

Davide Grasso  
*Curriculum Vitae*

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## Working Addresses

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## Areas of Competence / Specialization

Political sociology, Environmental sociology, Critical theory of society, Cultural heritage deconstruction, Syrian studies, Kurdish studies, Social and insurrectionary movements, Stakeholder involvement and engagement, Qualitative field research, Multi-level perspective, Theory of change

## Current positions

Research Fellow (Rtd-A)  
Political Sociology GSPS-07/A (SSD SPS11)  
University of Turin. Department of Culture, politics and society  
May 2025 - Present

Professor, Sociology of movements and political transition processes  
University of Turin, Department of Culture, politics and society  
July 2025 - Present

Faculty, Political Sociology  
International University College of Turin  
January 2021 - Present

Lecturer, Political sociology of the confederal commune  
Scuola di specializzazione in Teoria critica della società, University of Milano-Bicocca  
November 2024 - Present

## Academic affiliations

Research groups

LAFITA: La vie sociale et politique des mots en contextes de révolte et de guerre. 2024-2028. IRN (International research network), CNRS Humanities & Social Sciences, École des hautes études en sciences sociales

UNESCO: Cattedra UNESCO in Sviluppo Sostenibile e Gestione del Territorio (UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Development and Land Management), Università degli Studi di Torino

CRISIS : Centro di ricerca interuniversitario di studi sulla sostenibilità socio-ecologica (Inter-university research centre for socio-ecological and sustainability studies), Università di Torino, Università di Aosta, Università di Brescia

## Academic associations

Associazione Italiana di Sociologia (AIS)  
– Sezione di Sociologia politica (AIS Politica)  
Italian Sociological Association  
– Political Sociology section

Società Italiana di Sociologia Economica (SISEC)  
Italian Society of Economic Sociology

Società Italiana di Studi sul Medio Oriente (SeSaMO)  
Italian Society of Middle Eastern Studies

Rete Italiana di Studi Curdi (RISC)  
Italian Network of Kurdish Studies

Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP)  
Italian Society of Political Science

Società Italiana di Filosofia Politica (SIFP)  
Italian Society of Political Philosophy

## Research fellowships

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow  
Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin  
SPS/07 General sociology  
Timeframe: July 2024 - May 2026

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow  
Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin  
SPS/07 General sociology  
Timeframe: January 2023 - December 2023

## Research residencies

IMÉRA - Institute for Advanced Study of Aix Marseille University (RFIEA, NETIAS, UBIAS)  
Research Chair: École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS)  
Residency length: January-July 2024  
Research project: A Concrete Utopia for the Euro-Mesopotamian space: The Political Theory of the Syrian-Kurdish Movement  
Disciplines: Political sociology, Political theory, Middle Eastern Studies, Kurdish Studies  
Category of Fellowship: Annual research fellowship  
Axis: Transregional studies EHESS/Iméra  
Research program: Necessary Utopias

## Research projects

*Project writer and editor.*

## Funded projects

Building a Theory of Cross-Border Democracy to Cope with Emerging Challenges in Europe and Beyond (BorDeMEr) SOE20240000138 – CUP D13C25000600006  
Role: Principal Investigator  
Call: Young Researchers - Linea Seal of Excellence  
Funding scheme: Piano Nazionale di Ripresa e Resilienza (PNRR) – Missione 4 “Istruzione e Ricerca”  
Componente 2 “Dalla Ricerca all'Impresa”  
Investimento 1.2 “Finanziamento di progetti presentati da giovani ricercatori”

Pathways for Co-creation between Local Authorities and Collective Actions for a Sustainable Transition (CO-SUSTAIN)

Role: Project co-writer and co-signatory

European Union's Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme 101132467

Call Title: The climate imperative and its impact on democratic governance

Funding scheme: Research and Innovation Actions

EU contribution: € 2.774.250,00 (100% of estimated project costs)

Work Programme Topic: Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

Consortium: University of Turin, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna, Universidad de Grenada, Tartu Ulikool, Lappeenranta-Lahden teknillinen yliopisto, Instytut Gospodarki Surowcami Mineralnymi i Energiją PAN, Associació Ecoserveis, Euroquality

#### Acknowledgments

Seal of Excellence – Horizon Europe 2025

Call: Horizon-MSCA-2024-PF-01

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships 2024

Topic: Horizon-MSCA-2024-PF-01-01

Host Institution: University of Turin, Italy

Supervisor: Dario Padovan

Host institution for the Outgoing Phase: New York University, USA

Supervisor: Stefanos Geroulanos

Secondment: École des hautes études en sciences sociales

Supervisor: Hamit Bozarslan

Seal of Excellence – Horizon Europe 2024

Call: Horizon-MSCA-2023-PF-01

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships 2023

Topic: Horizon-MSCA-2023-PF-01-01

Host Institution: University of Venice Ca' Foscari, Italy

Supervisor: Giorgio Cesarale

Host institution for the Outgoing Phase: New York University, USA

Supervisor: Stefanos Geroulanos

Secondment: University of Belgrade

Supervisor: Petar Bojanić

#### *Coordinator contact and team member:*

Pathways for Co-creation between Local Authorities and Collective Actions for a Sustainable Transition (CO-SUSTAIN)

Principal Investigator: Dario Padovan (Università di Torino)

Length: January 2024 - December 2026

Involvement: July 2024 - May 2025

SPS/07 – General Sociology

Operational Role: Team Member UNITO, responsible for daily Lab activities

*Involvement in Work Packages* (daily lab, co-coordination)

Work Package 1: Designing the Research and Assessment Methods (Team coordination of the WP)

Task 1.1: Development of the research methodology

Task 1.2: Development of the research tools and internal training

Task 1.3: Context and stakeholder analysis for the historic examples

Task 1.4: Development of the assessment framework for the case studies

Work Package 2: Understanding the triggers, management, and impacts of latent and manifest political participation through historic examples

Task 2.1: Conducting a literature review on the triggers and management of latent and manifest forms of political participation

Task 2.2: Studying historic examples of political participation linked to societal and environmental imperatives (Subtask 2.2.1 Textual analysis; Subtask 2.2.2 Integrating stakeholder perspectives; Subtask 2.2.3 System mapping)

Task 2.3: Delivering best (and worst) practices to support and manage latent and manifest forms of political participation

Task 2.4: Structuring deliberation panels for latent and manifest forms of political participation

*Direct responsibility for research output delivery:*

D1.1 CO-SUSTAIN Research Guide. Description: A guide to analyse latent and manifest political participation and understand its origins, management and impact, including the steps, methods, tools, and advice

*Team member:*

Providing Operational Economic Appraisal Methods and Practices for Informed Decision-Making on Climate and Environmental Policies (PATTERN)

European Union's Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme 101056734

Length: July 2022 - July 2025

Involvement: January 2023 - December 2023

SPS/07 – General Sociology

Principal Investigator: Sonia Quiroga Gomez (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

