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EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

PhD: Political Science (2006)
University of Turin, Department of Political Studies, Italy
Dissertation: ‘Religious Fundamentalist Movements and Democracy’

Degree: Political Sciences – Grade: 110/110 with Mention and Press Dignity (2002)
University of Eastern Piedmont, Faculty of Political Sciences, Italy
Core Subjects: International Relations and Religion

Secondary School: Classical Studies (1997): Latin, Greek, Philosophy
Liceo Classico Statale, Alessandria, Italy

FURTHER SKILLS

I.T. Proficiency: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Internet and Email; Wordpress; Google Drive and collaborative writing; HTML and simple web sites programming

Languages: Native Italian; advanced English; fluent French; Basic German, Spanish and Portuguese

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2006-date** Member of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP)
- 2007-date** Member of the Religion and Politics Standing Group of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
- 2009-date** Chair of the ‘Politics and Religion’ standing group of the Italian Political Science Society (SISP)
- 2009-2013** Member of the board of the Phd in ‘Political Science and International Relations’ (later renamed ‘Sociology and Political Science’ and ‘Social and Political Change’) of the University of Turin
- 2011-date** Member of the scientific committee of the journal *WAR-ning*
- 2012-date** Member of the Scientific Committee of the book series ‘Ithaca’ (Nuova Cultura publisher, Roma)
- 2012-2021** Member of the Executive Committee and webmaster of the Research Group 43 ‘Religion and Politics’ of the International Political Science Association (IPSA)
- 2013-date** Member of the board and webmaster of the standing group ‘Religion and Politics’ of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
- Dec. 2015-date** Member of the scientific committee and the board of the research center on Contemporary Religions and Faiths in Transition (CRAFT), University of Turin
- Dec. 2016-date** Erasmus delegate of the Department of Cultures, Politics and Society of the University of Turin
- Jan. 2017-July 2021** Chair of the Research Committee 43 ‘Religion and Politics’ of the International Political Science Association (IPSA)

- Apr. 2017-date** Chair of the ‘Religion and Politics’ standing group of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
- June 2018-date** Member of the scientific committee of the Istituto di Studi sull’Asia (ISA), University of Turin
- Aug. 2018-date** Associate editor of the journal *Political Research Exchange* (ECPR/Taylor and Francis)
- Jan. 2019-2022** Consultant of the City of Turin for the establishment of a Worktable on the Prevention of Violent Extremisms

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Uzbekistan’s Foreign Policy (1991-2001): A Decision-Making Analysis*, University of Turin, Department of Political Studies, Working Paper No. 4, SPS University Press, 2004
- Fondamentalismo e democrazia*, Il Mulino, Bologna 2009
- Tra la Mecca e Bruxelles. Politica e religione in Turchia*, Morlacchi, Perugia 2012
- European Culture Wars and the Italian Case: Which Side Are you on?* (with Alberta Giorgi), Routledge, London 2016
- The Masks of the Political God. Religion and Political Parties in Contemporary Democracies*, ECPR Press/Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham 2020

Edited works

- Religioni tra pace e guerra. La religione nelle relazioni internazionali del XXI secolo* (with Valter Coralluzzo), UTET, Torino 2012
- “Religion, Democracy and Civil Liberties”, symposium, *European Political Science*, No. 12, 2013
- Religiously Oriented Actors and Democratization* (with Francesco Cavatorta), Routledge, Abingdon 2014 (previously published as a special issue of the journal *Democratization*, Vol. 20, No. 5, 2013)

