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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## INSERIRE IL PROPRIO CURRICULUM

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## CURRENT POSITION

2016-20 **Postdoc Research in International Relations**, Department of Political Science, University of Genoa.

## GENERAL AREAS OF INTEREST

International Relations of the Middle East, Foreign and Security Policy, Security interactions in the Middle East and Horn of Africa, Chinese role in Middle East politics, Great Power politics in western Asia and eastern Africa.

## EDUCATION

2013-16 **Ph.D. in Political Science at the Doctoral School of Political Science**, University of Genova with fellowship. Thesis title: The millet system and treatment of religious minorities in the Ottoman Empire between the XVI and the XIX century.  
 2011-12 **Master Degree in Politics and Economics of the Mediterranean**, University of Genova. Thesis title: "The Ottoman roots of Contemporary Turkey". Final grade: 110/110 cum laude.  
 2006-10 **Bachelor Degree in Political Sciences and International Relations**, Catholic University of Milan. Thesis title: "Relations between the United States and the State of Israel from 1948 to 1956". Final grade: 101/110.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

2015 Fellowship: Ready for the World Young Researcher grant (2000€).  
 2016 Doctoral Dissertation Award, University of Genoa (1500€).  
 2016-20 Postdoc private (companies & business associations) Grant (20.000€).  
 2017 Fellowship: Türkiye Scholarships, Research Fellowship Programme with grant (6000€).

## VISITING FELLOWSHIPS

- 2014 Junior Researcher at The International Center for Contemporary Turkish Studies – ICCT, Milan (Italy).  
 2015 Phd Visiting Student at the Tennessee University of Knoxville.  
 2017 Research Visiting at the Şehir Istanbul University, Turkey.  
 2018-19 Nonresident Research Fellow at the Center for Modern Turkish Studies, Istanbul, Turkey.

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2020 Country (Turkey) Researcher on the “Key Influences in the Horn of Africa from Middle Eastern Gulf States and Turkey” project of the London Rift Valley Institute, funded by EARF and supported by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

- 2021 Turkey in Africa. Turkey’s strategic involvement in sub-Saharan Africa, London: I.B. Tauris (forthcoming)  
 2019 Sovranismo islamico. Erdogan e il ritorno della Grande Turchia, Roma: Luiss University Press. ISBN: 978-88-6105-4219.  
 2019 Le due sponde del Mar Rosso. La politica estera degli Stati mediorientali nel Corno d’Africa. Milano: Mondadori Università. ISBN: 978-88-6184-740-8.  
 2017 Islam e pluralismo. La coabitazione religiosa nell’Impero Ottomano, Firenze: Le Monnier Università. ISBN: 978-880-0748-43-8.

### Special Issues

- 2021 Co-editor of the no. 1/2021 of De Europa Journal, special issue: The (re)configuration of the Euro-Mediterranean space after the 2011 Arab uprisings: borders, politics and identity.  
 2019 Editor of the no. 2/2019 of Rivista di Politica, special issue: La ‘nuova’ Turchia: sfide, limiti e contraddizioni della Turchia di Erdoğan.

### Edited Book

- 2016 F. Donelli, A. Chiriatti and M. Férrez (eds.), Un retrato de la Turquía contemporánea. Visión general y perspectivas, Ciudad de México: Universidad Anáhuac México Sur. ISBN: 978-607-9050-15-3.

### Peer-reviewed articles

- 2020 Fluctuating Saudi and Emirati Alignment Behaviours in the Horn of Africa, in «The International Spectator», doi: 10.1080/03932729.2019.1706389. co-authored with G. Dentice.  
 2019 Asymmetric Alliances and High Polarity: Evaluating Regional Security Complexes in the Middle East and Horn of Africa, in «Third World Quarterly», doi: 10.1080/01436597.2019.1693255. co-authored with B.J. Cannon.  
 2019 The Gülen Movement in Africa: From Transnational Asset to Anti-Turkish State Lobby, in «Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs», Vol. 13, no. 1, pp. 67-80. doi: 10.1080/23739770.2019.1632588.  
 2019 Persuading through culture, values and ideas. The controversial case of Turkey’s cultural diplomacy, in «Insight Turkey», Vol. 21, no. 3, pp. 113-133. doi: 10.25253/99.2019EV.04  
 2019 La politica mediorientale della Turchia: dall’autonomia alla nascita dell’Asse turco-qatariota, in «Rivista di Politica», no. 2, pp. 69-79. ISSN: 2037-495X.  
 2018 The Ankara Consensus: the significance of Turkey’s engagement in Sub-Saharan Africa, in «Global Change, Peace & Security», Vol. 31, no. 2, pp. 57-76. doi: 10.1080/14781158.2018.1438384  
 2018 Syrian Refugees in Turkey: A Security Perspective, in «New England Journal of Public Policy», Vol. 30, n. 2. ISSN: 0749-016X.  
 2018 Potenzialità e inconsistenze dell’attivismo globale turco: tra ambizione di middle power e il pericolo overstretch, in «Politics. Rivista di Studi Politici», Vol. 8, no. 2, pp. 49-64. ISSN: 2279-7629.  
 2018 La Turchia da Atatürk a Erdoğan. Programmi scolastici e uso della storia per la nuova identità nazionale, in «Historia Magistra», n. 26. ISSN: 2036-4040.  
 2017 Features, Aims and Limits of Turkey’s Humanitarian Diplomacy, in «Central European Journal of International and Security Studies», Vol. 11, no. 3, pp. 59-83. ISSN 1802-548X.

