

CV of Karl Benjamin Krähmer

Assegnista di Ricerca, Dipartimento di Culture, Politica, Società, Università di Torino

Born 16/01/1991 in Munich, Germany

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1 Professional experience

01/05/2023 – 30/04/2025

Research Fellow at the Università di Torino, Department of Cultures, Politics, and Society

Topic: Analysis of actors, policies, practices and networks in relation to the City Region Food System approach (Analisi di attori, politiche, pratiche e reti nell'approccio City Region Food System)

Scientific Responsible: Prof. Egidio Dansero

10/11/2019 – 23/06/2023

Ph.D. candidate in Urban And Regional Development at the Politecnico di Torino, Interuniversity Department of Regional and Urban Studies and Planning

Title of Ph.D. Thesis: Degrowth at a Global Scale? Geographies of Chile's Fruit Production and Export between Extractivism and Socio-Ecological Transformation

Thesis accessible at <https://hdl.handle.net/11583/2981448>

Interview dataset: <https://zenodo.org/record/7602356> – DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.7602356

Supervisors: Prof. Marco Santangelo, Prof., Ambassador Sofia Boza Martínez, Universidad de Chile /

Permanent Representative of Chile to the WTO, WIPO, UNCTAD and ITC

Defence and Award of title: 23/06/2023

16/10/2018 – 09/11/2019

Diverse Activities

- Applications for Ph.D. positions

- Work on Paper "Are green cities sustainable? A degrowth critique of sustainable urban development in Copenhagen", published in 2020 in European Planning Studies (see below)

- Work as a tourist and hiking guide for different German tour operators (Hauser, Marco Polo, DAV Oberland) in Italy and Portugal

2 Education

22/01/2018 - 15/10/2018

1st level Specializing Master World Heritage and Cultural Projects for Development

Turin, Master offered by ITC-ILO in collaboration with Università di Torino and Politecnico di Torino

15/01/2015 - 18/12/2017

Master's Degree in Territorial, Urban, Environmental And Landscape Planning

Politecnico di Torino

Title of Master Thesis: Gentrification without gentry? - Tourism and Real Estate Investment in Lisbon

Supervisor: Prof. Marco Santangelo

Final grade: 110/110 cum laude

15/09/2011 - 18/12/2014

Bachelor's Degree in Territorial, Urban, Environmental And Landscape Planning

Politecnico di Torino

Title of Bachelor Thesis: Studio per un progetto integrato nel territorio della ferrovia Cuneo-Ventimiglia/Nizza (*Study for an integrated project for the territory of the railway line Cuneo-Ventimiglia/ Nizza*)

Supervisor: Prof. Federica Corrado

Final grade 109/110

3 International research experience

02/05/2024 – 19/05/2024

Research in Cabo Verde

on the country's food system, related to the development cooperation project Sabor Cabo Verde between the Municipality of Turin, the Municipality of Praia and the University of Torino sustainable food policies (http://www.comune.torino.it/cooperazioneinternazionale/sabor_capo_verde.shtml)

01/12/2023 – 11/02/2024

Visiting at ICTA – UAB, Barcelona, Spain

collaboration with Prof. Angelos Varvarousis, joint development of the framework on Undoing Planetary Urbanisation

05/12/2021 - 05/04/2022

Fieldwork in Chile

for the PhD research

09/06/2017 - 07/07/2017

Fieldwork in Lisbon, Portugal

for the Master Thesis

4 Participation and role in research and public engagement projects

01/05/2023 – 30/04/2025

PNNR MUR – M4C2 (Missione 4 Componente 2) Investimento 1.4 “National Research Centre for Agricultural Technologies” – Agritech CUP HUB – B63D21015240004 (<https://agritechcenter.it/>) – partnership: 24 public universities, 4 private universities, 5 research centers, 14 research institutions, 4 private companies

01/05/2023 – 30/04/2025

Emplacing Food: Narratives, Policies and Spaces in Italy - PRIN 2023-2025 (<https://www.emplacingfood.unito.it/>) – partnership: Università di Torino (Coordination); Università di Catania; Università di Milano Bicocca; Università di Pisa; Università del Salento

01/05/2023 – 30/04/2025

Food Studies Lab, Università di Torino

(https://www.dcps.unito.it/do/home.pl/View?doc=food_studies_lab.html)

