

CV Personal Information and Professional Profile

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LANGUAGES AND OTHER SKILLS

- **Native Language(s):** Italian
- **Other Languages:**
 - **English:** Fluent (C1)
 - **French:** Professional (B2/C1)
 - **Spanish:** Professional (B2)
 - **German:** Basic

EDUCATION

- **08/11/2017 - 27/10/2022:** PhD, Doctorate School IUAV of Venice, Italy. Discipline: Architecture, city and design (Public Policies and territorial Planning, ICAR 20 - 21).
- **01/09/2011 - 24/04/2014:** M.Sc., University IUAV of Venice, Italy. Discipline: Planning and Policies for cities, environment, and landscapes (ICAR 20 - 21, LM48).
- **10/11/2007 - 20/10/2010:** M.A., ALMA MATER STUDIORUM University of Bologna, Italy. Discipline: International Relations (Faculty of Political Science, SP60).
- **01/09/2003 - 20/11/2007:** B.A., ALMA MATER STUDIORUM University of Bologna, Italy. Discipline: Human Rights and Cultures (Faculty of Political Science).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **01/09/2024 - Ongoing:** Marie Skłodowska - Curie EUTOPIA SIF Postdoctoral Fellow, [PLACES Lab](#) CY Paris University. Seconded to CASEs Group, UPF, Barcelona (6 months) and CIFOR - ICRAF Nairobi.
- **01/10/2020 - 31/07/2024:** Research & Innovation Project Manager (part - time), Cleopa GmbH, Germany. From 2022 to 2024: Principal Investigator for the 2BoSS project.
- **01/02/2024 - 31/08/2024:** Proposal Writer and Innovation Consultant, R2M Solutions.
- **15/12/2022 - 30/11/2023 and 01/01/2020 - 30/06/2020:** Author, Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, Milan.

CAREER BREAKS

- **08/11/2017 - 01/09/2018:** Maternity Leave.
- **01/07/2020 - 20/12/2020:** Maternity Leave.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles currently Under Peer - Review

- Manzini et al (Under peer review) The Global Biodiversity Framework must move toward relational and spiritual governance of biocultural landscapes in the Indo - Burma and Southeast Asian terrestrial ecoregions. *Ambio* (under peer review)
- Manzini, A., Cirelli V. Sadio, L. (Under peer review). Sacred groves as living ecosystems of epistemic resistance in Diola territories of Lower Casamance and Guinea Bissau. A comparative perspective on ecological conflicts in West Africa. *Journal of Peasant Studies*.

Books and Book Chapters under peer review

1. Manzini, A. Uimonen, P. Introduction to the first edition *Ecospiritual practices in African contexts*. Power dynamics, cultural change, and integrated landscape management. Palgrave Macmillan, London.
2. Manzini, A., *Spiritual landscapes along the inner African frontier from Madagascar to Senegal in Ecospiritual practices in African contexts*. Manzini, A, Uimonen, P., & Djoudi, H. (Eds.). (2026) Palgrave Macmillan. (Under peer review)
3. Sambou, C., & **Manzini, A.** (2026). Gnei - Gnei: Diola Kassa Cosmoecological principle for Sacred Forest Conservation ecospiritual practices. In Manzini, A., Uimonen, P., & Djoudi, H. (Eds.), *Ecospiritual practices in African contexts*. Palgrave Macmillan. (Under Peer Review)
4. Manzini, A. Ethnoarchaeology beyond dualism. In *Looking at things differently*. LEIZA. (Under peer Review)
5. Manzini, A. Uimonen, P., Doudji H., Pemunta, V. Phosiso S. *Ecospiritual practices in African contexts*. Power dynamics, cultural change and integrated landscape management. Palgrave Macmillan, London.
6. Pemunta V. Manzini, A. et al. Epilogue in Manzini, A. et al (Eds) *Ecospiritual practices in African contexts*. Power dynamics, cultural change and integrated landscape management. Palgrave Macmillan, London.
7. Navaporn S. Manzini, A. Haessgen J.M. Phatthanaphraiwan, S. Youth Media as a Mechanism to Interrogate and Nurture Indigenous Environmental Knowledge: Case Examples from Thailand, in Thorton and Bhagwat, Routledge Handbook of Indigeneous environmental knowledge second edition
8. Ormsby A. Manzini Mixed methods to assess sacred forest dynamics in Westa Africa in Routledge Handbook of Indigeneous environmental knowledge second edition
9. Manzini A. Spiritual landscapes features in socio ecosystem dynamics to interpret African transitions in Patassini, D. Manzini, A. Pietrobon E. (Eds) Routledge book: Rethinking African Urbanism: Practices, Roots and Planning Paradoxes

