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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Born on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1985 in La Spezia, Italy.

Living in Çanakkale, Turkey.

## **EDUCATION BACKGROUND/ QUALIFICAIONS**

### **DRAFT CORRECTOR DIPLOMA**

July/ August 2017 - Diploma of draft corrector, at “Edita - Multimedia and editorial services agency”, [www.editaonline.com](http://www.editaonline.com).

### **INTERNATIONAL MASTER PROGRAMME (MSc.) IN URBAN AGGLOMERATIONS**

2011/ 2013 - Studies of Urban projects and researches at the University of Applied Sciences, Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

2012/ 2013 - Academic year at the Istanbul Technical University (ITU), Department of Urban Planning, Istanbul, Turkey.

2013 - Master thesis done in collaboration with the University of Urban Planning and Architecture of New Delhi, in New Delhi, India. Title of the dissertation: “Self-Construction: a Tool for Slum-Upgrading in India”.

Supervisors: professor Arch. Dr. Peter Gotch, professor Arch. Dr. Zeyne Günay.

### **MASTER IN NAVAL ARCHITECTURE (DPEA -Diplôme Propre des Ecoles d’Architectures)**

2008/ 2010 - Studies of Naval Architecture at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure d’Architectures de Nantes, France.

### **BACHELOR IN NAVAL ARCHITECTURE AND YACH DESIGN**

2004/ 2008 - Studies at the University of Genoa, Faculty of Architecture, Department of Design, Genoa, Italy.

### **SCHOLARSHIP**

2012/ 2013 - ERASMUS Scholarship for the academic year at the Istanbul Technical University (ITU) Department of Urban Planning, Istanbul, Turkey.

# LANGUAGES

**Italian:** Native

**English:** Very good comprehension, fluent oral and written expression

**French:** Very good comprehension, fluent oral and written expression

**Turkish:** Good comprehension, very good oral expression, good written expression

**Greek:** Good comprehension, fair oral expression (current learning)

**German:** Fair comprehension and oral expression (level A2)

**Japanese:** Just started to study it

# PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

## FREELANCE JOURNALIST

2014/ on going - Freelance Journalist for various architecture magazines

I am a freelance journalist and I used to write about sustainable planning and architecture, now I mostly write about feminism, sustainability, books and movies reviews, among other topics.

I currently collaborate with:  
Cosebella-e Magazine

I used to collaborate with different Italian journal and magazines:

Casa e clima (printed magazine);

Bioarchitettura (printed magazine);

EcoTecno (printed magazine)

Architettura Ecosostenibile (on-line journal, you can see my articles here:

<http://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/ae/redazione/virginia-patrone/>)

## ARTICLES AND ESSAIS (SELECTION)

Cosebelle Magazine

Mary Shelley: Storia di una donna e delle sue responsabilità

<https://www.cosebellemagazine.it/mary-shelley-storia-di-una-donna-e-delle-sue-responsabilita/>

Seriebelle: Killing Eve

<https://www.cosebellemagazine.it/seriebelle-killing-eve/>

Bellezza: in atto una rivoluzione del canone estetico?

<https://www.cosebellemagazine.it/bellezza-in-atto-una-rivoluzione-del-canone-estetico/>

## LIST OF THE ARTICLE PUBLISHED AT ARCHITETTURASOSTENIBILE.IT

**Traditional adobe bricks in Sardinia Island, Italy:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/materiali/laterizi-terra-cruda/ladiri-tradizione-terra-cruda-471/>

**The first earth bags dome in Turkey:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/materiali/laterizi-terra-cruda/cupola-hyper-adobe-turchia-459/>

**Cycling road project between Venice and Turin:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/green-life/mobilita-sostenibile/vento-pista->

[venezia-torino-405/](#)

**Dammusi, the traditional house of Pantelleria (small island of Italy):**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/architettura/progetti/in-italia/dammusi-pantelleria-abitazioni-387/>

**Solar road in Holland (update):**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/green-life/mobilita-sostenibile/solar-road-strada-solare-364/>

**The technique of Super Adobe, interview with Davide Frasca:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/materiali/laterizi-terra-cruda/superadobe-earthbags-260/>

**Cycling road on old rail track:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/green-life/mobilita-sostenibile/pista-ciclabile-liguria-238/>