Articles in referred journals

- “Religious Fundamentalism and Democracy”, *Politikologija Religije (Politics and Religion Journal)*, Vol. 3, No. 1, 2009, pp. 127-153
- “A Political Science Perspective on Religious Fundamentalism”, *Totalitarian Movements and Political Religions*, Vol. 10, No. 3-4, 2009, pp. 339-359
- “Il pluralismo religioso americano e le relazioni internazionali”, *Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica*, No. 1, 2012, pp. 121-126
- “The Many Faces of the Political God: A Typology of Religiously Oriented Parties”, *Democratization* Vol. 20, No. 5, 2013, pp. 807-830
- “Introduction: Religiously Oriented Parties and Democratization” (with Francesco Cavatorta), *Democratization* Vol. 20, No. 5, 2013, pp. 799-806
- “Conclusion: Reassessing the Relation between Religion, Political Actors and Democratization” (with Francesco Cavatorta), *Democratization* Vol. 20, No. 5, 2013, pp. 959-968
- “The Debate on the Crucifix in Public Spaces in 21st Century Italy” (with Alberta Giorgi), *Mediterranean Politics* Vo. 18, No. 2, pp. 259-275
- “Introduction: Religion, Democracy and Civil Liberties”, *European Political Science* No. 12, 2013, pp. 147-153
- "The Paradox of the Female Participation in Fundamentalist Movements", *Partecipazione e conflitto* Vol. 7, No. 1, 2014
- “Religion, Political Actors and Democratization: The Turkish Case”, *Politics and Religion* Vol. 3, No. 3, 2014, pp. 590-612
- “The Debate about Same-Sex Marriages/Civil Unions in Italy’s 2006 and 2013 Electoral Campaigns”, *Contemporary Italian Politics* Vol. 7, No. 2, 2015, pp. 144-160
- "Two forms of Catholicism in twenty-first-century Italian public debate: an analysis of positions on same-sex marriage and Muslim dress codes", *Journal of Modern Italian Studies* Vol. 21, No. 3, 2016, pp. 464-484
- “From ‘the New Rome’ to the Old One: The Gülen Movement in Italy”, *Politics, Religion and Ideology* Vol. 19, No. 1, 2018, pp. 95-108
- “Patterns of Political Secularism in Italy and Turkey: the Vatican and the Diyanet to the Test of Politics”, *Politics and Religion* Vol. 12, No. 3, 2019, pp. 457-477
- “Religion, Cleavages and Right-Wing Populist Parties: The Italian Case”, *The Review of Faith and International Affairs*, Vol. 17, No. 1, 2019, pp. 65-77
- “Social Movements, Innovation, and Governance: The Case of the Economy of Communion in Italy”, *Politics and Religion Journal* Vol. 13 No. 2, 2019, pp. 267-284

- “Last but not Least: How Italy Finally Legalized Same-Sex Unions”, *Contemporary Italian Politics* Vol. 12, No. 1, 2020, pp. 43-61
- “Is Right-Wing Populism a Phenomenon of Religious Dissent? The Cases of the Lega and Rassemblement National” (with Fabio Bolzonar), *International Journal of Religion*, Vol. 1, No. 1, 2020, pp. 45-59
- “Conceptions of Power and Role of Religion in Community Organising” (with Sara Fenoglio), *Religions*, Vol. 13, No. 9, 2022, pp. 1-16.
- “Populism, Religion and Family Values Policies in Israel, Italy and Turkey” (with Guy Ben Porat, Dani Filc and Erdi Öztürk), *Mediterranean Politics* Vol. 28, No. 2, 2023, pp. 155-177.

Articles in other academic publications

- “Fondamentalismo/i”, *Nuvole* n. 24, 2004, pp. 93-97
- “Il dibattito internazionale sulla compatibilità fra Islam e Democrazia: alcune tesi a favore”, *Teoria Politica* n. 3/2004, pp. 167-181
- “Elezioni nel mondo – India”, *Polena* n. 3, 2004, pp. 144-150
- “Elezioni nel mondo – Indonesia”, *Polena* n. 2, 2005, pp. 128-132
- “La Christian Right e Israele”, *Biblioteca della Libertà*, n. 181, 2005, XL (2005), October-December, n. 181, pp. 63-77
- “Fondamentalismo islamico”, *Meridiana* n. 52, 2005, pp. 139-158
- “Una prospettiva politologica sul fondamentalismo religioso”, *Teoria Politica* n. 2/2007, pp. 103-117
- “Le relazioni fra Turchia ed Europa ad un punto critico”, *Diritto e libertà* n. 13/2007, pp. 49-61
- “Fra europeismo e neo-ottomanismo: La politica estera della Turchia durante il governo dell’AKP (2002-2007)”, *Biblioteca della libertà* n. 191, 2008, pp. 21-33
- “Il fondamentalismo protestante americano dalle origini alla *Christian Right*”, *Ricerche di storia sociale e religiosa* XXXVI, n.72, 2007, pp. 113-132
- “Editoriale: Le democrazie degli altri”, *Nuvole* n. 31, 2008
- “La destra religiosa americana tra Bush e Obama”, *Nuvole* n. 35, 2008
- “*Hindutva*: La destra religiosa indù dalle origini alla conquista del potere”, *Kervan* n. 6, 2008, pp. 55-67
- “Dal milli görüş alla democrazia conservatrice. Il difficile percorso dell’islam politico nella Turchia contemporanea”, forthcoming in *Quaderni di storia contemporanea*
- “Il vero e il falso nella storia: Lo scontro sui libri di testo fra laici e religiosi in India”, *Intelligence & storia top secret*, No. 12, 2009, pp. 39-50