Academic Consortium Partners: Universidad Complutense de Madrid, University of Turin, Flemish Institute for Technological Research, University of Antwerp, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology

Other Partners: Euroquality, ISMERI Europa, Vlaamse Landmaatschappij, Netherlands Enterprise Agency, IRES Piemonte, Trøndelag County Authority, City of Lappeenranta

Operational Role: Team Member UNITO, responsible for daily Lab activities

*Involvement in Work Packages (daily lab, co-coordination)*

Work Package 2: Creation of the interdisciplinary and participatory approach

Task 2.1: Stakeholder analysis and engagement

Task 2.2: Building a Theory of Change to identify evaluation needs

Task 2.3: Social side of policy impact

*Direct responsibility for research output delivery:*

D2.2 *Theory of Change for the project's case studies*. Description: ToCs development to clarify expected changes and indicators for the environmental policy evaluations to be operationalised

D2.3 *Assessment of Social Impact in policy evaluation*. Description: Design of the social Impact Assessment framework used in the project to ensure the operability of tools and guidelines

## **Field research**

Food solidarity in Turin during and after the 2020 pandemics

Location: Turin (Italy)

Length: March 2023 (explorative phase); December 2024-May 2025

Financing institution: European Commission (CO-SUSTAIN HEU)

Associated researchers on the field: L. Giorgetti, A. Sciallo

Description: Analysis of social activations from below for food solidarity and psychological relief in response to the socio-economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic

Activity: field opening, contact building, in depth-interviews, stakeholder engagement: Solidarietà alimentare Torino, S-nodi (Forum disuguaglianze e diversità), Eco dalle città, Rete delle case del quartiere, Casa del quartiere "Cecchi Point", Casa del Quartiere di via Aglié, Centro sociale Manitwana, Torino solidale, Department of Social Policies of the City of Turin, Atlante del cibo.

Methodologies: institutional ethnography, context and stakeholder analysis, in-depth interviews, participant observation

Solidarity Renewable Energy Community (REC) in East Naples

Location: Napoli (Italy)

Length: September 2024-October 2024

Financing institutions: European Commission (CO-SUSTAIN HEU)

Associated researchers on the field: L. Giorgetti, A. Sciallo

Description: Context and stakeholder analysis, analysis of social and institutional dynamics concerning the creation and development of the Solidarity Renewable Energy Community of San Giovanni a Teduccio

Activity: contact building, semi-structured in-depth interviews, stakeholder involvement and engagement: Fondazione Famiglia di Maria; Legambiente Campania; 3eee; Comitato Ex Taverna del Ferro; Libera Campania; Terrediconfine; Casa del popolo di San Giovanni; Comitato Civico di San Giovanni; local authorities: Municipality of East Naples

Methodologies: institutional ethnography, context analysis, in-depth interviews, social network analysis

Grass-root and institutional activation after the 2009 Earthquake in L'Aquila

Location: L'Aquila (Italy)

Length: September 2024

Financing institution: European Commission (CO-SUSTAIN HEU)

Associated researchers on the field: L. Giorgetti

Description: Context and stakeholder analysis, social movements analysis, multi-level governance dynamics concerning the social and institutional response to the earthquake of 2009, the reconstruction process and the impact of urban policies on the social fabric of the city, surrounding towns and inland communities

Activity: field opening, contact building, semi-structured in-depth interviews, stakeholder involvement and engagement: Comitato 3.32; Collettivo99; E.V.A.; Casa delle donne; Terremutate; Associazione familiari delle vittime del terremoto; current and former officers of the Municipality of L'Aquila

Methodologies: institutional ethnography, context analysis, in-depth interviews, social network analysis

Social activation from below after the 2011 and 2014 floods in Genoa

Length: August 2024 - September 2024

Location: Genova (Italy)

Financing institution: European Commission (CO-SUSTAIN HEU)

Associated researchers on the field: L. Giorgetti

Description: Analysis of bottom-up social activations in response to the floods of 2011 and 2014; organization of relief activities, financial solidarity, public discussion and critique to build niches of hydrogeological and ecological counter-planning of urban and suburban spaces

Activity: field opening, contact building, qualitative data collection, stakeholder engagement: Amici di Ponte Carrega, Circolo ARCI di Piazza Adriatico, Centro di documentazione di Piazza Adriatico, Agesci Genova, Laboratorio sociale Aut-Aut, Amici in collina, Circolo PRC "Bianchini", officers of the Municipality of Genova

Methodologies: semi-structured in-depth interviews, focus groups, context and stakeholder analysis, social network analysis, participant observation

## Urban research

Multidisciplinary assessment and environmental regeneration of neighbourhoods

Length: April-May 2013

Location: Paris (France)

Institutions: Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS), LISST Toulouse (coord. Sinda Haoues-Jouvé); partners: LAVUE (coord. Jean-Pierre Lévy, avec Isabelle Richard, Amélie Flamand et Margot Pellegrino), GAME, CEREAL, ENSA-LRA, IFSTTAR, LPED, ATELIERS LION, IAU IdF

Programme ANR: Eurequa Bâtiments et villes durables

Activity: technical assistance in collecting in-depth qualitative data and quantitative data about living conditions and acoustic pollution in the Porte d'Auteuil and Porte de Bagnolet areas

Methodology: structured interviews, observation, photo-shooting, survey distribution

Urban and architectural retrofit in a climate changing scenario: the significance of user's behavior and comfort analysis to face overheating risks

Length: February-March 2013

Location: Paris Region (France)

Institution: Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS), International AXA Research Fund

Description: Monitoring actions, choices, decisions and comfort perceptions in the Île de France region based on factors such as building typologies of individual adaptation mechanisms

Activity: Technical support in collecting quantitative and qualitative data from the field

Methodologies: Structured interviews, survey distribution

## Applied research

Creating quantitative tools for the social impact assessment of 5 European environmental policies

Length: March-December 2023

Case studies: Italy (Piedmont), Norway, Belgium (Flanders), Finland (Lappeenranta), The Netherlands

Financing institution: European Commission (PATTERN HEU)

Associated lab researchers: A. Sciallo

Description: Identification of domains, dimensions and indicators to facilitate the social impact stakeholders' assessment concerning environmental policies on agriculture, aquaculture, heating, traffic and transport

Activity: International team coordination (PATTERN WP2); Co-production of the digital survey tool

Methodologies: Social impact assessment through collection of quantitative and qualitative data

### **Participatory research**

Participatory ToC development for the evaluation of 5 European environmental policies

Length: September 2022 - February 2023

Case studies: Italy (Piedmont), Norway, Belgium (Flanders), Finland (Lappeenranta), The Netherlands

Financing institution: European Commission (PATTERN HEU)

Associated lab researchers: A. Sciullo

Description: Theory of Change development participatory sessions with stakeholders, aimed at identifying implicit assumptions on causal nexuses in public policy interventions (agriculture, aquaculture, heating, traffic and transport)