- 2017 Turkish Civilian Capacity in Post-conflict Scenarios: The Cases of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo, in «Journal of Global Analysis», Vol. 7, no. 1, pp. 38-57. ISSN: 2041-1944. Co-authored with Alessia Chiriatti.
- 2016 Becoming Global Actor: the Turkish agenda for the Global South, in «Rising Powers Quarterly», Vol. 1, no. 2, pp. 93-115. ISSN: 2547-9423. Co-authored with Ariel Gonzalez.
- 2016 Reinvention of Turkish Foreign Policy in Latin America: the Cuba case, in «Insight Turkey», Vol. 18, no. 2, pp. 161-182. ISSN: 1302177X. Co-authored with Erman Akilli.
- 2016 Le relazioni tra Turchia e Siria nel quadro della politica regionale di potenza: egemonia o leadership?, in «Rivista di Politica», no. 3, pp. 173-184. ISSN: 2037-495X. Co-authored with Alessia Chiriatti.
- 2016 La riscoperta turca dell’Africa tra storia e geopolitica, in «Tetide – Rivista di Studi Mediterranei», no. 1, ISSN: 2421-5937.
- 2014 Il riassetto della Profondità Strategica turca, in «Geopolitica», Vol. III, n.1-2/2014, pp. 123-134. ISBN: 97811907847271.
- 2014 Il ruolo della società civile ‘islamica’ nella politica estera turca, in «Afriche e Orienti», anno XVI, n. 1-2/2014, pp. 99 – 115. ISSN: 1592-6753.
- 2013 La strategia energetica turca guarda verso il Kurdistan, in «Eurasia», XXX, 2/2013, pp. 75-86. ISSN: 1828-0692.
- 2013 La “nuova frontiera” di Davutoğlu. Come (e perché) è cambiata la politica estera della Turchia, in «Rivista di Politica», 3/2013, pp. 143-153. ISSN: 2037-495X.
- 2013 Simboli e tradizioni “inventate” alla corte di Abdülhamid II, in «Diacronie – Studi di Storia Contemporanea», n. XVI, 4/2013. ISSN: 2038-0955.
- 2012 Le radici ottomane della Turchia di Erdoğan, in «Diacronie – Studi di Storia Contemporanea», n. XII, 4/2012. ISSN: 2038-0925.

#### Under review

- 2019 Turkey’s involvement in Sub-Saharan Africa: an empirical analysis of multitrack approach, in «Journal of Contemporary African Studies».
- 2020 Power Projection of Middle East States in the Horn of Africa: Linking Security Burdens with Capabilities, in «Middle East Critique».

