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Education

- 1993 **University of Bologna, Italy**
Degree in Economics and Commerce
Faculty of Economics and Commerce
Dissertation: *European Commission and price discrimination*
Chair: Prof. Flavio del Bono
- 1994 **University of San Marino, R.S.M.**
Advanced Diploma of Teaching - Department of Education
Dissertation: *Improving learning with information technology: a case study*
Chair: Prof. Giacomo Stella
- 2002 **Fondazione Fitzcarraldo and Turin University, Turin**
Master in Cultural Project Management
Dissertation: *An international center for visual arts in San Marino* (winner of the projects competition)
- 2007-2009 **AliG - Italian Association of Management Engineering**
One week Summer School in Bressanone (Italy)
10-14 September 2007 "Entrepreneurship, business and economic system growth"
15-19 September 2008 "Economics and management of research and innovation"
14-18 September 2009 "Management of operations and supply network"
- 2013 **University of San Marino, R.S.M.**
PhD in Engineering Management
Doctoral Thesis: *Space technology transfer: a theoretical and practical analysis*
Supervisor: Prof. Giorgio Petroni/ Prof. Chiara Verbano

Academic Positions

- 2000-2002; 2004 – 2009 *Research fellow*
San Marino University, Department of Economics and Technology
Research interests: diffusion of technologies into various settings and applications (including arts and cultural sector), innovation management and R&D management
- 2006-2013
Representative on behalf of the San Marino University in the “Expert Evaluators Committee” for the funding of innovative projects through EUREKA European Network.
- 2009-Present
Assistant Professor - San Marino University
Research interests: diffusion of technologies into various settings and applications, technology transfer, innovation management, R&D management and academic spin-offs
- 2014-2017
Member of the San Marino University *Academic Senate*, the supreme authority responsible for defining the strategic and development guidelines of the university, making proposals in the field of research and teaching, coordinating and linking with academic departments.
- 2015
Delegated by the Rector as responsible for academic relations with India
- 2015
Delegated by the Rector as responsible for the management of academic innovative projects
- 2017
Delegated by the Government of San Marino as National EUREKA High Level Group Representative
- 2017
Delegated by the Government of San Marino and the University as coordinator for the National Innovation System project
- 2018
Member of the Board of Directors of San Marino Innovation – the Institute for Innovation in the Republic of San Marino
- 2018
Startup mentor for the Incubator of San Marino Innovation Institute
- 2018
PhD thesis evaluator - PhD course in Management Engineering (ING-IND/35) University of Padua
- 2019
Assignment from UNIRSM to draft the new law and regulation for the establishment of academic spin-offs and start-ups.
- 2019
Director of the Confucius Institute of the University of San Marino
- 2020
Primo Miglio startup consultant - social startup accelerator (Rimini)

Teaching experiences: academic courses

Microeconomics - undergraduate degree course in Strategic Enterprise Management and Economics, University of San Marino – Trieste University (2007/2008)

Business Management - undergraduate degree course in Industrial Design, University of San Marino – IUAV (Venice) University (2007/2008)

Economic evaluation of projects and products – undergraduate degree course in Industrial - Design, University of San Marino – IUAV (Venice) University (2008/2009, 2009/2010, 2011/2012; 2011/2012; 2012/2013; 2013/2014; 2014/2015; 2015/2016; 2016/2017; 2017/2018)

Fashion Innovation Management– Master in Fashion and Luxury Management - Luiss Creative Business Center – Luiss Business School, Rome (2017/2018)

Teaching experiences: non-academic courses

Course for the National Association of San Marino Industry (ANIS) "Innovation and Enterprise" (2009)

Course for the National Association of San Marino Industry (ANIS) "Innovating with design: strategies to increase business performance" (2014)

Participation in Italian research projects

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| 1994-1997 | Received a scholarship issued by the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of San Marino and San Marino University for a new public financial management system. As a result of this project a new law and a new public financial management system was introduced. |
| 1997-1998 | Received a scholarship issued by the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of San Marino and San Marino University for a new budgeting, accounting and control system in the hospital of San Marino. |
| 2004-2012 | Research studies conducted in collaboration with the University of Padua, University of Parma and the National Institute of Astrophysics in Milan. |
| 2010-2012 | Research project of the University of Padua funded by the Italian Ministry of University entitled "Organizational and management models of open innovation in small and medium firms". |
| 2013 | Research project of the University of Padua funded by the Italian Ministry of University entitled "Models and tools for managing innovation in support of the company's competitiveness". |