**Traditional houses of Eolian islands:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/architettura/progetti/in-italia/case-isole-eeolie-411/>

**Why the vegan diet is sustainable:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/green-life/curiosita-ecosostenibili/dieta-vegana-sostenibile-230/>

**Green energy form railroad tie:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/green-life/energie-rinnovabili/greenrail-traversine-ferroviarie-199/>

**Sola road in Holland:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/green-life/energie-rinnovabili/solaroad-pista-energia-160/>

**Seven floors joint wood building by Shigeru Ban:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/architettura/progetti/in-europa/shigeru-ban-struttura-legno-170/>

**Cultivating bio under water:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/green-life/curiosita-ecosostenibili/orto-subacqueo-130/>

**Torre David had been evacuated:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/architettura/progetti/nel-mondo/torre-de-david-127/>

**Art for water shortage awareness:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/green-life/curiosita-ecosostenibili/arte-crisi-acqua-water-tank-093/>

**Private public spaces in NYC:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/architettura/progetti/nel-mondo/spazi-pops-new-york-078/>

**Cycling road on abandoned road track:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/architettura/del-paesaggio/rigenerazione-urbana-pista-ciclabile-063/>

**Food, sustainability and design:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/green-life/curiosita-ecosostenibili/cibo-sostenibilita-design-cucina-056/>

**Sustainability and slow living:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/architettura/progetti/in-italia/bioarchitettura-slow-living-casa-997/>

**Sustainable development of Medellin:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/green-life/curiosita-ecosostenibili/rinascita-citta-sostenibilita-990/>

**Houses underneath:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/architettura/criteri-progettuali/case-ipogee-vantaggi-943/>

**Hemp lime:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/materiali/altri/calce-canapa-edilizia-trulli-939/>

**Sustainable technique for the reclamation of polluted land:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/green-life/curiosita-ecosostenibili/tecniche-bonifica-terreni-900/>

**Blue economy and architecture:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/architettura/criteri-progettuali/animali-insetti-architetture-efficienti-887/>

**Houses form plastic bottles:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/materiali/plastica/case-bottiglie-ecologiche-868/>

**How to live without fridge:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/design/arredamento/senza-frigo-progetti-cibo-853/>

**Iranian wind tower:**

<https://www.architetturaecosostenibile.it/architettura/criteri-progettuali/torri-vento-sistemi-raffrescamento-833/>

## PUBLISHED BOOKS AND FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

**“Dolce Vegan”** is a cookery book about vegan dessert, and a general manifesto about a political approach to food. Published by Kolektif Kitap, February 2018.

**“Josephine. A pathway to freedom”** an illustrated book about a woman who fights for her freedom. I both illustrated the book and wrote the story. Published by Dixi Books, May 2018.

**“Sororize. A diary from beyond”** is a collection of short stories with illustrations. I both made the illustrations and wrote the text. Expected to be published by Dixi Books.

**“Ecological Community”** a children book about ecological life, for which I did the illustrations. The publisher Yeni Insan has published the book in Turkish, and it has been published in English by Dixi Books, in March 2018.



## BLOGS AND WEB PAGES

**Personal web page and updated blog:** [www.virginiaelenapatrone.com](http://www.virginiaelenapatrone.com)

«**Veganbul**», blog about vegan cooking: <http://veganbul.tumblr.com>

«**Luna emotional Colour**», photo blog: <http://luna-emotionalcolour.tumblr.com>

«**A la recherché d'un équilibre**», travel blog (not updated):  
<http://rossanafragola.blogspot.com.tr>

**Flickr page:** <https://www.flickr.com/photos/30450528@N06/> (not updated)

«**Espressione**», blog for personal inspiration: <http://espressione.tumblr.com>

«**White Green**», blog about eco friendly products and other items me make:  
<http://bianco-e-verde.tumblr.com> (not updated)

## PROFESSOR ASSISTANT

2012 - Assistant of the professor Peter Gotsch, at university of Applied Sciences, Frankfurt am Main.

## FORMER COLLABORATIONS AT ARCHTECT OFFICES (SELECTIONS)

2010-2011 - "Bigi e Carità" Architecture firm, Genoa - Italy.

2009 - Internship at the cultural association "Storie di barche", Genoa - Italy.

