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*Curriculum Vitae*

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## Working Addresses

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## Areas of Competence / Specialization

Social Ecology, Social Ontology, General Sociology, Political Philosophy, Ontology of Cultural Heritage, Social movements, Institutional conflict, Institutional ethnography, Qualitative field research, Theory of Change development, Stakeholder involvement/engagement, SIA framing

## Academic Affiliations

Research Chair, École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS)  
IMéRA - Institute for Advanced Study of Aix Marseille University (RFIEA, NETIAS, UBIAS)  
Timeframe: January 2024 - July 2024

Faculty, International University College  
Partner institution, University of Turin  
January 2021 - Present

Lecturer, Scuola di specializzazione in Teoria critica della società  
University of Milano-Bicocca  
November 2024 - Present

Afferente temporaneo, University of Turin  
Department of Cultures, Politics and Society  
January 2021 - Present

## Research centers

Centro di ricerca interuniversitario di studi sulla sostenibilità socio-ecologica (CRISIS)  
Centre for Inter-University Research in Socio-Ecological and Sustainability Studies

## Academic associations

Società Italiana di Sociologia Economica (SISEC)  
Italian Society of Economic Sociology

Società Italiana di Filosofia Politica (SIFP)  
Italian Society of Political Philosophy

Società Italiana di Filosofia Analitica (SIFA)  
Italian Society of Analytic Philosophy

Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP)  
Italian Society of Political Science

Società Italiana di Studi sul Medio Oriente (SeSaMO)  
Italian Society of Middle Eastern Studies

Rete Italiana di Studi Curdi (RISC)  
Italian Network of Kurdish Studies

## **Research projects**

Acknowledgments:

Seal of Excellence – Horizon Europe

Call: Horizon-MSCA-2023-PF-01

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships 2023

Topic: Horizon-MSCA-2023-PF-01-01

Type of Action: Horizon-TMA-MSCA-PF-GF (Horizon TMA MSCA Postdoctoral Global Fellowships)

Proposal acronym and number: BorDeMEr 101149517

Proposal Title: Building a New Theory of Cross-Border Democracy to Cope with Emerging Challenges in Europe and Beyond

Type of Model Grant Agreement: Horizon Unit Grant

Residencies:

IMÉRA - Institute for Advanced Study of Aix Marseille University (RFIEA, NETIAS, UBIAS)

Research Chair: École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS)

Research project: A Concrete Utopia for the Euro-Mesopotamian space: The Political Philosophy of the Syrian-Kurdish Movement

Disciplines: Political philosophy, Middle Eastern Studies, Kurdish Studies

Category of Fellowship: Annual research fellowship

Axis: Transregional studies EHESS/Iméra

Research program: Necessary Utopias

Residency length: January-July 2024

Funding:

Pathways for Co-creation between Local Authorities and Collective Actions for a Sustainable Transition (CO-SUSTAIN)

European Union's Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme 101132467

Operational Role: Coordinator Contact

Length: January 2024 - December 2026

Call Title: The climate imperative and its impact on democratic governance

Funding scheme: Research and Innovation Actions

Work Programme Topic: Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

Principal Investigator: Dario Padovan (Università di Torino)

Consortium: University of Turin, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna, Universidad de Grenada, Tartu Ülikool, Lappeenranta-Lahden teknillinen yliopisto, Instytut Gospodarki Surowcami

Mineralnymi i Energią PAN, Associació Ecoserveis, Euroquality

Role in the submission process: Co-writer and co-signatory of the project proposal

## Fellowships:

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, General Sociology

Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin

Timeframe: January 2023 - December 2023

Project: Providing Operational Economic Appraisal Methods and Practices for Informed Decision-Making on Climate and Environmental Policies (PATTERN)

European Union's Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme 101056734

Length: July 2022 - July 2025

Principal Investigator: Sonia Quiroga Gomez (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

Academic Consortium Partners: Universidad Complutense de Madrid, University of Turin, Flemish Institute for Technological Research, University of Antwerp, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology

Other Partners: Euroquality, ISMERI Europa, Vlaamse Landmaatschappij, Netherlands Enterprise Agency, IRES Piemonte, Trøndelag County Authority, City of Lappeenranta

