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CURRICULUM VITAE

INFORMAZIONI PERSONALI

COGNOME	GHAFFARI
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23/01/2020

Luogo

Genova

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

PhD in Applied Sociology and Methodology of Social Research

November 2016 - February 2020

University of Milano Bicocca, Milan, (IT)

Thesis titled: "Gender Through Generations: Transformations of Gender Roles among Two Generations of Tehran's Middle Class".

Supervisor: professor Elisabetta Ruspini.

Research interests: processes of cultural change, youth status, masculinities, feminism, Middle East.

Research methodology: mixed-methods approach; participant observations, secondary analysis of statistical, census data (Excel, SPSS); narrative interviews; semi-structured interviews (MAXQDA).

Visiting researcher

1/02/2019- 1/04/2019

University of Oslo- Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages

Visiting period under the supervision of professor Soraya Batmanghelichi, Associate Professor of Middle East Studies.

ECPR winter school in methods and techniques

2-9/03/2018

University of Bamberg

Certificate of attendance of qualitative interviewing and MAXQDA software's courses.

Master's degree in African and Asian studies

1/10/2013 – 13/07/2015

University of Pavia (IT)

Thesis titled: "The Israeli-Palestinian conflict from a gender perspective: the effects of military occupation on the elaboration of gender roles". Graduated with laudem.

Supervisor(s): professors Francesco Mazzucotelli, Massimiliano Vaira, Sandro Beretta.

Research topics: African and Asian history, politics and society with a focus on the Middle Eastern region, international law and relations, history and sociology of international migrations.

United Nations simulation

12-24/04/2011

United Nations, New York (USA)

Simulation of the United Nations Human Rights Committee with the Italian Diplomatic Academy (IDA) in the headquarters of UN.

Main skills: brilliant knowledge of English, economy, political science and international law, as well as excellent communication skills and team building capacities, in-depth knowledge of the international political scenario and strong diplomatic skills.

NMUN TrainingCourse

1/11/2010 – 1/04/2011

IDA-Italian Diplomatic Academy, Bologna (IT)

Preparatory course for the participation at the 2011 National Models United Nations in New York.

Main topics: skills and tasks of the diplomatic carrier, international politics and law.

Bachelor's degree in International Studies

1/10/2010 – 15/11/2013

Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna (IT)

Thesis titled: "Social Revolution: The Social Media's Role in the Muslim Revolutions".

Supervisor: professor Roberta Paltrinieri.

Methodology: literary analysis, structured interviews with key informants.

Research topics: sociology of cultural and communication processes, international law and politics, contemporary history, macroeconomics, English, European Union law and Colonial Studies.

Training course in journalism

2010

Magazine Zai.net (<https://www.zai.net/>)

Training course in journalism at the editorial staff of Zain.net journal.

WORK EXPERIENCES

University tutor

October 2019- ongoing

University of Milano-Bicocca

Tutor of the course “Sociology of the Family” of the bachelor’s degree in Sociology.

Main duties: organization of seminars, lessons, exams, and tutorship of BA’s dissertations.

University tutor

April 2019-ongoing

University of Milano Bicocca

Tutor of the course “Gender and Tourism” of the bachelor’s degree in Tourism Sciences.

Main duties: organization of seminars, lessons, exams, and tutorship of BA’s dissertations.

University tutor

April-July 2019

University of Milano Bicocca

Private tutor for students with learning disabilities.

Free-lance translator and report-writer

6/07/2016 — 6/07/2017

Social360.monitoring

Main duties: analysing the information and data online in Arabic related to certain customers of the company through a special software and writing weekly reports in English documenting public opinion about the customers.

Curricular Internship

1/3/2013 — 31/5/2013

House of Women Against Violence, Bologna (IT)

Requirements: in-depth knowledge of the Italian legislation on immigration and international law, the phenomenon of trafficking and the reception and assistance of immigrants and women victims of violence, excellent knowledge of English.

Main duties: Italian, English and informatic lessons, data collection and organization of reports and documents on the phenomenon of trafficking, collaboration in awareness campaigns and fundraising on the issue, as well as assistance to the association’s guests (foreign women victims of trafficking) in their daily activities and bureaucratic practices.

PERSONAL SKILLS

Languages

Mother tongue(s): **Italian, Persian**

Foreign languages: **English** (C1 in listening, speaking, reading and writing, IELTS level 8). **French**: (B2 in listening, speaking, reading and writing).

Digital skills

Good command of office suite (word processor, spread sheet, presentation software); Excellent command of internet and all kind of search engine. Good usage of WordPress, SPSS and MAXQDA software.

OTHER INFORMATION

Publications

Books' chapters

Forthcoming publication about Iranian youth in the volume "Iran: politics and society. Reflections on 40 years of 1979 revolution" to be published by the Middle East Studies Workshop of the Faculty of Political and Social Science of the University of Mexico City.

Conferences' proceedings

Abstract of the paper "*Transformations of gender roles among two generations in Tehran*" published on the Book of Abstracts of the II International Conference of Gender Research (ICGR19), The Scientific Observatory on Gender Issues, University of Rome, Rome (11- 12/04/2019), ISBN 2370000671172.

