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GENERAL INFORMATION

Academic Curriculum

1976, **Degree in Architecture** at the University of Reggio Calabria with full marks, with a thesis on *Urban development and housing issues in the South of Italy: the case of Messina*.

1978- 1981 **Scholar** at the Institute of Urban Planning, Faculty of Architecture of Reggio Calabria under the direction of prof. F. Karrer.

1981-1992. **Researcher** at the Faculty of Architecture of the University of Reggio Calabria.

1985-1986. **Scholar of LASPAU** (Latin American Scholarship Program of American Universities) and for a year and is a visiting scholar at the *University of California at Berkeley, College of Environmental Design*, where he conducts researches on the role of spatial planning in the prevention of seismic risk at the *Center of Environmental Design Research - Department of City and Regional Planning*, under the direction of Prof. Henry J. Lagorio.

1992-2004. **Associate Professor** of Urban Planning at the University Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria, Faculty of Architecture.

2008 to the present. **Full Professor** of "Urban Planning" at the University Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria

Assignments and academic awards

Prof. Fera is the director and scientific coordinator of the **Community Design Laboratory (LabProCom)**, a research facility of the University of Reggio Calabria, created in collaboration with the Universities of Messina and Florence. The LabProCom conducts research and training activities on the topic of interactive and participatory planning and design and promotes the spread, within the society, of a culture of participation and community planning, even supporting activities and giving assistance to municipalities and local communities.

He has also been:

1998 - 2003 Scientific Coordinator of the Laboratory for Environmental and Urban Sustainability, established at the



Department of Environmental and territorial Sciences of the University of Reggio Calabria.

1999 - 2003 Chairman of the **Master Degree Course** in *Territorial, Urban and Environmental Planning (PTUA)* at the University of Reggio Calabria.

April-May 2001; February-May 2003 Director of the Training Course: *The sustainable city of boys and girls: planning instruments and participatory planning*, course organized under the patronage of the *Istituto degli Innocenti* in Florence and in collaboration with the Institute of Architecture in Venice and the Faculty of Architecture of Florence.

From 2006 to 2010 Vice - Director of the Department OASI (Department of Landscape and environmental planning) at the Mediterranea University of Reggio Calabria.

From 2006 to 2011, Coordinator and Scientific Director of the **Research Centre "Mitiga – Mediterranean Centre of Research for the mitigation of natural and environmental hazards"** established at the University Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria.

Member of the "Board of Teachers" of the following PhD programs:

- PhD in Architecture, curriculum in Landscape design, University of Reggio Calabria, 2008-2013.
- Architecture of parks, gardens and territory at the department OASI -University of Reggio Calabria from 2003 to 2008;
- Urban and regional planning, Department of Environmental and Territorial Sciences at the University of Reggio Calabria;
- Spatial Planning and Urban Development, Department of Urban Planning, University of Palermo

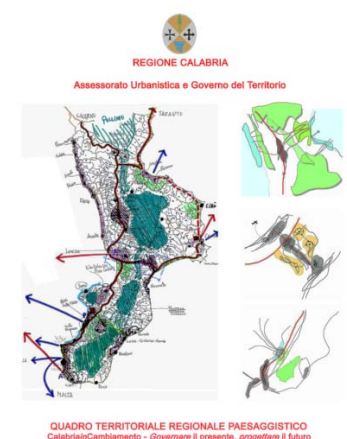
Other assignments and awards

1988-89, Vice president of **Europa viva**, an association of the **Council of Europe**, whose purpose is to conduct studies and promotional activities in the field of environmental protection and rural areas in Europe;

2007-2010 Regione Calabria, Department of Planning, Member of the **Technical and Scientific Board** for the drawing up of the *Territorial Regional Plan (QTR)* of the Calabria Region.

2005 - 2006, Consultant of Regione Calabria, Department of Planning and member of the Commission for the preparation of the *Guidelines of the regional planning*.