- “Apocalisse in libreria: I romanzi di Left Behind e l'apocalittica fondamentalista nella cultura Americana”, *Intelligence & storia top secret*, No. 12, 2009, pp. 51-60
- “India inquieta”, *Cronos*, No. 1, 2009, pp. 58-68
- “Ergenekon. La "Gladio" turca: democrazia sotto attacco”, *Cronos*, No. 2, 2009, pp. 50-55
- “Il fondamentalismo religioso: Implicazioni politiche”, *Nuova Informazione Bibliografica (Il Mulino)*, No.1, 2010, pp. 65-81
- “L'AKP: l'islamocrazia come modello?”, *Aspenia*, No. 52, 2011, pp. 136-142
- “Ahmet Davutoglu e il ruolo della religione nella politica estera turca”, *Diritto e libertà*, No. 19, 2011, pp. 215-223
- “La diaspora turca in Europa: terreno di conquista per gli islamisti?”, *Diritto e libertà*, No. 19, 2011, pp. 408-413
- “La religione nella politica estera turca”, *WAR-ning* No.1, 2011
- “Il dibattito teorico su democrazia e religione e il caso italiano”, *Rivista di Politica*, No. 2, 2012, pp. 5-23
- “Religione e politica estera: il caso della Turchia negli anni del governo Erdogan”, *Warning*, No. 1, 2012, pp. 189-208
- “Let the Parties Start”, *Longitude* No. 12, 2012, p. 103
- “La religione nelle urne”, *Aspenia*, No. 57, 2012, pp. 107-113
- “Islam e democrazia nello spazio migratorio europeo” (with Paolo Di Motoli), *Quaderno di Storia Contemporanea*, No. 52, 2012, pp. 45-63
- “Il peso dei luoghi santi dell’Islam”, *Aspenia*, No. 60, 2013, pp. 145-150
- “Il concetto di post-scarcity tra teoria politica e letteratura speculativa”, *Rivista di politica* No. 1/2019

Book Chapters

- “Islam e democrazia: Problemi, opportunità e modelli di sviluppo”, in Valter Coralluzzo (ed.), *Democrazie fra terrorismo e guerra*, Guerini e Associati, Milano 2008, pp. 117-148
- “La sinistra e il mondo religioso, un connubio possibile?”, in Mario Castagna (ed.), *Uscire dalla seconda repubblica*, Carocci, Roma 2010, pp. 140-156
- “Il concetto di ‘fondamentalismo religioso’: storia e definizioni”, in Mariachiara Giorda (Ed.), *Dio lo vuole. I fondamentalismi religiosi*, SEI, Torino 2012, pp. 3-22
- “Il fondamentalismo islamico e il caso iraniano” (con Alberto Gasparetto), in Mariachiara Giorda (Ed.), *Dio lo vuole. I fondamentalismi religiosi*, SEI, Torino 2012, pp. 123-159
- “Introduzione – La religione nella teoria delle relazioni internazionali” (con Valter Coralluzzo), in Valter Coralluzzo and Luca Ozzano (Eds.), *Religioni tra pace e guerra. La religione nelle relazioni internazionali del XXI secolo*, UTET, Torino 2012, pp. XIX-XLIII