Abstract of the paper "What alternatives to secularization? Analysis of Islam and modernity between West and East" published in the Book of Abstracts accepted for presentation at the XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology Toronto, Canada, July 15 -21, 2018 ISSN 2522-7025.

Paper "*Millennials of Tehran: Identities, Social Policies, Perspectives*" published on the Book of Proceedings of the I Conference on Social Policies in the Muslim Word, Allameh Tabataba'i University, Tehran (12-13/05/2018).

Paper "*Contraception and Family Planning in Islam and Christianity: A Comparison Between Italy and Iran*" published on the Book of Proceedings of the I Conference on Social Policies in the Muslim Word, Allameh Tabataba'i University, Tehran (12-13/05/2018).

Publications on non-peer reviewed journals

"L'accesso femminile all'istruzione superiore in Iran. Cambiamenti strutturali e ruolo della path dependency/ Female Higher Education in Iran. Structural Changes and The Role of Path Dependency", Il Politico, University of Pavia, 2015, year LXXX, nn. 2-3, ISBN 978-88-498- 4711-6.

Book's reviews

Review of the book "70 anni di storia dell'Onu, 60 anni di Italia nell'Onu"/ 70 years of UN's history, 60 years of Italy in the UN history", edited by Mugnaini, M., published on Il Politico, University of

Pavia, 2017, year LXXXII, n.1, pp. 163-178.

Publications on peer-reviewed journals

"Doing Gender Research as a 'Gendered Subject': Challenges and Sparks of Being a Dual-Citizen Woman Researcher in Iran", *The Anthropology of the Middle East*, 14(2).

Conferences, seminars and workshops

Semi-plenary session of the 14th Conference of the European Sociological Association, Manchester, 20-23/08/2019.

Paper presented: "Locating Millennial Feminism beyond Western Culture. The Case of Iran".

Paper discussant at the Brismes Conference, "Joining the Dots: Interdisciplinarity in Middle East Studies", University of Leeds, 24-26/06/2019.

Paper presented: "Doing gender research as a gendered subject: challenges and sparks of being a dual-citizen woman researcher in the Islamic Republic of Iran".

II International Conference on Gender Research (ICGR19), TheScientific Observatory on Gender Issues, University of Rome, 11-12/04/2019.

Paper presented: "Transformations of gender roles among two generations in Tehran".

14th Conference of the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO) Turin, 31 January–2 February 2019, Department of Culture, Politics and Society, University of Turin.

Paper presented: "Between real and virtual: cafes, parks and social networks as places of renegotiation of gender roles 40 years after the Islamic Revolution".

I Conference on Social Policies in the Muslim World, Allameh Tabataba'i University, Tehran, 12-13/05/2018.

Papers presented: "Millennials of Tehran: Identities, Social Policies, Perspectives", and "Contraception and Family Planning in Islam and Christianity: A Comparison Between Italy and Iran".

X Youth Forum of Italians Association of Sociology, Naples, 26-27/10/2017.

Paper presented: "What alternatives to secularization? Analysis of the discourse on Islam and modernity between West and East".

Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences Ryerson University, 27-31/05/ 2017.

Paper presented: "Homelessness and Homecoming: experiencing exile in the works of Azadeh Moaveni and Marjane Satrapi".

International Day of Studies: Underground as a Strategy of Political Fight. Modalities, Discourses and Social Dynamics since the XIX Centuries Until Today", University of Bologna, 9-10/02/2017.

Paper presented: "Women in Illegality: The Female Participation to Resistance in Two Case Studies: PreRevolutionary Iran and Hamas".

XIII SeSaMO Conference, University of Catania, 17-19/03/ 2016).

Paper presented: "Homeland, diaspora, language and belonging: Moaveni's homecoming within the return narratives" within the panel "The real and Imagined Female Exilic Self in Persian Narratives".

Honors and awards

Winner of a tutoring call for the courses "Sociology of Family" and "Gender and Tourism" at the University of Milano-Bicocca.

Winner of PhD scholarship in Applied Sociology and Methodology of Social Research by the University of Milan-Bicocca.

Winner of 2016 Marina Chiola prize at the University of Pavia for the thesis: "The Israeli-Palestinian conflict from a gender perspective: the effects of military occupation on the elaboration of gender roles".

Winner of 2014 Bonacossa grant at the University of Pavia for research project in Hebron (Palestine) on domestic women associations.

Other activities

2020: member of the editorial board of the forthcoming serie "Genere e Società" (Gender and Society), edited by Franco Corbisiero and Elisabetta Ruspini, FrancoAngeli, Milan.

2018-today: collaborator with the journal Pandora with articles about politics and Iran (<https://www.pandorarivista.it/>).

2016-today: volunteer at the organization "Federazione Regionale Solidarietà e Lavoro", giving legal and bureaucratic aids to foreigners and non-EU citizens. The experience gave me an in-depth knowledge of Italian and European legislation on immigration and related bureaucratic procedures.

2008-2010: volunteer in organizing various fundraisers for an orphanage in Romania, where I went for several years together with a voluntary association, documenting the social and political reality of the country and promoting awareness campaigns once back in Italy.