Participation in international research projects

- 2010 Research projects with the Design / UNIRSM team for the design and implementation of artisan supply chains: 1. "Education and Handicraft Production" in the Democratic Republic of Congo with Associazione Amka Onlus - funded by UNESCO (2010-2012) 2. "Hands in the Rif: Handicraft and tradition for the local development of Northern Morocco "with the Microfinance and Development Onlus Association - funded by the Trentino Alto Adige Region (2015-2018) 3. "Cactus Lab: projects for a tailoring managed by refugees people with Arcisolidarietà di Cecina - funded by Tuscany Region (2018-2019) 4. "Masks to smile" - project with ASSOBDM onlus - funded by Associazione Sordomuti Italia (2020)
- 2010-2013 "Resources management in the generation and development of spin-off companies," international research project between the University of Haifa, Israel, the University of Padua, Italy and the University of San Marino, RSM.
- 2012-2013 "Space technology transfer in Japan and in Italy", international research project between the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, Japan, the University of Padua, Italy and the University of San Marino (RSM), 34 months. Role: Researcher
- 2015 "CloudSME: simulation for manufacturing and engineering", international research project supported by UE
- 2017 "Challenges to Democracy and Social life in European Small States", Progetto Erasmus+ KA2-KA204 in association with the Liechtenstein-Institut, Sihtasutus Poliitikauuringute Keskus Praxis Tallin, University of Iceland, Universite Du Luxembourg, Universita Ta Malta, Universitat d'Andorra, University of Montenegro, University of Nicosia.

Participation in editorial boards of journals and book series

2001-2017 Referee for *International Journal of Knowledge Management Studies*, *The International Journal of Human Resource Management (I.F. 1,043)*, *The International Journal of Human Resource Management (I.F. 1,043)*, *Management Research Review*, *Journal of Small Business Management (I.F. 1,361)*, *International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management*, *Studies in Business and Economics*

Teaching or research fellowship at international universities and research institutes

- 2013 Visiting scholar at the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore, India with the research project "Resources and competencies during the evolution of research-based spin-offs: the Bangalore experience"

Experiences in technology transfer projects

- 2017 Nomination by the Government of San Marino as High Level Group Representative of EUREKA (European network for Innovation)
- 2006-2011 Member of the San Marino Commission Expert Evaluators. This
2017 Commission has the task of choosing the most innovative research projects presented by San Marino and foreign companies with the aim of having a public funding.
- 2009-2011 Participation in the project of feasibility for the Science and Technology Park of the Republic of San Marino and the Government of the Italian San Marino

Non-academic work experiences

- 1998-2004 *Administrative Head of Department*
2013-2017 Department of Economics and Technology San Marino University
Responsible for promoting and managing the university courses, faculties, doctoral activities, including public relations, accountability, communication and advertising.

Published and Forthcoming Publications

Agostini, L., Nosella A. and Venturini K. (2018), "Towards increasing affective commitment of partners in SME strategic networks", in the SOItmC&Department of Economics, Management, Institutions of the University Federico II of Naples, 26-29 June 2018 –Winner of the *Good Paper Award*

Agostini, L., Nosella A. and Venturini K. (2017), "SME strategic networks: how to achieve the commitment of partners" in the 12th International Forum on Knowledge Asset Dynamics, Knowledge Management in the 21st century: resilience, creativity and co-creation, San Petesburg, Russia, 7-9 June 2017, ISSN 2280-787X

D'Amelio, E. and Venturini K. (2017), "Performance and Exchange Knowledge in film co-productions: learning from the documentary *Michel Petrucciani*", in the Journal of Italian Cinema and Media Studies Conference, Innovations and Tensions, Italian Cinema and Media in a Global World, The American University of Rome, 9-10 June 2017, ISSN 2047-7368

Venturini, K. and Verbano C. (2016), "Open innovation in public sector: research-based spin-offs resources and performance", Business Process Management Journal, Vol. 23, No. 6, ISSN: 1463-7154

Peruzzi, G., Forcellini, D., Venturini, K. Albarello, D. (2017), "Ambient vibrations applied to San Marino historical buildings survey", in the 6th World Conference on Earthquake, 16WCEE 2017, Santiago Chile, January 9th to 13th 2017

Peruzzi, G., Forcellini, D., Venturini, K. Albarello, D. (2016), "Seismic characterization of historical buildings in San Marino Republic from ambient vibration monitoring", International Journal of New Technology and Research, Vol. 2, No. 7, pp. 95-102, ISSN: 2454-4116

Petroni G., Verbano C. and Venturini, K. (2015), "Determinants and Catalysts in Intra-firm Technology Transfer: Learning from Case Studies", Journal of Technology Management & Innovation, Vol. 10, No. 1, ISSN: 0718-2724

Verbano C., Wasser A., Lincoln M. and Venturini K. (2014), "Resource management at academic spinoffs: analysis of Israeli case studies", in the 18th Industrial Engineering and Management Conference & Exhibition Proceedings, Tel-Aviv Israel 25-26 March 2014