2004 – 2008, Member of the **Board of the Association of**



Architects and Planners of the province of Messina, and Co-ordinator and chief editor of the *Quarterly Journal of the Association*.

1987 – 1994, President of **Meridione- Ambiente**, a research institute on environmental and regional issues, based in Messina, with whom he has performed cultural activities, promoting the establishment of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students, organizing conferences , seminars and research activities, in collaboration and with the support of the Council of Europe, the CNR and the FORMEZ.

1995 – 2000, Member of the Commission for the implementation of the *Geographic Information System of the Province of Agrigento*, as an expert in land use planning.

200, Representative of the Regione Sicilia in the *National Commission of the Ministry of Infrastructures and Public Works*, for the evaluation of projects related to PRUSST (Programs for urban regeneration and sustainable development of the territory).

1999-2000, Consultant of the Regione Calabria for the implementation of the *Seismic National Emergency Plan*.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES.

Teaching at foreign universities

March 2005; March 2006; April 2008. Buenos Aires, **Facultad de Arquitectura y Diseño Urbano, Universidad de Buenos Aires**, Lecturer at the International Workshop Abitazone: *Design and strategies for integrated planning and sustainable development*.

2004, **Athens, Harokopio University**, Department of Geography, Professor at the European course of Erasmus Intensive Program, “*Strategic Spatial Planning. Impact of mega events on metropolitan economies and societies: the Olympic games in Athens*”

1997-1999, **European Advanced Course: European Heritage Planning and Management**, involving the Universities of Reggio Calabria, Groningen (Faculty of Spatial Sciences); Lisbon (Dept. of Geography); Coleraine (University of Ulster, Dept. of Geography); Zaragoza (Department of Art History); Nantes (Department of Geography and Management); Plymouth (Heritage Department).



Teaching activities at the Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE

1990-92 Analysis of urban structures II, Master Degree in Urban and Environmental Planning (PTUA).
1992-1995, Theories of Urban Design, PTUA
1993-94, Urban Design, Master of Science in Architecture (ARCH.)
1995-2000, Laboratory of Urban Planning, PTUA.
1995-1998, Urban Planning, ARCH.
2001-2003, Laboratory of Geographic Information Systems, PTUA
2003-2004, Urban Management, ARCH.
2005-2009, Fundamentals of Urban Planning, Degree in Construction and Management of Architecture (CEGA).
2008-2010, Urban Design, ARCH.
2010-2013, Urban Planning, ARCH.

DEPARTMENT 'OF ENGINEERING

2008-10, Course OF Urban Planning and Design, Master of Science in Environmental Engineering.

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE AND TERRITORY

2013 to the present, Urban Planning and Design, Master Degree in Architecture.

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

The leading philosophy in the activity as a scholar and researcher has certainly been to privilege those issues that were most relevant to the territorial, economic and social development of the regions of the South of Italy, the context in which the undersigned lives and works. This belief and this choice does not, however, have meant a fall-back into localism, but rather a constant attention and comparison with similar national and international experiences.

Participatory planning and community design.

Currently the main theme on which prof. Fera is focusing his studies and researches is represented by participatory planning as

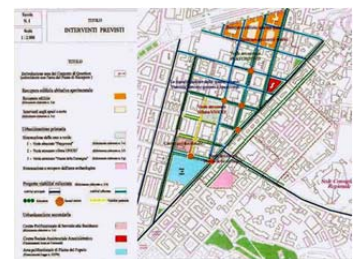
a tool for the creation and development of local communities. On this issue he founded in 2012 the LabProCom (Community Planning Workshop) a research facility at the University of Reggio Calabria, created in collaboration with the Universities of Messina and Florence. The LabProCom conducts research and training activities on the topic of interactive and participatory planning - design and promotes the spread of a culture of participation and community planning through support and assistance to municipalities and local communities. Within this overall objective, the workshop aims to:

- develop research in the field of techniques and methods of sustainable and participatory planning, with reference to the use of information technology;
- enable training courses for technical experts and facilitators;
- experiment the most effective and appropriate forms of dissemination and transmission of information and knowledge, to promote a widespread culture of participation and sustainable development;

- assisting local communities and institutions in the development of forms of participatory planning and design;
- promote at a community level the making of structures of participation such as permanent Urban centers and Laboratories;
- build a network of relationships with other centers of education and research at national and international level and to strengthen the existing ones.