- “Fondamentalismo e terrorismo religioso”, in Valter Coralluzzo and Luca Ozzano (Eds.), *Religioni tra pace e guerra. La religione nelle relazioni internazionali del XXI secolo*, UTET, Torino 2012, pp. 21-34
- “Gli attori religiosi transnazionali e il caso del Vaticano”, in Valter Coralluzzo and Luca Ozzano (Eds.), *Religioni tra pace e guerra. La religione nelle relazioni internazionali del XXI secolo*, UTET, Torino 2012, pp. 85-95
- “Religion and Democratization: An Assessment of the Turkish Model, in Stefania Panebianco and Rosa Rossi, *Winds of Democratic Change in the Mediterranean: Processes, Actors, and possible Outcomes*, Rubbettino, Soveria Mannelli 2012, pp. 131-149
- "Italy and Controversies around Religion-Related Issues: Overemphasizing Difference" (with Alberta Giorgi), in Aurélie Bardon, Maria Birnbaum, Lois Lee, Kristina Stoeckl and Olivier Roy, Eds., *Religious Pluralism: A Resource Book*, Florence, European University Institute, 2015
- "Religious Fundamentalism", in Jeff Haynes, Ed., *Routledge Handbook of Religion and Politics* (2nd ed.), Routledge, Abingdon, 2016
- “Religion and Political Parties”, forthcoming in Susanna Mancini, ed., *Handbook on Constitutions and Religion*
- “Religious Fundamentalism”, in Jeffrey Haynes, ed., *Routledge Handbook to Religion and Politics Parties*, Routledge, Abingdon; New York 2020, pp. 57-68
- “We cannot talk about the protection of religious minorities without linking this issue to the protection of all other rights”, in Liviu Olteanu, ed., *Dignity Rights Justice* (Based on The Second Global Summit on Religion, Peace and Security, United Nations, Geneva), International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty, Bern, 2020, pp. 291-2.
- “Religion and Political Parties”, in Susanna Mancini, ed., *Constitutions and Religion*, Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham, 2020, pp. 272-84.
- “Italy”, in Jeffrey Haynes, ed., *Routledge Handbook of Religion and Ideology*, Routledge, Abingdon 2021, pp. 247-259.
- "Populism and Religion in the Lega's Discourse and Policies", in Karine Tournier-Sol and Marie Gayte, *The Faces of Contemporary Populism in Western Europe and the US*, Palgrave, Cham 2021, pp. 129-146.
- “World Religions” (with Alberta Giorgi), in Laura Horn, Ayşem Mert and Franziska Müller, eds., *The Palgrave Handbook of Global Politics in the 22nd Century*, Palgrave, Cham, 2023, pp. 309-323.
- “The Complex Politics of a Spiritually Oriented Intentional Community”, in Stefania Palmisano and Nicola Pannofino, eds., *Damanhur: An Esoteric Community Open to the World*, Palgrave, Cham, 2023, pp. 97-113.

Book Reviews

- Mark Juergensmeyer, *Terror in the Mind of God*; Jean-Marie Pontaut and Marc Epstein, *Ils ont assassiné Massoud*, *Teoria Politica* *Teoria Politica* n. 2/2004
- Pete W. Moore, *Doing Business in the Middle East*, *Teoria Politica* n. 1/2005, pp. 197-200
- Vincent Boudreau, *Resisting Dictatorship*; Charles D. Brockett, *Political Movements and Violence in Central America*; Ellen Lust Okar, *Structuring Conflict in the Arab World*, *Teoria Politica* n. 2/2006, pp. 197-205
- Norman Schofield, *Architects of Political Change: Constitutional Quandaries and Social Choice Theory*, *Teoria Politica* n. 2/2007, pp. 185-190
- James L. Gibson e Amanda Gouws, *Overcoming Intolerance in South Africa*, *Teoria Politica* No. 2, 2007, pp. 205-207
- Fred Halliday, *Il Medio Oriente. Potenza, politica e ideologia*, *Teoria Politica* No. 3, 2009, pp. 217-218
- Lee Marsden e Heather Savigny (a cura di), *Media, Religion and Conflict, Democratization*, Vol. 17, No. 6, pp. 1301-1303
- Shiping Hua (Ed.), *Islam and Democratization in Asia*, forthcoming in *Politics, Religion and Ideology*
- Devin R. Springer, James L. Regens, and David N. Edger, *Islamic Radicalism and Global Jihad, Politics and Religion* Vol. 4, No. 1, 2011, pp. 182-184
- “Religion in Public Spaces: A European Perspective”, *Politics, Religion and Ideology* 2014
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CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Conferences Organized

