence and the built environment in the early phases of the Lebanese civil war (1975-1976).

LANGUAGES

Italian	native
English	fluent
French	advanced working knowledge
Spanish	advanced working knowledge
Arabic	good working knowledge
German	basic working knowledge

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

- **FREGONESE, S.** (In press, September 2019) *War and the city: Urban geopolitics in Lebanon*. London: Bloomsbury (IB Tauris imprint).
- Brand, R. and **FREGONESE, S.** (2013) *The radical's city. Urban environment, polarisation, cohesion*. London: Ashgate.

Refereed journal articles

- **FREGONESE, S.** and Laketa, S. (Revise and Resubmit) *Terrorism, urban space and affective atmospheres in Paris and Brussels. International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*
- **FREGONESE, S.** (2017) *Affective atmospheres, urban geopolitics and conflict (de)-escalation in Beirut Political Geography 61: 1-10.*

- RAMADAN, A. AND **FREGONESE, S.** (2017) HYBRID SOVEREIGNTY AND THE STATE OF EXCEPTION IN THE PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS IN LEBANON *ANNALS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF GEOGRAPHERS* 107 (4): 949-963.
- **FREGONESE, S.** and Ramadan, A. (2015) "Hotel Geopolitics. A research agenda" *Geopolitics* 20 (4): 793-813.
- **FREGONESE, S.** (2012) "Between a refuge and a battleground: Beirut's discrepant cosmopolitanisms" *The Geographical Review* 102(3): 316-366
- **FREGONESE, S.** (2012) "Beyond the 'weak state': hybrid sovereignties in Beirut" *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 30(4): 655-674.
- **FREGONESE, S.** (2012) "Urban geopolitics, 8 years on. Accounting for hybridity, the everyday, and peace". *Geography Compass* 6 (5):290-303.
- **FREGONESE, S.** (2009) "The urbicide of Beirut? Geopolitics and the built environment in the Lebanese civil war", *Political Geography* 28 (5): 309-318.
- **FREGONESE, S.** and Brand, R. (2009) "Polarisation as socio-technical phenomenon. A bibliographical review", *Journal of Urban Technology* 16(2-3): 9-34.

Book chapters

- **FREGONESE, S.** (In press, 2019) "'A demarcation in the hearts': frontier urbanism and Beirut's May 2008 clashes". In Yacobi, H. and Nsarra, M., eds. *Routledge Handbook on Middle Eastern Cities*.
- **FREGONESE, S.** (2017) Foreword, in Rokem, J. and Boano, C. eds. *Urban Geopolitics. Rethinking planning in contested cities*. Routledge
- **FREGONESE, S.** (2015) "Everyday political geographies", in Agnew, Mamadouh, Secor, Sharp (eds.) *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Political Geography*
- **FREGONESE, S.** (2005) "'Il Libano è tornato.' Guerra, ricostruzione e spettacolo nel nuovo centro di Beirut". In Minca, C. (ed.) *Lo spettacolo della città*, Padua: Cedam.
- **FREGONESE, S.** and Minca C. (2004) "Rêve(il) de la ville: geografie della ricostruzione a Beirut", in Minca, C. (ed.) *Orizzonte Mediterraneo*, Padua: Cedam.

Short commentaries, reports and reviews

- **FREGONESE, S.**, 2019. "How a Sectarian Territory Was Made: (Re) Mapping the Dual Kaimakamate of Mount Lebanon (1842–1860)." *Bulletin for the Council for British Research in the Levant* 12 (1): 60–61.
- **FREGONESE, S.**, 2018. "Holidays in the danger zone. Entanglements of war and tourism". *Journal of Tourism History* 1–3.
- **FREGONESE, S.** (2017) "English: lingua franca or disenfranchising?". *Fennia - International Journal of Geography*, 195(2), 194-196.
- Rokem, J., **FREGONESE, S.**, Ramadan, A., Pascucci, E. Rosen, G. Charney, I. Paasche, T.F. and Sidaway, J.D. (2017), Interventions in Urban Geopolitics. *Political Geography* 61: 253-262.
- **FREGONESE, S.** (2017) "English: lingua franca or disenfranchising?". *Fennia - International Journal of Geography*, 195(2), 194-196.
- **FREGONESE, S.** (2013) Waiting for the spillover. Why reinforcing borders and strengthening sovereignty won't keep Lebanon out of conflict. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space open site*.
- **FREGONESE, S.** (2013) Mediterranean geographies of protest. *European Urban and Regional Studies* 20 (1) Introduction to guest edited special issue
- **FREGONESE, S.** (2012) "Kousis, M., Selwyn, T. and Clark, D. (eds.) Contested Mediterranean spaces. Ethnographic essays in honour of Charles Tilly" *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*. Book review

