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Personal Information

- Name: Fausto
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Education

- University of Trieste – Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, International Relations (Graduated with 110/110 cum laude)

Professional Experience

War Correspondent (1982 – Present)

- Began working as a freelance journalist during the Israeli invasion of Lebanon (1982).
- In 1983, co-founded Albatross, a press agency, reporting from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, Israel, Cyprus, Libya, Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, Angola, and the Philippines.
- 1986: Covered the aftermath of the USAF raid on Tripoli, the fall of Marcos in Manila, and the Western hostage crisis in Beirut.
- Over the years, specialized in reporting on social, political, and security issues in Africa, the Middle East, and Afghanistan, with a focus on minority communities.

Key Career Highlights

- 1985-1987: Foreign affairs coordinator at Gazzetta Ticinese (Swiss newspaper).
- 1987: Embedded with Ahmad Shah Massoud in Afghanistan for two months. Captured by Soviet and Afghan government forces, spent seven months in a Kabul prison, released through diplomatic efforts led by Italian President Francesco Cossiga.
- Reported for top media outlets, including:
- Newspapers & Magazines: Il Corriere della Sera, Il Giornale, L'Avvenire, Panorama, Il Sabato, Rivista Italiana Difesa, Time-Life, Express, Insight.
- Television Networks: NBC, CBS, NDR (Germany), TSI (Switzerland), RAI (Italy), Canale 5, Italia 1.

• 1992: Vice editor of TriesteOggi and chief manager at Tele4.

• 1993-1994: Reported for L'Indipendente on conflicts in Somalia, the former Yugoslavia, and Rwanda, covering massacres on both sides.

• 1997: Negotiated the release of Italian photojournalist Mauro Galligani, kidnapped in Chechnya.

• 1999: Embedded during NATO's air campaign in Yugoslavia, reporting from Kosovo, Serbia, and Montenegro.

• 2001: Covered Afghanistan post-9/11, spending three months reporting on the fall of the Taliban. Published the book Le lacrime di Allah (The Tears of Allah, Mondadori, 2002).

• 2003: Reported on the Iraq War, covering battles in Basra, Nassiriya, Najaf, Qut, and Baghdad. Continued coverage of Italian troop operations in Dhi Qar province.

• 2011: Covered the Libyan Civil War, interviewing Muammar Gaddafi just days before NATO's bombing campaign.

• 2013: Reported from Syria, covering the civil war from the government's perspective.

• 2014: On the ground for the Ukraine crisis, from Maidan Square to Crimea and the Donbas conflict.

• 2015-2017: Covered the fight against ISIS in Iraq (Mosul), Libya (Sirte), and Syria (Raqqa), as well as the migrant crisis from Libya.

• 2021: Covered the fall of Kabul and the Taliban takeover, traveling extensively across Afghanistan.

• 2022: Reported from Ukraine, arriving a week before the Russian invasion and covering the conflict for over two months, primarily for Mediaset.

Teaching & Academic Contributions

• Lecturer for the Master's course on terrorism at the University of Bergamo.

• Professor of Geopolitics and Crisis Studies at the University of International Studies, Rome (UNINT).

Publications

Books:

• Prigioniero in Afghanistan (Prisoner in Afghanistan, 1989, Sugarco)

• Le lacrime di Allah (The Tears of Allah, 2002, Mondadori)

• Guerra, guerra, guerra (War, War, War, 2018, Mondadori Electa)

• Libia Kaputt (Libya Kaputt, 2019, Signs Publishing) – A graphic journalism book on his experiences in conflict zones.

• Photojournalism Collection: Gli occhi della guerra (The Eyes of War), latest edition 2017.

• Published over 7,000 articles covering all major conflicts over the last 40 years.

Languages

• Fluent: Italian (native), English.

• Proficient: French, Spanish, Farsi (Persian).

• Basic Knowledge: Russian (studied during coverage of the Chechen wars).

Recent Work

• Since 1999, regular contributor to Il Giornale, writing for Panorama and covering major global conflicts for Mediaset.

• Frequently invited as a speaker at conferences on journalism, geopolitics, and war reporting.

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