2008 - Nautical Manual Translation for private company.

2008 - Professional Internship at PYD Office, Verona - Italy.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

2009 - Gap year in New Zealand, Auckland.

1995/ 2008 - Professional water-polo player for various teams in Italy.

# ART RESUME

## EXHIBITIONS

April- May 2017 - Collective exposition: «Anomali» - Illustration Festival 2017.  
Location: 'Cibrario, Illustrated Book Shop', Aqiu Terme (AL), Italy.

September 2015 - Collective exposition: «C'è occhio e occhio».  
Starting location: 'Il Gabbiano - Contemporary Art Gallery', La Spezia, Italy.

September 2015 - Internet Exhibition: «The snail mail project» at  
<http://thesnailmailletterproject.tumblr.com>

September 2015 - Collective exposition: «Light matters».  
Starting location: 'ATELIER97 Contemporary Art Gallery', La Spezia, Italy.

October 2014 - Collective exposition: «Artistamp».  
Location: 'Il gabbiano' art gallery, La Spezia, Italy.

November 2010 - Collective painting exposition: « La favola e il Sogno».  
Sanremo, Imperia. Italy.

November 2012 - Personal exposition «Benvenuti nel mio inverno», painting and  
photography. Location: 'Arte e Acconciature' Chiavari, Genoa. Italy.

## COMPETITIONS

February 2018 - «Let's Dance», illustration competition offered by Le Vanvere  
Collective and Ludicomix Comitee, Empoli, Italy.

March 2017 - «Zoo», illustration competition offered by Le Vanvere Collective and  
Ludicomix Comitee, Empoli, Italy.

February 2017 - «Application for the artist in residence 2018», art competition offered  
by Nordisk Kunstnarsenter Dale, Norway.

Novembre 2016 - «I problem tra corpo e mente», short story competition offered by  
the Erede Foundation, Genoa, Italy.

June 2016 - «Il vaso di Pandora», short story published on the Web page/ Blog: 'Fuori  
Logo: una mamma, una donna, una lesbica'.

September 2014 - «Il colore delle donne», short story competition offered by the  
printing house AnakeLab.

March 2014 - «RestartApp», competition for developing the area of the Appenino  
Ligure, Genoa. Italy.

October 2013 - «Flexible city», photo competition.  
<http://theflexiblecity.org/the-flexible-city-photo-competition-winners>

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### *Speeches and conferences*

November 21<sup>th</sup> 2018 - Presentation of the book *Dolce Vegan* during the Week of Italian Cuisine organized by the Italian General Consulate of Istanbul.

June 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 - Workshop and presentation of the book *Dolce Vegan, Yaşam Vegan Kafe*, Izmir.

June 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 – Zero Waste Speech, Kokopelli Şehirde, Istanbul

May 19<sup>th</sup> 2018 – Vegan Desert Workshop, Barınak Kafe, Çanakkale

April 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 - Another waste is possible, Barınak Kafe, Çanakkale

February 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 - *Dolce Vegan*, presentation of the book. I gave the speech: “Adil bir mutfak için tatlı bir başlangıç” (The sweet taste of a fair kitchen), Lit Karaköy, Istanbul.

### *Sustainable Architecture*

September 2016 - Workshop in sustainable and intuitive architecture.

I participate to a specific workshop to learn about earth bricks and earth construction. We build a small house near Istanbul. Other than the earth brick techniques I learnt about building with other natural materials like earth bags, straw bale, and how to make natural plasters, straw bale and wood roofing, and other different details about building with natural materials.

July 2015 - Workshop about constructions made with sustainable material and techniques.

I participate to the workshop ‘Introduction to natural building and intuitive architecture’ and I learn the basis of build with natural material (planning with natural materials, earth bags and straw bales constructions, natural plasters among other techniques)

### *Culture*

November 2015 - Broadcast of the document “Another world”.

I organized the official broadcasting of the documentary ‘Another World’ from the Italian director Thomas Torelli, at Hush Art Gallery in Kadıköy/ Istanbul.

*Sustainable Design*

July 2015 - Participation at Design Pop Up.

I participate to Pop-Up Kadıköy/ Istanbul, with my brand 'White Green' of Handmade Ecological products.

2014 - 2015 - CEO of the brand 'White Green' of Handmade Ecological products.