

CURRICULUM VITAE

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**GENERAL AREAS OF INTEREST**

International Relations, Foreign Policy Analysis, International Security, Great Power politics in Sub-Saharan Africa, Red Sea & Eastern Africa security, Politics of the Middle East, Maritime and Energy security, Weaponization of migration, Qualitative Comparative Analysis.

**ACADEMIC TITLES & PREVIOUS POSITIONS**

- 2022- **Tenure-Track Assistant Professor** in International Relations (Ricercatore TDB), University of Trieste.  
2022 **Research Fellow** in International Relations (Ricercatore TDA) [3 months].  
2016-22 **Post-doc fellowship** in International Relations (assegni di ricerca L.240/2010), University of Genoa [60 months].  
2020 National Scientific Qualification (ASN), Associate Professor (Fascia II), **Sector 14/A2** [2020-29], unanimously approved.  
2020 National Scientific Qualification (ASN), Associate Professor (Fascia II), **Sector 14/B2** [2020-29], unanimously approved.  
2016 **Ph.D. in Political Science**.

**EDUCATION**

- 2013-16 **Ph.D. in Political Science at the Doctoral School of Political Science**, University of Genoa 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 Genoa. 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**

- 2023 Grant: Fondi Friuli-Venezia Giulia (FVG), (4.700€).  
2022 Fellowship: Institute for Defense Research and Analysis (**IRAD**) of the Italian Defense Ministry - Strategic Monitoring of Sub-Saharan Africa security and politics (16.000€).  
2022 EU Commission Seal of Excellence - Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA) postdoctoral fellowships [2021-22].  
2021 Fellowship: Institute for Defense Research and Analysis (IRAD) of the Italian Defense Ministry - Strategic Monitoring of Sub-Saharan Africa security and politics (13.000€).  
2017-20 Postdoc private (companies & business associations) Grant (20.000€).  
2017 Fellowship: Türkiye Scholarships, Research Fellowship Programme with grant (6000€).  
2016 Doctoral Dissertation Award, University of Genoa (1500€).  
2015 Fellowship: Ready for the World Young Researcher grant (2000€).  
2013-16 PhD Scholarship (University of Genoa, MIUR)

**FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2023 **Non-resident Fellow** at the Orion Policy Institute, Washington D.C., United States.  
2018-19 **Research Fellow** at the Center for Modern Turkish Studies, Istanbul, Turkey.  
2017 Research Visiting at the Şehir Istanbul University, Turkey.  
2015 **Phd Visiting Student** at the Tennessee University of Knoxville, United States.  
2014 Junior Researcher at The International Center for Contemporary Turkish Studies – ICCT, Milan (Italy).

**RESEARCH PROJECTS**

- 2022-23 Project Investigator on the "European perspectives on Turkey in Africa". Project conducted by **German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)**. Principal Investigator: Hürcan Aslı Aksoy.  
2021 Project Investigator (Istanbul-based) on the "The Muslim Brotherhood and its local branches in North Africa and relations with the key players operating in the MENA region" [AQ-SME-05]. Project funded by the Institute for Defense Research and Analysis (**IRAD**) of the **Italian Defense Ministry**.  
2020-21 Project Investigator (Istanbul-based) 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 East Africa Research Fund (EARF), and supported by the **UK Foreign Office** [EARF/037]. Principal Investigator: Jason Mosley.

- 2015-16 [Project Investigator](#) on the “*The ‘new’ Turkey: domestic and foreign policy of Turkey in the post-Arab Spring era*”. A joint project of the Universidad Anáhuac (Mexico), the Bahçeşehir University (Turkey), and the Università per Stranieri of Perugia (Italy). Principal Investigator: Manuel Ferez.

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

- 2021 Donelli F., *Turkey in Africa. Turkey's strategic involvement in sub-Saharan Africa* (London: I.B. Tauris/Bloomsbury).
- 2019 Donelli F., *Sovranismo islamico. Erdogan e il ritorno della Grande Turchia* (Roma: Luiss University Press).
- 2019 Donelli F., *Le due sponde del Mar Rosso. La politica estera degli Stati mediorientali nel Corno d’Africa* (Milano: Mondadori Università).
- 2017 Donelli F., *Islam e pluralismo. La coabitazione religiosa nell’Impero Ottomano* (Firenze: Le Monnier).