10. Patassini D., Manzini, A. Pietrobon E. Introduction to Rethinking African Urbanism: Practices, Roots and Planning Paradoxes
11. Manzini A., Cosmo - écologies et pratiques écospirituelles : une approche transdisciplinaire des relations humains - forêts. In Actes du Colloque "Forêts et sociétés : dialogues interdisciplinaires" Nature en Sociétés publication Muséum national d'histoire naturelle, Paris

Current Editorial work

- Patassini, D. Manzini, A. Pietrobon E. (Eds) Routledge book: Rethinking African Urbanism: Practices, Roots and Planning Paradoxes
- Manzini, A. Uimonen, P., Doudji H., Pemunta, V. Phosiso S. (Eds) Ecospiritual practices in African contexts. Power dynamics, cultural change, and integrated landscape management. Palgrave Macmillan, London. (Publication expected in October)
- Manzini A. Dynamics of transition in ecovillages of Senegal (still under evaluation Springer Nature)

Peer - Reviewed Journal Articles

1. **Manzini, A., et al., (2026).** Mixed methods to assess Sacred Forest management practices Guinea, Togo, Senegal and Benin case studies. *Environmental Science and Policy*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envsci.2026.104437>
2. **Manzini, A.,** Haenssger, M. J., & Auclair, E. (2026). Repenser One Health par les sciences sociales: savoirs locaux, patrimoine écologique et méthodes de recherche en action : Vers une approche intégrée, située et participative des interactions humain-animal-écosystème. *Développement durable et territoires*, 17(1).
3. Manzini A. Cosmoecology: a literature review and conceptual synthesis for transdisciplinary research lines [version 1; peer review: 1 approved, 1 approved with reservations]. Open Res Europe 2026, 6:105 (<https://doi.org/10.12688/openreseurope.22617.1>)
4. Biagetti, S., Cunningham, J., Falay, B., Kurcz, M., Lancelotti, C., Lugli, F., **Manzini, A.,** Mayor, A., Piezonka, H., & Zurro, D. (2026). *Ethnoarchaeology as a state of mind*. Manuscript under review at *EAZ Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.54799/RIXC6738>
5. Yu, J., Martynova, I., Briquellier, E., Carboni, M., Chenevier, P., Pezzin, G., Ren, Y., Dilshad, M., Li, Z., Vilkman, M., Guizani, C., Dolle, M., Blengini, G. A., Jacas, J., Arbiol, J., Cabot, A., & **Manzini, A. (2026).** "Batteries From Reused, Recycled, and Surplus Materials." *Advanced Sustainable Systems* 10, no. 7 (2026): e70554. <https://doi.org/10.1002/adsu.70554>
6. Kionga, D. D., Barret, T., Raaen, M., Vericel, L., Vanderbruggen, A., Pezzin, G., Blengini, G. A., **Manzini, A.,** Porcher, W., & Chenevier, P. (2026). Scaling up Si - C composite synthesis from recycled graphite for high - energy - density and low - environmental environmental - impact batteries. EES Batteries. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1039/D6EB00002A> (pubs.rsc.org)
7. **Manzini, A.,** Martynova, I., Yu, J., Bi, X., Jacas, J., Arbiol, J., Sun, Q., Zhang, C., & Cabot, A. (2026). Sulfur Cathodes for Next Generation Batteries. *Communication Materials*. Doi: 10.1038/s43246 - 026 - 01133 - w

