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Current Positions

- Lecturer in the Department of Political Science at the British University in Cairo (BUE), Egypt
- Research Fellow in Politics and International Relations in the Faculty of Arts at Macquarie University in Sydney , Australia.
- Honorary Fellow in the Department of Politics, University of Bristol , United Kingdom.



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Education

- * 2005. PhD in Studies on the Near East and the Maghreb (University of Naples "L'Orientale").
Dissertation title: Intellectuals and Marxism in Egypt. A History of the Secular Opposition, 1967-1981;
supervisors Professors P. G. Donini & A. Bozzo.
- * 1998. BA (Hons) in Politics (University of Naples "L'Orientale").

Current Research

- Hidden Geographies: Informal Powers in the Greater Middle East
- Civic Activism and Political Change in the Arab World (Egypt and Morocco)
- Social and Subaltern Movements in the Arab World

Research Interests

Subaltern Movements in the Arab World, the role of the Arab (mainly but not only) secular intellectuals, the politics of the Arab media, the processes of democratization and de-liberalization in the Arab World (especially Egypt and Morocco), the trajectories of radicalization, and the formation of new Islamic identities in the Muslim diasporas across the world. Politics and Popular Culture in the Arab World.

Employment Experience

- 2008-2012 Lecturer in Middle East Politics, Department of Modern History, Politics and International Relations in the Faculty of Arts at Macquarie University (on secondment 8/2011 - 6/2012).
- 2009-2011 Director of the Centre for Middle East and North African Studies, Macquarie University
- 2010 (Fall Semester) Adjunct Visiting Professor in the Department of Political Science at the American University in Cairo (AUC), Egypt
- 2006/08 Lecturer in History and Politics of the Muslim Countries, Department of Asian Studies, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Naples 'L'Orientale', Italy.
- 2006/07 Lecturer in Arab Culture and Politics, Faculty of Arts and Political Science, University of Milan Italy
- 2007 Visiting Lecturer in Middle East Studies, Department of Political Sciences, University of Salerno, Italy

- 2004/06 Postdoctoral Research Assistant, Department of Politics, University of Bristol, UK
- 2000/2004 Tutor, Instructor and Co-Convener, History and Politics of North Africa and the Near East, Department of Asian Studies, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Naples "L'Orientale".
- 1999/2004 Tutor and Instructor at the Chair of Arabic Language and Culture, Department of Asian Studies, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Naples "L'Orientale".
- 1998/2003 Postgraduate Visiting Scholar, American University in Cairo, Egypt
- 1998/99 Lecturer in Italian Language at the Department of Greek and Roman Studies, Faculty of Arts, Mansoura University, Egypt.

Publications

Books and Monographs

- L. Anceschi, G. Gervasio & A. Teti (eds), *Informal Powers in the 'Greater Middle East'. Hidden Geographies*, London: Routledge, 2013.
- *Al-Harakah al-Markisiyyah fi Misr, 1967-1981 (The Marxist Movement in Egypt, 1967-1981)*, Cairo: The National Center for Translation, 2010
- (ed. with F. M. Corrao & M. Masullo), *Scrivere la guerra. Corso avanzato di lingua araba, (Writing the War. An Advanced Arabic Course)*, Naples: Università degli Studi di Napoli - U.S.A.D, 2010
- *Da Nasser a Sadat. Il dissenso laico in Egitto (From Nasser to Sadat. The secular dissent in Egypt)*, Rome: Jouvence, 2007
- (editor with O. Cappelli & A. Teti), *Oltre la democratizzazione. Elezioni, politica e potere nel 'Grande Medio Oriente', numero speciale di Meridione, VI, 1, 2006. (Beyond Democratization. Elections, Politics and Power in the 'Great Middle East, a special issue of Meridione).*
- (editor with O. Cappelli), *OltreMare- EuropaMondo*, Naples: Università di Napoli L'Orientale Press, 2004

Book chapters

- "Egitto: una rivoluzione annunciata?" (Egypt: an announced Revolution?) in FM Corrao (ed), *Le rivoluzioni arabe. La transizione mediterranea*, Milan: Mondadori, 2011.
- "Oltre il 'feticismo del voto': le elezioni parlamentari in Egitto" (Beyond the 'fetishism of the vote': Elections in Egypt), with R. Rucci, in *Meridione, special issue on Beyond Democratization. Elections, Politics and Power in the 'Great Middle East*, edited by G. Gervasio, A. Teti and O. Cappelli, VI, 1, 2006, pp. 51-76.
- "Islam e Mediterraneo" (Islam and the Mediterranean) in *Le rotte per il Mediterraneo. Cento libri e più per orientarsi ad un antico crocevia*, Napoli, Edizioni il Torcoliere, Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale", 2005, pp. 72-75.
- "Censura e ricerca di consenso nella stampa egiziana dopo l'undici settembre" (Censorship and the Search for Consensus in the Egyptian Press after 9/11), in Francesca M. Corrao (ed.), *L'Islām dopo l'11 settembre. Le opinioni e l'informazione, supplemento a Giano, anno XV, n. 43 (gennaio-aprile 2003)*, pp. 34-38.

