

**CURRICULUM  
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**Current**

**Position:** Associate Professor in International History, University of Florence, Italy.  
Member of the Executive Board of SeSaMO, the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies.  
2011-present: President of the Forum for the Problems of Peace and War.  
2006-present: Adjoin member of the Eurames Council (European Association for Middle Eastern Studies).  
2003-present: Member of CIMA, the Machiavelli Center for Cold War Studies.  
2002-present: teaching assignment at the Air Force Academy, Florence.

**Current**

**Researches:** EU Foreign Policy  
EU Energy Security  
Euro-Mediterranean Relations  
US-Saudi Arabia Relations  
Palestinian-Israeli Dispute

**Past**

**Activities:** 2005-2011: Researcher in International History, university of Florence

2006-2008: teaching assignment for the Master in Cooperation and Development, Bethlehem University.

2007: Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington (DC).

2005-2006: Member of the Scientific Committee of the International Conference “From Helsinki to Gorbachev, 1975-1985: The Globalization of the Bipolar Confrontation”, organized by the Machiavelli Center for Cold War Studies, co-sponsored by the Cold War International History Project.

2001-2007: teaching assignment for the Master in Advanced Middle Eastern Studies, University of Urbino.

1999-2003: teaching assignment at the Faculty of Political Sciences and the Faculty of Human Studies, Florence.

1999-2002: Research on “*Italy and the Search for Oil during Mattei’s Years*”, coordinated by professor Ennio Di Nolfo, and financed by the Italian State Oil Corporation *Eni*.

1997-1998 - Post-doctoral research on “The Western Countries, the Palestinian Question and the Arab-Israeli Conflict from 1950 to 1967”.

1995 - 2003: Head of Secretariat, SeSaMO (Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies).

1996 - 2001: Member of the Research Team on “*Unrwa: a history within History*” coordinated by the *Centre d’Etudes sur le Moyen Orient Contemporaine* (Cermoc), based in Amman, Jordan.

1992-1995 - Ph.D. research on the European policy toward the Palestinian question and the Arab-Israeli conflict from the birth of Israel to the Suez Crisis.

1991 - Research on *Iran’s Foreign Policy during the Gulf War* for the Istituto Italiano per l’Asia, Rome.

Education: 1997-2003 - Post-Doctoral fellowship from the Dipartimento di Studi sullo Stato, University of Florence, Italy.

1992-1995 - Ph.D. in International History at the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Florence, with a thesis about “*The European governments and the Arab-Israeli conflict from 1948 to 1956*”.

1991 – Laurea *cum laude* at the Faculty of Political Sciences, Florence University, with a thesis on “*Egypt and the Palestinian Problem*”.

1984 – Diploma at the *Liceo Classico “Michelangelo”*, Florence, final mark: 60/60.

#### Publications:

1. *Realtà e memoria di una disfatta. Il Medio Oriente dopo la guerra del 1967*, Florence 2010, pp. 233.
2. “I datteri dell’Emiro del Kuwait fra disputa privata e questione internazionale”, in Cresti, Melfa, Melcangi (eds.), *Spazio privato, spazio pubblico e società civile in Medio Oriente*, Milan 2008, pp. 111-123.
3. “Keen but Raw: Mediterranean Europe Facing New Challenges”, in M. Petricioli (ed.) *L’Europe méditerranéenne – Mediterranean Europe*, Brussels 2008, pp. 323-337.
4. “L’Unione Europea e il processo di pace in Medio Oriente, 1980-2002”, in *Imago Europae*, anno II, n. 4, 2008, pp. 18-25.
5. “Energy Security and Diversity of Supply within the European Union, 1973-2008”, in Proceedings of the Woodrow Wilson Centre Alumni Conference, Barcelona 2008, available at [http://www.wilsoncenter.org/index.cfm?topic\\_id=6105&fuseaction=topics.documents&group\\_id=484368](http://www.wilsoncenter.org/index.cfm?topic_id=6105&fuseaction=topics.documents&group_id=484368)