8. **Manzini, A.,** et al. (2025). Adoption of next - generation batteries: a survey - based analysis of user and expert perspectives. *Mineral Economics*. DOI: [10.1007/s13563-025-00492-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s13563-025-00492-z)
9. **Manzini, A.,** Descroix, L., & Sadio, L. (2024). Peasant resistances value for global sustainability: three failed coastal grabs of metal mining projects in West Africa. *The Land Deal Politics Initiative (LDPI) Working Paper*. www.iss.nl/ldpi
10. **Manzini, A.,** & Madamidola, O. (2023). Shifting Imaginaries amidst the apocalyptic present: African Eco - fiction and cosmologies of connection. *Im@go. A Journal of the Social Imaginary*, XI (22), 247 - 272. DOI: 10.7413/2281813819581
11. Kontopoulos, C., Vrakopoulos, K., **Manzini, A.,** et al. (2023). Design and implementation of a novel open - source web - GIS application for a harmonized EPC documentation across Europe. *Proceedings of SPIE*, 12786, 127860G. DOI: 10.1117/12.2682961
12. Manzini, A. (2023). Dinamiche di transizione in eco - villaggi del Senegal: un disegno di ricerca valutativa. *Rassegna italiana di valutazione*, 26(83 - 84), 2022. DOI: 10.3280/RIV2022 - 083008
13. Manzini, A. (2022). Book review of Maura Benegiamo, La Terra dentro il capitale. *Sociologia Urbana e Rurale*, 128. [http://digital.casalini.it/10.3280/SUR2022 - 128014](http://digital.casalini.it/10.3280/SUR2022-128014)
14. Manzini, A. (2021). Il ruolo femminile nelle pratiche di resistenza contadina dei territori Diola Kasa. *Ruralities - Contesti*, 2. DOI: 10.13128/contest - 13042
15. Manzini, A. (2020). L'ecovillaggio in prospettiva africana. *Equilibri*, 1. DOI: 10.1406/97558
16. Manzini, A. (2020). Un modello endogeno di agricoltura sostenibile, Intervista a Bacary Badji. *Equilibri*, 1. DOI: 10.1406/97559
17. Filesì, L., et al. (2017). Pregio naturalistico del settore costiero antistante l'ex Ospedale al Mare (isola di Lido - Venezia). *Lavori - Società Veneziana di Scienze Naturali*, 42, 61 - 88. Role: Botanic survey assistant, cartographer, and data monitoring.

Books and Book Chapters

- Manzini, A. (2024). Prospettive Africane emergenti. In P. Alferj & N. Zanardi (Eds.), *Almanacco Equilibri. La società dell'educazione*. Equilibri Magazine.
- Manzini, A. (2022). Teatro - forum come pratica di commoning della transizione ecologica in eco - villaggi del Senegal. *Atti del convegno: La ricerca che cambia*. Officine Bembo.
- Manzini, A. (2022). *Dynamics of transition in ecovillages of Senegal*. Doctorate School, XXXIV cycle, University IUAV of Venice. (Doctoral Thesis)

Datasets

- MANZINI, A. (2026). SPIRAL project data repository: global cross - cultural study of spiritual landscapes sustainable management practices [Data set]. Forêts et sociétés : dialogues interdisciplinaires : Cosmo - écologies et pratiques écospirituelles : une approche transdisciplinaire des relations humains - forêts, Muséum national d'histoire naturelle, Paris. Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18604830>
- Manzini, A., et al. (2025). Tree Canopy Cover Loss and Gain and Land Use Change Geo Statistics. Zenodo. DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.15442724.

- Manzini, A., Martinez, L., & Harrivaara, P. (2025). Survey results: Adoption of next - generation batteries: a survey - based analysis of user and expert perspectives [Data set]. *Zenodo*. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.14853932>.