- **FREGONESE, S.** (2010) "Coward M. 'Urbicide: The Politics of Urban Destruction'" Global Discourse, 1(II): 2-4. Book Review.
- **FREGONESE, S.,** Martin, D. and Ramadan, A. (2009) The new geopolitics of responsibility in Barack Obama's Cairo speech, Environment and Planning D: Society and Space 27(6): 951 – 955.
- **FREGONESE, S.** (2009) "Mackey, S. 'Mirror of the Arab world: Lebanon in conflict,'" Book review, Geographical magazine 81 (7): 64
- **FREGONESE, S.** (2009) "Bevan, R. 'The destruction of memory. Architecture at war,'" Book review Building Research and Information 37 (3): 340-342

TEACHING, SUPERVISION AND MENTORING

2013- (UoB)

UG

GGM306 Cities and Conflict, solo coordinator of 3rd year optional module

GGM301 Geography Dissertation

GGM105 Tutorials and fieldwork: First year Human Geography tutorials

PG

Ian Slesinger, ESRC PhD studentship "Waging Safer War? Technology, territory and the geopolitical management of security in Israel's conflict with Gaza 2005-2016" (submitting December 2018)

Shannon Oates, GCRF PhD studentship, "Faith Capital": Gender and Resilience in the City" (from September 2018)

Post-Doctoral

Fabien Cante, ESRC post-doctoral fellowship, Media and the Politics of Cohabitation in Post-Conflict Abidjan (from October 2018).

2009-2012 (RHUL)

UG

GG 1002 Introduction to Human Geography: tutorial groups

GG 1004 Introduction to Human Geography: tutorial groups

GG 1032 Geographical research & field methods I: Fieldtrip lecturer (Spain).

GG 3001 Independent dissertation: dissertation supervision

PG

Lecturing in MSc Geopolitics and Security

Lecturing in MA Cultural Geography Research

Dissertation advisor on MA Cultural Geography Research

2010 (Lebanese American University)

Guest lecture on conflict architectures in Beirut.

2008-2009 (Manchester School of Architecture)

UG: lecturing on research methods

PG (MArch) dissertation supervision

2007 (Newcastle University)

GEO2047 Political Geography: Teaching Assistant

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

2019- Student careers and employability lead, GEES

2017- Equality & Diversity/Athena SWAN Co-Lead. Leading on E&D aspects of career progression, GEES

2016 Equality & Diversity/Athena SWAN Lead, GEES

Committee Membership: member of GEES' Executive Committee

ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT

Conference and Workshop organisation

2019 Frontiers of Humanities Symposium, **British Academy/Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung**
Member of organising committee (for UK Geography).

2013 *Responding to Uprising. Between Resilience & Resistance*. **UoB IAS** workshop

2011 *City/State/Resistance. Spaces of protest in the Middle East & Mediterranean*. **RHUL**

2008 *Built environment. Mirror&mediator of radicalization*. **Univ of Manchester** (co-convened).

Invited workshop participation

2018 War in the Global City. Inaugural workshop, **PAIS, University of Warwick**, 12 December

2018 New frontiers in Political Geography, **School of Geography and the Environment**, University of Oxford, **25 September**

2018 *Affective atmospheres and urban conflict: a research agenda?* John Harvard Colloquium 'Topographies of Citizenship', **CRASSH, Cambridge University**

2017 Closed workshop, *Mediterranean Cities: Urban poetics, urban (geo)politics*, **The Netherlands Institute in Turkey, Consulate General of the Netherlands**, Istanbul

2016 *Welcome to Beirut? Discrepant cosmopolitanism and hostipitality*. ERC YouCitizen workshop, **Royal Geographical Society**.

2016 *Affective atmospheres of urban conflict: the case of Beirut's May 2008 clashes*. John Harvard Colloquium 'Topographies of Citizenship', **CRASSH, Cambridge University**

2013 *Hybrid sovereignties. Managing territoriality in Beirut during the 2008 clashes*. Urban land and conflict in the global south, Global Urban Research Centre **University of Manchester**.

