

# Alessandro Fassò – Short CV

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Alessandro Fassò is full professor of *Statistics* (SECS-S/02) from 2000 at the School of Engineering, University of Bergamo, Italy. Previous head of Dept. of Information technology and mathematical methods (2007-2012) and Academic Senate member (2009-2013). He served the University of Bergamo as Associate professor (1998-2000) and the Catholic University of Milano as Assistant Professor (“ricercatore”, 1987-1997).

**President** of The International Environmetrics Society (TIES) (2017-2019). **Founder and previous Coordinator** (2013-2015) of GRASPA, the permanent working group for environmental statistics of the Italian Statistical Society (SIS). **Previous member** of the Council of the International Statistical Institute (ISI) (2013-2017).

**Member** of WG-GRUAN, the Working Group on Atmospheric Reference Observations, promoted by the World Meteorological Organization ([www.wmo.int](http://www.wmo.int)) (2013-).

**Elected member** of the International Statistical Institute (ISI).

**Associate Principal investigator** of Horizon 2020 project GAIA-CLIM (2015-2018) on Gap Analysis for Integrated Atmospheric CLimate Monitoring. **Sub contractor** of Copernicus Climate Service (C3S 311.a Lot3) on statistical harmonization of climate data records (2017-2018).

**Editor in Chief** of *Environmetrics*. **Associate Editor** of Stochastic Environmental Research and Risk Analysis (SERRA) and of *Advances in Statistical Analysis* (AStA). **Guest Editor** of *Statistics & Probability Letters* (2019), *Environmetrics* (2007, 2019), *Advances in Statistical Analysis* (AStA, 2013), *Stochastic Environmental Research and Risk Analysis* (SERRA, 2015) and *Statistical Methods & Applications* (SMAP, 2016), *Statistics & Applications* (S&A, 2013).

## Keynote/Plenary speaker:

- Ebio2018 - III Portuguese-Galician Meeting of Biometry, Aveiro, 28-30 June, 2018, keynote address on “Statistical modelling of atmospheric profiles and their uncertainty”;
- 49<sup>th</sup> Scientific Meeting of Italian Statistical Society, Palermo, 20-22 June, 2018, “Statistics & Uncertainty of Atmospheric Profiles”;
- XIII biannual congress SIMAI 2016, keynote address on “Advanced statistical applications of complex data indexed in space and time”, Milano, 14-09-2016;
- Conference on Seismomatics, keynote address on “Multivariate spatiotemporal modelling for population exposure distribution to airborne multipollutants”, Valparaiso, Chile, 5-9 January, 2015;
- EURISBIS’09, European Regional Meeting of the International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics, keynote address on “Data diversity in air quality monitoring and dynamical mapping using the EM algorithm and air quality indexes”, Cagliari, 03-06-2009.

**Invited speaker:** TIES2018, Guanajuato, Mexico; Symposium on Environmental Statistics, Institute of Statistical Mathematics, Tachikawa, 22-23 March 2018, Japan; French Statistical Society Conference 2016, Montpellier; Statistische Woche 2015, Hamburg and many others.

## International lecturer:

- Peking University. Phd short course on Statistical spatiotemporal models for air quality and atmospheric profiles. 14-28 March 2018.
- University of Bolzano-Bozen. Phd short course on Advanced statistics. 25-30 January 2018.

- ECAS-ENBIS Summer school on Multivariate spatio-temporal methods for large datasets. 10-09-2017, Procida, Italy.
- Winter school on “Stochastic models for spatio-temporal data: Inference and applications” at XI. Workshop Stochastic Models and their Applications, Hamburg 20-22 February 2013.
- Short course at Cairo University on *Spatio-Temporal Modeling for Environmental Data* at 25<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Statistical Modelling, 25-28 March 2013.

**Conference Organizer**, scientific committee, invited speaker and invited session organizer in a number of international conferences. In particular, recent appointments are: **Chair** of TIES-GRASPA2017 (Bergamo), GRASPA2015 (Bari), METMA-GRASPA2014 (Torino), GRASPA2004 (Dalmine). **Scientific committee member** of TIES2018, Guanajuato, Mexico; of Spatial Econometrics Association 2016, Rome; of TIES2016, Edinburgh; of TIES2015, Al Ain; of TIES2009, Bologna. **Session organizer** at SIS Scientific meeting 2014, Cagliari, at SIS Statistical Conference 2013; Brescia, Statistische Woche 2012, Vienna.