Activity: International research team direction and coordination (PATTERN WP2); stakeholder involvement and engagement; ToC development; coaching corner sessions for international research partners

Methodologies: Theory of Change

### **Archive Research**

Applying social ontology frameworks and institutional theories of art to architectural heritage

Length: September 2008 - December 2010

Location: London (UK); Paris (France)

Funding: PhD Grant, University of Turin

Description: application of institutional theories of art, ontology of artifacts, status function and institutions, mereological theories to 4 case studies: Les Halles (Paris), The Cloysters (New York), the Berlin Wall (Berlin), the Park Royal Brewery (London)

Methodologies: Archive research at English Heritage Archives (London), Archives de Paris-Porte des Lilas (Paris)

Applying the framework of social ontology and institutional theories of art to the history of the Berlin Wall

Length: January 2006; July 2008

Location: Berlin (Germany)

Institution: University of Turin, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin (Master's Thesis research)

Description: Study of the legal and political history of the division of Berlin from 1945 to 1990 and the history of the Wall as an institutional object, protected architectural work and work of art

Methodologies: Archive research at Bundesarchiv Berlin-Lichterfelde, the Archiv und Bibliothek Papiertiger

### **Teaching**

Forthcoming:

2026, University of Turin

Corso di laurea: Master in Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology

Department of Cultures, Politics and Society

Title: Sociologia dei movimenti e dei processi di transizione politica  
(Sociology of movements and political transition processes)

Timeframe: February-May 2026 (54 hours)

Description: Introduction to sociology and political sociology; presentation of the main political forces active in contemporary Syria to let the students acquire the ability to navigate the complexity of the national political landscape. Explanation of the salient features of the current negotiation process between the Democratic Administration and the Transitional Government, and of the fundamental concepts of the political paradigm adopted by the Democratic Administration.

2026, International University College of Turin

Pre-Doctoral School in Comparative Law, Economic and Finance

First Term

Course: Political Sociology

Timeframe: January-February 2026 (24 hours)

Description: Introduction to political sociology, focusing on the concepts of power and state. Presentation of the MLP and P-rt theoretical frameworks as bridges between political sociology, environmental sociology and international relations science. Application of the theoretical framework to case studies.

2026, University of Milano Bicocca

Scuola di perfezionamento in Teoria critica della società

Module: Sociologia politica della comune confederale (*Political sociology of the confederal commune*)

Timeframe: January 2026 (8 hours)

Description: Analysis of the commune as a unit of local self-government in the democratic self-administration of north-eastern Syria. Consideration of the implications of the national and regional context for the political prospects of the commune as a Syrian institution in the north-east.

Previous teaching:

2025, International University College of Turin

Pre-Doctoral School in Comparative Law, Economic and Finance

First Term

Course: Political Sociology of Insurrection and War

Module: The political parties of the Syrian transition

Timeframe: March 2025 (12 hours)

Description: Multi-level perspective of the process that led from the 2011 uprising to war, and the creation of de facto authorities on Syrian territory. Socio-historical analysis of the main Syrian parties and movements involved in the 2024 uprising and in the 2024-2025 political transition.

Second Term

Course: Political Theory of Insurrection and War

Module: The theory of Democratic modernity

Timeframe: April-May 2025 (12 hours)

Description: Introduction to the political theory developed by Abdullah Öcalan and the Jineolojî Committees, with particular emphasis on the concepts of capitalist modernity, democratic modernity and line of resistance. Placement of the theory in its socio-political context and discussion of its theoretical sources.

2024, University of Milano Bicocca

Scuola di perfezionamento in Teoria critica della società

Module: Ecologia e democrazia tra Kurdistan e Europa (*Ecology and Democracy between Europe and Kurdistan*)

Timeframe: December 2024 (8 hours)

Description: Processual-relational thinking applied to a taxonomy of the main Syrian political actors involved in the 2024 insurrection and political transition. Sociological and historical background of the 2024 events. Introduction to the 'Paradigm of Democratic Modernity' proposed by the Autonomous Democratic Administration of the Northeast and its theoretical sources.

2024, International University College of Turin

Pre-Doctoral School in Comparative Law, Economic and Finance

Course: Law and Ethics in Time of War

Timeframe: January 2024 (18 hours)

Module: A New Concept of Democratic Modernity: History, development and tentative implementation

Description: Reconstruction of the history and context in which the 'Paradigm of democratic modernity' was conceived and applied. Introduction to its conceptual framework and its debts to authors such as André Gunder Frank, Barry K. Gills and Vere Gordon Childe.

2023, University of Milano Bicocca

Scuola di perfezionamento in Teoria critica della società

Module: Ecologia e democrazia tra Kurdistan e Europa (*Ecology and Democracy between Europe and Kurdistan*)

Timeframe: December 2023 (8 hours)

Description: Analysis of the main innovations of the 'Paradigm of democratic modernity' with respect to Karl Marx's outline of the path for revolutionary transition. Comparison of the confederal theory of 'regimes of truth' with Max Weber's taxonomy of political authority's legitimation sources.

2023, International University College of Turin

Pre-Doctoral School in Comparative Law, Economic and Finance

Second Term, Timeframe: April-June 2023 (12 hours)

Course: Law and Ethics in Time of War II

Module I: Philosophy, Violence and Authority

Description: Comparative analysis of the theories of violence and power proposed by H. Arendt, M. Foucault and A. Öcalan in light of the Syrian events of the years 2011-2023.

Module II: Ethics and the Deconstruction of Law

Description: Analysis of Jacques Derrida's idea of the deconstruction of law. Critical assessment of its possible application to the political and legal dynamics of the Syrian scenario.

First Term, Timeframe: January-March 2023 (12 hours)

Course: Law and Ethics in Time of War I

Module I: The Revolution and Its Specters

Description: Introduction to the Syrian 'subjects' that emerged during the 2011 uprising. Critical test of the applicability of concepts traceable in the work of Karl Marx (ghost, movement) and Max Weber (tradition, rationality, charisma) to the analysis of Syrian events.

Module II: Social Acts and Legal Systems

Description: Introduction to the de facto Syrian institutions that emerged during the war. Analysis of their emergence in the Syrian legal framework through a general introduction to speech acts theories stemming from the philosophy of language.

2022, International University College of Turin, Collegio Carlo Alberto

Ll.m. in Comparative Law, Economics and Finance

Second Term, Timeframe: April-June 2022 (24 hours)

Course: Political Philosophy and the Deconstruction of Law

Module I: Authority and power in relation to violence

Description: Comparative analysis of the concept of authority in A. Öcalan, H. Arendt and M. Foucault.

Module II: Criteria of normative legitimation and deconstruction

Description: Comparative analysis of the concept of norm in L. Wittgenstein and J. Derrida and comparative description of the de facto governments that emerged in Syria, with a focus on their respective ideas of legal source.