### EDITED BOOK

- 2016 A. Chiriatti, Donelli F. & M. Ferez (eds.), *Un retrato de la Turquía contemporánea. Visión general y perspectivas*, Ciudad de México: Universidad Anáhuac México Sur.

### SPECIAL ISSUES

- 2023 Donelli F., *Il dragone e il Medio Oriente*, in «Rivista di Politica», no. 2/2023.
- 2021 Di Peri R. & Donelli F., *The (re)configuration of the Euro-Mediterranean space after the 2011 Arab uprisings: borders, politics and identity*, «De Europa», Vol. 4, no. 1.
- 2019 Donelli F., *La ‘nuova’ Turchia: sfide, limiti e contraddizioni della Turchia di Erdoğan*, «Rivista di Politica», no. 2/2019.

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 2023 A. Pericoli & Donelli F., *Qatar's foreign aid and political strategies in the Horn of Africa: the case of Somalia*, in «Global Policy», [Q1/Rivista di classe A Area 14](#).
- 2023 Donelli F., *The Red Sea Competition Arena: Anatomy of Chinese Strategic Engagement with Djibouti*, in «Afriche e Oriente», Vol. 25, no. 1, pp. 43-59.
- 2023 B. Cannon & Donelli F., *Reevaluating Turkey's national role conception and its foreign policies in Africa: Continuity or a break with the past?*, in «Journal of Balkans and Near Eastern Studies», doi: 10.1080/19448953.2023.2236511. [Q1/Rivista di classe A Area 14](#).
- 2023 Donelli F., *From humanitarianism to drones: the pragmatic flexibility of Turkey's policy toward Sub-Saharan Africa*, in «Poliarchie», vol. 6, no. 1, pp. 4-21.
- 2023 Coticchia F. & Donelli F., *The Inevitable Clash? Populists and Foreign Policy Bureaucracies*, in «International Studies Review» [Q1/Rivista di classe A Area 14](#).
- 2023 Donelli F. & Gasco R., *L'evoluzione dei rapporti sino-turchi: fattori determinanti e implicazioni*, in «Rivista di Politica», no. 2, pp. 121-130.
- 2023 Donelli F., *Le potenze mediorientali e il dragone: tra hedging, timori e vantaggi*, in «Rivista di Politica», no. 2, pp. 83-88.
- 2023 Cannon B.J. & Donelli F., *Rwanda's Military Deployments in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Neoclassical Realist Account*, in «The International Spectator», Vol. 58, no. 1, pp. 109-127. [Q1/Rivista di classe A Area 14](#).
- 2022 Costantini I. & Donelli F., *Sponsor-proxy dynamics between decentered multipolarity and non-state actors: evidence from the MENA region*, in «Small Wars & Insurgencies», doi: 10.1080/09592318.2021.2025288. [Q1/Rivista di classe A Area 14](#).
- 2021 Cüneyt Özşahin M., Donelli F., & Gasco R., *China-Turkey Relations from the Perspective of Neo-Classical Realism*, in «Contemporary Review of the Middle East», Vol. 9, no. 1, pp. 218–239.
- 2021 Donelli F. & Cannon B.J., *Power Projection of Middle East States in the Horn of Africa: Linking Security Burdens with Capabilities*, in «Small Wars & Insurgencies». doi: 10.1080/09592318.2021.1976573. [Q1/Rivista di classe A Area 14](#).
- 2021 Dentice G. & Donelli F., *Reasserting (middle) power by looking southwards: the Italian policy towards Africa*, in «Contemporary Italian Politics», Vol. 13, no. 3, pp. 331-351. doi: 10.1080/23248823.2021.1957309. [Q1/Rivista di classe A Area 14](#).
- 2021 Levaggi A.G. & Donelli F., *Turkey's changing engagement with the Global South*, in «International Affairs», Vol. 97, no. 4, pp. 1105–1124. doi: 10.1093/ia/iab093. [Q1/Rivista di classe A Area 14](#).
- 2021 Di Peri R. & Donelli F., *The (re)configuration of the Euro-Mediterranean space after the 2011 Arab uprisings: borders, politics and identity*, in «De Europa», Vol. 4, no. 1, pp. 7-13. doi: 10.13135/2611-853X/5816. [Rivista di classe A Area 14](#).
- 2021 Donelli F., *Turkey's involvement in Sub-Saharan Africa: an empirical analysis of multitrack approach*, in «Journal of Contemporary African Studies», Vol. 40, no. 1, pp. 18-33. doi: 10.1080/02589001.2021.1900551. [Q2/Rivista di classe A Area 14](#).
- 2021 Donelli F., *La competizione sino-americana in Medio Oriente: continuità e rotture dell'agenda Biden*, in «Rivista di Politica», no. 1, pp. 35-45. ISSN: 2037-495X.
- 2021 Donelli F. & Levaggi A.G., *Crossing Roads: The Middle East's security engagement in the Horn of Africa*, «Global Change, Peace & Security», Vol. 33, no. 1, pp. 45-60. doi: 10.1080/14781158.2021.1877650. [Q2/Rivista di classe A Area 14](#).
- 2020 Donelli F., *Explaining the role of intervening variables in Turkey's foreign policy behaviour*, in «Interdisciplinary Political Studies», Vol. 6, no. 2, pp. 223-257. doi: 10.1285/i20398573v6n2p223.