- ECPR Capital Lecture on Religion, Democracy and Civil Liberties (Scientific coordinator), LUISS University, Rome, 21 January 2011
- Conference on Transnational Religious Movements, Dialogue and Development (Scientific coordinator), University of Turin, Turin, 10-11 December 2015 (<http://turin-rel.blogspot.it/p/home-page.html>)
- Conference “It’s the Economy, Unbeliever! Alternative Spiritualities and Economic Practices” (Scientific coordinator – with Stefania Palmisano), University of Turin, Turin, 5-6 December 2017
- Conference of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP) (member of the organizing and scientific committee), University of Turin, Turin, 6-8 September 2018

Conference Sections Convened

- “Politics and Religion” (with Damiano Palano), SISP Conference, September 2014, Perugia
- “Transnational Religion, Conflict and Dialogue”, EISA Conference, September 2015, Giardini Naxos, Sicily
- “Religion, Politics, and the Public Sphere: Contesting Liberalism?” (with Anja Hennig), ECPR General Conference, 6-9 September 2017, Oslo
- “Revisiting Religion and Politics Research: Achievements, Critique, Future Questions” (with Anja Hennig), ECPR General Conference, 22-25 August 2018, Hamburg
- “Right-Wing Populism, Religion and Gender: Dynamics and Implications” (with Julia Mourao Permoser), ECPR Joint Sessions, online, 14-17 April 2020
- “Religion and Politics at the Crossroads” (with Marko Vekovic); ECPR General Conference, online, 26-28 August 2020
- “Religion and Politics” (with Emilce Cuda), accepted for the Conference of the International Political Science Association (IPSA), online, 25-29 July 2020
- “Religious Freedom in Europe in the 2020s” (with Frédéric Strack), ECPR General Conference, online, 30 August-3 September 2021.
- “Religion and Politics in the 2020s: The State of the Field” (with Sultan Tepe), accepted for the ECPR General Conference, Charles University, Prague, 4-8 September 2023.

Conference Panels Convened

- “Religion and Politics in the Contemporary World”, SISP Conference, September 2007, Catania
- “Religiously-Oriented Political Actors in Secular Democratic States: The Turkish Case in Comparative Perspective” ECPR Conference, September 2009, Potsdam
- “Democracy and Identity” (with Rosita Di Peri), SISP conference, September 2009, Rome
- “Religion and Democracy” (with Cristiano Vezzoni), SISP conference, September 2010, Venice
- “Religion in International Relations” (with Valter Coralluzzo), SISP conference, September 2011, Palermo
- “Religious Identity and Political Participation”, SISP conference, September 2011, Palermo
- “Partis politiques et religion” (with Francesco Cavatorta), IPSA Conference, July 2012, Madrid
- “Religious Parties and Democratization” (with Francesco Cavatorta), IPSA Conference, July 2012, Madrid
- “Religion and Elections” (with Alberta Giorgi), SISP Conference, September 2012, Rome

“Transnational Religious Actors” (with Valter Coralluzzo), SISP Conference, September 2012, Rome

“Religion and Democracy in Italy’s ‘Second Republic’”, SISP Conference, September 2013, Rome

“Public Debates on Religious/Ethical Issues in Western Europe” (with Alberta Giorgi), Conference on “Religion, Democracy and Law”, January 2014, London Metropolitan University, London

“Religion, Secularism and Politics in 21st Century Turkey”, SISP Conference, September 2014, Perugia

“Religion and Political Parties” (with Massimiliano Livi), SISP Conference, September 2014, Perugia

“Culture Wars in the Contemporary World” (with Alberta Giorgi), ECPR General Conference, September 2014, Glasgow

“Religion, Dialogue and Peacebuilding”, EISA Conference, September 2015, Giardini Naxos, Sicily