6. *ENI v poiskach arabskogo partnera: Egipet i Irak, 1955-1962 gg.*, in M. Guderzo, M. Napolitano, A. V. Torkunov, M. M. Narinskij, *Diplomatija resursov: syr'evye resursy i sistema mezhdunarodnykh otnoshenij dvadcatogo veka*, Moskva, Navona, 2008, pp. 207-225
7. "Gli sposi promessi: nazionalismo arabo e petrolio mediorientale nella seconda metà degli anni Cinquanta", in M. Ruocco (ed.), *Pace e guerra nel Medio Oriente in età moderna e contemporanea*, vol. I, Lecce, 2008, pp. 87-102.
8. "La minaccia fondamentalista: mito o realtà?", in V. Baldacci (ed.), *Identità, cultura, civiltà: Europa, America, Islam*, Firenze, 2006, pp. 153-163.
9. "Alle origini dell'ingerenza umanitaria: le potenze europee e la questione armena, 1894-1895", in *Rivista di Studi Politici Internazionali*, Anno LXXIII, n. 291, Luglio 2006, pp. 401-422.
10. "I rifugiati palestinesi, l'Unrwa e i paesi donatori: Gran Bretagna, Francia e Italia come case-studies", in *Grotius - Rivista di Storia, Istituzioni e Politica Internazionale*, Anno III, n. 3, 2006, pp. 107-116.
11. *Towards a New Europe: Identity, Economics, Institutions*, Florence, 2006, pp. 184.
12. "Quale politica estera verso il Mediterraneo e il Medio Oriente?" in *Italian Politics and Society*, n. 60, Spring 2005, pp. 68-77.
13. "L'Eni alla ricerca di un partner arabo: Egitto e Iraq, 1955-1962", in Guderzo e Napolitano (eds.), *Diplomazia delle risorse*, Florence 2004, pp. 205-224.
14. "Propaganda vs. Pragmatism: Iraqi Foreign Policy in Qasim's Years", in *Review of International Affairs*, vol. 3, n. 2, Winter 2003, pp. 232-253.
15. *Il sogno proibito. Mattei, il petrolio arabo e le 'sette sorelle'*, Florence 2003, pp. 168.
16. "Una terra di latte e miele, ma senza petrolio. Israele e la questione energetica", in G. Restifo (ed.), *Le eredità del XX secolo in Medio Oriente*, proceedings of SeSaMO 4<sup>th</sup> Conference, Milan 2002.
17. "L'Italia fra Europa e Mediterraneo nel Novecento", in I. Fried (ed.), *Il Novecento, un secolo di cultura*, Budapest, 2002.
18. "Dal corridoio mesopotamico alla monarchia hashemita: la presenza inglese in mesopotamia, 1553-1932", in *Storia Urbana*, n. 97, 2001.
19. "Tradizionalismo wahabita e liberalismo britannico ai margini del rub al-khali", in V. Collina e M. Petricioli (eds.), *I confini nel XX secolo*, Milan 2000.
20. "L'Egitto e la sfida della gestione del canale di Suez, 1956-1967", in P. Branca (ed.), *L'Egitto fra tradizione e modernizzazione*, Milan 2000.
21. *Un'equazione a troppe incognite: i paesi occidentali e il conflitto arabo-israeliano, 1950-67*, Franco Angeli, Milan 1999, pp. 340.
22. "The Arab-Israeli conflict and the defense of the Mediterranean in the early Fifties" in M. Petricioli and A. Varsori (eds.), *The Seas as Europe's external borders*, Lothian Foundation, London 1999.
23. "The Donor Countries and Unrwa's Relief and Development Policy", in R. Bocco (ed.), *Unrwa: Humanitarian Aid and Development*, Amman 1998.
24. Petricioli M. and Tonini A. (eds.), *Identità e appartenenza in Medio Oriente*, Cet, Florence 1998.
25. "I Circassi e la nascita della Transgiordania", in M. Petricioli and A. Tonini (eds.), *Identità e appartenenza in Medio Oriente*, Cet, Florence 1998.
26. "La politica mediorientale della Spagna di Franco fra il 1945 e il 1955" in *Spagna Contemporanea*, 1996, n° 10, p. 45-54.
27. "L'Egitto e i Palestinesi negli anni di Farouk" in *Storia delle Relazioni Internazionali*, VII, 1991/2, p. 399-417.

## Conference and Seminars:

- 2010, December, paper on The Suez Canal from oil to iPod, presented at the conference on Mediterranean between History and Politics, organized by the Machiavelli Center for Cold War Studies.
- 2010, November, discussant at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, San Diego (CA).
- 2010, July, discussant at the World Conference on Middle Eastern Studies, organized by Eurames and Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.
- 2009, September, paper on Cold War, Row Materials and Globalization, presented at the Annual Conference of the Italian Society for Contemporary History – Sissco.

