

## **CURRICULUM VITAE AND PUBLICATIONS OF PROF. GIUSEPPE ACCONCIA**

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### **General information**

Born in Salerno, Italy, June 13st, 1981

Italian citizen

Spoken and written languages

Italian (mother tongue)

English (fluent)

Arabic (fluent)

French (fluent)

Spanish (fluent)

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### **Academic qualifications**

2023	Abilitazione scientifica nazionale II fascia settore 14/A2
2018	PhD (dottorato) in Politics, Goldsmiths (University of London) - The Uprisings in Egypt: Popular Committees and Independent Trade Unions, Fieldwork Egypt, Tunisia, Syria
2012	Masters in Middle Eastern Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies – SOAS (London)
2005	Degree (laurea) in Economics, Bocconi University (Milan), Fieldwork Iran
2003	Erasmus, Institut de Sciences Politiques (Paris)

### **Research positions**

- Post-Doctoral researcher (Assegnista di ricerca), University of Padova (2020-2022), Polbis - The Politics and Policy of Basic Income Schemes: lessons from Italian and European cases
- Post-Doctoral researcher (Assegnista di ricerca), University of Padova (2018-2020), Young people and students' International and intercultural experiences, Fieldwork Algeria and Tunisia
- Post-Doctoral researcher (Assegnista di ricerca), University of Padova (2017-2018), Climate Change. The Experience of EU voluntary instruments, Fieldwork Uk and Poland

### **Teaching positions**

- Lecturer (docente a contratto), University of Milan Statale, State and Society in North Africa and the Mediterranean region (2022-2025)
- Lecturer (docente a contratto), University of Padova, Political Sociology (2021-2024)
- Lecturer, University of Padova, Geopolitics of the Middle East (2019-2023), European and Global Studies, Masters students
- Lecturer, University of Padova, Media and Social Movements in the Middle East (2018-2019), Media Studies, Masters

students

- Teaching Assistant, University of Padova (2017-2020) Teaching Assistant, Bocconi University (2013-2018)
- Lecturer, Cattolica University, ASERI Masters in Middle Eastern Studies (2016-2018). Social Movements in the Middle East (Docente a contratto), students' evaluation included

#### **Other current academic and research positions**

- Scientific Committee, Winter School 2018, 2019 and 2021, University of Padova, "Knowledges of the future. Living in Precarious Times", "Knowledges at risk. Times and Spaces of Globalization", "Times and Spaces of Globalization. Sustainable Global Futures: Knowledge, Democracy and Global Communications".
- Turin School of Local Regulation – Scientific Committee Member (2012-2022)
- Ispi contributor – Sezione Mediterraneo e Medio Oriente

#### **Other past research positions**

- Visiting Scholar, Minho University, Seminar and teaching activities included (2022)
- Visiting Scholar, Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies (UCLA), Seminar and teaching activities included (2017)
- Research Fellow (Borsista di ricerca), Pavia University (2013-2016), Society, Social Innovation. Empowering the Young for the Common Good
- Research Trainee, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome (2006-2007), Sezione Mediterraneo e Medio Oriente

#### **Other Teaching activities**

- PhD and Masters Seminars in Comparative Politics, International Relations, the Arab Uprisings, Kurdish minority, Iranian civil society (in Italian, English and French)

#### **Other research activities**

- Member of the Editorial Board, SOCIETY Social Innovation. Empowering the Young for the Common Good (2014)
- Supervision, BA and MA Dissertations, Cattolica and Padova University
- Exams and Dissertations Evaluation Committees, Bocconi University, University of Padova, University of Milan