Currently the LabProCom is collaborating with the City of Messina for the creation of a permanent Urban Laboratory (UrbanLamMe) and is now helping the local Department of Land management and planning in the drafting of the new General Plan, through a series of thematic workshops on the themes of the Messina's landscape, territory and environment, where citizens, companies, associations, public institutions, etc.. are invited to participate.

In past years, prof. Fera has developed experiences of community and participatory planning in several municipalities in Calabria and Sicily, related to *Local Agenda 21* (municipalities of Reggio Calabria and Vizzini) and the *Contratti di Quartiere*, a program for urban regeneration of the National Ministry of Infrastructures and housing, (municipalities of Reggio Calabria, Siderno, Palmi, Rosarno, Vizzini, Melito Porto Salvo, Villa S. Giovanni, Cinquefrondi, Campo Calabro, Cittanova, Paola). In particular, the project designed for the Laboratory of the Tremulini- Borrace District in Reggio Calabria was launched in collaboration with the 'municipal Administration, and won the competition to obtain the funding from the Ministry.



Planning for mitigation of seismic risk.

Professor Fera began the study of urban policies aimed at the prevention and mitigation of seismic risk in 1985-86 at the Center of Environmental Design Research, University of California at Berkeley, under the direction of prof. H.J. Lagorio and at the Bay Area Regional Earthquake Preparedness Program in Oakland. On this subject professor Fera has collaborated with leading Italian research centers, and in particular with the National Group by Earthquakes Defense (GNDT), the National Seismological Service (SSN), the National Department of Civil Protection. He has also worked in different ways with numerous public bodies, including the Calabria Region, the Province of Reggio Calabria, the Province and the city of Messina, etc..

The production of writings on the subject is quite extensive and includes two books, a Dossier edited for Urbanistica, the main Planning magazine in Italy, articles, essays, papers presented in international conferences (in Japan, the Netherlands, Great Britain). A brief list of the main research activities includes:

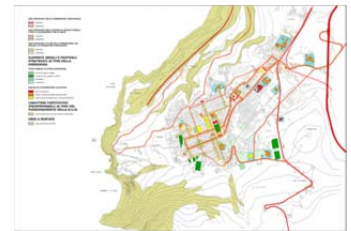
1985-1986. Research program LASPAU, Planning for earthquake and geological hazards mitigation: methodologies and techniques for evaluating urban scale vulnerability; Center for Environmental Design Research, University of California at Berkeley.

1988-1990. CNR-GNDT (National Research Council – National Group by Earthquake Defense), Research program “Exposition, Vulnerability and Risk in a large urban area with strong functional presences: the case of Messina.

1994-1997. Agreement between the University of Reggio Calabria and the City of Messina, Plan for the reduction of seismic risk and environmental and civil protection. A brief summary of the work is contained in the Dossier Earthquakes and Planning, edited for the n° 110/1998 of “Urbanistica”.

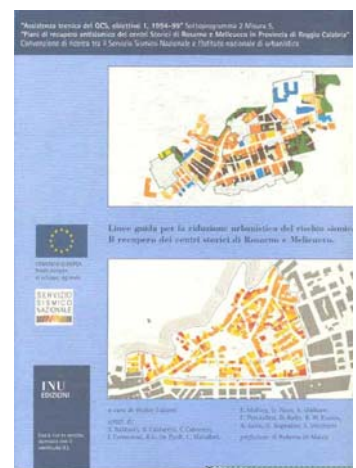
1998-2001. Research project - POP Calabria 1994 - 1999 Sub-4, Measure 4.4. Area Specification: Protection of the Environment and Territory. Priority Actions: Methodologies and Tools for Urban Renewal. Title of research : Regeneration of historical centers through the reduction of vulnerability.

