

# VALERIA GIACOMIN

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## Current Position

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From July 2017: **Newcomen Fellow, Harvard Business School (2017/2018)**  
General Management Unit

## Previous Academic Position

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July 2016-June 2017: **Postdoctoral Fellow** - Business History Centre  
Copenhagen Business School

July 2013-June 2016: **PhD Fellow** - Dept. Management, Politics and Philosophy  
Copenhagen Business School

## Education

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July 2013 – Nov 2016 **PhD Fellow** (November 2016)  
Doctoral School of Organization and Management Studies  
Copenhagen Business School

**Thesis:** *Contextualizing the cluster: Palm oil in Southeast Asia in global perspective*

**Advisor:** Associate Professor Christina Lubinski

**Visiting position & Fieldwork:** University Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, April-May 2014

Sept 2011 – Sept 2012 **MA in Southeast Asian Studies** (Major: Economic History)  
School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London  
Thesis: “What is the cost of China’s grain self-sufficiency?”

Sept 2009 – July 2011 **MSc in International Management Double Degree**  
Bocconi University, Milan & Fudan University, Shanghai  
Thesis: *Vietnam: case of success or vane promise?*

Sept 2006 – July 2009 **BSc in Economics and Finance**  
Bocconi University, Milan  
Thesis: *The Market of Lithium*

Research Stay: Fundação Getúlio Vargas, São Paulo, Brazil – February 2009

Exchange Semester: Singapore Management University, Singapore – Fall 2008

## Research and Publications

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- Giacomini, V., (2017). Negotiating cluster boundaries: governance shifts in the palm oil and rubber cluster in Malay(sia) (1945-1970 ca.), *Management and Organizational History*, 12(1): 76-98.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/17449359.2017.1304861>
- Giacomini, V., (2017). The emergence of an export cluster: Traders and palm oil in early 20th century Southeast Asia. Forthcoming, *Enterprise and Society*.
- Giacomini, V., (2016). Winner takes all: Palm oil and cluster competition (1900-1970 ca.). *Invited for Revision; Journal of Global History*.
- Giacomini V., Lubinski C., Schnitzel K., (2017). Political Risk in India: German Business and the Challenge of Internment (1914-1947). *Invited for Revision; Business History*.
- Giacomini, V., (2017). Global Cities and Cluster Formation: Singapore and the Southeast Asian plantation cluster. *Working Paper* presented at BHC 2017, Denver, USA.
- Giacomini, V., (2017). Clusters as platforms for global integration, *Working Paper* Chapter for the "The Routledge Companion to Makers of Global Business", Eds. da Silva Lopes, Lubinski & Tworek, Routledge, presented at BHC, PDW, *International Business and Civilization*.

## Teaching

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- Introduction to Economic Sociology, (case-based)  
Undergraduate Level, CBS; Fall 2014-2015-2016; Average Evaluations: 4.5/5
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation, (case based)  
Master Level, CBS; Fall 2016; Average Evaluations: 4.00/5
- Google, Ebay, Amazon: Management Challenges in Networked Business,  
Undergraduate Elective, CBS; Fall 2016; Average Evaluations: 4.00/5
- Guest lecturer (Fall 2015 and 2016)  
Entrepreneurship & Global Strategy; Undergraduate Level, CBS  
Managing Political Risk in Global Business; Master Elective, CBS

### Other teaching activities

- Designed MSc. Elective “Clusters and Global Spaces”, presented for Fall 2016
- Supervisor of first and second-year Bachelor Projects in Asian Studies
- Supervisor of Bachelor thesis in International Business and Politics and Business Administration and Sociology (several projects)
- Primary Supervisor of Master Theses: Supply Chain Management; Creative Business Processes; International Business and Politics; Innovation and Entrepreneurship (several projects).

### **Other Academic Experience**

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- **Fall 2016:** Postdoctoral lecturer at CBS: BSc. Sociology; BSc. International Business; MSc Organizational Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- **2014-present:** Referee for peer reviewed journals: *Business History*; *Organization Studies*
- **Fall 2013:** Teaching Assistant for BSc. International Business, CBS, coordinator Prof. Sanjay Peters
- **2011-2012:** Student Research Assistant at Bocconi University, coordinator Prof. Andrea Colli

### **Conference Presentations & Workshops**

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- Conference: Singapore 200, Liverpool John Moores University, 2019 (invited)
- Conference: Annual BHC Meeting and PDW: “International Business and Civilization,” Denver, USA, March 2017
- Economic and Social History Department Seminar Series, Utrecht University, March 2017
- Conference: 20th Annual EBHA Congress 2016 / 1st World Congress on Business History, Bergen, Norway, August 2016
- Workshop: “Economic Development and Sustainability Studies,” Kyoto University, Japan, September 2015
- Conference and Post-Doctoral Colloquium: Joint Meeting BHC/EBHA, Miami, June 2015
- Conference: Project Southeast Asia: 3<sup>rd</sup> Symposium of Southeast Asian Studies. Oxford, UK, March 2014
- Conference: Annual EBHA Congress 2013, Uppsala, August 2013
- Workshop: 7<sup>th</sup> EBHA Summer School, “Business History: Debates, Challenges and Opportunities,” Ancona, Italy, September 2013

## Language Skills

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<b>Italian</b>	Native	<b>Spanish</b>	Intermediate
<b>English</b>	Fluent	<b>German</b>	Basic
<b>French</b>	Advanced	<b>Bahasa</b>	Basic

## Computer Skills

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Microsoft Office Package

Webpage Design Tools: WordPress, Photoshop, Github, Atom

Econometrics Software: Stata, SPSS

Project Management Software: Asana, MailChimp

## Other Work Experience

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- **Nov 2012 – Apr 2012.** Business Intelligence and Business Development Manager at Rubybox.co.za: E-commerce startup in cosmetic industry – Cape Town, South Africa
- **Oct 2010 – Feb 2011.** Business Analyst based in Milan, Italy. TRUGroup.Inc: Consulting for materials and processing – Toronto, Canada
- **May 2011 - Aug 2011.** Financial Journalist at ClassCNBC TV channel – Milan, Italy
- **July 2010 – Oct 2010.** Intern Project Manager Dezan Shira & Associates: Legal, Business Consulting for FDI – Hanoi, Vietnam

## References

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