Operational Role: Team Member UNITO, responsible for daily Lab activities

Involvement in Work Packages (daily lab, co-coordination)

Work Package 2: *Creation of the interdisciplinary and participatory approach*

Task 2.1: *Stakeholder analysis and engagement*

Task 2.2: *Building a Theory of Change to identify evaluation needs*

Task 2.3: *Social side of policy impact*

Other involvement in Work Packages

Work Package 1: *Creation of the framework for the bridging of ex post and ex ante analysis*

Work Package 3: *Ex post evaluation of past policies*

Work Package 4: *Ex ante assessment of upcoming policies*

Work Package 6: *Communication, dissemination and exploitation*

## Applied research

Creating quantitative tools for European environmental policies SIA

Length: March 2023 - December 2023

Case studies: Italy (Piedmont), Norway, Belgium (Flanders), Finland (Lappeenranta), The Netherlands

Institution: University of Turin

Description: Identification of domains, dimensions and indicators to facilitate the stakeholders' assessment of the social impact of EU environmental policies (agriculture, aquaculture, heating and transport)

Activity: Co-production of a digital survey tool; coordination of international case study leaders

Methodologies: Social impact assessment through collection of quantitative and qualitative data

Participatory ToC development for environmental policy evaluation

Length: September 2022 - February 2023

Case studies: Italy (Piedmont), Norway, Belgium (Flanders), Finland (Lappeenranta), The Netherlands

Institution: University of Turin

Description: Participatory sessions of Theory of Change development with practitioners and stakeholders, aimed at identifying assumptions on causal nexuses in public policy interventions (agriculture, aquaculture, heating, traffic and public transport)

Activity: International research team co-coordination; stakeholder involvement and engagement; ToC development and subsequent refinement

Methodologies: Theory of Change, Realist evaluation

## Field research

Bottom-up activations in the face of socio-ecological catastrophes (case studies)

Length: February 2023 - Present

Location: Italy (Milan, Turin)

Institution: University of Turin

Description: Analysis of social activations from below in response to the dissemination and impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic in Milan and Turin (explorative inquiry for CO-SUSTAIN Horizon 101132467)

Activity: contact research, interviews, participant observation and stakeholder engagement: Brigade volontarie per l'emergenza (Milan); 'Brigata Basaglia' (Milan); contact research, interviews: Solidarietà alimentare/Torino

solidale (Turin); involvement and engagement of local authorities: Municipality of Turin; Turin City Council; Turin Municipality's Social Policy Department; Milan City Council)  
Methodologies: institutional ethnography, context analysis, in-depth interviews, participant observation

Bottom-up activations in the face of socio-ecological catastrophes (historical examples)

Length: February 2023 - Present

Location: Italy (Genova, L'Aquila)

Institution: University of Turin

Description: Analysis of social activations from below in response to the impacts of earthquakes, floods, and pandemics (explorative inquiry for Co-SUSTAIN Horizon 101132467)

Activity: contact research and stakeholder engagement: individual contacts with post-flood volunteers; Laboratorio sociale Aut-Aut (Genova); Casematte, 3e32 involvement, engagement of local academics (L'Aquila)

Methodologies: explorative interviews, context analysis

Ecological and democratic self-government pathways in war scenarios

Length: March 2016 - September 2016; October 2017 - November 2017

Location: Syria (Al-Qamishli, Ras al-Ayn, Al-Malikiya, Ain Issa, Kobane, Manbij)

Institution: self-managed, self-funded project

Description: Inquiry on de facto institutions created by non-governmental movements in Northern Syria

Activity: Qualitative research and participant observation with dwellers and militants of the Movement of the democratic society, the Kongra Star and the Syrian democratic forces, co-tracing the institutional structure of the self-declared Democratic Federation of Northern Syria

Methodologies: In-depth semi-structured interviews, institutional ethnography, participant observation, processual-relational thinking (p-rt)

Democracy, self-defence and self-government pathways among linguistic and religious minorities affected by state repression or extermination attempts

