

Saverio Russo (Margherita di Savoia, 1954), former student, scholarship holder and researcher at the Scuola Normale Superiore of Pisa, he taught at the Faculty of Letters and Languages of the University of Bari from 1983 to 2001, subsequently moving at the Faculty of Letters of the University of Foggia. Full Professor of History modern since November 2004, he also teaches History of modern Southern Italy and History of the ancient Italian states.

Former member of the Board of Directors of the University of Foggia, from 2007 to 2008, he was Director of the Department of Human Sciences, from 2008 to 2012, and that of Humanistic Studies of the same University, from 2012 to 2014. It was also coordinator of the Doctoral School in "Cultures of the environment and the territory and landscapes" of the University of Foggia.

He was president of the Banca del Monte di Foggia Foundation from 2013 to 2017, as well as of the Evaluation Unit of the "U. Giordano" Conservatory from 2007 to 2013, of which he was appointed president in May 2018. Since November of the same year he was President of FAI for Puglia, after having been there for a year head of Delegation in Foggia.

He deals with the economic and social history of Southern Italy in the modern age, and with history of the landscape, the environment and the territory, of policies for the protection and valorisation of cultural heritage.

He was a member of the national board of the Society for the Study of Modern Age and of the board of the Society of Homeland History for Puglia, for which he has also directed the Foggia section. He is also honorary inspector of the Archival Superintendency for Puglia.

He is part of the management committee of "Società e storia" and of the committee scientific of "Review of the History of Agriculture". He is co-director of the series of Historical studies "Mediterranea" of the Edipuglia publishing house of Bari, director of series "Mezzogiorno adriatico", published by Grenzi in Foggia, and component of scientific committee of the "Sereni" summer school in Gattatico (RE).

He was the promoter and designer of the Museum of the territory of the province of Foggia.

He collaborated in the drafting of the Territorial Coordination Plan for the Capitanata, with expertise in landscape and cultural heritage, and in the Plan landscape of the Puglia region. He collaborated on the catalog of historical rural landscapes, published by Laterza, coordinating the work for Puglia and Basilicata. Since 2006 in 2010 he was a member of the scientific committee for the celebrations of bicentenary of the French Decade. From 2013 to 2016 he directed, with S. Bourdin, the research project of the *École Française de Rome*, about transhumance in Central Italy.

Speaker at numerous scientific conferences in Italy and abroad, he was the winner of the

Capitanata prize for historical research in 2004, of the international prize

Montalcino, for the study of peasant civilization, in 2012, and the "Umanesimo della Pietra" award in 2022.