2002 to 2003. Agreement between the Ente Parco d'Aspromonte and the University of Reggio Calabria, aimed at the preparation of studies and preliminary research for the Master plan of the park and a Programme of socio-economic development. Within this agreement a study of Seismic vulnerability of historic centers falling within the perimeter of the park, was developed.



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9. VILLAGGI ACCESSIBILI 	Indagine preliminare di esposizione e vulnerabilità.
10. MOBILITA' C. URBANO 	Indagine preliminare e modello funzionale della viabilità.
11. SCUOLA SICURA 	Censimento preliminare dei plessi scolastici.
12. SECURITY LINE 	Definizione obiettivi e strategia
13. AREE ATTREZZATE 	Definizione obiettivi e strategia
14. VILLAGGI AUTOSUFFIC. 	Definizione obiettivi e strategia



The planning of natural parks and the promotion of cultural heritage.

Another line of research started in the late 80s is the planning of parks and development policies associated with them. The aim was to focus the attention of the planning and policy intervention "over the border"; that is the areas around the core of the park, in which the human pressure is higher, helped by the prospect of development triggered by the park. A special attention was then turned to seek a proper balance between the seemingly antithetical reasons of conservation and development, focusing on the promotion of local traditional cultures: historical and artistic heritage, rural housing, manufacturing processes, traditional cultures, folklore, poetry, music, crafts, food, etc.. The main research activities have focused on:

1988 Council of Europe-European Campaign for the Countryside-Demonstration project "Nebrodi Park." The project, prepared in collaboration with Meridione Ambiente, a private research institute, of which the undersigned was president, was chosen by the Italian National Committee of the European Campaign for the Countryside, because its significance and interest, to represent Italy at the European Campaign and was presented at the final Colloquium of the Campaign itself, held in Lubeck from 10 to 16 October 1988.

1997-2000. Agreement between Regione Calabria – University of Reggio Calabria, Project of an eco-museum of the Hellenistic culture in the valley of the Amendolea river. The project's objective was to achieve the implementation of an eco-museum of culture in the valley Gracianica dell'Amendolea (municipalities of Bova, Roghudi, Galliciano) prepared in collaboration with the Regione and the involved municipalities.

The theme of eco-museums is also the subject of the Master of European Heritage Planning and Management.

Informal settlements and policies to support self-help housing.

In the early 80s Professor Fera developed the study of the characteristics and causes of informal urbanization processes,

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analyzing in particular the different phenomena that coexist within it (self-construction, illegal business, self-promotion, etc.). On this topic has also developed a line of research related to intervention policies for the control and the upgrading of informal settlements, both in terms of urban plans and production of “facilitated building technologies”, with particular reference to the Site and services policies, implemented and funded in the Third World Countries by the World Bank.

On the issue of the development of informal urbanization professor Fera published one monography, in collaboration with Nella Ginatempo, professor of Urban Sociology, published by Franco Angeli, “The Informal Housing in Southern Italy”

The theme of the policies for assisted self-help housing has also been the subject of several workshops that were held in Buenos Aires as part of the project Abitazone at the Facultad de Arquitectura and Urbanismo (FADU), whose theme was precisely the recovery and upgrading of “Villas miseria” in Buenos Aires.

Other research activities.