“The Rise and Rise of Religiously Oriented Parties”; ECPR General Conference, Prague, 9 September 2016

“Gender and the Family as Bones of Contention in the Public Sphere”, SISP Conference, Milan, 15 September 2016

“Religione, economia, welfare: modelli economici alternativi in tempo di crisi” (with Alessandro Gusman and Stefania Palmisano), Conference *Cittadinanze*, University of Turin, 28 November-1st December 2017

“Religion and Political Parties in Contemporary Democracies”, ECPR General Conference, 22-25 August 2018, Hamburg

“Religions, populism and political parties” (with Pierre Baudry), SISP Conference, University of Turin, 6-8 September 2018

“How can Artificial Intelligence prevent and combat discrimination, hate speech and hate crime?”, Meeting on *Fighting Discrimination and Hate Speech* (Council of Europe/City of Turin), Turin, 18-19 June 2019

“Post-Secularism and Post-Democracy – Focusing on the Intersections” (with Alberta Giorgi), SISP Conference, University of Salento, Lecce, 12-14 September 2019

“New Perspectives on Religion and Politics” (with Fabio Bolzonar, 2 panel sessions), ECPR General Conference, online, 26-28 August 2020

“Christianity and populism” (with Myunghee Lee and Emma Rosenberg), 2 panel sessions, ECPR General Conference, online, 30 August-3 September 2021.

“Teoria del potere e mobilitazione dal basso: la diffusione del Community Organizing nel contesto italiano” (with Mattia Diletti and Sara Fenoglio), SISP Conference, La Sapienza University, Rome, 8-10 September 2022

“Community Organizing from the US to Europe” (with Mattia Diletti and Sara Fenoglio), SISP Conference, La Sapienza University, Rome, 8-10 September 2022

“Right-Wing Populism, Religion and Democratic Backsliding” (with Sultan Tepe), accepted for the ECPR General Conference, Charles University, Prague, 4-8 September 2023.

Conference papers and presentations

“Religious Terrorist Groups and Political Power: An Ambiguous Relationship”, University of Turin, SGIR Conference, 14 September 2007

“Fondamentalismo e democrazia nel mondo contemporaneo: I casi di Stati Uniti, Israele, Turchia e India” (Fundamentalism and Democracy in the Contemporary World: The Cases of the United States, Israel, Turkey and India), University of Catania, SISP Conference, 21 September 2007

“Religious Fundamentalism and Democracy: An Impossibile Relationship?”, University of Ljubljana, WISC Conference, 23-26 July 2007

“Verso un nuovo paradigma geopolitico? Il ruolo della religione nella politica estera turca negli anni del governo Erdogan” (Towards a New Geopolitical Paradigm? The Role of Religion in Turkish Foreign Policy in the Years of the Erdogan Government), University of Pavia, SISP Conference, September 2008

“Religiously-oriented political actors and foreign policy: The case of the AK Party in Turkey”, ECPR General Conference (Potsdam, September 2009)

“Il fondamentalismo religioso in scienza politica”, SISP conference (Rome, 17-19 September 2009)

“Religion and Democratization: The Turkish Case”, WOCMES Conference (Barcelona, 19-24 July 2010) “The Paradox of Female Participation in Fundamentalist Movements”, CESNUR Conference (Torino, 9-11 September 2010)

“Religion and Knowledge as a Global Public Good”, Religions and Global Governance Conference (Trento, 13-14 October 2010)

“Religious Fundamentalism and Politics in Democratic Regimes”, Religion and Politics Working Group (RPWG), European University Institute, Fiesole, 11 February 2011

“Models of Religiously-Oriented Parties and Democratization”, IPSA Conference, July 2012, Madrid

“Transnational Religious Actors: The Case of the Gülen Movement in Turkey” (with Valeria Giannotta), SISP Conference, September 2012, Rome

“La religione nelle primarie USA del 2012”, SISP Conference, September 2012, Rome

“The Debate about Same-Sex Marriages/Unions in Italy’s 2006 and 2013 Electoral Campaigns”, ECPR General Conference, September 2013, Bordeaux