- 2008, December, discussant at the conference on The Universal Declaration on Human Rights after 60 years, organized by the Fondazione Circolo Rosselli of Florence.
- 2008, November, invited guest at the annual Workshop on Reconciliation, Reconstruction, Representation: The Possible Futures of Iraq, at the Landau Network-Centro Volta in Como, with the support of the Italian ministry for Foreign Affairs.
- 2008, September, Paper on Seguridad energética y diversidad de abastecimiento en la Unión Europea, presented at the 4th Encuentro de la Murtra, in Barcelona, organized by the Olaf Palme Foundation.
- 2008, May, workshop on “Europe, Cooperation and Development” organized by the University of Florence. Paper presented: The Mediterranean and the Middle East in the European Neighbourhood Policy.
- 2008, March, invited discussant at the Round Table on “European Union and the Middle East”, organized by the Forum for the Problems of Peace and War of Florence.
- 2008, March, discussant at the Research Workshop on The External Image of the European Union, organized by the Forum for the Problems of Peace and War of Florence.
- 2007, November, invited discussant at the International Workshop on Iraq: Domestic Stabilization and the Regional Ethno-Religious Polarization, organized by the Landau Network-Centro Volta of Como.
- 2007, August, seminar on “Creating a Common European Energy Policy: Efforts since 1973” at the Public Policy Program of Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Washington (DC).
- 2007, May, Conference “Six Days and Forty Years: the Middle East after the Six-Day War”, organized by the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies and the University of Florence, Member of the Scientific Committee
- 2007, April, Workshop “Rethinking Europe after 50 years from the signing of the Rome Treaties”, organized by the University of Urbino. Paper: Europe as seen by the others: the case of Egypt
- 2006, November, International Workshop “Iraq after the New Government: Stabilization, Security Problems and the Regional Scenario”, organized by the Landau Network-Centro Volta, Como. Invited attendant.
- 2006, September, Conference “A Strained Partnership: European-American Relations and the Middle East from Suez to Iraq” organized by the Center for Security Studies, Zurich. Paper: Changing Priorities: The Western Countries, the Cold War and the Arab-Israeli Conflict during the Fifties
- 2006, June: organizer of the panel “The U.S. Friend States in the Middle East: Help or Obstacle” during the 2nd World Conference on Middle Eastern Studies in Amman, Jordan.
- 2006, April, Conference “From Helsinki to Gorbachev”, organized by the Machiavelli Center and the Cold War International History Project. Paper: Saudi Arabia’s Financial Contribution to the Global Cold War.
- 2005, November: Conference on “Europe, America, Islam”, co-sponsored by Regione Toscana and the University of Florence. Paper: The Islamic Threat: myth or reality?
- 2005, November: Conference on “L’Europa e il Mediterraneo”, organized by the Municipality of Florence and the Forum per il Problemi della Pace e della Guerra. Discussant in the Panel on Religion and Politics.
- 2005, September: Annual Conference of the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies, Durham, UK. Paper: International Donors, the Refugees, and Unrwa.
- 2004, November: SeSaMO Annual Conference on “Pace e Guerra in Medio Oriente”, supported by the University of Lecce, Italy. Paper: Il nazionalismo arabo e il petrolio mediorientale nella seconda metà degli anni Cinquanta.
- 2004, September: International Conference on Mediterranean Europe, organized by the Institut Pierre Renouvin of Paris and by the University of Florence. Paper: Keen but Row. Mediterranean Europe facing the New Challenges.
- 2004, April: Conference on “Economie e Media nel Medio Oriente e in Africa del Nord”, organized by the Università L’Orientale of Naples. Paper: Il mercato petrolifero mondiale e le esigenze del mondo occidentale.
- 2003, November: Seminar on the Armenian History, organized by the Armenian Community in Milan, Italy. Paper: The European Powers and the Armenian Question.
- 2003, March: Master on “Cooperazione allo sviluppo e volontariato internazionale”, organized by the Scuola di Politica Internazionale, Cooperazione e Sviluppo in Rome. Lesson on the International Crisis Areas in Contemporary World.
- 2002, September: First World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Mainz, Germany. Paper: At the Origin of the Humanitarian Interference: the European Powers and the Armenian Question, 1894-1895.
- 2002, September: International Conference on “NATO, the Warsaw Pact, and the Rise of Détente”, organized by the Machiavelli Center for Cold War Studies and by the Cold War International History Project. Paper: Breaking Eggs in the US-Soviet Basket: Egypt, Israel, and the Six-Day War.
- 2002, May: Conference on “Unione Europea e Mediterraneo: problemi di cooperazione e di sicurezza”, organized by the University of Florence. Paper: L’Unione Europea e il processo di pace in Medio Oriente.