Articles in Scholarly Journals

- (with A. Teti), " After Mubarak, Before Transition: The Challenges for Egypt's Democratic Opposition", *Interface: a journal for and about social movements*, 4 :1 (2012), pp. 102 - 112.
- (with A. Teti), "The Unbearable Lightness of Authoritarianism: Lessons from the Arab Uprisings", *Mediterranean Politics*, (Volume 16, no. 2/2011), pp. 321-327.
- (with A. Teti) "Cercando un altro Egitto: tra democrazia e contro-rivoluzione" (Looking for another Egypt: between democracy and counter-revolution), *Afriche & Orientali*, 1/ 2011
- (with A. Teti) "Le elezioni parlamentari in Egitto: nozze o aborto della democrazia?" (Egyptian Parliamentary Election: the Abortion of Democracy?), *Afriche e Orientali*, 3/2010, pp. 71-76
- "Geografie dei poteri informali in Medio Oriente" (Geographies of Informal Powers in the Middle East), *Limes. Rivista Italiana di Geopolitica*, 1/2009, pp. 135-142.
- "La stampa egiziana e il dibattito sullo scontro di civiltà dopo l'11 settembre", (The Egyptian Press and the Debate on the Clash of Civilizations after 9/11), *Orientalia Parthenopea*, VII (2008), pp. 45-64.
- "Scrivere la storia dai margini. Note sull'alternativa marxista in Egitto" ("Writing the History from the Margins. Notes on the Marxist Alternative in Egypt, 1967-1981"), in *Oriente Moderno*, LXXXV, 2-3 (2005), pp. 437-453.
- "Una guerra esemplare. Intervista a Roger Owen" (A War by Example. Interview with Roger Owen), in *Meridione. Sud e Nord nel mondo*, III, n. 1-2 (2003), pp. 294-298.
- "La stampa egiziana tra guerra e pace" (The Egyptian Press between War and Peace), in *il dubbio*, anno IV, n. 1 (2003), pp. 112-114.
- "Dopo lo Stato, restano le tribù", [In Iraq (After the collapse of the State, the tribes stay on)] in *Limes. Rivista italiana di geopolitica*, (Special issue on post Saddam Iraq) n. 2 (2003), pp. 121-130.
- "Tra repressione e autocensura: intellettuali e politica in Egitto, 1952-1967" (Between repression and self-censorship: Intellectuals and Politics in Egypt, 1952-1967), in *Oriente Moderno*, XX (new series), n. 2-3, 2001, pp. 329-349.

Book Reviews

- Helmut Mejcher, *Sinai, 5 giugno 1967. Il conflitto arabo-israeliano*, Bologna, Il Mulino, 2000 in *Oriente Moderno*, anno XX (n. s.), n. 2-3, 2001, pp. 540-543.
- *History After the Three Worlds. Post-Eurocentric Historiographies*, edited by Arif Dirlik, Vinay Bahl and Peter Gran, Lanham, Rowman and Littlefield, 2000 in *Journal of Mediterranean Studies (Malta)*, XIII, n. 1-2 (2004), pp. 323-327.
- *Egypt and the Politics of Change in the Arab Middle East*. by Robert Bowker, Chaltenham: Elgar, 2010 in *Australian Journal of Politics and History*, Volume 57, Issue 3 (2011), pp. 471-472

Other Scholarly Publications

- (with A. Teti), "Egypt's presidential run-off: legal limbo and the transition to nowhere", Open Democracy, 19 June 2012.
- (with A. Teti (2012), 'Egypt's Presidential Elections: Moving Beyond Authoritarianism?', IEMed Obs. Observatory of Euro-Mediterranean Policies, 94, July 2012.
- (with A. Teti), "Egypt's Second January Uprising: Causes and Consequences of a would-be Revolution", in IEMed Mediterranean Yearbook, Barcelona: IeMed, 2011, pp. 30-36.
- (with A. Teti) "Egypt's post-democratic elections: political meaning beyond the menu of manipulation", Open Democracy, 14 January 2011
- Teaching Units No. 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 in Scrivere la guerra. Corso avanzato di lingua araba, (Writing the War. An Advanced Arabic Course), ed. by F. M. Corrao, G. Gervasio & M. Masullo, Università degli Studi di Napoli - U.S.A.D (Unità per lo sviluppo dell'apprendimento a distanza), 2010.
- Encyclopaedia Entry "La 'necessità dell'impegno' nella letteratura araba contemporanea", Istituto per l'Enciclopedia Italiana Treccani, online at:
http://www.treccani.it/site/Scuola/nellascuola/area_lingua_letteratura/arabi/gervasio.htm