“Religious issues and political debate in Italy 2001-2013” (with Alberta Giorgi), Conference on “Religion, Democracy and Law”, January 2014, London Metropolitan University, London

“Italian Political Parties and Ethical/Religious Debates in 21st Century Italy”, Conference on “Rethinking Political Catholicism”, May 2014, John Cabot University, Rome

“Identity and Minorities: The Italian Case”, Conference on “Citizenships”, May 2014, Turin University, Turin

“The Hizmet Movement in Transnational Perspective and Its Institutions in Italy”, SISP Conference, September 2014, Perugia

“Which Side are You On? Controversial 'Religious' Issues in Italy” (with Alberta Giorgi), ECPR General Conference, September 2014, Glasgow

“Italy and the Controversies around Religion-Related Issues: Overemphasizing Differences” (with Alberta Giorgi), Interdisciplinary Workshop on Religious Pluralism, EUI, January 2015, Fiesole

“Different Conceptions of Religious Pluralism in the Italian Political Debate”, Conference on “Religion in the Global World”, Sophia University, April 2015, Florence

“The Hizmet Movement in Transnational Perspective and its Institutions in Italy”, EISA Conference, September 2015, Giardini Naxos, Sicily

“The Hizmet Movement in Italy”; Conference on Transnational Religious Movements, Dialogue and Development, University of Turin, Turin, 10 December 2015

“Standing Sentinels, ‘Gender Conspiracies’ and Surrogate Mothers: The Recent Italian Debate on LGBT Issues”, ECPR General Conference, Prague, 10 September 2016

“Last but not Least: The Recent Italian Debate about the Regulation of Same-Sex Unions, and the Approval of the Cirinnà bill”, SISP Conference, Milan, 15 September 2016

“Political Parties and Religion”, presented at the Ecole thématique politique, religion et laïcité Rome, 30 November 2016

“Influence or Negotiation? Religion, Pluralism and Public Policies in Italy and Turkey” (with Chiara Maritato), ECPR Joint Sessions, Nottingham, 25-30 April 2017

“The Recent Italian Debate on Same-Sex Unions and the Approval of the Cirinnà Bill”, ECPG Conference (organized by the ECPR Standing Group on Politics and Gender), Lausanne, 10 June 2017

“Capitale sociale e innovazione nell’imprenditoria con orientamento spirituale: Il caso dell’Economia di Comunione”, Conference *Cittadinanze*, University of Turin, 28 November-1st December 2017

“Religion, Globalization and Right-Wing Populism: Some Reflections on the Recent evolution of the Religious Cleavage”, Conference of the European Academy of Religion, Bologna, 5-7 March 2018

“Religion, Cleavages and Right-Wing Populism: The Italian Case”, SISP Conference, University of Turin, 6-8 September 2018

- “Religione e spazio pubblico in università”, Conference *Università e spiritualità*, University of Turin, Turin, 27 September 2018
- “The Discourse on Multiculturalism and Religious Pluralism of the Italian Right”, Conference of the European Academy of Religion, Bologna, 3-7 March 2019
- “Religion and Right-Wing Populism: The Italian Case”, Presentation given at the Second Global Summit on Religion, Peace and Security, United Nations, Geneva, 29 April - 1st May 2019
- “Approcci alla prevenzione dei processi di radicalizzazione violenta”, Presentation given at the PRIMED Conference, Ferrara, 5-7 June 2019
- “What Right-Wing Populism Says on LGBT+ Rights? A Comparison of the Public Discourses on LGBT+ Issues of the Lega Nord and the Rassemblement National” (with Fabio Bolzonar), *European Conference on Politics and Gender*, Amsterdam, 3-6 July 2019
- “Religion, Political Parties and Social Cleavages: Some Theoretical Reflections”, SISP Conference, University of Salento, Lecce, 12-14 September 2019
- “The Lega’s Use of Religious Symbols and Religion-related Controversies in Italy”, Conference of the Swiss Political Science Association, Lucerne, 3-4 February 2020
- “The Masks of the Political God: A New Appreciation of the Role of Religiously Oriented Parties in Democratic Systems”, ECPR General Conference, online, 26-28 August 2020
- “Religious Communities and Empowerment in Community Organizing: The Case of Turin” (with Sara Fenoglio), ECPR General Conference, online, 26-28 August 2020
- “The Masks of the Political God”, Landecker Seminars, University of Oxford, online, 16 February 2021.
- “L’idea di potere nel community organizing contemporaneo”, SISP Conference, La Sapienza University, Rome, 8-10 September 2022
- “Community Organizing from the US to Europe: Challenges, Adaptations, and Translations” (with Sara Fenoglio), SISP Conference, La Sapienza University, Rome, 8-10 September 2022
- “Old Wine in New Cleavages? Brothers of Italy’s Use of Religion”, accepted for the ECPR General Conference, Charles University, Prague, 4-8 September 2023.
- “Religion, Populism and Democratic Backsliding in the 2020s: The Case of Italy”, accepted for the ECPR General Conference, Charles University, Prague, 4-8 September 2023.

