

SIMONE LEONE

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EDUCATION

Key academic degrees

- 2027** Ph.D. Philosophy, Science, Cognition & Semiotics, XL cycle, University of Bologna
- 2025** M.Sc. Education for Sustainable development, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.
- 2017** M.A. Modern Philology (*summa cum laude*), University of Bologna, Italy
- 2014** B.A. Classics, Literature & Humanities (*106/110, strong 2:1*), University of Bologna, Italy.

Postgraduate diplomas

- 2024** PGDip The CLIL methodology, Università degli Studi eCampus, Italy.
- 2020** PGDip Psycho-anthropological theory and practice for educational planning (*distinction*), University for foreigners Dante Alighieri, Reggio Calabria, Italy.

Postgraduate certificates in Education with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)

- 2024** PGCE Secondary Literary disciplines & Humanities (*9/10*), University of Bologna, Italy.
- 2018** PGCE Secondary Latin and Classics (*merit*), University of Sussex, UK.

Advanced non-academic training courses

- 2019** Project Manager - Digital Marketing and Communication, (*pass*; pass/fail only), E.N.F.A.P. under the patronage of Emilia-Romagna Region, Italy (Level 7 EQF).

Summer Schools and Short-Term Courses (in-person & online)

- Queering the Schoolhouse: LGBTQ+ Inclusion for Educators, University of Colorado, USA.
- Bullying&Cyberbullying: understanding, assessment, and guidelines for school prevention' (8hrs);
- 2024** 'Universal prevention pathways' (7hrs); 'Cyberbullying: legal aspects' (3hrs); 'Indicated prevention pathways' (7hrs); 'Prejudice-based bullying' (4hrs), University of Florence and Ministry of Education and Merit, Italy.
- 2023** Leadership for Gender Equality (5-week online course), British Council, Cyprus.
- Philosophical Practice for Sustainable Development (1 ECTS, 25hrs), CRIF (Italian Research Centre
- 2021** for Philosophical Inquiry), Italy.
- Global Education for Teachers (3-week online course), University College London, UK.
- 2020** Fundamentals of Digital Marketing, Google Digital Training.
- 2018** Classical Greek (7.5 ECTS, 3-week crash course), *merit*, King's College London, UK.
- 2012** Medieval Archaeology (2-week excavation campaign), University of Sassari, Italy.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2024** QTS, Qualified Teacher Status, Ministry of Education and Merit, Italy.
- 2019** Project Manager, Emilia-Romagna Region, Italy.
- 2018** QTS, Qualified Teacher Status, Department for Education, UK.

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Global Citizenship Education, Education for Sustainable Development, Sociology of Education; Human, Civil and LGBTQIA+ rights; Gender and Queer studies; Development studies; Critical Animal Studies and Pedagogy; Interspecies Sustainability.

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, & FUNDING

- Three-year Ph.D. scholarship (40th cycle), funded by the Emilia-Romagna Region, Italy, for research training projects on "Sustainability and resilience of society, communities, and territories" (€54.000)
- 2024** Stronger Together: Leadership for Gender Equality Grant, British Council (€1.300)
- 2017** PGCE bursary, Department for Education (DfE), UK (£25.000)
- 2016** Erasmus+ scholarship to work at the Italian Institute of Culture, Dublin, University of Bologna (€1.500)
- 2014** Erasmus+ scholarship to study at the University of Edinburgh, University of Siena (renounced).

SECONDARY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

I.C. L. Battaglia, Fusignano, state-funded lower secondary school.

Class Teacher

Sept 2024 - June 2025

Subjects taught: Humanities (history & geography); Global Citizenship.

CIOFS-FP, Imola, professional training, guidance, and job placement organization for young people and adults.

Class Teacher

Sept 2024 - June 2025

Subjects taught: Italian, History and Global Citizenship

I.C. C. Bassi, Castel Bolognese, state-funded lower secondary school.

SEND and Global Citizenship Teacher

Sept 2023 – June 2024

I.C. F. Foresti, Conselice, state-funded lower secondary school.

Class Teacher

Sept 2020 – Aug 2023

Subjects taught: Italian language and literature; Classical Civilisation (Myths, Homer and Virgil); Humanities (history & geography); Global Citizenship; Italian as a second language.

Additional roles: Class coordinator and Faculty board coordinator, guiding Year 7, 8, and 9 students; School (Cyber)bullying and Emergency representative, with a focus on LGBTQIA+.

Inlingua Language School, Imola, private sector language school

Language instructor & Sworn translator

Nov 2018 – July 2021

Subjects taught: English as a foreign language (general, business, and standardized exam preparation courses - IELTS & Cambridge); Italian as a second language (CELI). Legal and business translations services ITA-ENG and vice versa.

Local state-funded lower secondary schools

Supply Class Teacher

Sept 2018 – June 2020

Subjects taught: Italian language and literature; Classical Civilisation; Humanities (history & geography).

Patcham High School, Brighton (state sector) and *Bede's senior & preparatory School*, Eastbourne, (private sector)

Trainee Class Teacher (PGCE)

Sept 2017 – July 2018

Subject taught: Latin (Common Entrance to A-Level); Classical Civilisation (Common Entrance to GCSE); Italian (up to A-level); History (GCSE).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & INTERNSHIPS

Bacchilega Junior Publishing, Imola

Copywriter and Social media manager - internship, unpaid

Jan – Apr 2019

Duties: Publishing of marketing campaigns; Strategic copywriting; Social media management; Translations services (ENG-ITA and vice versa). Helped organize and plan the participation for the Bologna Children's Book Fair 2019.

Italian Institute of Culture, Dublin, Ireland

Social media manager and Admin support specialist - Erasmus + traineeship

Jan – Apr 2017

Duties: Teaching (speaking sessions); Management of library loans and membership; Social media management; Administrative and logistical support for cultural events; Press Review (research, printing, and archiving of articles); Translation services (ENG-ITA and vice versa).

Il Nuovo Diario Messaggero, Imola

Journalist and publishing editor - university internship, unpaid

Jan – Apr 2013

Writing cultural and sports articles; Conducting interviews; Web page editing.

Diffusione Sport and Solovolley, Imola

Volleyball coach and mentor

Sep 2009 – Jun 2013

Coaching and mentoring of volleyball teams (10/16-year-old girls); Responsible for physical and technical preparation of the team; Planning and organization of training sessions, matches and away games.

LANGUAGES

Italian - Native

English - Advanced proficiency (IELTS – July 2016: 7.5 overall; S: 7; W: 7; R: 7.5; L: 7.5)

Latin - Reading and Translation proficiency

References available on request