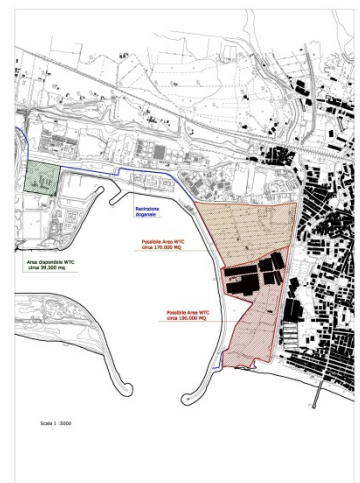
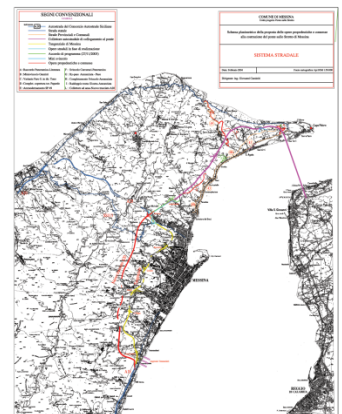
2005, coordinator of the Research Group on “The metropolitan area of the Strait of Messina and the Bridge: land use, urban planning, tools and perspectives”. The research was part of an agreement between the University and Impregilo, the Contractors for the construction of the Bridge.

2005- 2007 European Union - VI Framework Programme for Research and Innovation: DEMOLOGOS (Development Models and Logics of socioeconomics Organisation in Space). Research Unit at the Department OASI University of Reggio Calabria: The government of territorial transformation between continuity and change in Reggio Calabria (Head of the Research Unit Professor Flavia Martinelli) Research Group: Urban development, planning and projects in Reggio Calabria.

2006 Agreement with the Municipality of Reggio Calabria: Executive Program of Local Agenda 21: "Survey on the condition of public space and green areas in Reggio Calabria".

2009 – 2012, Nationally funded Research of Ministry of Education; "Regeneration of tracks and marginal urban fabrics. Methods, tools, and design strategies for new forms of sustainable living. Case-study: Gioia Tauro and its Port.", National Coordinator Prof. Gianfranco Neri.

2012- 2013 Agreement between the University Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria-and Regione Calabria, “Feasibility study for the World Trade Center in the port of Gioia Tauro, a study funded by the European Union, POR Calabria Fers 2007-13.



PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY AND CONSULTING

2004 – 2010, PRG (General Mandatory Plan) of the City of Vizzini (Province of Catania).

2005 – 2012, Executive Plan for the Historical Centre of the City of Vizzini.

2005- 2009, PRG (General Mandatory Plan) of the City of Licodia Eubea (Province of Catania)

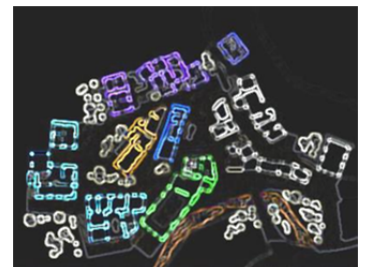
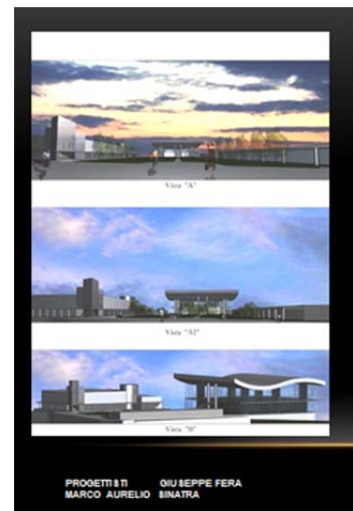
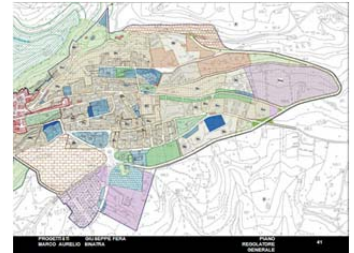
2006 – 2010, Executive Plan for the Historical Centre of the City of Licodia Eubea

Plan for seismic upgrading of the historical center of the city of Rosarno, and winner of the National Competition organized by the National Seismological Service and the INU (National Institute for Urban Planning).