#### **Main national and international research activity (Assegni di Ricerca)**

Full title of research Grant	Name of the funding scheme and organization responsible	Role	Duration
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POLBIS The Politics and Policy of Basic Income Schemes: lessons from Italian and European cases	University of Padova	Investigator	2020-2022
Young people and students' International and intercultural experiences	University of Padova	Investigator	2018-2020
Climate Change. The Experience of EU voluntary instruments	University of Padova	Investigator	2017-2018
SOCIETY Social Innovation. Empowering the Young for the Common Good	Collaborative Research Project, VII Research Framework Programme, European Commission, University of Pavia	Investigator	2013-2016

#### **Research interests**

Comparative Politics, International Relations, Middle Eastern Studies, Middle Eastern Politics, Social Movements, Migrations, Social Policies, New forms of political participation, Participatory Democracy, Participatory Social Policies, Alternative and Voluntary Networks, State and Transformation in the Middle East, Democratization.

#### **Selected recent conferences attended (as paper giver, chair or discussant)**

2023

“The Kurds of Syria: from Popular Committees to Fighting Units” in “Revolution and Democratic practices in Rojava”, University of Liege, paper giver

“Women, life, freedom: Iran protests and future political trajectories”, Università Ca’ Foscari, paper giver

“I giovani, le strade e i nuovi movimenti politici in Medio Oriente e Nord Africa dal 2011 a oggi”, University of Milan, paper giver

2022

“Migrations and Social Movements in the Mena region”, University of Padova, paper giver

“Freedom of Speech, Media and Assembly in Afghanistan”, with Murtaza Mohiqi, University of Padova, discussant

“The Arab Uprisings: the case of LGBT Activism in Egypt and Tunisia”, University of Padova, paper giver

“The Iranian Civil Society”, Scholars at Risk Seminars, University of Verona, paper giver

2021

“Violenza nei confronti dei giornalisti in Medio Oriente” in “Molestie e attacchi online e offline nei confronti delle foto giornaliste”, University of Padova, paper giver

“Academic Freedoms of Fixed-Term Researchers in Italy: Politicizing Occupational Precarity” at “Free as a Bird: Academic Precariat and the State of Academic Freedom in the Global North”, Von Humboldt Foundation, paper giver

“I giovani, le strade e i nuovi movimenti politici in Medio Oriente e Nord Africa dal 2011

a oggi", Università degli Studi di Milano, paper giver  
"The Egyptian Uprisings Ten Years Later (2011-2021)", Scholars at Risk Advocacy Seminars, University of Padova, paper giver

## 2020

"The Iranian civil society", Scholars at Risk (SAR) Seminar, University of Padova, paper giver  
"Bridging the gap between the two sides of the Mediterranean", International Credit Mobility: a New Challenge in the Mediterranean Region (ICMED) Conference, University of Oran, Algeria, discussant  
"I conflitti in Medio Oriente", Seminar, Ca' Foscari University, Venice, paper giver 2019

## 2019

"The Uprisings in Egypt and Tunisia", Semana Arabe 2019, UNAM, Mexico City, paper giver  
"The Kurdish Partition", ICAS 2019, Leiden University, paper giver  
"The Kurds of Syria: from Popular Committees to Fighting Units", Conference  
"War and Social Movements", University of New York, paper giver  
"Il nazionalismo arabo in Egitto e Siria: istituzioni, pratiche, idee e campi di lotta sociale", SESAMO 2019, University of Torino, paper giver  
"Bridging the gap between the two sides of the Mediterranean", Winter School 2019, University of Padova, paper giver