CURRENT POSITION

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MaR 2020--date **Associate Professor – Department of Cultures, Politics and Society**

- Teacher in a course of Politics and Religion (English - 6 CFU), Corso di laurea AGIC
- Teacher in a course of Comparative Politics (Italian – 6 CFU), Corso di laurea SISCO
- Teacher in a course of Political Science (Italian - 6 of 12 CFU), Corso di laurea SACOL/COLGRU
- Supervisor of PhD and degree theses
- Erasmus delegate of the CPS Department
- Vice-Erasmus Delegate of the School of Law, Political and Socio-Economic Sciences of the University of Turin

CAREER SUMMARY

2002-2008 **UNIVERSITY OF ESTERN PIEDMONT, ITALY**

Lecturer

- Organizing evaluation tests and recovery courses to improve students' proficiency in written Italian
- Occasional lecturing in International Relations

2004-2006 **UNIVERSITY OF PERUGIA, ITALY**

Teaching Assistant in Political Science and International Relations

2004-2008 **CRT FOUNDATION, ITALY**

Researcher

- Writing a 500 page contribution on “religious fundamentalism and democracy” which will be published by the leading Italian academic publisher, Il Mulino
- Writing a contribution on “religion in Turkish AKP foreign policy”

Dec 2008-Feb 2020 **Assistant Professor – Department of Political Studies / Department of Cultures, Politics and Society – University of Turin**

VISITING

- June-July 2005** **CENTRE D'ÉTUDES ET RECHERCHES INTERNATIONALES (CERI),
PARIS, FRANCE**
Visiting Fellow
- June-July 2017** **CENTRE EMILE DURKHEIM, UNIVERSITY OF BORDEAUX, FRANCE**
Visiting Fellow
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GRANTS RECEIVED AND PROJECTS SUBMITTED

- 2013** **Grant from the University of Turin, as PI for a research project on
“Transnational Religious Movements: The Hizmet Movement in Comparative
Perspective”, Euros 7,251.82**
- 2015** **Grant from the Compagnia di Sanpaolo Foundation, as PI for a research
project on “Searching for Alternative Communitarianism, Religion and
Economic Development (SACRED). A trans-disciplinary analysis of the
economic networks of the Focolare, Hizmet and Damanhur religious
movements”, Euros 73,770.75**
- 2017** **On 2 February 2017 I have submitted, as PI of a ten-units international
consortium, a proposal related to the Horizon 2020 call on “Religious
Diversity in Europe – Past, Present and Future”. The proposal was not funded
and was evaluated with a score of 8.5/10.**
- 2018** **Grant from the Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Torino, as PI of a project
on “Pluralismo religioso e qualità della vita nei quartieri: Un progetto pilota
di community organizing”, Euros 25,000.**

ACTIVITY AS REVIEWER

2004-date Manuscript reviews for: *Democratization, Political Studies, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Common Market Studies, Italian Political Science Review, Politics and Religion, Politics Religion and Ideology, Global Affairs, Religions, International Journal of Religion, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Terrorism and Political Violence, Afriche e Orienti, Partecipazione e Conflitto, Quaderni di Scienza Politica, Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia, Polis, Etnografia e ricerca qualitativa, Routledge Book Series on Religion and Politics, Routledge Book Series on Anthropology and Religion, ECPR Press book series, Springer Nature.*