Length: February 2016 - March 2016; September 2017

Location: Iraq (Sinjar, Maxmur, Erbil, As-Sulaimaniya, Ainkawa, Duhok, Dawodiya)

Institution: self-managed, self-funded project

Description: Inquiry on conflicting actors involved in counter-terrorism and insurrectional activities in Iraq

Activity: Qualitative research with refugees and militants of Kurdish and Yazidi political structures (Kurdistan democratic party, Gorran, Kurdistan workers' party, Şengal protection units)

Methodologies: Semi-structured interviews, institutional ethnography

Collective action and democratic pathways under military occupation

Length: February 2016

Location: Israel (Tel Aviv), Palestinian occupied territories (Jerusalem/Al-Quds, Hebron/Al-Khalil, Ramallah, Jenin, Nablus, Bethlehem)

Institution: self-managed, self-funded

Description: Inquiry on self-perception and ideological pathways of Israeli and Palestinian leftist activists

Activity: Qualitative research with refugees, militants and activist of various political structures (Peace Now, Breaking the Silence, Ichad, Alternative information center, Popular front for the liberation of Palestine)

Methodologies: Semi-structured interviews, participant observation

Shaping democratic resistance and perspectives under competitive authoritarian regimes

Length: October 2014; October-November 2015

Location: Turkey (Istanbul, Diyarbakir, Batman, Cizre, Lice, Aygun, Silvan)

Institution: self-managed, self-funded project

Description: Inquiry on conflicting parties and social movement between Istanbul and the Kurdish-majority south-east (Bakur)

Activity: Qualitative research on refugees, militants and activist of various political structures (Otonom, Front-Revolutionary party for people's liberation, People's democratic party, Civil protection units, Democratic society congress)

Methodologies: Semi-structured interviews, participant observation

## Research assistance

Evaluation multidisciplinaire et requalification environnementale des quartiers

Length: April 2013 - May 2013

Location: Paris (Porte d'Auteuil, Porte de Bagnolet)

Institutions: Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS), LISST Toulouse (coord. Sinda Haoues-Jouvé); partners: LAVUE (coord. Jean-Pierre Lévy, avec Isabelle Richard, Amélie Flamand et Margot Pellegrino), GAME, CEREAS, ENSA-LRA, IFSTTAR, LPED, ATELIERS LION, IAU IdF

Programme Eurequa, ANR: Bâtiments et villes durables

Activity: technical assistance in collecting in-depth qualitative data and quantitative data

Methodology: Semi-structured interviews, observation and photo-shooting, survey distribution

Urban and architectural retrofit in a climate changing scenario: the significance of user's behavior and comfort analysis to face overheating risks

Length: February 2013 - March 2013

Location: Paris Region (Île de France)

Institution: Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS), International AXA Research Fund

Description: Monitoring actions, choices, decisions and comfort perceptions in the Île de France region based on factors such as building typologies of individual adaptation mechanisms

Activity: External consultant for technical support in collecting field quantitative and qualitative data

Methodologies: Structured interviews, survey sample recruitment, direct interaction with the survey sample

## Archive Research

Applying social ontology frameworks and institutional theories of art to case studies of urban architectural heritage

Length: September 2008 - December 2010

Location: UK (London); France (Paris); (USA) New York City

Institution: University of Turin, Columbia University (NYC), Institut Jean Nicod (ENS-EHESS, Paris)

Description: application of institutional theories of art, ontology of artifacts, status function and institutions and mereological theories to 4 case studies: Les Halles (Paris), The Cloysters (New York), the Berlin Wall (Berlin), the Park Royal Brewery (London)

Methodologies: Archive research at English Heritage Archives (London), Archives de Paris-Porte des Lilas (Paris)

Applying social ontology frameworks and institutional theories of art to the Berlin Wall's history as case study

Length: January 2006; July 2008

Location: Germany (Berlin)

Institution: University of Turin, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

Description: Study of the legal and political history of the division of Berlin from 1945 to 1990 and the history of the Wall as an institutional object, protected architectural work and work of art