1998-1999. Executive plan for the recovery of the Old Village “Cunziria” and the improvement of its Landscape, in the Town of Vizzini.

1998-1999. Province of Reggio Calabria: Prediction and mitigation plan of the environmental risks. In May 1998, he coordinated the Working Group who won the competition held by the Province of Reggio Calabria in the preparation of hazard map of the province. The work was completed in July 1999.

1990-1994. Coordinator of the working group for the Executive plan for the Regeneration of the area of the Giostra neighborhood, in Messina. The plan has been exposed to III Rassegna urbanistica nazionale, organized by the National Institute of Urban Planning (INU) in September 1994 and, because of its particular interest, has been discussed in a Seminar organized within the Rassegna.

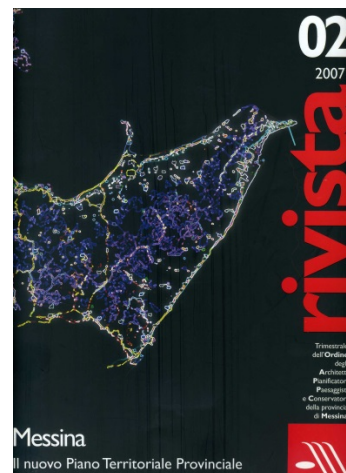


BOOKS, ARTICLES, ESSAYS

2012 ad oggi, Scientific coordinator of the editorial series “*Città, Paesaggi, Territori*” published in Milan by *Franco Angeli* and coordinator of the Scientific Board composed by the professors Stefano Garano, Giuseppe Imbesi, Francesco Lo Piccolo, Flavia Martinelli

2008-2010, Director of the magazine *Rivista Trimestrale dell’Ordine degli Architetti* della Provincia di Messina.

1992-1995, Member of the Scientific board of *Città e Territorio*, magazine edited by the Comune di Messina.



AUTHOR OF THE FOLLOWING BOOKS

2008, *Comunità, Urbanistica, Partecipazione. Materiali per una pianificazione strategica comunitaria*, F. Angeli ed., Milano.

2002, *Urbanistica, teorie e storia*, Gangemi editore, Roma

2001 *Guida per l’accesso ai fondi di Agenda 2000* (in coll. Con M. Sinatra), Confederazione nazionale dell’Artigianato, Roma 2001.

1990, *La città antisismica; storia, metodologie, prospettive*, Gangemi editore, Reggio Calabria- Roma.

1990, *Pianificazione territoriale e mitigazione del rischio sismico negli Stati Uniti*, Collana del Dipartimento di Pianificazione territoriale ed urbanistica, Università di Roma, edizioni DEI (in coll. con l’ing. Aldo Riggio).

1985, *L’autocostruzione spontanea nel Mezzogiorno*, F. Angeli, Milano (in coll. con N. Ginatempo).

1982, *Autocostruzione: marginalità o proposta*, Casa del Libro, Reggio Calabria (in coll. con N. Ginatempo).

1977, *Urbanizzazione e settore edilizio nel Mezzogiorno*, Casa del Libro, Reggio Calabria (con A. Busca, D. De Stefano, F. Karrer)



EDITOR OF THE FOLLOWING BOOKS

2003, *I bambini e la città: strumenti urbanistici e progettazione partecipata* (curatore del volume in coll. con Elisa Mazza e Raffaella Anzaldo); Ilirici editore, Reggio Calabria. Autore del saggio: “Città sostenibile ed interessi speciali”.



2007, *Da villas miseria a comunità urbane. La riqualificazione degli insediamenti marginali a Buenos Aires* (with Berardo Dujovne e Francesco Morabito, Ikopolis ed., Reggio Calabria. Autore del saggio “La riqualificazione degli insediamenti informali”

2012, *Pianificazione territoriale paesaggistica e sostenibilità dello sviluppo. Studi per il Quadro Territoriale Regionale della Calabria*, Franco Angeli editore, Milano (with A. Ziparo).