First Term, Timeframe: January-March 2022 (24 hours)

Course: Institutions and Politics in Time of Conflict

Module I: Syria: A Multi-faceted Civil War

Description: Analysis of the main movements and groups that emerged during the Syrian uprising of 2011.

Module II: Diversity of de facto legal systems

Description: Analysis of the de facto governments that emerged in Syria during the war and introduction to their legal and constitutional systems.

2021, International University College of Turin, Collegio Carlo Alberto

Ll.m. in Comparative Law, Economics and Finance

First Term, Timeframe: January-March 2021 (24 hours)

Course: Institutions and Politics in Time of Conflict

Title: Contexts, Violence and Power: the Syrian Civil War

Description: Introduction to the main movements, parties and de facto institutions in the Syrian scenario. Critical testing of different theories of power and the norm (M. Weber, M. Foucault, H. Arendt, A. Öcalan, L. Wittgenstein, J. Derrida) by tentatively applying them to understand the Syrian context.

## Guest Lectures

*Ph.D. courses*

Désirs de vérité/mystification, contradictions éthiques : l'ethnographie d'un mouvement insurrectionnel dans un contexte de guerre (*Desires for truth/mystification, ethical contradictions: the ethnography of an insurrectional movement in a context of war*), with Jérémie Foa, Jérémy Baudier, Judith Scheele, Doctoral School of the École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Vieille Charité, Marseille, March 11th, 2024

Radical Imaginaries: The Political Philosophy of Democratic Modernity, Corso di Dottorato dell'Università di Bologna, Dipartimento di Filosofia, May 11th, 2023

L'impianto giuridico-istituzionale del confederalismo democratico (*The Juristic-Institutional Structure of Democratic Confederalism*), Guest Lecture, Corso di Dottorato in Diritti e Istituzioni "Le nuove forme di democrazia: democrazia partecipativa, democrazia dal basso, confederalismo democratico" (*New Forms of Democracy: Participatory Democracy, Democracy from Below, Democratic Confederalism*), Prof. Alessandra Algostino, Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza, University of Turin, January 29th, 2020

Teoria e prassi del progetto confederale in Siria (*Theory and Praxis of the Confederal Project in Syria*), Guest Lecture, University of Turin, with J. Bindi e M. E. Marcucci, Prof. Gianfranco Ragona, Prof. Monica Quirico, Corso di dottorato in Mutamento sociale e politico, May 9th, 2019

#### *Master's degree courses*

Une institution fantôme dans la guerre syrienne. Hybridation, identification et désaveu dans l'Administration autonome du Rojava/Nord-Est (*A ghost institution in the Syrian war. Hybridization, identification and disavowal in the Autonomous Administration of Northeastern Rojava*), Centre d'études sud-asiatiques et himalayennes, École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Marseille, April 17th, 2024

Le concept de modernité démocratique et l'établissement de communes populaires dans le nord-est de la Syrie (*The concept of democratic modernity and the establishment of people's communes in North-East Syria*), Seminar on Political Anthropology, Penser au-delà de l'état : (nouvelles) lectures en anthropologie politique, with prof. Judith Scheele and Elsa Rambaud, École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Marseille, Vieille Charité, March 5th, 2024

Emergenza e politica. Siria e Turchia tra guerra e terremoto (*Politics and Emergency: Syria and Turkey between Earthquake and War*), Guest Lecture, Corso di Filosofia Politica, prof.ssa Olivia Guaraldo, Università degli Studi di Verona, May 12th, 2023

Beyond the hegemonic narrative on the 'Kurdish Women': reflections on the political philosophy of a (gendered) anti-colonial movement, Guest Lecture, with Rosita Di Peri, Course on Mashrek Politics and Institutions, Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin, May 8th, 2023

Diritto, Stato e Rivoluzione. Che cosa possiamo apprendere dalla Guerra in Siria (*Law, State and Revolution. What we can learn from the Syrian War*), Scuola di perfezionamento in Teoria critica della società, University of Milano Bicocca, 18 January 2023

Filosofia e tecnologia. Riflessioni su Techne e Logos ispirate da Wladyslaw Tatarkiewicz, Theodor Schatzky e Mario Bunge (*Philosophy and Technology. Reflections on Techne and Logos inspired by Wladyslaw Tatarkiewicz, Theodor Schatzky and Mario Bunge*), Guest Lecture, Course in Sociotechnical Systems and the Environment, Corso di laurea magistrale in Comunicazione, ICT e media, University of Turin, October 20th, 2022

Gender and generational justice in the Syrian War. The attempts at reforming family law in the Confederate Autonomous Regions of the North-East, Course on Mashrek Politics and Institutions, prof. Rosita Di Peri, Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin, May 18th, 2022

One, Two, Many Revolutions. Factions and Ideologies in the Syrian Civil War, Guest Lecture, Area and Global Studies for International Cooperation, Prof. Rosita Di Peri, Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin, May 19th, 2021

Foreign Participation in the Syrian Conflict, Guest Lecture, Lorenzo De' Medici Institute, Florence, Course of International Law and Conflict Resolution, prof. Stefano Marinelli, November 18th, 2019

#### *Bachelor's degree courses*

Autorità e mutamento sociale: Kurdistan, un caso di studio dal Medio oriente (*Authority and Social Change: Kurdistan, a Case Study in the Middle East*), Guest Lecture, corso di Sociologia politica, prof. Giuseppe Acconcia, Università degli Studi di Padova, May 4th, 2023

Nuove istituzioni nella guerra siriana. Profili di legittimazione e uso della forza (*New Institutions and the Syrian War. Profiles of Legitimization and the Use of Force*), Guest Lecture, Course of Sociology of Politics, prof. Giovanni Piazza, University of Catania, December 7th, 2019

Sorveglianza e stato di diritto: dalla nozione di terrorismo alla pericolosità sociale (*Surveillance and Rule of Law: Notions of Terrorism and Social Danger*), Guest Lecture, Course of Philosophy of Law, prof. Claudio Sarzotti, University of Turin, November 6th, 2019

Kobane-Italia: confini tra politico e criminale (*Kobane-Italy: Bordering Lines between Political and Criminal*), Guest Lecture, University of Genova, Prof. Gabriella Petti, Prof. Luca Palmas, April 9th, 2019

Le istituzioni politiche della Federazione della Siria del nord (*The Political Institutions of the Democratic Federation of Northern Syria*), Guest Lecture, Course of Sociology of Politics, Prof. Gianni Piazza, University of Catania, December 7th, 2018

Guerra globale e tecnologie del conflitto (*Global Wars and Conflict Technologies*), University of Cagliari, Prof. Giovanni Melis, April 3rd, 2017

### **Supervised Master's Thesis**

Discussant in the Graduation Committee  
(Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin)

Title: Corpi che scrivono, corpi che resistono: genealogie femministe in Egitto

Student: Sara Aly

Nationality: Italy

Institution: Master's Degree Course in Social Anthropology and ethnography, Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin

Discussion date: November 2024

Supervisor: S. Bruzzi

Title: L'ecofemminismo in Rojava: teorie e pratiche di resistenza (*Ecofeminism in Rojava: theories and practices of resistance*)

Student: Serena Bertocchi

Nationality: Italy

Institution: Master's Degree Course in International Sciences, Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin

Discussion date: November 26th, 2024

Supervisor: R. Di Peri

Title: Women, Life, Freedom. Conceptualizing Middle East women activism through The Kurdish Women Movement: the case of Jineolojî

Student: Erika Magarelli

Nationality: Italy

Institution: Master's Degree in Area and Global Studies for International Cooperation, Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin

Discussion date: March 16th, 2023

Supervisor: Rosita Di Peri

Other discussants: C. Maritato

Supervision of Master's final essays

(International University College of Turin, Collegio Carlo Alberto)

Title: Various Models of Direct Democracy Through Historical Perspective: Comparing Constitutional Systems of Socialist Yugoslavia and Confederal Movement in Northern Syria

Student: Pavle Antonijević

Nationality: Serbia

Institution: Master's Thesis for LL.M. in Comparative Law, Economics, and Finance at the International University College of Turin, Class of 2022

Title: Adorno, Horkheimer, and the Revolution in Rojava: Overcoming the Enlightenment in Theory and Practice

Student: Lauren Sweger-Hollingsworth

Nationality: United States of America

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Title: How Migrants Can Be Used by the State in Order to Implement Policies of Ethnic or Political Engineering: A Case Study from the Syrian-Turkish Border  
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Title: Power, Violence and Race: A Comparative Analysis of Policing During the January 2021 Insurrection and the Black Lives Matter Movement in the United States of America  
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Title: Repercussions of the International Intervention in Libya in the Sub-Saharan countries. Case study: the Republic of Mali  
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## **Publications**

### *Books*

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#### **Organization of conferences, seminars and panels**

XV Convegno nazionale di Sociologia dell'ambiente (15th National conference of environmental sociology)  
National conference, September 8-10, 2025  
Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin  
Operational role: organisational committee, panel speaker  
Keynote speakers: P. Jobin, V. Vegh Weis, S. Hanafi, M. Lazzarato  
Total number of speakers: 121

Decrescita ed ecomarxismo: controversie, convergenze e prospettive (Decrescita and eco-Marxism: controversies, convergences and perspectives)  
Study Day, October 18th, 2024  
Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin  
Operational role: co-organisation and management, panel speaker  
Speakers: P. Cacciari, M. Bonaiuti, E. Leonardi, D. Padovan, A. Taffuri, M. Cangiani, S. Lanza, R. Guarino

Séminaire international sur la radicalité  
Iméra, Institute for Advanced Studies of Aix-Marseille University  
International seminar, 22 March 2024 – 21 June 2024; Sessions: 4  
Operational role: co-organisation and management, speaker  
Speakers: E. Donaggio, D. Grasso, S. Baumann, P. Cartelli, W. Sacher

Une alternative à l'État-nation ? Pratiques et théorie au Rojava et au-delà  
International Seminar, June 11th-12th, 2024  
Organizers: Iméra - Institute of Advanced Study of the Aix-Marseille Université, École des hautes études en sciences sociales  
Operational role: organization and management, panel chair, panel speaker  
Location: Vielle Charité, Marseille; Panels: 3 (2 days)  
Speakers: Hamit Bozarslan, Jean-François Kerleo, Reimar Heider, Sarah Marcha, Ina Merdjanova, Davide Grasso, Thomas Pierret, Judith Scheele

Socio-ecological transitions and scenarios for democracy. Seminar meetings to design the future  
Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin  
Seminar, 18 October 2023 – 13 December 2024: Sessions: 6  
Operational role: co-organiser, speaker  
Speakers: J. Feldman, O. Arrobbio, V. Martone, D. Padovan, D. Grasso, A. Sciullo, A. Taffuri, A. Cocuzza. G. Sottile, C. Peano, S. Bonelli

The Kurds and 'the Others' in a Post-Sectarian Middle East  
International Conference, September 28th-29th, 2023  
Organizers: Rete italiana di studi curdi, Società italiana di studi sul Medio oriente, Un Ponte Per  
Location: Museo Sigismondo Castromediano, Lecce  
Operational role: organization and management, roundtable chair, panel speaker  
Panels: 3 panels (2 days), 1 roundtable, 1 poetry session  
Speakers: Delal Aydin, Davide Grasso, Domenico Chirico, Kamal Chomani, Nicola Degli Esposti, Sevgi Dogan, Choman Hardi, Francesco Marilungo, Andrea Novellis, Thomas Schmidinger, Alessandro Tinti, Mesut Yegen

Kurdish Rojava, Autonomous Administration of North East Syria: propaganda or successful institutional experiment?  
Panel, 15th International Conference of the Italian Society of Middle Eastern Studies  
Napoli, Università "L'Orientale", June 22nd, 2022  
Operational role: organizer, panel discussant  
Participants: A. Bilgen, C. Cemgil, T. McGee, D. Grasso, A. Novellis, S. Rostampour, K. Salih

### **Conferences (selection)**

Conflitti di genere e transizioni socio-politiche. Il contributo della sociologia politica alla decostruzione dell'eurocentrismo (*Gender conflicts and socio-political transitions. The contribution of political sociology to the deconstruction of Eurocentrism*), Convegno Nazionale AIS - Sociologia Politica, Conflitti e potere nella società contemporanea. Disuguaglianze sociali, fratture politiche e sfide alla democrazia, Università di Perugia, 25-27 Settembre 2025

"Nuova Siria" o vecchie dinamiche di dipendenza coloniale? Per una sociologia politica della transizione in corso e dei suoi fondamenti eco-materiali (*"New Syria" or old dynamics of colonial dependence? Towards a political sociology of the ongoing transition and its eco-material foundations*), with M. Maci, Convegno Nazionale AIS - Sociologia Politica, Conflitti e potere nella società contemporanea. Disuguaglianze sociali, fratture politiche e sfide alla democrazia, Università di Perugia, 25-27 Settembre 2025

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A political ecology of insurrectional war? Water control in the Middle East versus the emergence of an indigenous socioecological paradigm, Deep transition? Wars, conflicts and socio-ecological transformations, 15th Conference on Environmental Sociology, University of Turin, 8-10 September 2025

Tentativi di innovazione attraverso le fratture del regime: azioni collettive e ricostruzione post-terremoto all'Aquila (*Attempts at innovation through regime fractures: collective action and post-earthquake reconstruction in L'Aquila*), Deep transition? Wars, conflicts and socio-ecological transformations, 15th Conference on Environmental Sociology, with L. Giorgetti, A. Sciullo, University of Turin, 8-10 September 2025

