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Current Academic Positions

- From December 2018, Senior Assistant Professor in Middle Eastern Studies at School of International Studies – Department of Humanities. University of Trento – Italy.
- From March 2019, Vice Coordinator of International Master in Security Intelligence and Strategic Studies (Trento Section) - IMSISS Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree Consortium.
- From September 2019, Coordinator of the European ‘Jean Monnet’ Project ‘North Africa and Middle East Politics and EU Security’.

Previous Academic Positions

- May 2015- June 2018, Resident Visiting Fellow at London School of Economics and Political Sciences – Middle East Centre.
- January 2013 - September 2016, Lecturer in Political Science/Middle Eastern Studies at the Department of Political Science and International Affairs. The American University ‘John Cabot’ in Rome.
- Fall 2014, Visiting Lecturer at the Department of World Culture. University of Helsinki.
- October 2012 – October 2014, Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Department of Political Science. University of Genoa – Italy.
- September 2008 – June 2014, Adjunct Lecturer in History and Politics of the Middle East at the Department of Political Science. University of Genoa – Italy.
- Summer 2013, Visiting Researcher at the Islamwissenschaft Department. University of Kiel (Germany).
- July 2007 – May 2008, Postdoctoral Fellow at the European Research Centre. University of Naples (Suor Orsola Benincasa) – Italy.

Main Research Interests

- Intellectual History of Modern Iran,
- History and Politics of Modern Iran
- History and Politics of the Middle East.
- History of Islamic Political Thought

EDUCATION

- January 2004- March 2007, Ph.D. in Middle Eastern Studies at the Department of Political Science. University of Genoa – Italy.
Thesis title: “The Islamic Republic of Iran between Model and Reality: the Political Project of Ayatollah Khomeini”.
- September 1998- November 2003, Laurea (MA) in International Relations at the University of Genoa – Italy, grade: 110/110 cum laude.
Exchange Student at the International School of Social Sciences. University of Tampere (Finland)
Exchange Student with Erasmus Project in European Studies at the Faculty of Political Science. Liverpool John Moores University (United Kingdom).
- September 1993- June 1997, Diploma in Experimental Sciences at the High School of ‘Shahid Mofatteh’ of Teheran – Iran.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Funded Application

- 2019-2021, Coordinator of the European Project ‘Jean Monnet’ entitled ‘North Africa and Middle East Politics and EU Security’ (2019-2021) – Amount of award: (55.000 Euro)
The project aims at spreading knowledge on issues concerning geopolitics and the international relations in the Middle Eastern Studies, with a specific focus on its relations with EU. Within the Project two Summer Schools, one workshop and an international conference will be organised.
 - 2015, UNICEF Project on ‘The Persian Gulf Arab States Political Structure’ (Iran – GCC relations)
The project has been awarded to the research group of Middle East Centre at London School of Economics.
- 2013, DAAD Grant for Visiting Scholars (€ 4.000)
Islamwissenschaft Department of Kiel University (Germany).
- 2008, Postdoctoral Training Grant (€ 4.800)
European Research Centre – University of Naples (Suor Orsola)
- 2005, DAAD Grant for Visiting Ph.D candidates (€ 3.000)
Johannes Gutenberg Universität Mainz - Institute für Politikwissenschaft (Germany).

AFFILIATIONS

- From 2015 – Full Member, British Institute of Persian Studies
From 2014 - Full Member, Istituto per l’Oriente
From 2013 – Full member, Middle East Studies Association (MESA)
From 2013 – Member, Association for the Study of Persianate Societies

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- From 2020 – Member of the Scientific Committee of the Phd course in “International Studies’ at the University of Trento.
- From 2018 – interviewee expert on Middle Eastern issues at the International Magazine ‘The Economist’
- From 2018 is Scientific Consultant at the Italian State Radio and Television “RAI Storia”
- From 2018 is Associate Research Fellow at the Italian Institute for International Politics ‘ISPI’.
- From 2015 he has been acting as Referee for the following Journals: ‘International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies’, ‘Cambridge Review of International Affairs’ and the ‘British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies’.
- 2014 – 2015 Member of the Italian Task Force for the promotion of civil rights in Yemen. The Task Force is supported by the Italian Foreign Ministry and two Italian NGO.
- 2011- 2014 Member of Scientific Committee of the PhD course in “Political Science”, University of Genoa.
- 2008- 2011 - Editor responsible for the section: “Iran and Shiites world”, Journal of International Law and Global Politics “Jura Gentium” - University of Florence (Italy).