- 2020 Dentice G. & Donelli F., *I rapporti Italia-Africa: un partenariato dinamico in un'arena frammentata e multidimensionale*, in «Africa e Mediterraneo», no. 92-93, pp. 28-36.
- 2020 Donelli F. & Dentice G., *Fluctuating Saudi and Emirati Alignment Behaviours in the Horn of Africa*, in «The International Spectator», Vol. 55, no.1, pp. 126-142. doi: 10.1080/03932729.2019.1706389. **Q1/Rivista di classe A Area 14.**
- 2019 Cannon B.J. & Donelli F., *Asymmetric Alliances and High Polarity: Evaluating Regional Security Complexes in the Middle East and Horn of Africa*, in «Third World Quarterly», Vol. 41, no. 3, pp. 505-524. doi: 10.1080/01436597.2019.1693255. **Q1/Rivista di classe A Area 14.**
- 2019 Donelli F., *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. **Q2/Rivista di classe A Area 14.**
- 2019 Donelli F., *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 Donelli F., *La politica mediorientale della Turchia: dall'autonomia alla nascita dell'Asse turco-qatariota*, in «Rivista di Politica», no. 2, pp. 69-79.
- 2018 Donelli F., *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. **Q2/Rivista di classe A Area 14.**
- 2018 Donelli F., *Syrian Refugees in Turkey: A Security Perspective*, in «New England Journal of Public Policy», Vol. 30, n. 2.
- 2018 Donelli F., *Potenzialità e inconsistenze dell'attivismo globale turco: tra ambizione di middle power e il pericoloso overstretch*, in «Politics. Rivista di Studi Politici», Vol. 8, no. 2, pp. 49-64.
- 2018 Donelli F., *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 Donelli F., *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.
- 2017 Donelli F. & Chiriatti A., *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.
- 2016 Donelli F. & Levaggi A.G., *Becoming Global Actor: the Turkish agenda for the Global South*, in «Rising Powers Quarterly», Vol. 1, no. 2, pp. 93-115.
- 2016 Akilli E. & Donelli F., *Reinvention of Turkish Foreign Policy in Latin America: the Cuba case*, in «Insight Turkey», Vol. 18, no. 2, pp. 161-182.
- 2016 Donelli F. & Chiriatti A., *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.
- 2016 Donelli F., *La riscoperta turca dell'Africa tra storia e geopolitica*, in «Tetide – Rivista di Studi Mediterranei», no. 1.
- 2014 Donelli F., *Il riassetto della Profondità Strategica turca*, in «Geopolitica», Vol. III, n.1-2/2014, pp. 123-134.
- 2014 Donelli F., *Il ruolo della società civile 'islamica' nella politica estera turca*, in «Afriche e Orienti», anno XVI, n. 1-2/2014, pp. 99 – 115. **Rivista di classe A Area 14.**
- 2013 Donelli F., *La "nuova frontiera" di Davutoğlu. Come (e perché) è cambiata la politica estera della Turchia*, in «Rivista di Politica», 3/2013, pp. 143-153.
- 2012 Donelli F., *Le radici ottomane della Turchia di Erdoğan*, in «Diacronie – Studi di Storia Contemporanea», n. XII, 4/2012.