ARTICLES IN MAGAZINES (from 1990)

1992, "Recupero della periferia e qualità urbana", in *Città e Territorio*, n° 2;

1992, “Messina: prevenzione antisismica e pianificazione territoriale”, in *Città e Territorio*, n° 3-4;

1993, "Il piano particolareggiato di Risanamento di Giostra-Ritiro-Tremonti", in *Città e Territorio*;

1994, "Il parco dei Nebrodi; uno sviluppo con tutela", in *Urbanistica informazioni*, n° 137.

1995, "La città sicura", in *Urbanistica informazioni*, n° 144

1996, “Quale area metropolitana?”, in *Città e Territorio*, n° 1;

1999, Dossier “*Terremoti e pianificazione*”, autore del saggio “Prevenzione del rischio sismico e protezione civile”, in *Urbanistica* n° 110.

2000, Dossier sul Contratto di Quartiere a Reggio Calabria e autore del saggio “Riqualificazione urbana: il ruolo della partecipazione”, in *Controspazio*, n° 3.

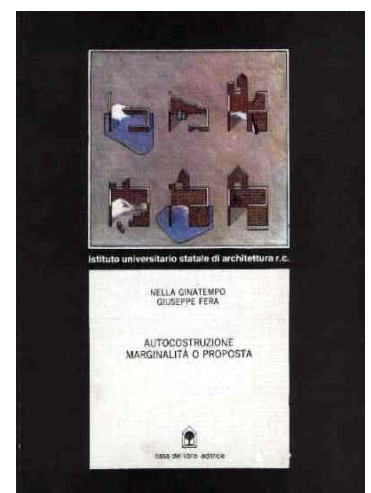
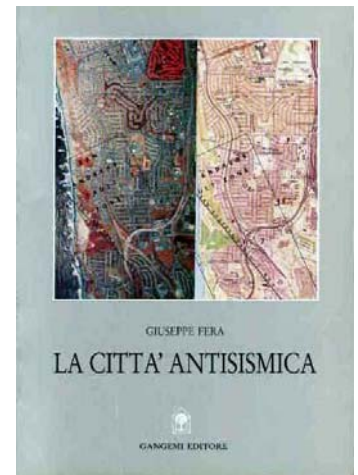
2007, “Messina, il nuovo polo giudiziario”, in *Rivista trimestrale dell’Ordine degli Architetti P.P.C. Messina*, n° 1.

2007, “Il Piano territoriale provinciale di Messina”, in *Rivista trimestrale dell’Ordine degli Architetti P.P.C. Messina*, n° 2.

2007, “Attraverso e lungo lo Stretto: il Prg del porto”, in *Rivista trimestrale dell’Ordine degli Architetti P.P.C. Messina*, n° 3.

2008, “La pianificazione strutturale in Calabria: qualche riflessione”, in *Urbanistica* n° 136.

2008, “Quel pasticciaccio brutto della ZPS”, in *Rivista trimestrale*



dell'Ordine degli Architetti P.P.C. Messina, n° 4.

2010, "Messina ed i terremoti: dalla ricostruzione alla prevenzione" in *Rivista trimestrale dell'Ordine degli Architetti P.P.C. Messina*, n° 5/6.

2011, "Francesco Cardullo, Architettura e città. Scritti su Messina", *Rivista dell'Ordine degli Architetti della provincia di Messina*, n° 7.

2012, "Urban Space: a True European Heritage", in *Futuroipa a Council of Europe magazine*, vol. III.

2013, "Gioia Tauro: the Harbour without a city port", in *Portusplus*, vol 26 (con Rosa De Paoli)

2014, "Governance e partenariato nei programmi di rigenerazione urbana", in *Rivista dell'Ordine degli architetti della provincia di Messina*, n° 10.

