

Sofia Graziani – Short Bio

Sofia Graziani joined the Department of Humanities, Trento University in 2016 after having taught at various Italian universities. She holds an MA in Chinese Studies from the University of Venice Ca' Foscari and an MA in Asian Studies from Lund University (Sweden). She obtained her Ph.D. in East Asian History and Civilization in 2009 from the University of Rome La Sapienza, with a thesis entitled "A Bridge Linking Youth and the Party? China's Communist Youth League Under the Impact of Reform".

In 2011 she won a six month-research grant (Sciences and Arts Fellowship China) from the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research and spent a period as Visiting Scholar at the School for International Studies of Peking University. In the fall semester of the same year, she taught a course on Modern Chinese History within the framework of the Beijing Program for American University (History Department, Peking University). In 2012, she got a one year Postdoc Fellowship from the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange (Taiwan) for her project "Relations between Italy and the Two Chinas during the Cold War: The case of youth movements and organizations (1954-1970)".

Her major field of research is the social, political and diplomatic history of modern China. She is interested in a variety of topics including the Chinese Party/state management of youth, with a focus on youth organization, ideological education and political socialization processes, the history of the Cultural Revolution, China-Europe and China-Africa relations in the Cold War years and China's soft power strategy. Since 2019 she is a board member of the Italian Association of Chinese Studies.