2010 Project findings dissemination. *The built environment: mirror and mediator of radicalisation?*, ESRC & **Al Jazeera Centre for Studies**, Doha.

2010 *The contested city and the politics of novelty and destiny: Beirut 1975/2008*. "Jerusalem and other Contested Cities", **Conflict in Cities International Workshop, Jerusalem**.

Conference sessions presentation and co-convening

2018 Royal Geographical Society (RGS-IBG) Sessions on *Urban Geopolitics beyond Militarism and Material & affective terror landscapes*

2017 Nordic Geographers Meeting (NGM) Sessions on *Affective and emotional urban geopolitics*

2016 RGS-IBG Session on *Hotel geopolitics*

ESTEEM INDICATORS

Invited talks

- 2018 *Lebanon's genealogy of sovereignty, 1958-2018*, guest lecture, Master of Science in Conflict and Development, Department of Conflict and Development Studies, **Ghent University** (Belgium)
- 2018 *Affective atmospheres and urban conflict: a research agenda?* John Harvard Colloquium 'Topographies of Citizenship', **CRASSH, Cambridge University**, 3 February
- 2017 Discussant, Urban Salon. *Urban Geopolitics: Rethinking planning in contested cities*. Routledge Book Launch. **UCL, London**, 20 November
- 2017 Closed workshop, *Mediterranean Cities: Urban poetics, urban (geo)politics*. **The Netherlands Institute in Turkey, Consulate General of the Netherlands**, Istanbul, 9-10 November.
- 2017 *fennia panel: challenges of publishing in the anglo-centered academy*, **nordic geographers meeting**, stockholm, 20 june
- 2017 *Discrepant cosmopolitanism and the urban geopolitics of hospitality and hostility in Beirut*. Technological natures & transformations, Hilary 2017 seminar series, School of Geography and the Environment, **University of Oxford**, 23 February
- 2016 *Cosmopolitanism, conflict and Beirut's hotels*. Guest Lecture, Department of Geography, **University of Zurich**. 16 November
- 2016 *Welcome to Beirut? Discrepant cosmopolitanism and hostipitality between 1967 and 1975* *Temporalities and Spatialities of cosmopolitanism* YouCitizen project, **Royal Geographical Society**, London, 20 October.
- 2016 *Affective atmospheres of urban conflict: the case of Beirut's May 2008 clashes*. John Harvard Colloquium 'Topographies of Citizenship', **CRASSH, Cambridge University**, 4 February
- 2015 *An urban perspective on state fragility in Lebanon*. **CRASSH City seminars**, Cambridge University. 23 February
- 2013 *Cosmopolitanism and its opposite. Geopolitics of hospitality in Beirut's international hotels*. Human Geography Seminar, School of Geography, **University of Bristol**, 19 March.
- 2013 *Hybrid sovereignties. Managing territoriality in Beirut during the 2008 clashes*. Urban land and conflict in the global south workshop, Global Urban Research Centre **University of Manchester**.
- 2011 *Destroying cosmopolis: Tales from Beirut's Battle of the Hotels*. **London Group of Historical Geographers**, 1 February.
- 2010 *Hybrid Sovereignties and urban conflict. Division & Connection* in Contested Space Seminar, Durham Palestine Educational Trust (DPET), the **International Boundaries Research Unit (IBRU)** & the Urban Worlds and Politics-State-Space research clusters, 8 October.
- 2010 *The built environment: mirror and mediator of radicalisation? Presentation of findings*. Perspectives on Terrorism, Resistance and Radicalisation, Joint Workshop, ESRC with **Al Jazeera Centre for Studies**, Doha, Qatar, 26 September.
- 2010 *The Urbicide of Beirut: Political Violence, Geopolitical Discourse, and Built Environment during the Two Years' War (1975-76)*. Fratricide and Fraternité: Understanding and Repairing Neighbourly Atrocity - Opening Conference, **School of Advanced Study** John E. Sawyer Seminar Series 2009-2010, London, 26 February.
- 2010 *The contested city and the politics of novelty and destiny: Beirut 1975/2008*. "Jerusalem and other Contested Cities", **Conflict in Cities International Workshop, Jerusalem**, January.
- 2009 *The urbicide of Beirut? Political violence and urban space during the two years war (1975-1976)*. **Orient Institut Beirut**, Lebanon, 3 February.