- 2002, May: International Conference on “Security in the Caucasus: Stability and Human Rights in the Region, supported by the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Georgian Embassy in Rome. Paper: The Caucasus and the Caspian in the World Oil Market: an European Perspective.
- 2002, March: 3rd Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, organized by the European University Institute. Paper: Propaganda vs. Pragmatism: Iraqi Foreign Policy in Qasim’s years, 1958-1963.
- 2001, December: Conference on “La diplomazia delle risorse”, organized by the University of Urbino, Italy. Paper: L’Eni alla ricerca di un partner mediorientale, 1955-1962.
- 2001, November: organization of the International Conference “Migrations: people, ideas, and technologies in the Middle East”, supported by the Istituto Universitario Orientale of Naples and by SeSaMO, the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies.
- 2001, April: Conference on “Italy in the XX Century”, organized by the University of Budapest, Hungary. Paper: The Italian Foreign Policy between Europe and the Mediterranean, 1945-2000.
- 2000, Fall: Seminar on Italian cooperation in the Middle East during the 1990s for the students of Contemporary Middle East, Faculty of Political Sciences, Florence.
- 2000, September: SeSaMO (Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies) 3rd Annual Conference. Paper: Israel and the Oil Resources.
- 2000, April: Seminar on El contencioso palestino-israeli, 1948-1967 for the students of the Contemporary History Department of the Uned, Madrid.
- 1999-2000: Seminar on “The Unhcr in the Middle East” for the students of Contemporary Middle East at the Faculty of Political Sciences, Florence.
- 1999, December: Seminar on “Middle Eastern Diplomacy during the Seventies” for the students of Contemporary Middle East at the MGIMO (Moscow State Institute for International Relations).
- 1998-1999: Seminar on “The Unrwa and the Palestinian Refugees” for the students of Contemporary Middle East, Faculty of Political Sciences, Florence.
- 1997-1998: Seminar on “The Arab-Israeli conflict” for the students of Contemporary Middle East, Faculty of Political Sciences, Florence.
- 1997, July: SeSaMO-AFEMAM joint Conference, Florence. Paper: The Circassians and the creation of Transjordan.
- 1997, March: Seminar on “The Oil in the Middle East” at the Faculty of International Relations in Ekaterinburg (Russia), within the activities of a three-year Tempus Program coordinated by the Dipartimento di Studi sullo Stato and financed by the EU.
- 1996/97: Seminar on “The Holy Places in the Middle East”, for the students of Contemporary Middle East, Faculty of Political Sciences, Florence.
- 1996, July: 2nd EURAMES Conference, Aix-en-Provence – France. Paper: Italy, Israel and the Arab countries.
- 1996 May: Seminar on “The Arab-Israeli conflict” at the Faculty of International Relations in Ekaterinburg (Russia), within the activities of a three-year Tempus Program coordinated by the Dipartimento di Studi sullo Stato and financed by the EU.
- 1995/96: Seminar on “The Fundamentalists in the Middle East” for the students of Contemporary Middle East at the Faculty of Political Sciences, Florence.
- 1995, July: BRISMES Annual Conference, Durham, UK. No paper.
- 1994/95: Seminar on “The Economies of the Contemporary Middle East” for the students of Contemporary Middle East, Faculty of Political Sciences, Florence.
- 1994, July: 10th AFEMAM Meeting, Strasbourg, France. No paper.
- 1993/94: Seminar on “Military Elites and Politics in the Middle East” for the students of Contemporary Middle East, Faculty of Political Sciences, Florence.
- 1993, July: Inaugural Pan-European Conference, organized by the EURAMES (European Associations of Middle Eastern Studies), Warwick University, Coventry, UK. No paper
- 1993, June: International Conference on “The Seas as Europe’s external borders and their role in shaping a European identity”, organized by the University of Florence. Paper: The Arab-Israeli conflict and the defense of the Mediterranean in the early 1950’s.

Languages: Italian - mother tongue  
 English - very good  
 French - fluent  
 Spanish - fluent

Arabic - elementary