Conference and Seminar Papers

- "The Marxist Movement in Egypt in the 1970s: a Critical View", paper presented (in Arabic) at a symposium on The Egyptian Left: Past and Future, al-Hilali Foundation for Liberties, Cairo, 5 Dec. 2010
- "Resistance and Cooptation: Dynamics of Civil Society Activism in Egypt", paper presented at the Political Science Department Seminar Series, American University in Cairo, 19/10/2010
- "Between Resistance and Co-optation. Civil Society Activists in Egypt", paper presented at the 3rd WOCMES Conference, Barcelona, Universitat Autònoma, 19-23 July 2010
- "After Mubarak. Which alternative for Egypt?", paper presented at the University of New South Wales, Sydney. School of Social Sciences and International Studies Seminar Series, 19/05/2010
- "Dopo Mubarak. Quale alternativa per l'Egitto?", Università di Napoli "L'Orientale", Faculty of Political Sciences, Naples, Italy. Invited lecture., 11 May 2010
- "Secularism and Dissent in the Modern Middle East: Egyptian Marxism in a Historical Perspective", Histories on Wednesday, Department of Modern History, Politics and IR, Macquarie University, Sydney, 21 October 2009.
- "Civil and Un-civil society in fin de reigne Egypt", paper presented at the Australian Association of Political Science (APSA) Annual Conference, Macquarie University, Sydney, 27-30 September 2009.
- "Subaltern Voices and the 'War on Terror': Contesting Representations from the British Media",
- Paper presented at the symposium: "Relational Dis/Locations: Mediterranean Cultures in translocal and transnational Contexts", Macquarie University, Sydney, 28 November 2008
- "Democracy, Israel and the Arab World: Western Perceptions and Local Realities", paper presented at the Sydney Democracy Forum, University of Sydney, 29 August 2008
- "Mubarak's Egypt: Democratisation or De-liberalization?", paper presented at the Staff/HDR Student Research Seminars, Dept of Politics and International Relations, Macquarie University, Sydney, 22 August 2008
- 'Da 'avanguardia' della Rivoluzione a 'resistenza' alla reazione :gli intellettuali di al-Tali'ah e la Naksah' in Egitto ('From 'Vanguard' of the Revolution to 'Resistance' against Reaction: Intellectuals of al-Tali'ah and the Naksah in Egypt), paper presented at SesAMO (Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies) Annual

Meeting, Florence, 10-12 May 2007.

- 'Censorship, Dissent and Representations of Islam in the Moroccan Press after May 2003', paper presented at the workshop on Muslim media and the War on Terror, Department of Politics, University of Bristol, UK, 6-7 July 2006.
- "Subaltern Media and the war on terror: Voices from British Muslim communities", paper presented (with Jutta Weldes) at the British International Studies Association (BISA) Annual Conference, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, 19-21 December 2005.
- Keynote speaker at the workshop on 'al-Harakah al-markisiyyah fi Misr, 1967-1981' (The Marxist movement in Egypt, 1967-1981), Centre for Arab and African Studies, Giza (Egypt), 29 November 2005.
- "The role of the intellectual in Nasser's Egypt. The case of al-Talī'ah magazine (1965-1970)", paper presented at The Eighth International Symposium On Comparative Literature, "Power and the Role of the Intellectual", Cairo University, Egypt, 22-24 November 2005.
- Participation with paper presentation to the First Global International Studies Conference, organized by World International Studies Committee, Bilgi University, Istanbul, 24-27.8.2005. Paper's title "Terrorism, Security and 'the Islamic Threat'. Some Evidence from Morocco and the UK".
- Participation with paper presentation to the NATO Advanced research Workshop on Securitizing Terrorism in Europe and North Africa: Strategies for Regional Cooperation, Madrid, Spain, 23-25 June 2005.
- Paper's title (jointly with Ali Amar): 'Regional trends in government and opposition: the Moroccan case'.
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- Participation with paper presentation to the 1st Workshop of the BRISMES
- Standing Group on Critical Middle East Studies (C-MES), Comparative Governmentality after 'September 11th': Technologies of Governance in the EU-MENA Regions, Department of Politics
- University of Exeter, 20-21 April 2005.
- Paper's title (joint presentation with Frederic Volpi) 'Securitization and Legislation in Europe after 9/11: the British Case'
- Speaker, with prof. F. Mazzei, at the meeting on "Europe, Islam and Asia After 9/11 ",
- Istituto Italiano di Studi Europei, Giugliano (Naples), 19 February 2003
- Keynote Speaker at the conference on "The Italian Left after 1989" (in Arabic), "al-Adālah" Centre for Political and Social Studies, Giza (Egypt), January 2003.
- Participation to the First World Congress of Middle East Studies (WOCMES)
- with a paper titled "Censorship and the Search for Consensus in the Egyptian Press after September 11", Universität Mainz, Germany, 8-13 September 2002.
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- Participation (with paper presentation) in "10th Meeting between the generations of Arab Sociologists" organized by The Arab Association of Sociology, University of Kaslik (Lebanon), 19-23 July 2000.
- Paper's title "Intellectuals and Power in Nasser's Egypt" (in Arabic).

Memberships

- SeSaMO (The Italian Association for Modern Middle Eastern Studies);
- C- MES (BriSMES standing group for Critical Middle Eastern Studies).
- BISA (British International Studies Association).
- ISA (International Studies Association)