#### Book Chapters

- 2018 “From Mogadishu to Buenos Aires: The Global South in the Turkish Foreign Policy in the late JDP period (2011-2017)” co-authored with Ariel Gonzalez-Levaggi, in E. Parlar Del (ed.), Middle Powers in Global Governance: The Rise of Turkey, London: Springer International Publishing, pp. 53-73. ISBN: 978-3-319-72364-8.
- 2018 “La caduta dell’Impero ottomano e gli arabi, dall’universalismo al particolarismo”, co-authored with Massimo Campanini, in S. Lorenzini and S. Bellezza (eds.), Sudditi o cittadini?. L’evoluzione delle appartenenze imperiali nella Prima guerra mondiale, Roma: Viella, pp. 67-88. ISBN: 978-88-6728-978-3.
- 2018 “The millet: an intermediate body of the Ottoman religious and legal pluralism”, in A. Catanzaro, F. Falchi and S. Lagi (eds.), Monisms and Pluralisms in the History of Political and Social Models, Firenze: Edizioni Epoké, pp. 41-58. ISBN: 978-88-99647-80-3.
- 2017 “From the ‘Status Quo’ to the ‘Humanitarian’ Discourse: Turkish Foreign Policy in Flux”, in Ö. Tüfekçi, H. Tabak and E. Akilli (eds.), Eurasian Politics and Society: Issues and Challenges, Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, pp. 92-115. Co-authored with A. Chiriatti. ISBN: 978-1-4438-5511-2.
- 2017 “A hybrid actor in the Horn of Africa. An analysis of Turkey's involvement in Somalia”, in A. Ylönen and J. Záhorký (eds.), The Horn of Africa since the 1960s. Local and International Politics Intertwined, Abingdon, New York: Routledge, pp. 158-170. ISBN: 9781472478207.
- 2017 “Neo-Ottoman Weltanschauung”, in H. Tabak, A. Chiriatti and Ö. Tüfekçi (eds.), Domestic and Regional Uncertainties in the New Turkey, Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, pp. 155-167. ISBN: 1-4438-9142-8.
- 2016 “Türkiye’nin İnsani Diplomasi Anlayışı: Somali’ye Yönelik Tek Taraflı Entegre Stratejisi” [Turkey’s understanding of humanitarianism: a single-integrated strategy toward Somalia], in E. Akilli (ed.), Türkiye’de ve Dünyada Dış Yardımlar, Ankara: NOBEL Akademik Yayıncılık, pp. 265-285. ISBN: 978-605-320-317-9.

- 2016 “Turquía y Cuba. La coronación de una nueva era de relaciones”, in A. Gonzalez Levaggi and M. Ferez (eds.), *Turquía-América Latina y el Caribe. Una Asociación Emergente*, Istanbul: Bahçeşehir University Press. **Co-authored** with Erman Akilli. ISBN: 9-786055-461935.
- 2016 “Una reflexión histórica en torno de la Weltanschauung neo-otomana. Entre la política exterior y la formación de identidad”, F. Donelli, A. Chiriatti and M. Ferez (eds.), *Un retrato de la Turquía contemporánea. Visión general y perspectivas*, Ciudad de México: Universidad Anáhuac México Sur, pp. 87-99. ISBN: 978-607-9050-15-3.
- 2015 “Turkey's presence in Somalia: a humanitarian approach”, in A. Chiriatti, E. Diodato, S. Dogan, F. Donelli and B. Yilmaz (eds.), *The Depth of Turkish geopolitics in the AKP's foreign policy: From Europe to an extended neighbourhood*, Perugia: Università per Stranieri di Perugia, pp. 35-51. ISBN: 978-88-906524-9-3.
- Others**
- 2020 Determinants of Middle East states involvement in the Horn of Africa, POMEPS Studies 40, pp. 50-54.
- 2019 Middle Eastern States in the Horn of Africa: security interactions and power projection, co-authored with B.J. Cannon, in «ISPI Analysis», 4/2019.
- 2019 Back to the Hardest: The U-turn of Turkish Foreign Policy, in «Political Reflection», Vol. 5, n. 19, pp. 11-15.
- 2017 Historical Reflection on Neo-Ottoman Weltanschauung: between Identity-making and Foreign Policy, in «The Copernicus Journal of Political Studies», no. 1, pp. 55-65. doi: 10.12775/CJPS.2017.004
- 2017 Review of Emanuela Locci (ed.), *Io sono turco!* (Milano: Franco Angeli, 2017). *Storia e Politica*, Vol. 9, no. 2, pp. 571-576.
- 2015 Turkish ‘zero problems’ between failure and success, in «Centre for Policy and Research on Turkey – Research Turkey», - Vol. IV, Issue 3, March, pp. 108-131. Co-authored with Alessia Chiriatti.