## 2018

"Problems of Scientific Freedoms in Modern and Contemporary History", "Academic Labor in Italy: Politicizing Precarity" in "The Structural Challenges Facing Academic Freedoms and Knowledge Production – the Impact of Precarious Work", Frankfurt University, paper giver  
"The Uprisings in Egypt: Mobilization and Demobilization of Popular Committees and Independent Trade Unions", IPSA 2018, Brisbane, paper giver  
"Syrian and Palestinian migrant communities in contemporary Egypt. Positive and negative conceptions in building-up a national identity" in the panel on "Migrants and Movements", SISP 2018, University of Torino, paper giver, organizer and chair  
"The Uprisings in Egypt", Seminar, Trento University, paper giver  
"Le primavere arabe: sette anni dopo", Seminar, University of Padova, paper giver  
"Arabic thought against the Authoritarian Age", discussant, Pise Lectures, Ca' Foscari University  
"Middle East Security: For whom? By whom? Of whom?", discussant, University of Padova  
"L'Iran, dalla rivoluzione khomeinista alle proteste del 2018", Seminar, University of Turin, paper giver  
"Governing through enabling? Global environmental change and EU voluntary networks", Paper presented (with Ekaterina Domorenok), Climate Change Conference, University of Padova  
"Women Protection Units: the Kurdish Resistance in Rojava", Winter School, University of Padova, paper giver  
"The Kurds in Italy: the Reshaping of a Transnational Identity", SESAMO conference, University of Padova, paper giver  
"The Uprisings in Egypt: Popular Committees and Independent Trade Unions", Mediterranean Studies Conference, Sant'Anna, Sorrento, paper giver  
"The Uprisings in Egypt: the case of the LGBT community", Beyond Planetary Apartheids, ICS, CEI-IUL, Lisbon, paper giver  
"The Kurds in Italy: the Reshaping of a Transnational Identity", The Migration Conference, Lisbon (with Giovanni Olesen), paper giver

“The Uprisings in Egypt: Mobilisation and Demobilisation of Popular Committees and Independent Trade Unions”, WOCMES, Seville, paper giver  
“Migrants and Movements: the Reshaping of National and Transnational Identities in the MENA Countries”, WOCMES, Seville, chair and discussant  
“The Uprisings in Egypt: Popular Committees and Independent Trade Unions”, Paper presented at Alternative Futures and Popular Protests Conference, Manchester University (UK), paper giver

## 2017

“The Kurds of Syria: from Popular Committees to Fighting Units”, Paper presented at the BRISMES Conference “Movement and Migration in the Middle East: People and Ideas in Flux”, Edinburgh University, paper giver  
“The Uprisings in Egypt: Popular Committees and Independent Trade Unions”, Paper presented at the Mesnet Conference, Exeter University (UK), paper giver  
“The Kurds of Syria: from Popular Committees to Fighting Units”, Paper presented at the ECPR Conference in the panel on “Authoritarian International Politics and Security”, Oslo University, paper giver  
“New Spaces for Democratic Practices”, Panel Chair, ECPR Conference, Oslo University  
“Governing through enabling? Global environmental change and EU voluntary networks”, Paper presented (with Ekaterina Domorenok) and discussant in the Panel “The Many Crises of Europe. Structural Weaknesses, New Challenges and the Politics of the European Union” at the SISP conference, Urbino, paper giver  
“The Kurds of Syria: from Popular Committees to Fighting Units”, Paper presented at the DOT 2017 Conference in the panel “Syria: from Arab Spring to Civil War to an unknown future”, Jena University, paper giver

## 2016

“Human Rights Violations in Egypt”, Paper presented at the EUI Conference “Rethinking the Middle East”, Fiesole (Florence), paper giver  
“The Uprisings in Egypt: Popular Committees and Independent Trade Unions”, Paper presented at the BRISMES Conference “Middle East through Time, Space and Cyberspace”, Lampeter (UK), paper giver  
“The Uprisings in Egypt”, Paper presented at the “5 Years After the Arab Uprisings” Conference, Birkbeck University, London, paper giver  
“The Arab Uprisings: Left-wing activism, social movements and wars in the Middle East”, Paper presented at Institute for Labour Studies, May Day Conference “Religion and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa”, Ljubljana, paper giver  
“Syrian and Palestinian migrant communities in contemporary Egypt. Positive and negative conceptions in building-up a national identity”, Paper presented at SESAMO Conference, “Migrants: Communities, Borders, Memories, Conflicts”, University of Catania, paper giver and chair