List of Publications

Monography

- *Contemporary Domestic and Foreign Policies of Iran*, New York – London , Palgrave/Mcmillan, 2020, pp. 224. ISBN: 978-3030453350. (co-authored with Giampiero Cama)
- *L'Iran Contemporaneo: le sfide interne e internazionali di un paese strategico*. (Modern Iran: The domestic and international challenges of a strategic country), Milan, Arnoldo Mondadori, 2015, p. 271.
- *The Islamic Republic of Iran: The Political Thought of Ayatollah Khomeini*, Genoa, De Ferrari Editore, 2009, 264 pp.

Journal Articles and Papers

The Influences of Western Ideas on Kermani's Political Thought, in " IRAN" (The Journal of the British Institute of Persian Studies), LIV.I 2016, pp. 23 – 38.

Remarks on the origins of Secularism and Nationalism in Iran: The Case of Mirzā Fath'ālī Āhūndzāde, in *Euroasian Studies* 13 (2015), pp.153-179.

Il pensiero politico sciita contemporaneo (The Contemporary Shiite Political Thought) in Massimo Campanini (ed.), *Storia del pensiero politico sciita* (The History of Shiite Islamic Thought), Mondadori, Milano, 2016, pp. 175-188.

The Revival of Nationalism and Secularism in Modern Iran, LSE Middle East Centre Paper Series, n 11, London, November 2015, p.21.

Iran as peculiar hybrid regime: Structure and Dynamics of the Islamic Republic, in "British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies", vol. 42, Issue 4, 2015, pp. 558-578.

The Political Thought of Mirza Aqa Khan Kermani, The Father of Persian National Liberalism, in "Oriente Moderno", Brill, vol. 94, 1/2014, pp. 148-161.

The Islamic State in the Shiite Political Thought: from quietism until interventism, in: "Il concetto ambiguo di Stato Islamico" (The Ambiguous Theory of Islam State), in "Pensiero Politico Islamico", il Mulino, Bologna, 4/2014. The Special Issue has been edited by Massimo Campanini.

The modern Iran: between political Islam and secular trends, in "Diritto e Religioni" Catanzaro, Pellegrini Editor, vol. 2, 2011, pp. 339-353.

Il repubblicanesimo islamico dell' Ayatollah Khomeini (The Islamic Republicanism in Ayatollah Khomeini's Political Ideas), Oriente Moderno, Brill, 1/2009, pp. 89-102.

Gli intellettuali islamici e la rivoluzione iraniana (The Islamic Intellectuals and the Iranian Revolution), In *Jura Gentium: Journal of Philosophy of International Law and Global Politics*, Florence, 2008.

Un'introduzione al mondo islamico sciita (An Introduction to the Shiite Islamic World), in "Jura Gentium" (Journal of Philosophy of International Law and Global Politics), Florence, 2008.

L'Islam sciita: il dibattito politico sulle forme di governo nell'età contemporanea (The Shiite Islam: the Political Discourse in the Contemporary Era), In "Filosofia e Questioni Pubbliche", Rome, Il Saggiatore – Luiss University Press, n. 2-3/2006, pp. 97-115.

Book Chapters

La Figura di "madre" nell'islam sciita: Fatima non è solo Fatima... (The Figure of "Mother" in Shiite Islam: Fatima is not only Fatima...), in G. Pedrucci (ed.), "Maternità e Monoteismi Motherhood(s) and Monotheisms" (coll. Storia e Religioni), Quasar, Roma, 2020, pp. 269-279.