#### UNDER REVIEW/FORTHCOMING

##### BOOK SECTIONS

- 2023 Levaggi A.G. & Donelli F., *“Regional Security Interdependence: The Middle East and the Horn of Africa”*, in E. Wastnidge & F. Belcastro (eds.), *International Relations in a Multipolar Middle East*, Manchester: Manchester University Press [forthcoming/2023].
- 2021 Donelli F., *“Being ‘southern’ without being of the global South. The strange case of Turkey's South-South Cooperation in Africa”*, in A.O. Tepeciklioğlu & E. Eyryce (eds.), *Turkey in Africa: A New Emerging Power*, New York: Routledge, pp. 75-90. ISBN: 9780367502218.
- 2018 Donelli F. & Levaggi A.G., *“From Mogadishu to Buenos Aires: The Global South in the Turkish Foreign Policy in the late JDP period (2011-2017)”*, 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 Campanini M. & Donelli F., *“La caduta dell'Impero ottomano e gli arabi, dall'universalismo al particolarismo”*, 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 Donelli F., *“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 Donelli F. & A. Chiriatti, *“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. ISBN: 978-1-4438-5511-2.

- 2017 Donelli F., “*A hybrid actor in the Horn of Africa. An analysis of Turkey's involvement in Somalia*”, in A. Ylönen and J. Záhorkík (eds.), *The Horn of Africa since the 1960s. Local and International Politics Intertwined*, Abingdon, New York: Routledge, pp. 158-170. ISBN: 9781472478207.
- 2017 Donelli F., “*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 Donelli F., “*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 Akilli E. & Donelli F., “*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. ISBN: 9-786055-461935.
- 2016 Donelli F., “*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 Donelli F., “*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.

#### OTHER WORKS & PUBLIC OUTREACH (SELECTED)

- 2022 Donelli F., *Rwanda's military diplomacy. Kigali's political use of the military means to increase prestige and influence in Africa and beyond*, **Institut Français des Relations Internationales (Ifri), Paris**.
- 2022 Donelli F., *UAVs and beyond: the security and defense sector at the core of Turkey's strategy in Africa*, **German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin**.
- 2022 Donelli F., *Penetrazione della Fratellanza Musulmana e delle sue varianti locali nel Nord Africa e relazioni con i principali attori operanti nell'area MENA*, Centro Alti Studi per la Difesa, **Ministero della Difesa, Roma**.
- 2022 Donelli F., *Turkey-UAE Reconciliation: Implications on Libya and the Horn of Africa*, **ISPI Commentary**, 30/3/2022.
- 2022 Donelli F., *The al-Fashaga dispute: a powder keg in the heart of the Horn of Africa*, **Trends Research, Abu Dhabi**.
- 2022 Donelli F., *The Ethiopian Crisis: a Dangerous Precedent for Future Conflicts?*, **Al-Sharq Strategic Center, Doha**.
- 2021 Donelli F., *Can Turkey-African Relations Withstand Ankara's Currency Crisis?*, **ISPI Commentary**, 20/12/2021.
- 2021 Donelli F., *Coup in Sudan and the misalignment within the Arab Troika*, **IAI Commentary**, 20/11/2021.
- 2021 Cannon B.J. & Donelli F., *Somalia's Electoral Impasse and the Role of Middle East States*, **ISPI Commentary**, 12/5/2021.
- 2021 Donelli F., *The Middle East Cold War Behind the Ethiopian Crisis*, **ISPI Commentary**, 30/1/2021.
- 2021 Donelli F., *Near in fear and far in aspiration: convergences and differences of the KSA-UAE alliance*, **Al-Sharq Strategic Center, Analysis**, pp. 1-20, Doha.
- 2020 Donelli F., *Somalia and Beyond: Turkey in the Horn of Africa*, **ISPI Commentary**, 28/6/2020.
- 2020 Cannon B.J. & Donelli F., *Turkey's Involvement in the Release of Silvia Romano in Somalia*, **ISPI Commentary**, 26/5/2020.
- 2020 Donelli F., *Determinants of Middle East states involvement in the Horn of Africa*, pp. 50-54, **POMEPS Studies 40**, Washington D.C.
- 2019 Donelli F., *L'intreccio di relazioni tra Corno d'Africa e monarchie del Golfo*, **ISPI Commentary**, 16/9/2019.
- 2019 Cannon B.J. & Donelli F., *Middle Eastern States in the Horn of Africa: security interactions and power projection*, **ISPI Analysis**, 4/2019.
- 2019 Donelli F., *Back to the Hardest: The U-turn of Turkish Foreign Policy*, in «Political Reflection», Vol. 5, n. 19, pp. 11-15.
- 2017 Donelli F., *Review of Emanuela Locci (ed.), Io sono turco!* (Milano: Franco Angeli, 2017). *Storia e Politica*, Vol. 9, no. 2, pp. 571-576.
- 2015 Donelli F. & Chiriatti A., *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.

#### PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

- 2023 The Red Sea competition arena: a testing ground for the current and future global power balances. At the conference entitled *Order, Counter-Order, Disorder? Regional and Global Security Orders in the Shadow of Sino-American Competition*, organized by the United States Military Academy, **West Point, New York**, 9-10 February, 2023.
- 2022 Evaluating the conflict engagement of authoritarian and democratic states in the Libya and Ethiopia internal conflicts [with B.J. Cannon]. At the XV Congress of the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies (**SeSaMO**), **University of Naples**, 22-24 June, 2022.
- 2022 The inevitable clash? Populist political outsiders and foreign policy bureaucracies [with F. Coticchia]. At the **ISA Annual Convention, Nashville**, 30 March, 2022.
- 2021 Ports in the Horn, War in Yemen: Questioning Distributions of Power and New Security Orders in the Middle East. At the 4th AEGIS Thematic Conference on Africa in the Indian Ocean, **Iscte-University Institute of Lisbon, Lisbon**, 16 September, 2021.

- 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 Re-thinking 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 & 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, Doha**, 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 nexus between foreign policy and migration: Turkey's FP and Syrian refugees crisis. At the **ISA Annual Convention, Baltimore**, 2017.
- 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 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 At 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 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 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 (Panelist & Chair). At the XXVIII Conference of the Political Science Italian Society (SISP), University of Perugia, Perugia, 11-13 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.

#### TEACHING & SUPERVISING

A.Y. 2023-24

Course of: "International Relations", Bachelor, **University of Trieste** [60h].

Course of: "Strategic Studies", Master degree, University of Trieste [40h].

A.Y. 2022-23

Course of: "International Relations", Bachelor, **University of Trieste** [60h].

Course of: "Strategic Studies", Master degree, University of Trieste [40h].

Course of: "Politics of Turkey", **ASERI, Catholic University of Milan**, Milan [6h].

A.Y. 2021-22

Course of: "Democratizations in the Global World", Master degree, **University of Genoa** [36h] with F. Coticchia.

Course of: "Politics of the Middle East", Master degree, University of Genoa [38h].

Course of: "State and society in North Africa and the Mediterranean region", Master degree, **University of Milan** [60h].

Course of: "History and Theories of International Relations", Supplementary course, **University of Naples L'Orientale** [28h].

Course of: "Politics of Turkey", ASERI, Catholic University of Milan, Milan [6h].

A.Y. 2020-21

Course of: "History and Politics of the Middle East", Master degree, University of Genoa [38h].

Course of: "International Politics", Master degree, **Ca' Foscari University of Venice** [30h].

Course of: "The Southern Shore of the Mediterranean: a deep insight", Master degree, Ca' Foscari University of Venice [30h].

Course of: "Politics of Turkey", ASERI, Catholic University of Milan, Milan [6h].

A.Y. 2019-20

Course of: "History and Politics of the Middle East", Master degree, University of Genoa [38h].

Course of: "History and Institutions of the Modern Middle East", Master degree, **University of Bologna** [40h].