## 2015

MESA Conference, Denver, chair  
“The Arab Uprisings”, Paper presented at “Crossing Boundaries” Conference, La Sapienza, Rome, paper giver  
“Youth Unemployment and Public Policies in Italy: the Cases of two Disadvantaged Areas in Milan and Naples”, Paper presented (with Paolo Graziano) at the “Youth on the Move?” Conference, Maynooth (Ireland), paper giver

“The Kurdish Issue”, Seminar, Roma3 University, paper giver  
“Youth Unemployment and Public Policies in Italy”, Paper presented at Society Conference, Amsterdam, paper giver  
“Youth Unemployment and Public Policies in Italy: the Cases of Lombardy and Campania”, Society Plenum, European Parliament (Brussels), paper giver

2014

“The Youth Guarantee in Lombardy and Campania”, Paper presented at the Society Conference, Wien, paper giver  
“The Kurds in the Middle East”, Seminar, University L'Orientale, Naples, paper giver  
“Youth Unemployment and Public Policies in Italy”, Society Conference, Ghent Power to Youth, Rome, paper giver

2013

SESAMO, Pavia

“The Uprisings in Egypt”, Seminar, University L'Orientale, Naples, paper giver

#### SELECTED ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS OF GIUSEPPE ACCONCIA

<https://unibocconi.academia.edu/GiuseppeAcconcia>

[https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Giuseppe\\_Acconcia](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Giuseppe_Acconcia)

#### Authored, Peer Reviewed Books

“The Arab Uprisings: Protests, Gender and War (2011-2021)”, Routledge, New York, 2022 (with Lorenza Perini).

“The Uprisings in Egypt. The Mobilisation and Ban of Popular Committees and Independent Trade Unions”, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle, 2019.

“The Great Iran. The Iranian Civil Society from Qajar Iran to Rouhani”, Padova University Press, Padova, 2018.

#### Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

“Donna, vita, libertà”, *i movimenti sociali in Iran e il revival nazionalista degli ayatollah* in M. Mercuri e A. Gasparetto *Polveriera Mediterraneo*, FrancoAngeli, 2023.

*Academic Labor in Italy: Politicizing Precarity* in Roth R. and Vatansever A. *Scientific Freedom under Attack. Political Oppression, Structural Challenges, and Intellectual Resistance in Modern and Contemporary History*, Campus Verlag, 2020.

*Introduzione* in G. Acconcia and M. Mercuri (eds.), “Migrazioni nel Mediterraneo. Dinamiche, identità e movimenti”, FrancoAngeli, Milano, 2019.

*Nazionalismi, populismi e comunità migranti in Egitto e Siria* in G. Acconcia and M. Mercuri (eds.), “Migrazioni nel Mediterraneo. Dinamiche, identità e movimenti”, FrancoAngeli, Milano, 2019.

*Le diaspore curde in Italia* in G. Acconcia and M. Mercuri (eds.), “Migrazioni nel Mediterraneo. Dinamiche, identità e movimenti”, FrancoAngeli, Milano, 2019 (with Giovanni Olesen).

### **Other Book Chapters**

*Egitto* in Giacomo Bottos et alii, “Il trono di sabbia. Stato, nazioni e potere in Medio Oriente”, Rosenberg & Sellier, Torino, 2019 (with Gabriele Sirtori).

*The Youth Guarantee in Italy - A comparison study in Lombardy and Campania*, in Otto, H et al. *Empowering Young People in Disempowering Times, Fighting Inequality Through Capability Oriented Policy*, Edward Elgar, London, 2017 (with Paolo R. Graziano).

*Improving the quality of life of disadvantaged young people in Europe* in Otto, H et al. *Empowering Young People in Disempowering Times, Fighting Inequality Through Capability Oriented Policy*, Edward Elgar, London, 2017.