Saudi Arabia and Iran: Beyond Conflict and Coexistence?, (co-authored with Madawi al-Rasheed) in LSE Middle East Centre Workshop Proceedings, London, August 2018, pp. 1-12.

The Struggle for Iran: Rouhani's Difficult Path to Reform in P. Magri (ed.) "Post-Vote in Iran: Giving Engagement a Chance", ISPI, Milano, 2017, pp. 15-31.

The Iranian Constitutional Revolution and the influence of Mirza Aqa Khan Kermani's Political Thought, in A. ANSARI (ed.) "Iran's Constitutional Revolution of 1906 and Narratives of the Enlightenment", Gingkolibrary, London, 2016, pp. 116-126.

Polytheism vs. Monotheism: some ideas regarding the pastoral form of power in A. Catanzaro; S. Lagi (ed.), "Monism and Puralism in the History of Political Thought", (coll. Political Science), Epokè, Roma, 2016, pp. 119-127.

History, National Identity and Myths in the Iranian Contemporary Political Thought: Mirza Fathali Akhundzadeh (1812-1878), Mirza Agha Khan Kermani (1853-1896) and Hassan Taqizadeh (1878-1970). In: "Perceptions of Iran: History, Myths and Nationalism from Medieval Persia to the Islamic Republic", (ed. Ali Ansari), London: I.B. Tauris, 2014, pp. 27-38.

The Political Thought of Mohammad Mosaddeq: constitutionalism, patriotism and democracy, In "Sources for the study of Islamic societies" ('Futuh al-buldan' series), Rome, Aracne Editor, 2013, 179-197.

The Shiite Islam and Death Penalty, in "Il diritto di uccidere" (The Right Over Life), (ed. Pietro Costa), Milan, Feltrinelli, 2010, pp. 155-173.

Ancient Persian Myths in Contemporary Iranian Political Thought, In "Myths and Metaphors in the History of Political Thought", (ed. Anna Maria Lazzarino del Grosso), Florence, Centro Editoriale Toscano, 2009, pp. 241-273.

Constitutionalism and liberalism in the Iranian Contemporary Political Thought, In "Freedom and Democracy in the History of Political Thought", Cosenza, Rubbettino Editor, 2008, pp. 245 – 251.

Selected Media Appearance

13 August 2011 / BBC Persian Tv/ Italy and Middle East relations

14 October 2011/ BBC Persian Tv / Italy and Middle East relations

16 December 2013/ BBC Persian Tv / Italy and Iran relations.

15 February 2014/ BBC Persian Tv / Italy and Iran relations.

25 November 2013/ Giornale Radio 3 (Italian National Radio) / Iranian Nuclear Talk in Geneva

June 2014/ "Washington Post" - 'Monkey Cage', "Soccer breeds nationalism and anti-regime protests in Iran

26 August 2014 / Rai Uno (Italian National Tv)- The case of ISIS and its influence in Europe

24 September 2014/ Rai Radio Uno – ISIS and Iran.

19 April 2015/ BBC Persian Tv / Italy and Middle East relations.

15 July 2015/ VOA Tv/ Gulf States Fear Nuclear Deal could Embolden Iran

8 September 2015/ RAI Uno / The Syrian Crisis and its effects

30 October 2015/ France24 / the role of Iran in the Vienna Summit

10 November 2015/ ABC Radio/ Special Programme on the fallout from Iran's nuclear deal

May 2018/ interview with "The Economist" Iran braces for economic war with America.

Jan 2019/ Rai Grande Storia, Tv Documentaru on Iranian Contemporary History.

Feb 2019/ interview with "The Economist", "What to make of the attempted resignation of Iran's foreign minister".

Dec 2019/ "The Economist", "How the Iranian regime put down economic protests".

Jan 2020/ Radio Vatican on the Ukrainian Iran tensions.

Jan 2020/ "The Economist", "Iraq and Iran raise the stakes after the killing of Qassem Suleimani"

Jan 2020/ ABC TV News, "Iranian political crisis".

Jan 2020/ Skytg24, on the Middle Eastern crisis.

Feb 2020/ Rainews24, on the Iranian crisis and covid19