Editorship of learned journals and book series

- 2016 Member, Editorial Board, Fennia International Journal of Geography
- 2014 Member, editorial board, *Geopolitics* journal
- 2014 Editorial board, "Geopolitics, bodies, materials" series, Rowman&Littlefield International
- 2012 Economic and Social Research Council, Rapporteur

Academic peer review, consultancy & extra-academic collaborations

- 2018 Expert interviewee, Al Jazeera, forthcoming documentary on hotels in warzones.
- 2015 Board member, Doctoral Programme, Geopolitics and Geoeconomics, Niccolò Cusano University, Rome, Italy
- 2015 Referee for Cambridge Junior Research Fellowship on the urban aspects of the refugee crisis
- 2015 DFID's consultancy on topic of support for Sunni non-state armed groups in Lebanon
- 2016: Advisory board, *Following the Wires: sensing socio-material practices of everyday electricity supply in post-conflict Greater Beirut*, AHRC/ESRC PaCCS AH/N00812X/1.
- 2015 Minority Rights Group International, expert comments on conflict and reconciliation issues.
- 2013 Artistic collaboration. "Glanades". Installation, chrome plated replica grenade and glass; laser-cut and engraved card; polyfoam. Royal Geographical Society. The installation merged the visual and material language of the luxury hotel with the instruments of urban war and the strategic value of elevation and location for urban militias.
- 2012 Economic and Social Research Council, Rapporteur

Membership & appointments

- 2010, ongoing RGS Fellow
- 2016-2019 Chair, Political Geography Research Group (PolGRG), Royal Geographical Society
- 2013-2016 Conference officer, Political Geography Research Group (PolGRG), RGS
- 2015-2017 Chair, Geopolitics and the Carceral research group, GEES
- 2010 Seminar series convener, Politics and Environment Research Group, RHUL

RESEARCH FIELDWORK

- 2019 **North-East Italy**, GEES pump-priming fund. An urban atlas of the Istrian-Dalmatian exodus in Italy (1943-54).
- 2017 **Beirut and Istanbul**, CBRL Pilot Study Award *How a sectarian territory was made: mapping the Dual Qaimaqamiyya of Mount Lebanon (1842-1860)*. Exploratory archival research.
- 2016 **Paris and Brussels**, GEES pump-priming fund: *Violent emergencies and the urban geopolitics of affect. Exploring the emotional mechanisms of urban lockdown in Paris and Brussels*. Exploratory semi-structured interviews, observation.
- 2012 **Beirut**, British Academy Small Grant: Views from the Holiday Inn: war, urban landscape, and memory in Beirut. Semi-structured interviews.
- 2011 **Beirut**, British Academy Small Grant: Views from the Holiday Inn: war, urban landscape, and memory in Beirut. Archive research, semi-structured interviews.
- 2010 **Beirut**, British Academy Post-Doctoral Fellowship: The urbicide of Beirut. Geographical perspectives on war and cities. Archive research, semi-structured interviews, walking interviews
- 2008-9 **Belfast, Berlin, Amsterdam, Beirut**. ESRC grant: The built environment: mirror and mediator of radicalization. Semi-structured interviews; participatory photography; participatory mapping.
- 2005-2006 **Beirut**. Newcastle University PhD Scholarship: City, war and geopolitics: political violence and built environment in Lebanon. Archive research; interviews with ex militia

2002 **Beirut**. Undergraduate dissertation project: Remapping Beirut: urban spatialities between war and reconstruction. Archive research, semi-structured interviews with city reconstruction executives and architects.

TRAINING

- 2016 Research Team Leadership training, University of Birmingham
- 2013 Media training, University of Birmingham
- 2013 Grant proposals writing, University of Birmingham
- 2012 Statistical analysis, Natcen, London
- 2012 Communications skills for researchers, British Academy
- 2011 Policy training for researchers, British Academy and Institute for Government
- 2010 (partial completion) Certificate in Academic Practice In Teaching And Learning (CAPITAL), RHUL
- 2009 Mediation Skills, University of Manchester Staff Development Unit
- 2009 Time management, University of Manchester Staff Development Unit
- 2008 Crisis management, University of Manchester Staff Development Unit