01/05/2023 – 30/04/2025

Atlante del Cibo di Torino Metropolitana

(<https://atlantedelcibo.it/node/13>)

5 Language Skills

Mother Tongue: German

Knowledge of other languages (self-assessment):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken Interaction	Spoken Production	
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
French	A1	A1	A1	A1	/
Italian	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Portuguese	B2	C1	B2	B2	B2
Spanish	B2	C1	B2	B2	B2

Language certificates: IELTS (for English): 8.0 (2011)

6 Publications

- 2024 **Paper in peer-reviewed journal** – Krähmer, K. (2024). Políticas de crecimiento y políticas de sostenibilidad: Contradicciones en la fruticultura chilena. *Historia Agraria de América Latina*, 5(01), 01. <https://doi.org/10.53077/haal.v5i01.173>
- 2024 **Book chapter** – Brokow-Loga, A., & Krähmer, K. (2024). The Case for Solidary Degrowth Spaces. Five propositions on the challenging project of Spatializing Degrowth. In K. Heron & L. Eastwood (Eds.), *De Gruyter Handbook of Degrowth: Propositions and Prospects*. De Gruyter. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110778359-016>
- 2023 **Paper in peer-reviewed journal** – Krähmer, K. (2023). How to research something that doesn't exist? : Reflections on the methodologies adopted in the literature on the spatialities of degrowth. *Tracce Urbane. Rivista Italiana Transdisciplinare Di Studi Urbani*, 14, 14. <https://doi.org/10.13133/2532-6562/18632>
- 2023 **Paper in journal** – Krähmer, K. (2023). Politiche locali del cibo oltre la crescita? *Re|Cibo. Rivista Della Rete Italiana Politiche Locali Del Cibo*, ISSN 3034-834X, 2(2). <https://ojs.unito.it/index.php/recibo/article/download/10404/8584>
- 2023 **Paper in journal** – Krähmer, K., Battisti, L., Berti, G., Bruno, R. G., & Dansero, E. (2023). Per una food policy policentrica nel Torinese. *Re|Cibo. Rivista Della Rete Italiana Politiche Locali Del Cibo*, ISSN 3034-834X, 2(2). <https://ojs.unito.it/index.php/recibo/article/view/10392/8573>
- 2023 **Contribution to research report** (section on food consumption) – Toldo, A., Tonet, T., Battisti, L., & Krähmer, K. (2023). Torino Food Metrics Report 2023. City of Turin. <https://www.torinovivibile.it/aree-tematiche/torino-food-metrics-report/#>

- 2022 **Monograph** – Krähmer, K., & Cristiano, S. (2022). "Città oltre la crescita. Un dibattito internazionale per trasformazioni urbane ecologiche e sociali". Castelvechi, Rome, ISBN 978-88-3290-852-7
- 2022 **Paper in peer-reviewed journal** – Krähmer, K. (2022). Degrowth and the city: Multiscalar strategies for the socio-ecological transformation of space and place. *City*, 26(2–3), 316–345. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13604813.2022.2035969>
- 2022 **Book review in peer-reviewed journal** – Krähmer, K. (2022). Post-growth planning. Cities beyond the market economy. *European Planning Studies*, 0(0), 1–2. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09654313.2022.2125651>
- 2021 **Paper in conference proceedings** – Krähmer, K. (2021). Territori in decrescita: Da descrizione del declino a progetto desiderabile. *Tecniche Urbanistiche per Una Fase Di Decrescita Atti XXIII Conferenza Nazionale SIU VOLUME 01, 1*, 160–164. <https://doi.org/10.53143/PLM.C.121>
- 2020 **Paper in peer-reviewed journal** – Krähmer, K. (2020). Are green cities sustainable? A degrowth critique of sustainable urban development in Copenhagen. *European Planning Studies*, 29(7), 1272–1289. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09654313.2020.1841119>
- 2018 **Paper in peer-reviewed journal** – Krähmer, K., & Santangelo, M. (2018). Gentrification without gentrifiers? Tourism and Real Estate Investment in Lisbon. *Sociabilidades Urbanas – Revista de Antropologia e Sociologia*, 2(6), 6. https://iris.polito.it/handle/11583/2716289#.Xo3xv_mxVDo
- 2018 **Paper in peer-reviewed journal** – Bragaglia, F., & Krähmer, K. (2018). ‘Art Barricades’ and ‘Poetic Legitimation’ for squatted spaces: Metropoliz, Rome and Cavallerizza Reale, Turin. *Tracce Urbane. Rivista Italiana Transdisciplinare Di Studi Urbani*, 2(4), 4. https://doi.org/10.13133/2532-6562_2.4.14305
- 2018 **Book Chapter** – Krähmer, K. (2018). Geography matters: Ideas for a degrowth spatial planning paradigm—On Xue and Vansintjan II. In A. Nelson & F. Schneider (Eds.), *Housing for Degrowth* (p. 217–222). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315151205>