ESSAYS AND PAPERS (from 1990)

1990, "Messina 1988: prevenzione dei terremoti e pianificazione urbanistica" in F. Battisti (a cura di), *La città e l'emergenza*, F. Angeli, Milano

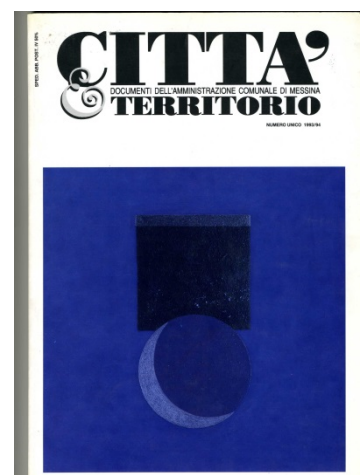
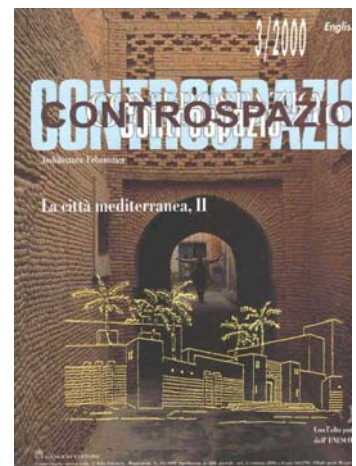
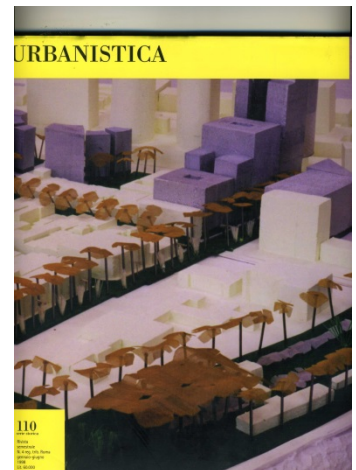
1990, "Problematiche di formazione ed informazione: il ruolo degli Enti locali" in AA.VV, *La protezione civile; strategie e soggetti*, atti del convegno, edizione a cura del Volontariato Siciliano per la Protezione civile, Messina

1990, "Esposizione, vulnerabilità e rischio in un comune di grandi dimensioni e con forti presenze funzionali; il caso di Messina", in *Atti del convegno nazionale CNR-GNDT*, Pisa 27-29 giugno 1990.

1994, "Valutazioni per la città antisismica", in E.D. Sanfilippo, P. La Greca (a cura di), *Piano e progetto nelle aree a rischio sismico*, Atti del Convegno internazionale promosso dal DAU dell'Università di Catania, Gangemi editore, Roma.

1994, "Pianificazione territoriale e prevenzione del rischio sismico", in AA.VV. *Dall' emergenza alla programmazione*, atti del ciclo di seminari, Messina.

1994, "Recupero e riabilitazione dei centri storici e del patrimonio edilizio rurale", in AA.VV. *Il parco del popolo dei Nebrodi*, Atti del Convegno, Editore Troina dalla Diocesi di Patti, 1994



1996, "Il parco dei Nebrodi: sviluppo economico e tutela ambientale", in M. Vendittelli (a cura di), *Parchi e sviluppo*, Edizione a cura del DiSAT, Gangemi ed., Roma.

1996, "Dallo zoning alla compatibilità ambientale", in AA.VV. *Verso una nuova forma di piano*, Icaro n°7, Dipartimento Analisi e progetto della Città mediterranea, Reggio Calabria.

1997, "Earthquake risk reduction planning in Messina". in: ISOCARP- JAPA, *Proceedings of the World Planning Congress on Risk assessment and Management: Planning for an uncertain Future*, Ogaki, Japan, 1997)

1998, "Partecipazione, negoziazione e processi di piano", in M. Di Rosa, F. Lo Piccolo, F. Schilleci, F. Trapani (a cura di), *Come se ci fossero le stelle*, Cuen ed., Napoli.

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