Le convive de pierre. L'administration démocratique du nord-est et l'État syrien (à propos et au-delà de la question kurde), Syrie, année 0. Juger les criminels, survivre à la violence, reconstruire et faire société, Panel 5: Les formes de nouvelle gouvernance, Campus Condorcet, Paris 26-27 Mai 2025

Attivazioni sociali dal basso e prospettiva multi-livello. Il caso delle nicchie socio-politiche maturate durante e dopo le alluvioni di Genova (*Grassroots social activism and a multi-level perspective. The case of socio-political niches that emerged during and after the floods in Genoa*), with A. Sciullo, L. Giorgetti, V. Martone, in "Territori (in)visibili: la dimensione locale della transizione ecologica tra diseguaglianze ambientali e prospettive di integrazione" (*[In]visible territories: the local dimension of ecological transition between environmental inequalities and prospects for integration*), Section "Territori, transizioni, innovazione" of the General Conference of the Italian Association of Economic Sociology (SISEC), chaired by P. De Salvo, V. Martone, G. Osti, University of Pavia, January 20th, 2025

Innovazioni socio-tecniche, azioni collettive e transizione energetica: il caso della Comunità Energetica Rinnovabile e Solidale (CERS) di Napoli Est (*Socio-technical innovations, collective action and energy transition: the case of the Renewable and Solidarity Energy Community (CERS) of Naples East*), with L. Giorgetti, A. Sciullo, PNRR et territoires. Participation, Transitions, Perspectives, Mid-term conference of the Environment and Territory section of the Italian Sociological Association (AIS), Session 1, Environment, technological innovation, ecological transition, quality of life, LUMSA University, Rome, 5 December 2024

Sulla resilienza. Un modello teorico per interpretare i processi di ripopolamento nelle aree interne (*On resilience. A theoretical model for interpreting restocking processes in inland areas*), with C. Marciano, A. Sciullo, PNRR et territoires. Participation, Transitions, Perspectives, Mid-term conference of the Environment and Territory section of the Italian Sociological Association (AIS), Session 3, Territorial development and social cohesion, LUMSA University, Rome, 5 December 2024

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The paradigm of democratic modernity: how to take non-European political philosophies seriously, in "New Directions in Kurdish Studies: Tracing Political, Social, and Cultural Transformations", panel chaired by A. Novellis, N. Degli Esposti; XVI SeSaMO Conference, Crossings and contaminations. Practices, languages and politics in transit in the Middle East and North Africa, University of Cagliari, October 4th, 2024

Ethnic or political cleansing? Identity, cultural heritage and demographic engineering in the Turkish-occupied territories of northern Syria, in "The Time and the Space of 'transnational ad-hocracy' in the SWANA Region", panel chaired by R. Di Peri, C. Maritato; XVI SeSaMO Conference, Crossings and contaminations. Practices, languages and politics in transit in the Middle East and North Africa, University of Cagliari, October 4th, 2024

On Resilience in inner areas. The governance of repopulation processes in Socio-Ecological Systems, with C. Marciano, A. Sciullo; panel "Demographic Change, Population and Migration", chaired by I. Cazarro, discussant: J.A. Teixeira, Regional Science Dialogues for Peace and Sustainable Development, Terceira Islands, Portugal, August 26th, 2024

The Commune and its "others": power, mandate and deliberation in self-governed north-eastern Syria, Kurdish politics in the Syrian Civil War and its Aftermath, International Conference "The Kurds and 'the Others' in a Post-Sectarian Middle East", University of Salento, Lecce, Museo Sigismondo Castromediano, September 28th-29th

Building a new political community for a new democracy in the ecological transition and environmental crisis, with A. Sciallo and D. Padovan, ECPR general conference 2023, 4-8 September, Prague; Panel: Social and political sciences facing the climate crisis: Citizens, media, parties, and social movements; Chair: Cecilia Biancalana; Discussant: Alessandro Pellegata; Section: Political sociology of critical times; Chair: Oscar Mazzoleni; Co-chair: Johannes Kiess, University

Theory of Change based on Realist Evaluation: how to connect science and policy design, with D. Padovan, A. Sciallo, Convegno della Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP), Università di Genova, September 14th-16th; Section "Political Science and Public Policies", Panel "Coping with thorny issues. The role of science in public policy design and communication"

Per un'ecologia politica dei conflitti: acqua, energia, cibo e materie prime nelle dinamiche politico-militari del geo-capitalismo (For a Political Ecology of Conflicts: Water, Energy, Food and Primary Resources in the Military-Political Dynamics of Geo-Capitalism), with D. Padovan, O. Arrobbio, A.o Sciallo, A. Taffuri, XIV Convegno di Sociologia dell'Ambiente "Crisi e complessità", 14-16 September 2023

The confederal democratic fashion of participatory democracy. Mandate and communal deliberation in self-governed North-eastern Syria, Convegno della Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP), Università di Genova, September 14th-16th; Section "Political Theory", Panel "Rethinking participatory democracy. Theories, tools, experiences", chaired by D. Palano

Community action in the energy and socio-ecological transition: theory, research, and perspectives, International Conference on Perception and Action, with Dario Padovan and Alessandro Sciallo, University of Groningen, June 21-23, 2023

The pandemic lefts between technocracy and imagination: Foucault, Agamben and the challenge to the notion of government, Italian Society of Political Science (SISP) Annual Conference, Rome, Sept. 8th-10th, 2022, with Federica Frazzetta, Gianni Piazza, Giuliana Sorci, "Social movements and collective action in pandemic time"

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### **Study Days and Workshops**

Attivazioni sociali dal basso dopo la catastrofe. Il caso delle nicchie socio-politiche maturate durante e dopo le alluvioni di Genova del 2011 e 2014 (*Grassroots social activism after the disaster. The case of socio-political niches that emerged during and after the floods in Genoa in 2011 and 2014*), forthcoming, with L. Giorgetti, "Alluvioni, catastrofi e politiche territoriali. Approcci e ricerche interdisciplinari", University of Ferrara, May 7th, 2025

Şoreş ji bo kîjan netewe? (*Revolution for what Nation?*) Excentricity of the PYD in the Syrian Political framework, international seminar "Between plurality and unity, words to (re)say and (re)connect. Sudan / Syria (2011-2024)", Paris, Campus Condorcet/EHESS, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Marx, decrescita e comunismo ecologico: dalla comunità-capitale alla comunità-natura (*Marx, degrowth and ecological communism: from community-capital to community-nature*), with D. Padovan, A. Taffuri, A. Scullo, Conference “Decrescita ed ecomarxismo: controversie, convergenze e prospettive” (*Degrowth and ecomarxism: controversies, convergences and perspectives*), Università di Torino, Campus Luigi Einaudi, October 18th, 2024

Technique, social ecology and emotional intelligence, panel “Ecological Crisis and Perspective of ecology in Democratic Modernity”, conference “Ecology in Democratic Modernity. From Resistance to Construction: Perspectives, Possibilities & Challenges”, Qamişlo, DAANES, Syria, 26-27 April 2024