**PhD board:** Faculty member of the PhD program in Engineering and Applied Sciences at the University of Bergamo (2017-). Previous faculty member of the PhD program in Analytics Economics and Business at the University of Bergamo (2013-2017), and faculty member of the PhD program in Statistics and Applications at University of Milano Bicocca (2000-2013). **Previous PhD Students:** Emilio Porcu, Michela Cameletti, Francesco Finazzi, Maurizio Toccu, Ferdinand Ndongo.

#### Research assessment:

- *Evaluation Committee Member (GEV)* of the Italian Research Quality Exercise (**VQR 2015-2019**).
- *Selection committee member* of the Italian **PRIN2015** for Environment, Space and Population (ERC SH3).
- *Referee* of **NSERC** (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada), **DAGStat** (German Consortium in Statistics), **CONICYT** (Chilean commission of scientific research), Future in Research (**FIRB** 2013, Italy), Scientific independence of young researchers (SIR 2014, Italy), Young Researchers **Montalcini Award** 2015, University of Venice, University of Padua.

#### Recent national and international competitive research grants:

- **PI:** Project AQ2009-EN17 (Regione Lombardia): “*Methods for the integration of renewable energy sources and satellite monitoring of the environmental impact*” (2009-2013).
- **PI:** PRIN-2006, MIUR: “*Statistical analysis and modelling of impact and risk for environmental phenomena in space and time*” (2007-2009).
- **Associate PI:** EU Horizon 2020: GAIA-CLIM - *Gap Analysis for Integrated Atmospheric ECV CLImate Monitoring* (2015-2018).
- **Associate PI:** Project APQ 2004, Regione Piemonte: “*Statistical methods and spatio-temporal models for air-quality monitoring*”  
PRIN-2004, MIUR: “*Space-time modelling and uncertainty of the measures in environmental data analysis*”
- **Subcontractor:** C3S\_311a\_Lot3 “Access to Baseline and Reference Networks’ Service Contract 1, under Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) Framework Agreement MWF/COPERNICUS/2017/C3S\_311a\_Lot3\_CNR.

#### Research interests:

He is Author of more than hundred papers, mainly on statistical methods and applications to environmetrics, air quality, climate variables, sensitivity analysis of environmental models,

environmental time-series, spatio-temporal data, stochastic monitoring, structural and geotechnical surveillance, industrial statistics, quality control and financial time series analysis.

#### *Climate Variables.*

He is contributing to the application and development of methods based on functional data analysis for the understanding of atmospheric profiles uncertainty. In particular, 3D and 4D statistical modelling of atmospheric profiles, including satellite data and radiosonde networks. In this regard, he studied also collocation uncertainty using a statistical approach based on heteroskedastic functional regression models. This extends the standard functional regression approach and allows a natural definition of uncertainty profiles and their detailed decomposition into all the different components.

Moreover, in the frame of Horizon 2020 project GAIA-CLIM, he studied the vertical smoothing mismatch uncertainty when comparing satellite and radiosonde data, and the geographic gaps of the present earth observing system.

#### *Air quality dynamic models.*

Previously, A. Fassò contributed to air quality monitoring and understanding. Considering air quality monitoring, he developed multivariate spatio-temporal models for particulate matters and nitrogen oxides based on ground level heterogeneous monitoring networks, computer outputs and satellite data, developing methods for statistical dynamic mapping, risk assessment, human exposure distribution and environmental policies assessment. His approach allows for multiple pollutants, observed in different places and with different spatial scale, with a large number of “structural missing data”. The approach covers data from single regional areas to large datasets at the European level. Moreover, he discussed air quality indexes in the frame of heterogeneous and unbalanced monitoring networks and model-based indexes. He proposed some nonlinear models for Ozone time series, discussed monitoring of nuclear plumes and methods for extreme air pollution.

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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