7 Participation in Conferences, Workshops, Seminars

20/11/2024

International Workshop “Nourishing the Planet: The Future of Food and Farming in a Climate-Changed World”, University of Pisa, Italy

Invited Speaker on "A multiscalar degrowth perspective on food system transformations"

24/08/2024 – 30/08/2024

35th International Geographical Congress 2024, DCU, Dublin, Ireland

(<https://igc2024dublin.org/programme/congress-programme/>)

- Presenter of “Food policies at the city-region scale: a polycentric approach”, together with Egidio Dansero, Luca Battisti, Giaime Berti, Karl Kraehmer, Riccardo G. Bruno
- Presenter of “Undoing Planetary Urbanisation for Degrowth”, co-authored with Angelos Varvarousis

19/06/2024 – 21/06/2024

10th International Degrowth Conference and 15th Conference of the European Society for Ecological Economics, Pontevedra, Spain

(<https://eese-degrowth2024.uvigo.gal/en/>)

- Co-organiser of two special sessions, “Spaces for Degrowth”, together with Maria Kaika (University of Amsterdam), Federico Savini (University of Amsterdam), Jin Xue (Norwegian University of Life Sciences), Angelos Varvarousis (Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), Spain), Filka Sekulova (Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), Spain), Sarah Ware (Vienna University of Economics and Business), Silvio Cristiano (University of Florence), Sofia Greaves (University of Vigo, Spain), Anton Brokow-Loga (Bauhaus University Weimar, Germany) (<https://eese-degrowth2024.uvigo.gal/en/ss22-spaces-for-degrowth-urban-metabolisms/>)
- Presenter of “Undoing Planetary Urbanisation for Degrowth”, together with Angelos Varvarousis
- Presenter of “Is there a right scale of food systems? On the social and ecological implications of the multiscale of food”, co-authored with Veronica Allegretti and Alessia Toldo (University of Turin)
- Presenter of “In social innovation, we trust (or maybe not). The dilemma of the social innovation policy discourse in a deprived neighbourhood of Turin (Italy)”, together with Francesca Bragaglia (Politecnico di Torino)

19/04/2024-20/04/2024

Beyond Growth Conference Italia 2024, Italian Parliament and Città dell’Altra Economia, Rome

(<https://beyondgrowth.it/organizzatori>)

Conference co-organiser

16/01/2024

Seminar: "Multiscalar Degrowth from the perspective of Chile's global fruit production", ICTA-UAB, Barcelona, Spain

(<https://www.uab.cat/web/sala-de-premsa-icta-uab/detall-activitat/seminar-multiscalar-degrowth-from-the-perspective-of-chile-s-global-fruit-production-by-karl-kr-hmer-1345813172616.html?detid=1345905233247>)

Seminar on my PhD research during visiting at ICTA-UAB

29/08/2023 – 02/09/2023

9th International Degrowth Conference, Zagreb, Croatia

(<https://odrast.hr/>)

Presenter and Coorganiser of Workshop “Spatialities of Degrowth”

15/06/2023 – 16/06/2023

XXV Conferenza Nazionale SIU (25th National Conference of the Italian Urbanists’ Society) - Transizioni, giustizia spaziale e progetto di territorio (Transitions, Spatial Justice and Territorial Planning), Cagliari, Italy

(<https://www.societaurbanisti.it/conferences/transizioni-giustizia-spaziale-e-progetto-di-territorio/>)

Presenter of Book “Città Oltre la Crescita” (Cities beyond growth, co-authored with Silvio Cristiano)

31/05/2023

International Seminar “Cities and Urbanism Beyond Growth”, La Sapienza, Rome, Italy

(<https://www.architettura.uniroma1.it/archivionotizie/cities-and-urbanism-beyond-growth>)

