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Degree with honours in Physics, PhD in Geodesy and Cartography. She is Professor of “GIS” and “The Copernicus Green Revolution for sustainable development” at Politecnico di Milano (PoliMI) and a member of both Schools of Doctoral Studies in Data Science and in Earth Observation at “Roma La Sapienza” University.

She has spent her entire career at the Polytechnic University of Milan, starting as a researcher and eventually becoming a Full Professor in 2010, where from 1997 to 2011 was the Head of the Geomatics Laboratory of PoliMI (Campus Como) and from 2011 to 2016 was the Vice-Rector of PoliMI for the Como Campus. Besides, from 2006 to 2011 she lectured GIS at the ETH of Zurich.

Currently, she is the coordinator of the Copernicus Academy Network for the PoliMI and the Head of the GEOLab (Geomatics and Earth Observation), an Interdepartmental Lab of PoliMI to which 7 Departments are contributing.

She is Vice President of the ISPRS Technical Commission on Spatial Information Science [1], a former member of ESA ACEO (Advisory Committee of Earth Observation Director of ESA's Earth Observation Programmes) [2]; co-chair of the United Nations Open GIS Initiative, chair of the UN-GGIM (Global Geospatial Information Management) Academic Network [3], mentor of the PoliMI Chapter of YouthMappers (PoliMappers) [4], one of the Directors of OSGeo in 2016-2017 [5], one of the three curators of the geospatial series of the AI for Good, organized by ITU in partnership with 40 UN Sister Agencies [6].

Her research activity is in the field of geomatics. Her interests have been various, starting from geodesy, radar-altimetry and moving later to GIS, webGIS, geospatial web platform, VGI, Citizen Science, Big Geo Data, GEOAI. She is participating and leading research on these topics within the frameworks of both national and international projects and scientific networks. One of her main interests is in Open-Source GIS, where she plays a leading worldwide role.

- [1] <https://www2.isprs.org/commissions/comm4/>
- [2] [ESA forms new Earth observation advisory group - Earth Online](#)
- [3] <http://unggim.academicnetwork.org/>
- [4] [PoliMappers](#)
- [5] [Board Election 2016 Results - OSGeo](#)
- [6] [Maria Antonia Brovelli - AI for Good \(itu.int\)](#)

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WoS	116	860	14
Scopus	183	1,535	18
Google	459	3199	27

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Recent Research Projects

- 2016-2017 GEO team on Data Validation of Global Land Cover Datasets (within GEO SB-02-02: Global LandCover and User Engagement).
- 2016 - 2018 Erasmus + giCASES (Creating a University-Enterprise Alliance for a Spatially Enabled Society) -Leader of the Politecnico di Milan Unit.
- 2017 – Cariplo Foundation “Brezza” - Leader of the Politecnico di Milano Unit.
- 2018 - 2019 Cariplo Foundation “Mychonos” – Participant.
- 2018 ISPRS Capacity Building Initiative: “Capacity Building for High-Resolution Land Cover Inter-comparisonand Validation” - Project Leader.
- 2017- 2020 Erasmus + “Geodesy and Geoinformatics for Sustainable Development in Jordan” (GEO4D) – Participant
- 2017 - 2020 MIUR (Ministry of Education, University and Research) National Project PRIN: “URBAN GEOmatics for Bulk Information Generation, Data Assessment and Technology Awareness” (URBAN GEO BIGDATA) – Project leader.
- 2018 – 2021 ESA “High Resolution Land Cover CCI +”. Leader of the Politecnico di Milano Unit (Subcontractor)
- 2019-2020 INTERREG V-A project IT-CH 2014-2020 – “GIOCOOnDA” - ID 570702, Open data and publicadministration: design, data format transformation and geo-referencing. Participant.
- 2019-2021 INTERREG V-A project IT-CH 2014-2020 – “INSUBRIPARKS” - ID 605472, Database and applications design for the Insubric parks monitoring and touristic promotion. Leader of the Politecnico di Milano Unit.
- 2019- 2021 INTERREG V-A Italy Switzerland 2014-2020 – “SIMILE” - ID 523544, An Information System forthe Integrated Monitoring of Insubric Lakes and their Ecosystem. Project Leader.
- 2019-2022 Erasmus+ project - "CIDMA" - Climate Change Induced Disaster Management in Africa. Leader of thePolitecnico di Milano Unit.
- 2020-2023 Erasmus + project - "GIS4SCHOOLS" - Leader of the Politecnico di Milano Unit.
- 2021-2023 GEOMLIV MAE – Italy-Vietnam Cooperation - Geoinformatics and Earth Observation for landslide monitoring. Project Leader.
- 2021-2023 D-DUST - Data-driven moDelling of particUlate with Satellite Technology aid – Fondazione Cariplo Project – Leader of the Project.
- 2021-2024 HARMONIA - Development of a Support System for Improved Resilience and Sustainable Urban areas to cope with Climate Change and Extreme Events based on GEOSS and Advanced Modelling Tools. H2020 Project – Participant.
- 2022-2025 Erasmus + project EUthmappers – open and collaborative mapping for pupils-

led projects in Secondary Schools through innovative teaching methodology and fostering STEAM education and Environmental engagement. Leader of the Politecnico di Milano Unit.

- 2022-2024 ASI I4DP_SCIENCE, Prima Call “Città Sostenibili” Accordo Attuativo n. 2022-30-HH.0 ASI – “Identificazione delle Local Climate Zones e studio della loro correlazione con la temperatura dell’aria nella Città Metropolitana di Milano tramite l’integrazione di dati geospaziali e tecnologie di Osservazione della Terra in ambiente Open Data Cube (LCZ-ODC)”, CUP F43C22000350005 - Leader of the Project.

Awards

ISPRS President’s Honorary

Citation (2020)

Sol Katz Award – OSGeo (2015)

Editor

ISPRS International Journal of Geoinformation (Associate Editor in charge of the Area: Geospatial Artificial Intelligence)

Remote Sensing, Section 'Engineering Remote Sensing' Associate Editor.

International Journal of Digital Earth Editorial Board Member

Papers (2022-2023)

- Amieva, J.F., Oxoli, D., Brovelli, M.A. (2023). Machine and Deep Learning Regression of Chlorophyll-a Concentrations in Lakes Using PRISMA Satellite Hyperspectral Imagery. Remote Sensing, 15(22), 5385. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rs15225385>
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- Yordanov, V., Truong, Q.X., and Brovelli, M.A. (2023). Estimating Landslide Surface Displacement by Combining Low-Cost UAV Setup, Topographic Visualization and Computer Vision Techniques. *Drones* 7, 2, 85. <https://doi.org/10.3390/drones7020085>
- Amici, L., Yordanov, V., Oxoli, D., and Brovelli, M. A. (2022). Monitoring Landslide Displacements Through Maximum Cross-Correlation of Sentinel-2 Satellite Images. In *Symposium GIS Ostrava 2022 Earth Observation for Smart City and Smart Region* (pp. 1-5). VSB-Technical University of Ostrava. [\[pdf\]](#)
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