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 Crossing Roads: Middle East’s Security Engagement in the Horn of Africa. At the e-conference entitled International Relations in a Multi-polar Middle East, organized by the Sectarianism, Proxies and De-sectarianisation (SEPAD) project based at Lancaster University’s Richardson Institute, 29 June, 2020.
- 2020 Gulf intervention in the Horn of Africa. At the workshop entitled Africa and the Middle East, organized by the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) of Columbia University and by the Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS), Columbia University, New York, 28 February, 2020.
- 2019 Hearts and Minds: Culture for the benefit of Foreign Policy. At the international workshop entitled Rethinking Turkish foreign policy in the Western Balkans Ruptures in the neighborhood, organized by Heinrich Böll Foundation, Belgrade, 6 November, 2019.
- 2019 The Middle East’s Interaction with Horn of Africa States and the Shifting Balance of Power (Panelist and Chair). At the XIV Congress of the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO), University of Turin, 31 January – 3 February, 2019.
- 2018 The effects of the Gulf crisis in the Red Sea. Between perception and reality. At the III Annual International Conference Gulf Studies Center, Qatar University, Qatar, 9-10 December 2018.
- 2018 Changing alliances and power rearrangement in the Middle East: towards a new regional order?. (Panelist and Chair). At the XXXII Conference of the Political Science Italian Society (SISP), University of Turin, Turin, 6-8 September 2018.
- 2017 The Ankara Consensus: a meaning to Turkey's engagement into Sub-Saharan Africa. At the international conference on “Africa, New Powers, Old Powers”, organized by the Department of Political and Social Studies, University of Bologna, and EADI Working Group on “Transitions in (Southern) Africa, University of Bologna, Bologna, 4-5 May 2017.
- 2017 The coup attempt and its effects for Turkey’s policy toward Africa. At the “International 15 July and Coups Symposium Global Effects, Media and Democracy”, organized by the Department of Political and Social Studies, University of Kocaeli, Turkey, 26-28 October 2017.
- 2017 The nexus between foreign policy and migration. At the NASP Workshop on Political Parties and Foreign Policy at the Department of Political Science of the University of Genoa, Genoa, 16 November 2017.

- 2016 The implications of Syrian refugees crisis on Turkey's foreign policy: an invigorated security dilemma. At the XIII Meeting of the Italian Society for the Study of the Middle East (SeSaMO), University of Catania, Catania, 17-19 March 2016.
- 2016 Turkey's Reinvention of Latin America: the Cuba case. At the I Eurasia-Latin America International Conference (ELAIC), Istanbul Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul, 26-27 March 2016.
- 2016 The millet institution: an intermediate body of vertical integration characteristic of the religious and legal Ottoman pluralism. At the conference about "Pluralismo e monismo nei modelli politici e sociali dell'età moderna e contemporanea", University of Cagliari, Italy, 26-27 May 2016.
- 2016 Turkey's humanitarian diplomacy as a soft power tool. At the Annual Conference of the Central and East European International Studies Association (CEEISA) and the International Studies Association (ISA), University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, 23-25 June 2016.
- 2016 Spreading securitization: the Syrian Refugees Crisis and the Turkey's Foreign Policy Agenda. At the XXX Conference of the Political Science Italian Society (SISP), University of Milan, Milan, 15-17 September 2016. With Ariel Gonzalez.
- 2015 New Turkey's soft power toolkit: the Somali case. At the II IEPAS - International Conference on Eurasian Politics & Society, CESRAN International and Konya Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya, 20-22 May 2015.
- 2014 From the Status Quo to the Principle of Freedom and Security: Turkish foreign policy and the challenge of Syrian Crisis. At the First Annual Conference on Eurasian Politics & Society – CESRAN, Keele University and Karadeniz Technical University, Trabzon, Turkey, 20-21 March 2014.
- 2014 Turkey's Double Level Relations in Post-Conflict Balkans. At the First Symposium with the theme "Turkey and Peace in the Balkans: Cultural and Commercial Diplomacy", Istanbul Chamber of Commerce, Yıldız Technical University and Istanbul Commerce University, Istanbul, 28-30 May 2014.
- 2014 The total performance principle as key of Turkish activism in Somalia. At the XXVIII Conference of the Political Science Italian Society (SISP), University of Perugia, Perugia, 11-13 September 2014.
- 2014 The Turkish policies' impact on Africa: the Somali case. At the III Conference of The Italian Association of the African Studies (ASAI), University of Macerata, Macerata, 17-20 September 2014.
- 2013 Geopolitical Implications of the Arab Upheavals in the Mediterranean: Turkey's Case. At NEPAS Conference I, "Thinking Out of the Box: Devising New European Policies to Face the Arab Spring", University of Minho, Braga, 21/22 February 2013.
- 2013 The role of civil society in Turkey's foreign policy. At XI Meeting of the Italian Society for the Study of the Middle East (SeSaMO), University of Pavia, Pavia, Italy, 17-19 September 2013.
- 2013 Turkish Foreign Policy for a New Regional Order. At the Fifth Uludağ Conference on International Relations with the theme of "Rebuilding The Peace and Security", Uludağ Üniversitesi, Bursa, 11-12 December 2013.