The Urgency of a Philosophy of Democratic Nationhood for 21st Century's Social Movements, Panel “Theoretical and Normative Considerations”, Territories and Identities. A Critical Perspective on Belonging, International Conference, Florence, Scuola Normale Superiore, Palazzo Strozzi, November 9th-10th, 2023

Collective action for energy transition: for a communalism of energy, with Dario Padovan, Osman Arrobbio, Alessandro Scullo, Davide Grasso, Andrea Taffuri, Workshop “Collective energy initiatives: per un’analisi sociologica critica”, Dipartimento di Scienze Sociali, Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II, 22-23 giugno 2023

Self-organized solidarity in Northern Italy during the Covid-19 Pandemic, with Dario Padovan and Alessandro Scullo, SISP Standing Groups - Movimenti sociali e partecipazione politica, Study Days – “Social Movements and Collective Action in Times of Multiple Crises”; Chair: Federica Frazzetta; Discussant: Elisa Lello, May 26-27, 2023, University of Catania

Öcalan, Bookchin and the Threshold between Authority and Nature, Challenging Capitalist Modernity Conference IV: We Want Our World Back!; Capitalist Modernity – The Multicide Regime, Session I: Ecocide, Network for an Alternative Quest, University of Hamburg, April 7th-9th, 2023

Guerre del clima: acqua, energia, cibo e materie prime nelle dinamiche politico-militari del geo-capitalismo (*Climate Wars: Water, Energy, Food and Primary Sector Resources in the Geo-Capitalistic Politico-Military Dynamics*), with Dario Padovan, Alessandro Scullo, Cristiana Peano, “Pensare la discontinuità. Le scienze umanistiche e sociali di fronte al riscaldamento globale e alla crisi ecologica” (*Thinking Discontinuity. Humanities and Social Sciences Facing Global Warming and the Ecological Crises*), Dipartimento di discipline umanistiche, sociali e delle imprese culturali, Università degli Studi di Parma, October 17th-18th, 2022

Current transformations of family law in Rojava and northeastern Syria: legislative action and implementation process in conflict areas, at the Kurdish Family Law Conference, organized by the Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches und internationales Privatrecht in Hamburg, hosted by the Harnack-Haus, Max-Planck-Gesellschaft, with Shéhérazade Elyazidi and Sebastian Maisel, June 2nd-4th, 2022

Autorité/avant-garde/autogestion: une tension incomprise dans la révolution confederale, Centre Emile Durkheim (Université de Bordeaux), SPH (Université Bordeaux Montaigne), L’expérience du Rojava entre idéalisation démocratique et diabolisation répressive, November 22nd, 2021

The Concept of Authority in Bookchin’s Works and Rojava’s Communalism, Transnational Institute of Social Ecology, International Online Conference, October 30th - November 1st, 2021

Reshaping the Opposition Space. The Perception of the Kurdish Strategy among Militants and Communities, International Workshop “Unpacking ‘the Opposition’ in undemocratic regimes: The Role, Transformation and Challenges of the Oppositional Actors in Turkey and beyond”, chaired by B. Yabancı, C. Maritato, University of Turin, Dipartimento di Culture, Politica e Società, November 27th-28th, 2020

## Seminars

Immaginare la politica, inventare il futuro: il confederalismo democratico in Kurdistan (*Imagining politics, inventing the future: democratic confederalism in Kurdistan*), with C. Cruciati, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, September 23rd, 2024

Une utopie concrète pour l’espace euro-mésopotamien : La philosophie politique du mouvement syro-kurde (*A Concrete Utopia for the Euro-Mesopotamian space: The Political Philosophy of the Syrian-Kurdish Movement*), Iméra

Community Building Seminar, École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Marseille, Vieille Charité, June 6th, 2024

La philosophie écologique de la révolution confédérale au Rojava et dans la Syrie du nord-est (*The ecologic philosophy of the confederal revolution in Rojava and north-eastern Syria*), Aix-Marseille School of Economics (AMSE), Marseille, May 13th, 2024

L'autorité au-delà de l'État ? Pratiques et théories juridiques dans l'Administration autonome syrienne du Rojava (*Authority beyond the state? Legal practices and theories in the Syrian Autonomous Administration of Rojava*), Aix-Marseille Université, Faculté de droit, Centre Louis Favoreu, Aix-en-Provence, May 6th, 2024

Aller à la racine, briser les racines. Un voyage radical au delà du radicalisme (*Going to the roots, breaking the roots. A radical journey beyond radicalism*), Seminar "Radicalité", Iméra, Institute for Advanced Study of the Aix-Marseille University, March 22nd, 2024

Teoria realista del cambiamento? Definizione di logica e contesto per la valutazione delle politiche pubbliche (*Realist Theory of Change? Logic and context definition for policy evaluation*), with Valentina Goglio, Lunch Seminars, Dipartimento di Culture, politica e società, Università di Torino, December 13th, 2023

La nostra idea di democrazia di fronte all'imperativo climatico, Transizioni socio-ecologiche e scenari di democrazia. Incontri seminariali per progettare il futuro, with A. Algostino, O. Arrobbio, V. Martone, D. Padovan, A. Scullo, A. Taffuri, Università di Torino, Campus Luigi Einaudi, November 28th, 2023

Weaponizing Nature: For a Political Ecology of War. Between Militarism, Fossilism and the Cycles of Violence, with Jonathan Feldman (Stockholm University) and Dario Padovan (University of Turin), University of Turin, Campus Luigi Einaudi, October 25th, 2023

Guerre del clima. Energia, acqua e materie prime nelle dinamiche dei conflitti armati, with Dario Padovan, Amedeo Reyneri Di Lagnasco, Davide Grasso, Fiorenzo Martini, Marco Mascia, Pier Paolo Franzese, Paola Raffa, Roberta Ricucci, Organizzato da Cattedra UNESCO in Sviluppo Sostenibile e Promozione del Territorio dell'Università di Torino in collaborazione con Centro di Ricerca interuniversitario "Crisis", 23 maggio 2023

Social Impact Assessment: From Domains to Dimensions and Indicators, International Workshop of the Horizon Project "Providing operational economic appraisal methods and practices for informed decision-making on climate and environmental policies", Online, February 16th, 2023

Introduction to the Theory of Change. Underlying Assumptions, Rationales and the Logic of Change, International Workshop of the Horizon Project "Providing operational economic appraisal methods and practices for informed decision-making on climate and environmental policies", University of Turin, November 7th-8th, 2022

Resistance and Scholarship. The Case of Academic Boycotts, Webinar promoted by the Italian Association for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO), with Paola Rivetti, Francesca Biancani, Gennaro Gervasio, Samia Al-Botmeh, Nicola Perugini, May 26th, 2022

