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Luigi Robuschi, born in Padova in 1978, is an **Associate Professor of Italian Studies** at the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits), South Africa. He earned his PhD in Early Modern History from the University of Padova in 2012, with a thesis focusing on the relationship between the Republic of Venice and the Order of Malta from the 14th to the 18th centuries. He joined Wits in 2015 as a Lecturer and was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 2017. In 2020, he was appointed Associate Professor.

He has made significant contributions to Wits' internationalisation efforts. As **Co-Chair of the Internationalisation and Partnership Committee**, he played a key role in establishing partnerships with Italian universities, including the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, the University of Bologna, and the University of Padova.

INNOVATION: *His research specialises in Early Modern History, with a particular focus on the relationship between Venice and the Order of Malta, making him a leading expert in this field. Prof. Robuschi has published extensively in respected academic journals, and his most recent contribution is a chapter in "The Land and the Cross" (Routledge, 2025).*

*In recent years, his research has expanded to include the reception of **sophistic rhetoric and its influence on political communication in Italian Humanism and the Renaissance**. His second monograph, "La Repubblica delle Emozioni" (Mimesis, 2022), explores this topic. He has recently been invited to present his work at the **International Conference on "Ancient Greek Sophistry and Its Legacy"** in December 2024.*