## TEACHING

- A.Y. 2020-21 Course of: "History and Politics of the Middle East", master degree, Department of Political Science, University of Genoa [36h].  
Course of: "The Southern Shore of the Mediterranean: a deep insight", master degree, Department of Asia and Mediterranean Africa Studies, Ca' Foscari University of Venice [30h].
- A.Y. 2019-20 Course of: "History and Politics of the Middle East", master degree, Department of Political Science, University of Genoa [36h].  
Course of: "History and Institutions of the Modern Middle East", master degree, Department of Political Science, University of Bologna [40h].  
Course [6h] of: "History and Politics of Turkey after the II World War", within the master in "Middle Eastern Studies", ASERI, Catholic University of Milan, Milan.
- A.Y. 2018-19 Course of: "Turkey and the Middle East", Postgraduate degrees, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Istanbul Şehir University [50h].
- A.Y. 2017-18 Course of: "Comparative Foreign Policy", Undergraduate and Postgraduate degrees, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Istanbul Şehir University [60h].  
Seminar on: "Turkey's Southern Dimension: the engagement into Sub-Saharan Africa", Center for Modern Turkish Studies, Istanbul.

**INVITED LECTURES**

- A.Y. 2019-20 Lecture “The Horn of Africa and Middle Eastern states”, within the ISPI-Bocconi master in “Geopolitics and Development in Africa”, Bocconi University, Milan.  
Lecture “The Gulf states in the Horn of Africa”, Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Rome.  
Series of Lectures on the Middle East politics within the ISPI master, Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale, Milan.
- A.Y. 2018-19 Lecture “Turkey’s policy toward Africa”, within the Africa Regional Expertise Development Symposium, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington D.C.  
Lecture “Analysis of Turkish foreign policy behaviours”, Spring Hill College, Bologna.  
Lecture “Turkey-EU: a neoclassical realist study”, University of Genova.  
Lecture “The Horn of Africa as a Middle East sub-complex”, Marmara University, Istanbul.
- A.Y. 2017-18 Lecture “The role of EU in S&R”, at the 13° Stabilization and Reconstruction Management Senior Course organized by The Italian Army Post Conflict Operations Study Center, Italian Army, Turin.
- A.Y. 2016-17 Lecture “The Army and Political Islam in the Middle East”; and “Turkey nested game: a complex interplay between domestic and foreign policy”, University of Genova.
- A.Y. 2015-16 Lecture “The ‘new frontier’ of Turkey’s foreign policy: chance or challenge to the West?; and “Turkey’s soap operas: a new kind of cultural penetration”, Tennessee University of Knoxville.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH**

- 2016-20 Interviews and appearances on national and international media (Sky News, Al-Jazeera, TRT World, Radio Rai, Radio Radicale, Domani..).
- 2020 Invited speaker, Festival della Geografia, Levanto, Italy.
- 2019 Invited speaker, Italia-Africa Business Week, Milan, Italy.
- 2019 Series of public conferences organized by Istituto Primo Levi, Genoa, Italy.
- 2018 Invited speaker hosted by Centro Pannunzio, Turin, Italy.
- 2017 Invited speaker hosted by La Casa di Cultura, Milan, Italy.

**MEMBERSHIP AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

Member of the Italian Association for the Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO).  
Editor for De Europa, and for the International Journal of Islamic and Civilizational Studies (UMRAN) Malaysia.  
Member of Scientific Committee of “Politics, Economics and Administrative Sciences Journal (PEAJ)”, Turkey; “Novus Orbis- Journal of Politics and International Relations”, Turkey.  
Peer reviewer for “Foreign Policy Analysis”; “Contemporary Arab Affairs”, “Interdisciplinary Political Studies”; “Perceptions: Journal of International Relations”; “Turkish Journal of Middle Eastern Studies”.  
Member of the European Standing Group on International Relations.  
Member of the International Cultural Relations Council of the Arts Investment Forum, London.  
Member of the Latin America and Caribbean-Turkey Academic Network (LACTAN).  
Member of the Southern European Politics Standing Group of the European Consortium for Political Research.

**LANGUAGES**

- Native speaker Italian.
- Other languages English, Spanish, French (reading knowledge), Turkish (reading knowledge).

Data

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