Invited Speaker of “A Critical Study of Global Commodity Geographies to develop a multiscalar ‘spatial politics of degrowth”

23/11/2022 – 25/11/2022

The Lisbon Early-Career Workshop in Urban Studies “Social Mobilisations and Planning through Crises”, Portugal

(<https://urbantransitionshub.org/2022/03/18/cfp-the-lisbon-early-career-workshop-in-urban-studies-november-23-25-2022/>)

Participant and Presenter of “Can you fight gentrification in a perspective of sufficiency and together with the state? An activist perspective from Turin, Italy”

21/09/2022

I Coloquio Internacional Cibo e Territorio, Campus Luigi Einaudi, University of Turin, Italy

(https://www.didattica-cps.unito.it/do/avvisi.pl/Show?_id=2zps)

Invited speaker on “Degrowth at a Global Scale? Geographies of Chile’s Fruit Industry between Extractivism and Socio-Ecological Transformation.”

24/08/2022 – 26/08/2022

RC 21 Conference “Ordinary Cities in Exceptional Times”, Athens, Greece

(<https://pcoconvin.eventsair.com/rc21/program-overview>)

Presenter of “Chilean Cherries for China. But how? Geographies of a commodity between extractivism and perspectives of socio-ecological transformation”

10/03/2022

Online Seminar “La fruticultura de exportacion en Chile: entre extractivismo y trasformacion socio-ecologica”, CASA, Centro de Analisis Socio-Ambiental, Chile

Seminar on my PhD research to give feedback to Chilean contacts

16/06/2021 – 18/06/2021

XXIII Conferenza Nazionale SIU (23rd National Conference of the Italian Urbanists’ Society) - DOWNSCALING, RIGHTSIZING. Contrazione demografica e riorganizzazione spaziale (Demographic contraction and spatial re-organisation), Turin, Italy

(<https://www.societaurbanisti.it/conferences/downscaling-rightsizing-contrazione-demografica-e-riorganizzazione-spaziale-2/>)

- Presenter of “Territori in decrescita: da descrizione del declino a progetto desiderabile” (Degrowing territories: from description of decline to a desirable project)

- Participation to YoungerSIU Workshop “Pianificare la Città in Contrazione” (Planning declining cities) on 16/06/2021

29/01/2020 – 31/01/2020

7th Winter School Research Methodology in Social Sciences. Urban Studies and Spatial Planning. Research Approaches and Methods

(<https://researchmethodologyws.org/past-edition/2020>)

University of Florence, EURA (European Urban Research Association)

8 Other Activities

12/06/2018

Award for Master Thesis “Gentrification without gentry? Tourism and Real Estate Investment in Lisbon”: Prémio André Jordan 2018

Teatro Thalia, Lisbon, Portugal

<https://confidencialimobiliario.com/editorial/premio-andre-jordan/edicao-2018/>

Reviewer for articles in the following peer-reviewed journals

(<https://orcid.org/0000-0001-6778-8857>)

- Journal of Critical Realism

- Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning
- Local Environment
- Urban Studies

Member of the steering committee of the journal *Quaderni della Decrescita*

(<https://quadernidelladecrescita.it/comitato-di-indirizzo/>)

Italian journal for degrowth

Co-organiser of the Spaces beyond Growth – Municipal Degrowth Network

(<https://www.postgrowthcities.com/contact/>)

Member of the Post-Growth Cities Coalition

(<https://www.postgrowthcities.com/coalition/>)

President of the Fondazione Community Land Trust – Terreno Comune in Turin

a foundation that is building the first Community Land Trust in Italy & vice-president of the connected community foundation Fondazione di Comunità Porta Palazzo.

(<https://www.fondazioneportapalazzo.org/per-un-community-land-trust-a-torino/>)

Production of a series of dissemination videos on degrowth spatialities

together with the Movimento per la Decrescita Felice

(<https://www.facebook.com/watch/100064528066968/2287577714782950>)

Interviews in podcasts on my research

- City and Crumpets, S1E5 “Degrowth Urban Planning”, May 2021

(<https://open.spotify.com/show/6FyyHbnu46d1vjDSzg09PN>)

- Postgrowthplanning, E7, “Becoming a post-growth planner #7: Karl Krämer”, July 2021

(<https://www.postgrowthplanning.com/podcast/page/2/>)