Riflessività ed etica della ricerca in aree di conflitto. Esperienze di campo dal Kurdistan (*Research Ethics and Reflexivity in Conflict Areas. Experience from the Field in Kurdistan*), Webinar promoted by the Italian Association for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO), with Daniela Pioppi, Rosita Di Peri, Andrea Novellis, Alessandro Tinti, Federico Venturini, December 14th, 2021

Sradicamento o assimilazione: la falsa alternativa dei curdi e la memoria armeno-assira (*Uprooting or Assimilation: The Kurds' False Dilemma and the Armenian-Assyrian Memory*), Guest Lecture, Seminario di Antropologia della violenza, prof. Roberto Beneduce, Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin, May 12th, 2020

### **Research dissemination**

Il mondo messo a fuoco (The world on fire), avec F. Vignarca (Centro Pace e Disarmo), Scuola di politica, Varese, September 13th, 2024

La Guerra, oltre a guerra (War beyond war), avec D. Di Cesare (University of Rome La Sapienza), I. Dominjanni (Centro studi per la riforma dello stato), A. Fumagalli (Università de Pavia), Festival di Radio Sherwood, Padova, June 20th, 2022

Audition, Special commission against intolerance and racism of the Turin's City Council, with Y. Orkan (Kurdistan Information Office in Italy) and J. Bindi (Academy of Democratic Modernity), October 27th, 2020

Feminism Behind Segregation Walls, with F. Alzaanin e A. Xabur, February 6th, 2020, Bethanien, Berlin

Vecht over de oorlog ("Se battre – Au dela de la guerre"), Maison de culture "La Bellone", Bruxelles, "4Days4Ideas" with N. Qeredaxi e E. Nizou, (in French), September 3rd, 2019

Le solite vittime delle nuove guerre (The usual victims of new wars), Festival dei diritti umani, Triennale Milano, Salone d'onore, con M. Caldor (London School of Economics), A. Meringolo (Radio RAI 1), M. Calloni (University of Milan Statale), May 3rd, 2019

Siria e Rojava : di guerre e rivoluzioni (Syria and Rojava: wars and revolutions), Palazzo delle Aquile, Palermo's City Hall, with E. Palazzotto (Italian parliament, Commission of foreign affairs), Serena Marcenò (University of Palermo), G. Catania (Palermo's City Council), R. Franzitta (Rete Kurdistan), January 19th, 2018

### **Peer-review for Academic Journals**

Culture della sostenibilità. International Journal of Political Ecology and Environmental Culture, Istituto per l'Ambiente e l'Educazione Scholé Futuro (ISSN 1972-5817)

International Journal of Public Law and Policy, Inderscience Publishers (ISSN : 2040-4549)

Rivista di Estetica, Torino, Rosenberg&Sellier (ISSN : 0035-6212)

Historia Magistra. Rivista di storia critica, Milano, Franco Angeli (ISSN : 2036-4040)

Aphex. Rivista online di filosofia (ISSN: 2036-9972)

Argumenta. Journal of Analytic Philosophy, University of Sassari, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (ISSN : 2465-2334)

### **Literary Publications**

Guerra a Daesh e baci nei film (*War to Daesh and Kisses in Movies*), in V.A., Omaggio al Rojava. Il fronte siriano, la rivoluzione confederale e la lotta contro il jihadismo, Roma, Redstarpress (2019)

Hevalen (*Friends*), Alegre Edizioni, 2017

New York Regina Underground. Racconti dalla Grande Mela (*New York Underground Queen. Tales from the Big Apple*), Bari, Stilo Editrice, 2013

### **Journalism and Blogging**

*Years:* 2011-present

*Activity:* Blogger, Political Analyst

*Fields:* Italy, Middle East, United States, Eastern Europe

*Media:* Il fatto quotidiano, Il Tascabile, Volere la luna, Alphabet2, Micromega, Minima&Moralia, Dinamo Press, Il lavoro culturale

### **Awards**

National Prize "Giacomo Ferrari"

*Institution:* Fondazione Bocchi for the "Racconti del reale" Section (First Prize)

*Work:* Hevalen (*Friends*), Alegre, 2017

*Year:* 2019

National Prize "Emilio Bocca"

*Institution:* Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa (First Prize)

*Work:* Sulle tracce della realtà sociale. Uno studio ontologico del Muro di Berlino (*On the Tracks of Social Reality. An Ontological Study of the Berlin Wall*), Master Dissertation, 2007

Year: 2008

Optime Prize

*Institution:* Unione industriale di Torino

*Work:* Recenti interpretazioni filosofiche del pensiero di Giacomo Leopardi (*Recent Philosophical Interpretations of Giacomo Leopardi's Thought*), Undergraduate Dissertation, 2004

Year: 2005

## Education

Ph.D. in Theoretical, Moral Philosophy and Hermeneutics

*Date:* February 15th, 2011; *Final Grade:* Ottimo (*Excellent*)

*Institution:* Università degli studi di Torino

*Dissertation:* Eredità culturali. Tracce, significati, funzioni (*Cultural Heritages. Tracks, Meanings, and Functions*)

*Supervisors:* Maurizio Ferraris, Giovanna Borradori, Venanzio Raspa

Visiting Scholar in the United States

*Academic Years:* 2009-2010; 2010-2011

*Institution:* Columbia University in the City of New York (New York)

*Supervisor:* Achille Varzi

Visiting Scholar in France

Academic Year: 2008-2009

*Institution:* Institut Jean Nicod (École des hautes études en sciences sociales, École Normale Supérieure, Paris)

*Supervisor:* Roberto Casati

Master's Degree in Philosophy

*Date:* July 19th, 2007; *Final grade:* 110 magna cum laude

*Institution:* Università di Torino, Corso di laurea Magistrale in Filosofia e Storia delle Idee

*Dissertation:* Sulle tracce della realtà sociale. Uno studio ontologico del Muro di Berlino (*On the Tracks of Social Reality. An Ontological Study of the Berlin Wall*)

*Supervisors:* Maurizio Ferraris, Pietro Kobau

Erasmus Program in Germany

Academic Year: 2005-2006

*Institution:* Humboldt Universität zu Berlin (Berlin)

*Supervisors:* Karin Lohr, Pierpaolo Portinaro

Bachelor's Degree in History

Academic Year: 2003-2004

*Institution:* Università di Torino, Corso di laurea Triennale in Società e Culture dell'Europa

*Dissertation:* Recenti interpretazioni filosofiche del pensiero di Giacomo Leopardi (*Recent Philosophical Interpretations of Giacomo Leopardi's Thought*)

*Supervisors:* Alessandro Klein, Giorgio Ficara, Arnaldo Di Benedetto

*Final Grade:* 110 magna cum laude

## Linguistic skills

Mother tongue: Italian

Fluent: spoken and written English, French

Fair: spoken and written German, Kurdish (Kurmançî)

Fair translation skills: Ancient Greek, Latin

Current learning: Arabic