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Dr. Massimiliano Ruzzeddu (“Max”) was born in Rome, and is thus a natural Italian citizen. Despite his last name, which is associated with being Sardinian, he is a pure Roman and continues to live in the “Eternal City.” He also has Neapolitan and Abruzzo ancestries.

Dr. Ruzzeddu received his Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Political Science (1997) and obtained his Doctorate in Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Sociology (2004) – both from the prestigious *University La Sapienza* in Rome.



His research is focused on empirical and theoretical studies in sociology. While his B.A. thesis was an ethnographic account of political activists in the Garbatella neighborhood, his Ph.D. dissertation was purely theoretical; he wrote an extensive treatise about the use of complexity theories in sociological epistemology. Following his doctorate, his research continued on political activism in Italy, by observing the “No-Global Movement” and, later, “Common Goods-related practices.” That research focuses on complexity theories and social systemics, fueling his rubric for studying phenomena like “ignorance management” or “social innovation.”

Since 2009, he has been a Tenured Researcher at University Niccolò Cusano in Rome. As well, he has been an active member of the World Complexity Science Academy (WCSA) for ten years, where he has served as WCSA Scientific Director and Vice-President. Additionally, Dr. Ruzzeddu is Co-Director of the WCSA book series by Cambridge Scholars Publishing, and also the Esculapio book-series for political, juridical, and social sciences. Further, he is Honorary Editor for *System Research and Behavioral Science*.

His pedagogy is based on general sociology, social problems, the sociology of education, and health systemics. Dr. Ruzzeddu has taught political science to Kurd refugees, and has been a Visiting Professor at Charles University in Prague with the EU Erasmus Program. Teaching Italian politics to American students in Viterbo University was his toughest experience, to date; mainly because of the subject matter, not the students (it is not easy to give a review of the turbulent Italian political context, if a new party arises each week!)

In his personal time, Ruzzeddu enjoys meditation, long walks, and contemporary literature – especially the writings of Michael Cunningham and Javier Marias.

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**“Italy has changed. But, Rome is Rome.” –Robert De Niro**