Digital Articles and Blogs

- Manzini's blog SPIRAL Alessandramanzini.com
- Manzini, A. (2025, February 19). No ka misti, let's avoid the destructive mining of the Varela coastline. *EJatlas*. [https://ejatlas.org/conflict/no - ka - misti - let - s - avoid - the - destructive - mining - of - the - varela - coastline](https://ejatlas.org/conflict/no-ka-misti-let-s-avoid-the-destructive-mining-of-the-varela-coastline)
- Manzini, A. (2024) [Il progetto AfricaMaVal e il Critical Raw Materials Act](#). *Equilibri Magazine*
- Manzini, A. (2023). [Reinventare l'immaginario relazionale per un'economia del vivente](#). *Equilibri Magazine*.
- Manzini, A. (2023). [La crisi ecologica è una frattura tra l'essere umano e il Cosmo](#). *Equilibri Magazine*.
- Manzini, A. (2023). [Mbembe: pensiero planetario e politiche del respiro](#). *Equilibri Magazine*.
- Manzini, A. (2023). [Ateliers de la Pensée laboratorio di cultura per sfide planetarie](#). *Equilibri Magazine*.

Conferences, Panels, and Presentations

- Manzini A., Bhagwat S., Trajectoires des transitions en Afrique : cosmo-écologie, souveraineté agroécologique et démocratie traditionnelle » Rencontres africaines sur la justice environnementale, Sénégal, Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar, 3-5 décembre 2026.
- Manzini, A. Haessngen M. Mobilizing Everyday Heritage Practices for One Health: methods and case studies from CHAZEP - SEA in Southeast Asia, FLARE Conference Bilbao Poster session
- Manzini A. 2026 "Global Forest Relational Governance: Entangling Visible and Invisible Dimensions in Sacred Forest Cosmoecology" FLARE Conference Bilbao invited speaker
- **Manzini A.** Cosmoecology, Power Dynamics, and Spirits Agency: Entangling Visible and Invisible Realms in African and Asian Spiritual Landscapes, *Journal of African History (JAH)* Special issue Spirits Matter, curated by Julia Tischler and Mellisa Kaliofasi (University of Basel) October 2026
- Manzini A. "Ecospiritual Practices in African Contexts" Book discussion and Roundtable, Basel African Perspectives SGAS - VAD 2026
- Pietrobon, E., **Manzini, A.**, & Patassini, D. (2026, September). *Mapping African approaches to urban planning: a critical overall effort*. Panelist at SGAS - VAD conference, Panel 5: Planetary Health, urbanization and natural resources. Basel African Perspectives
- Manzini, A. Active Spiritual Agency in Relational Governance of Indo - Burman and Southeast Asia spiritual landscapes. 11th SSEASR Conference Secretariat, Souphanouvong University, Luang Prabang, Lao People's Democratic Republic August 2026

- Rauchecker, M., Scheidel, A., Kuhn, D., & **Manzini, A.** (2026, June). *From alliances and coalitions to exclusions in environmental struggles?* Panelist at Pollen2026: Diverse Origins, Multiple Futures: The Stories of Political Ecology, Barcelona.
- Manzini, A. (2026) Spirits' agency in relational governance of sacred forests and spiritual landscapes Pollen conference, 29 June - 4 July 2026 Barcelona
- Manzini, A. (2025, November). Cosmoécologies et pratiques écospirituelles : une approche transdisciplinaire des relations humains - forêts *Forêts et sociétés : dialogues interdisciplinaires*. Colloque "Forêts et sociétés : dialogues interdisciplinaires" - 12 & 13 novembre 2025 - Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris. Speaker in Paris, France.
- Manzini, A. (2025, October). *Sacred groves as living ecosystems of epistemic resistance in Diola territories of Lower Casamance and Guinea Bissau*. Speaker at PLAAS Conference Land, Life and Society, University of the Western Cape in Cape Town, South Africa.
- Manzini, A., Djoudi, H., & Unimonen, P. (2025, June). *Ecospiritual practices: power dynamics, cultural change, and integrated landscape management in African contexts*. Panel chairs at ECAS 2025, Prague.
- Manzini, A., Djoudi, H., Hertzog, A., & Biagetti, S. (2025, June). *SPIRAL Project's in African and Afro - Diasporic Contexts*. Speaker at ECAS 2025, Prague.
- Manzini, A. (2025, March). *New Materialism in Cross - Cultural Ethno - Archaeology: A reframing of Matter and Agency applied to spiritual landscapes*. Speaker at LEIZA, Looking at things differently.
- Manzini, A., et al. (2024, September). *Mixed methods to assess Sacred Forest management practices in Guinean Forest of West Africa biodiversity hotspot*. Presented at the 4th International Electronic Conference on Forests session Forest Ecology and Management.
- Manzini, A. (2024, October). *Traditional ecological knowledge in Guinean Sacred Forest management practices*. Presented at the Ethnoarchaeology of livelihood practices conference, UPF, Barcelona, Spain.
- Manzini, A. (2024, June). *Decolonial African feminist perspectives in the Afrofuturist movement*. Speaker at the 12ème Colloque International des Études Mandé, Bamako, Mali.
- Manzini, A. (2024, May). *Guinean Sacred forests' social ecosystems: territories of epistemic resistance*. Presented at "Materiality at the Intersection of Ecology and Religious Studies" at the Giorgio Cini Foundation.
- Cabot, A., Chenevier, P., & **Manzini, A.** (2024, March). *Circular Economy*. Panel chair at BATS Symposium, MATSUS24 Spring Conference, Barcelona.