Methodologies: Archive research at Bundesarchiv Berlin-Lichterfelde, Archiv und Bibliothek Papiertiger (Berlin)

## Teaching

2024, International University College, Partner Institution, University of Turin

Pre-Doctoral School in Comparative Law, Economic and Finance

Module: Law and Ethics in Time of War

Module I: *A New Concept of Democratic Modernity: History and Development*

Module II: *A New Concept of Democratic Modernity: Actual and Possible Implementation*

Timeframe: January 2024

2023, University of Milano Bicocca

Scuola di perfezionamento in Teoria critica della società

Module: Ecologia e democrazia tra Kurdistan e Europa (*Ecology and Democracy between Europe and Kurdistan*)

Timeframe: December 2023

2023, International University College, Partner Institution, University of Turin

Pre-Doctoral School in Comparative Law, Economic and Finance

Second Term

Course: Law and Ethics in Time of War II

Module I: *Philosophy, Violence and Authority*

Module II: *Ethics and the Deconstruction of Law*

Timeframe: April-June 2023

Pre-Doctoral School in Comparative Law, Economic and Finance

First Term

Course: Law and Ethics in Time of War I

Module I: *The Revolution and Its Specters*

Module II: *Social Acts and Legal Systems*

Timeframe: January-March 2023

2023, Scuola di perfezionamento in Teoria critica della società, University of Milano Bicocca

Course: Diritto e Stato (*State and Law*)

Seminar: Diritto, Stato e Rivoluzione. Che cosa possiamo apprendere dalla Guerra in Siria (*Law, State and Revolution. What we can learn from the Syrian War*)

Timeframe: January 2023

2022, International University College, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Università di Torino

LL.M. in Comparative Law, Economics and Finance

Second Term

Course: Political Philosophy and the Deconstruction of Law

Module I: *Authority and power in relation to violence*

Module II: *Criteria of normative legitimation and deconstruction*

LL.M. in Comparative Law, Economics and Finance

First Term

Course: Institutions and Politics in Time of Conflict

Module I: *Syria: A Multi-faceted Civil War*

Module II: *Diversity of de facto legal systems*

2021, International University College (Collegio Carlo Alberto, Università di Torino)

LL.M. in Comparative Law, Economics and Finance

First Term

Course: Institutions and Politics in Time of Conflict

Title: *Contexts, Violence and Power: the Syrian Civil War*

### **Supervised Master Thesis**

Supervisor:

Title: *Various Models of Direct Democracy Through Historical Perspective: Comparing Constitutional Systems of Socialist Yugoslavia and Confederal Movement in Northern Syria*

Student: Pavle Antonijević

Nationality: Serbia

Institution: Master's Thesis for LL.M. in Comparative Law, Economics, and Finance at the International University College of Turin, Class of 2022

Title: *Adorno, Horkheimer, and the Revolution in Rojava: Overcoming the Enlightenment in Theory and Practice*

Student: Lauren Sweger-Hollingsworth

Nationality: United States of America

Institution: Master's Thesis for LL.M. in Comparative Law, Economics, and Finance at the International University College of Turin, Class of 2022

Title: *How Migrants Can Be Used by the State in Order to Implement Policies of Ethnic or Political Engineering: A Case Study from the Syrian-Turkish Border*

Student: Marian Pleasant Kgarbo

Nationality: Republic of Sierra Leone

Institution: Master's Thesis for LL.M. in Comparative Law, Economics, and Finance at the International University College of Turin, Class of 2022

Title: *Power, Violence and Race: A Comparative Analysis of Policing During the January 2021 Insurrection and the Black Lives Matter Movement in the United States of America*

Student: Tameka C. Franco

Nationality: United States of America

Institution: Master's Thesis for LL.M. in Comparative Law, Economics, and Finance at the International University College of Turin, Class of 2021

Title: *Repercussions of the International Intervention in Libya in the Sub-Saharan countries. Case study: the Republic of Mali*

Student: Diakite El hadji Den

Nationality: Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

Institution: Master's Thesis for LL.M. in Comparative Law, Economics, and Finance at the International University College of Turin, Class of 2021

Discussant:

Title: *Women, Life, Freedom. Conceptualizing Middle East women activism through The Kurdish Women Movement: the case of Jineoloji*

Student: Erika Magarelli

Nationality: Italy

Institution: Corso di Laurea in Area and Global Studies for International Cooperation, Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin

Supervisor: Rosita Di Peri

Co-discussant: Chiara Maritato

## **Publications**

Invited author in upcoming volumes:

Technique, social ecology and emotional intelligence, in J. Jongerden, E. Ayboga, N. Turk, "Ecology in Democratic Modernity. From Resistance to Construction", Proceedings of the Conference on Ecology and Democracy held in Qamişlo, ADANES, Syria, 26-27 April 2024

Öcalan, Bookchin and the Threshold between Authority and Nature, Proceedings of the Conference "Challenging Capitalist Modernity IV: We Want Our World Back!", Network for an Alternative Quest, University of Hamburg, April 7th-9th, 2023

Accepted Abstracts in Special Issues:

Power, revolution and governmentality in Rojava and north-east Syria: the Kurdish movement concept of the path to social change, in Grasso, D., Novellis, A., Eds, Exploring the Kurdish Movement: Dynamics, Institution building and theoretical perspectives, Partecipazione e Conflitto, 17(3bis), 2025

Under revision after the second round of peer-review:

Ethnic or political cleansing? Identification bundles and demographic engineering in the Turkish-occupied territories of Syria, Rosita Di Peri, Chiara Maritato, (eds), De Europa. European and Global Studies Journal, Special Issue, 2, 2024

Forthcoming:

La rivoluzione del Rojava e il paradigma della modernità democratica, in “L’altra politica. La partecipazione non convenzionale nei vecchi e nuovi conflitti sociopolitici”, di Luca Alteri, Sandro Busso, Giovanni Piazza, Luca Raffini, McGraw-Hill Education, Milano, 2025

Published:

Sulla resilienza. Note per una sociologia dei sistemi socio-ecologici (*On Resilience. Notes for a Sociology of Socio-Ecological Systems*), with C. Marciano, A. Sciullo, in Resilienza: dilemmi e controversie attorno a un concetto socio-ecologico (*Resilience: dilemmas and controversies around a socio-ecological concept*), A. Alietti, D. Padovan, Eds, Studi di Sociologia, 2024

Capitalismo fossile, militarismo e guerra. Conflitti della deep transition, with D. Padovan, in Energia e mutamento sociale, Milano, Franco Angeli, 2024

Gender Relationships and Legal Change in Syria. The Family Law Reforms of the Rojava Revolution, in D’Amico, M, Groppi, T, Nardocci, C, (eds), The Role of Women and Women’s Civil Society Organizations in Peace Processes, Franco Angeli, Milan, 2024

Social side of policy impact, with Cristina Bargerò, Lysander Fockaert, Petri Kero, Fatemeh Jouzi, Laura Lakanen, Chipò Peveling, Gianfranco Pomatto, Alessandro Sciullo, Per Erik Sørås, Lucia Zwart, European Union’s Horizon Europe Programme “Providing operational economic appraisal methods and practices for decision-making on climate and environmental policies”, Grant agreement 101056734, Deliverable D2.3 - Portal of the European Commission, June 2023

Building a Theory of Change to identify evaluation needs, with Soukaina Anougmar, Cristina Bargerò, Sigrìd Johanne Husøy, Petri Kero, Fatemeh Jouzi, Laura Lakanen, Karolien Michiel, Paolo Pesciella, Alessandro Sciullo, Per Erik Sørås, Paul Van Der Sluys, Sophie Van Schoubroeck, Martijn Verdonk, Lucia Zwart, European Union’s Horizon Europe Programme “Providing operational economic appraisal methods and practices for decision-making on climate and environmental policies”, Grant agreement 101056734, Deliverable D2.2 - Portal of the European Commission, February 2023

Heritage, Community and Future Generations. The Transgenerational Quest for Justice, *Rivista di Estetica*, 3, 2023