Course of: "Politics of Turkey", ASERI, Catholic University of Milan, Milan [6h].

A.Y. 2018-19

Course of: "International Relations of the Middle East", Master degrees, **Istanbul Şehir University** [50h].

A.Y. 2017-18

Course of: "Comparative Foreign Policy", Undergraduate and Postgraduate degrees, Istanbul Şehir University [60h].

Series of seminars on: "Turkey's Southern Dimension: the engagement into Sub-Saharan Africa", Center for Modern Turkish Studies, Istanbul [20h].

#### Supervision

Supervisor (MA in International and Diplomatic Sciences, University of Trieste)

Supervisor (MA in Political Science and International Relations, University of Genoa)

Supervisor (MA in Political Science and International Relations, University of Milan)

Supervisor (MA in Comparative International Relations, Ca'Foscari University of Venice)

Co-Supervisor (MA University of Turin, University of Bologna).

PHD External Evaluator (Manchester University, UK); National Defence University of Islamabad, Pakistan)

#### **INVITED LECTURES (SELECTED)**

A.Y. 2022-23

Lecture "Turkish engagement in Africa", African Politics Research Group, **Edinburgh University**, 10 February.

Lecture "Challenges for Europe on its Southern Border: the case of Russia in Africa", Diplomatic Winter School, **Katowice University**, 28 February.

Series of Lectures on the Africa politics and security within **ISPI** Masters and Schools, Milan.

Series of Lecturers PhD Programs, Winter/Summer schools & Seminars (**University of Bologna**).

A.Y. 2021-22

Series of Lecturers PhD Programs & Winter/Summer schools (**University of Genoa, Catholic University of Milan, University of Perugia, Sant'Anna University**).

Series of Lectures on the International Security, **Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers**, Rome.

Series of Lectures on the Africa politics and security within ISPI Masters and Schools, Milan.

A.Y. 2020-21

Series of Lecturers PhD Programs (University of Genoa, University for Foreigners of Perugia).

Series of Lectures on the Middle East and Africa politics and security, Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Rome.

Lecture "Turkey in Africa. Turkey's Strategic Involvement in Sub-Saharan Africa", the Northeast Africa Forum's seminars (AY 20-21), African Studies Centre at **University of Oxford, Oxford**, 9 February.

Series of Lectures on the Middle East and Africa politics and security within ISPI Masters and Schools, Milan.

A.Y. 2019-20

Lecture "The Horn of Africa and Middle Eastern states", **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, Milan.

A.Y. 2018-19

Lecture "Turkey's policy toward Africa", **Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington D.C.**

Lecture "Analysis of Turkish foreign policy behaviours", **Spring Hill College, Bologna**.

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", **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

- 2016-202/ Interviews and appearances on national and international media (**BBC, France24, Al-Jazeera, RaiNews24, Sky News, New Yorker, TRT World, Radio Rai, Der Spiegel, Africa Business Magazine, Agence France-Presse, ANSA, Le Figaro, Economist** - selected).
- 2017-22 Commentaries and analysis for national and international Research Centers.
- 2017-22 Series of public conferences organized by cultural and business associations (Istituto Primo Levi, Liberal Belluno, Italia-Africa Business Week, Limes Club, Festival della Geografia, Centro Pannunzio, La Casa di Cultura – selected)

## MEMBERSHIP AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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; Member of the Italian Association for the Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO).

Editor for *Poliarchie* (Italy), *De Europa* (Italy), and for the International Journal of Islamic and Civilizational Studies (UMRAN) Malaysia.

Member of Scientific Committee of “Società di letture e conversazioni scientifiche” Italy; “Politics, Economics and Administrative Sciences Journal (PEAJ)”, Turkey; “Novus Orbis- Journal of Politics and International Relations”, Turkey.

Reviewer for the following academic Journals: *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Australian Journal of International Affairs*, *Contemporary Arab Affairs*, *Interdisciplinary Political Studies*, *Insight Turkey*, *Perceptions: Journal of International Relations*.

## LANGUAGES

**Italian:** Native, **English:** Fluent, **Spanish:** Good, **French:** Reading knowledge, **Turkish:** Reading knowledge.

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