Seminars and Lectures

- **Seminar Organizer:** Hybrid Symposium hosted at CIFOR - ICRAF Lima, Bogotá and PLACES Lab, CY Cergy Paris University Spiritual Landscapes and [Heritage - Sensitive Forest Governance in the Andes, Pacific, and Amazonia](#) 9th July 2026
- **Seminar Organizer:** [Symposium at CIFOR - ICRAF Nairobi](#), Kenya: *Heritage Sensitive conservation policies in African contexts* (28 January 2026)
- **Science in Action guest speaker at CIFOR - ICRAF** "Rethinking Forest Governance - Indigeneity, Custodianship, and Cosmoecologies." 24 November 2025

- **Seminar Organizer:** [Symposium at Chiang Mai University](#): *State - of - the - art on Heritage Sensitive conservation policies of Sacred Forests and Spiritual Landscapes in the Indo - Burma Biodiversity Hotspot and Southeast Asia's Terrestrial Ecoregions*. (5th November 2025)
- **Theatre for socioecological change**, master class and seminar Wednesday, April 09, 2025, <https://doi.org/10.58079/13ppq>
- **Guest Lecture:** *Gender cultural changes at the intersection with ecology and religious beliefs in pre - colonial West Africa*. (2025) Grau en Global Studies, UPF, Barcelona, Spain.
- **Guest Lecture:** *Science, Innovation and Political Ecology Intersection: evaluating Mining Extraction in Indigenous Territories of the West African Coast*. (2025) CY Advanced Studies, Paris.
- **Seminar:** *Mixed Methods to Assess Sacred Forest Management Practices*. (November 2024) EUTOPIA SIF Post - Doctoral Research Network.

Awards, grants & fellowships

- CHAZEP SEA Postdoctoral research grant 13 months starting in September 2026 at CY Cergy Paris University.
- GROVES project. *Beatriu de Pinòs*, Universidad Pompeu Fabra (2026 - 2029).
- SPIRAL project. *EUTOPIA SIF* Marie Curie Post doctoral fellowship (2024 - 2026)
- *2BOSS project*, (2022 - 2025) 304.000euro Cleopa GmbH, founded by ERA - MIN network and German Ministry of Research
- *Special Mention* Best Doctoral Thesis on Evaluation from *Italian Association of Evaluation* (AIV, 2023)
- Shortlisted *Enabling Innovation Competition* at Advanced Engineering UK, (November 2023)
- *Seedcorn grant*, Queen's Mary Business School, London (May - July, 2022)
- Grant and selected for *Ecole Doctorale des Ateliers de la Pensée*, Dakar (February 2022)
- Ca'B Living Lab, Shortlisted by *Welfare che Impresa*, Fondazione Accenture, (July 2021)
- FORTinFEST Selected by Open call Creative Time Summit 2015, Venice
- Shortlisted MemoAtlante Associazione Poveglia x tutti, *cheFare cultura e innovazione*, Jul 2015
- *Social Fund Grant*, University of Padua, Department of industrial engineering (Oct - Dec 2014)
- *Erasmus Placement Grant*, Department of Urban Design and Planning, Hamburg (Germany)
- *Leonardo Grant*, Environmental Protection Department, London Borough of Lewisham, London (UK) 2011