Erased, Emerging, Engraved. Nazi architecture, heritage and public memory, with Liza Candidi, in *The Afterlife of Fascist-Era Architecture, Monuments and Works of Art in Italy*, ed. by C. Belmonte, Milano, Silvana Editoriale, 2023

Per un concetto democratico di nazione (For a Democratic Concept of Nation), *Micromega*, 6, 2023

Kulîlka biyabanê. Şoreşa jinê û komînan di navbera Iraqê û bakurê Sûrîyayê da (*The Flower of the Desert. The revolution of women and communes in Iraq and northern Syria*), *Wergera ji zimanê erebî* (Translated from Arabic to Kurmançî) by Dilyar Hoşê, Naqesh Publishing, Qamishlo, Syria, 2023

The People’s Communes in Rojava and North-Eastern Syria. Characters, Evolution and Contradictions of an Institution of Self-Government, *Études Kurdes*, 15, 2022

Zahrat Al-Sahra’. Thawrat Al-Nisa’ wal-Kumiwnat min Al-Eiraq wa-Shamal Suria (*The Flower of the Desert. The revolution of women and communes in Iraq and northern Syria*), translated by Amani Fawzi Habshi, Ahmed Ismail, Ronak Haji and Ismail Ismail, Shiler Publishing, Al-Qamishli, Syria, 2022

Autorité/avant-garde/autogestion: une tension incomprise dans la révolution confederale, in Crétois, Pierre, Jourdain, Édouard, “La démocratie sous les bombes. Syrie-Le Rojava entre idéalisation et répression”, Bordeaux, Le Bord de l’Eau, 2022

Gender Equality or Legal Pluralism? An Ostensible Puzzle in Syrian Rojava’s Legal System, *Syrian Studies Association Bulletin*, 2, 2021



Agamben, o coronavirus e o estado de exceção (*Agamben, the Coronavirus and the state of exception*), in *Voices do Fronte. Considerações sobre lo irromper do Covid-19 na Itália (Voices from the Frontline. Considerations on the Outbreak of Covid-19 in Italy)*, with Donatella Di Cesare, Giorgio Agamben, Jonnefer Barbosa, Massimo Cacciari, Raffaele Alberto Ventura, Vinícius Nicastro Honesko, Venezia, Editora Âyiné, 2020

La rivoluzione come scienza-donna: una fragile eccezione nel deserto delle alternative (*Revolution as Woman-Science: a Fragile Exception in a Desert of Alternatives*), *Spazio filosofico*, 4, 2019

La città e il fantasma. Dal muro di Berlino ai nuovi muri (*The City and the Ghost. From the Berlin Wall to the New Walls*), Book, Rome, Castelvecchi, 2019

Omaggio al Rojava. Il fronte siriano, la rivoluzione confederale e la lotta contro il jihadismo (*Homage to Rojava. The Syrian Front, the Confederal Revolution and the Fight Against Jihadism*), Edited volume, Rome, Redstarpress, 2019

Artefatti, ostensione e realtà istituzionale. Le Unità Anti-Terrore nella guerra siriana (*Artifacts, Ostension and Institutional reality. The Anti-Terror Units in the Syrian War*), *Giornale critico di storia delle idee*, 2, 2018

Il fiore del deserto. La rivoluzione delle donne e delle comuni tra l'Iraq e la Siria del nord (*The Flower of the Desert. The Revolution of Women and Communes in Iraq and northern Syria*), Book, Milan, AgenziaX, 2018

Nuovi colori del Medio oriente (*New Colors of the Middle East*), in E. Battaglia, I nuovi volti del Mediterraneo. Dalle guerre altrui in terra di nessuno alla resistenza del popolo curdo (*New faces of the Mediterranean. From the 'War of Others' in a No Man's Land to the Kurdish Resistance*), Edizioni erranti, Cosenza, 2016

Travestimento della bellezza/Disguise of beauty, with Margot Pellegrino, in Amirante, R., Piscopo, C., Scala P. (dir.), *La bellezza per il rospo*, Clean, Napoli, 2014

Incarnazioni dell'intangibile. Idealità e scrittura tra memoria e progettazione (*Incarnations of the Intangible. Ideality and Writing between Memory and Project*), *Rivista di estetica*, 2, 2012