Verbano C., Wasser A., Lincoln M, Venturini K. (2013), "Managing resources in the generation and development of research based spinoffs: evidences from Israeli ICT cases", in Technology Transfer to Society Annual Conference, Entrepreneurial Activity and Regional Competitiveness, Bergamo, November 8-9th 2013, ISSN: 1572-1922, doi 10.1007/978-3-319-17713-7

Venturini K. and Verbano C. (2014), "A systematic review of the space technology transfer literature: research synthesis and emerging gaps", Space Policy, Vol. 30, No.2, pp. 98-114 (IF=0.500), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.spacepol.2014.04.003>

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Venturini K., Verbano C. and Matsumoto M. (2013), "Space Technology Transfer: Spin-off Cases from Japan", Space Policy, Vol. 29, No. 1, pp. 49–57 (IF=0.500), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.spacepol.2012.11.010>

Venturini, K. and Verbano C. (2013), "Space technology transfer: a systematic literature review", in 8th European Conference on Innovation and Entrepreneurship Proceedings, September 19-20, Brussels, Vol. 2, pp. 613-622, Academic Conferences International Limited, ISBN: 978-1-909507-59-3 ISSN: 2049-1050

Verbano C., Venturini, K. and Wasser A. (2013), "The Evolution of Resources in Research based Spinoffs: Learning from a Case Study", in 8th European Conference on Innovation and Entrepreneurship Proceedings, September 19-20, Brussels, Vol. 2, pp. 623-632, Academic Conferences International Limited, ISBN: 978-1-909507-59-3 ISSN: 2049-1050

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Venturini K., Verbano C., Bron A. (2013), "Openness and innovation: an empirical analysis in firms located in the Republic of San Marino", *International Journal of Engineering, Science and Technology*, pp. 60-70, ISSN: 2141-2839

Verbano C., Crema M., Venturini K. (2013), "Connecting strategy, open innovation and performance in SMEs", in *Proceedings of 5th International Conference on Education and New Learning Technologies*. IATED, ISBN: 9788461638222, Barcelona - SPAIN, 1-3 July, 2013

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Petroni G., Venturini K. and Verbano C. (2012), "Open innovation and new issues in R&D organization and personnel management", *International Journal of Human Resource Management*, Vol. 23, No. 1, pp. 147-173, IF 2011: 1.043 - ISSN 0958-5192, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/09585192.2011.561250>

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Venturini K., Verbano C. and Matsumoto M. (2011), "Space Technology transfer: evidences from Japan", in (a cura di) Torres IC; Chova LG; Martinez AL , *ICERI2011 Proceedings*, pp. 5192-5204, Madrid: IATED – International Association of Technology, Education and Development, ISBN: 978-84-615-3324-4

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Verbano C. and Venturini K. (2011), "Development Paths of Risk Management: approaches, methods and fields of application", *Journal of Risk Research*, Vo. 14, No. 5-6, pp. 519– 550, (IF 2011: 0,880), ISSN: 1366-9877, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13669877.2010.541562>

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Venturini K., Verbano C. and Salmaso L. (2010), "Open Innovation in Firms Located in the Republic of San Marino", *Rent XXIV - Research In entrepreneurship and small business*, "The Entrepreneurial Process in a Changing Economy", *Proceedings CD*, Maastricht, The Netherlands, November 18-19, 2010, ISSN: 2219-5572.

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Verbano C., Venturini K. and Brancia A. (2009), "Knowledge Management supporting the development of small and medium enterprises: a case study", *International Conference of Education Research and Innovation Proceedings CD*, Madrid 16-18th Nov.2009, ISBN: 978-84-613-2955-7.

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Book Contributions

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Lehmann, M. Meoli and S. Vismara (edited by), *University Evolution, Entrepreneurial Activity and Regional Competitiveness*, Springer, doi 10.1007/978-3-319-17713-7

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Nosella A., Petroni G. and Venturini K. (2010), "Analysing the Internal Environment. Competencies, stakeholders. CASE: Gavazzi Space, In: Thomson N. and Baden-Fuller C., *Business Strategy in Context*, Cass Business School, London, Blackwell, ISBN13: 9781405161077

Venturini K. and Verbano C. (2010), "The adoption of laser technology in Italian art Restoration firms: the role of suppliers and clients" In: Nolin Tomas P. (edited by), *Handbook of Regional Economics*, NY: Nova Science Publishers, ISBN: 978-160741-036-2

Petroni G. and Venturini K. (2009), "Fattori di competitività delle PMI in contesti internazionali", in *Cina e oltre. Piccola e media impresa tra internazionalizzazione e innovazione*, Beretta S. and Pissavino P. (a cura di), Soveria Mannelli, Rubettino edizioni.