*The Third Sector and Capability-promoting policies*, in Otto, H. et al. *Capability-Promoting Policies, Enhancing Individual and Social Development*, Policy Press, Bristol, 2018 (with Paolo R. Graziano and Enrica Chiappero).

*Youth Guarantee: The Cases of Milan and Naples*, in F. Becchis, A. Asquer and D. Russolillo (eds), “The Political Economy of Local Regulation”, New York-London, Palgrave, 2017 (with Paolo R. Graziano).

*Jordan*, in M. Ferrara, R. Mavilia and V. Talbot, (eds), “Politics, International Relations and Cooperation in the Mediterranean Area”, Milan, Rubbettino, 2012.

### **Peer reviewed Articles**

“LGBTQ Activism in repressive contexts: the struggle for (in)visibility in Egypt, Tunisia and Turkey”, *Social Movement Studies*, 2022 (with Perego A. and Perini L.).

“Protest Demobilization In Post-Revolutionary Settings: Trajectories To Counter-Revolution And To Democratic Transition”, *Political Studies*, 2021 (with Pilati K., et alii).

“Experiments in EU climate governance: the unfulfilled potential of the Covenant of Mayors”, *Global Environmental Politics*, Vol. 20 N. 4, 2020 (with Domorenok E. et alii).

“Variety of groups and protests in repressive contexts: the 2011 Egyptian uprisings and their aftermath”, *International Sociology*, 2020 (with Pilati K.).

“Between organization and spontaneity of protests: the 2010–2011 Tunisian and Egyptian uprisings”, *Social Movement Studies*, Vol. 18 N. 4, 2019 (with Pilati K.,

Suber D. L., Chennaoui H.).

### **Scientific Articles**

“Global citizenship online in higher education”, *Educational Research for Policy and Practice*, 2023 (with F. Helm, A. Baroni)

“Reddito di cittadinanza: l’esperienza dei burocrati di strada durante la pandemia di Covid 19 in Veneto”, *Economia e società regionale*, 2022.

“Interculturality and language in Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange”, *European Journal of Language Policy*, Vol. 11 Issue 2, 2019 (with F. Helm).

“The 2011 Uprisings in the Middle East: a Left-Wing Awakening”, *CKZ*, 2019.

“Baffi e parrucche. Vivere lo sport in Iran”, *Zapruder*, vol. 48, 2019.

“L’Iran tra continuità e distensione”, *Il Mulino*, Bologna, Vol. 5, 2017, pp. 876-883.

“Iran, la vittoria moderata e la fine delle sanzioni”, *Il Mulino*, Bologna, Vol. 3, 2016, pp. 529-536.

“La Libia fra petrolio, migranti e jihad”, *Il Mulino*, Bologna, Vol. 2, 2015, pp. 335-343.

“Il Kurdistan non è vicino”, *Limes*, Roma, Vol. 9, 2015, pp. 181-188.

“L’Egitto di al-Sisi”, *Il Mulino*, Bologna, Vol. 4, 2014, pp. 641-650.

“La politica estera iraniana e l’accordo sul nucleare”, *Il Mulino*, Bologna, Vol. 1, 2014, pp. 118-126.

“Iran, la svolta moderata”, *Il Mulino*, Bologna, Vol. 4, 2013, pp. 697-704.

### **Book Reviews**

“The Kurds of Syria”, *Le monde diplomatique*, 12/2014. “The

Arab Uprisings”, *Le monde diplomatique*, 12/2013.

“The Autonomous Identity of the Lebanese Shiite Community”, *The International Spectator*, Routledge, 2007.

### **Other selected publications**

“Queer and feminist militants are shaping Tunisia's protests”, *ROAR*, 2021.

“Is the Rojava dream at risk?”, *MERIP*, 2018.

“Strikes, Protests and Egyptian Nights of Curfew”, *Opendemocracy*, 2017.

“The Shrinking Independence of the Egypt’s Labor Unions”, *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, 2016.

*Authorisation to process personal data in relation to the GDPR 2016/679*