Tutela, stile, autografia. Ontologia dei beni culturali e architettura (*Style, Autography, Preservation. Ontology of the Cultural Heritage and Architecture*), in *Rivista di estetica*, 1, 2012

Ontologia dei beni culturali (*Ontology of Cultural Heritage*), *Aphex – Rivista on line di filosofia*, 4, 2011

Filosofi in archivio. Appunti di lavoro (*Philosophers in the Archive. Work Notes*), *Historia Magistra. Rivista di Storia Critica*, 6, 2011

Quale verità per la storia? Conoscenza, prassi linguistica e contesti sociali (*What Truth for History? Knowledge, Linguistic Praxis and Social Contexts*), *Historia Magistra. Rivista di Storia Critica*, 1, 2009

Memoria e conservazione. La Rückfrage delle istituzioni (*Memory and Preservation. The Rückfrage of Institutions*), *Rivista di Estetica*, 3, 2007

### **Editing of Special Issues in Peer-review Journals**

Prefiguring Sustainable Futures through Socio-ecological Practices

Journal: *Societies*, Issue: 2, 2025

Indexed: Scopus, ESCI, DOAJ, REPEC, Econbiz

International ranking: CiteScore - Q2 (General Social Sciences)

Guest editor: Alessandro Padovan

Co-editors: Osman Arrobbio, Davide Grasso, Alessandro Sciallo

Exploring the Kurdish Movement: Dynamics, Institution Building, and Theoretical Perspectives

Journal: *Partecipazione e conflitto*, Issue: 2, 2025

Indexed: Scopus, WOS, Crossref, DOAJ, Ebsco, Georgetown University Library, IBSS, Ulrich's

International ranking: Scimago 2020: 1st in Italy, Sociology journals; 2nd in Italy, Political science journals

Italian ranking: Anvur Class A, Area 14 (Sociology and Political Science)

Co-editor: Andrea Novellis

## Organization of International Conferences and Panels

The anti-state democratic paradigm in Rojava and beyond: theory and practice

International Seminar, June 11th-12th, 2024

Operational role: organization and management, panel chair, panel speaker

Institutions: Iméra - Institute of Advanced Study of the Aix-Marseille Université, École des hautes études en sciences sociales

Location: Vielle Charité, Marseille

Structure: 3 panels

Participants: Hamit Bozarslan, Ina Merdjanova, Jean-François Kerleo, Reimar Heider, Saraj Marcha, Thomas Pierret, Judith Scheele

The Kurds and 'the Others' in a Post-Sectarian Middle East

International Conference, September 28th-29th, 2023

Operational role: organization and management, roundtable chair, panel speaker

Institutions: Rete italiana di studi curdi, Società italiana di studi sul Medio oriente, Un Ponte Per, Unisalento

Location: Museo Sigismondo Castromediano, Lecce

Panels: 3 panels, 1 roundtable, 1 poetry session

Participants: Thomas Schmidinger, Choman Hardi, Nicola Degli Esposti, Francesco Marilungo, Alessandro Tinti, Andrea Novellis, Mesut Yegen, Sevgi Dogan, Delal Aydin, Kamal Chomani, Lorenza Giorgetti, Domenico Chirico

Kurdish Rojava, Autonomous Administration of North East Syria: propaganda or successful institutional experiment?

Panel, 15th International Conference of the Italian Society of Middle Eastern Studies

Napoli, Università "L'Orientale", June 22-24th, 2022

Operational role: organization, panel discussant

Participants: A. Novellis, A. Bilgen, T. McGee, K. Salih, C. Cemgil, S. Rostampour

## Talks

Forthcoming:

Environment, Sustainability and Future Generations: the Transgenerational Quest for Climate Justice, Panel "Environmental Philosophy and Sustainability", Philosophy World Congress, Rome, August 1st-8th 2024

Do politically motivated researchers need to praise existing activists or social movements?, Council for European Studies, Social Movements Research Network Pre-Conference "Researching social movements: methodological, ethical and political challenges", École normale supérieure de Lyon, Site Descartes, 1-2 July 2024

Past (selection):

Technique, social ecology and emotional intelligence, panel "Ecological Crisis and Perspective of ecology in Democratic Modernity", conference "Ecology in Democratic Modernity. From Resistance to Construction: Perspectives, Possibilities & Challenges", Qamişlo, ADANES, Syria, 26-27 April 2024

Teoria realista del cambiamento? Definizione di logica e contesto per la valutazione delle politiche pubbliche (*Realist Theory of Change? Logic and context definition for policy evaluation*), with Valentina Goglio, Lunch Seminars, Dipartimento di Culture, politica e società, Università di Torino, December 13th, 2023

The Urgency of a Philosophy of Democratic Nationhood for 21st Century's Social Movements, Panel "Theoretical and Normative Considerations", Territories and Identities. A Critical Perspective on Belonging, International Conference, Florence, Scuola Normale Superiore, Palazzo Strozzi, November 9th-10th, 2023

La nostra idea di democrazia di fronte all'imperativo climatico, Transizioni socio-ecologiche e scenari di democrazia. Incontri seminariali per progettare il futuro, with A. Algostino, O. Arrobbio, V. Martone, D. Padovan, A. Sciuolo, A. Taffuri, Università di Torino, Campus Luigi Einaudi, November 28th, 2023

Weaponizing Nature: For a Political Ecology of War. Between Militarism, Fossilism and the Cycles of Violence, with Jonathan Feldman (Stockholm University) and Dario Padovan (University of Turin), University of Turin, Campus Luigi Einaudi, October 25th, 2023

The Commune and its “others”: power, mandate and deliberation in self-governed north-eastern Syria, Kurdish politics in the Syrian Civil War and its Aftermath, International Conference “The Kurds and ‘the Others’ in a Post-Sectarian Middle East”, University of Salento, Lecce, Museo Sigismondo Castromediano, September 28th-29th

Building a new political community for a new democracy in the ecological transition and environmental crisis, with Alessandro Sciullo and Dario Padovan, ECPR general conference 2023, 4-8 September, Prague; Panel: Social and political sciences facing the climate crisis: Citizens, media, parties, and social movements; Chair: Cecilia Biancalana; Discussant: Alessandro Pellegata; Section: Political sociology of critical times; Chair: Oscar Mazzoleni; Co-chair: Johannes Kiess, University

Theory of Change based on Realist Evaluation: how to connect science and policy design, with Dario Padovan, Alessandro Sciullo, Convegno della Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP), Università di Genova, September 14th-16th; Section “Political Science and Public Policies”, Panel “Coping with thorny issues. The role of science in public policy design and communication”

Per un’ecologia politica dei conflitti: acqua, energia, cibo e materie prime nelle dinamiche politico-militari del geo-capitalismo (*For a Political Ecology of Conflicts: Water, Energy, Food and Primary Resources in the Military-Political Dynamics of Geo-Capitalism*), with Dario Padovan, Osman Arrobbio, Alessandro Sciullo, Andrea Taffuri, XIV Convegno di Sociologia dell’Ambiente “Crisi e complessità”, 14-16 September 2023

Collective action for energy transition: for a communalism of energy, with Dario Padovan, Osman Arrobbio, Alessandro Sciullo, Davide Grasso, Andrea Taffuri, Workshop “Collective energy initiatives: per un’analisi sociologica critica”, Dipartimento di Scienze Sociali, Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II, 22-23 giugno 2023

Community action in the energy and socioecological transition: theory, research, and perspectives, International Conference on Perception and Action, with Dario Padovan and Alessandro Sciullo, University of Groningen, June 21-23, 2023

Self-organized solidarity in Northern Italy during the Covid-19 Pandemic, with Dario Padovan and Alessandro Sciullo, SISP Standing Groups - Movimenti sociali e partecipazione politica, Study Days – “Social Movements and Collective Action in Times of Multiple Crises”; Chair: Federica Frazzetta; Discussant: Elisa Lello, May 26-27, 2023, University of Catania

Social Impact Assessment: From Domains to Dimensions and Indicators, International Workshop of the Horizon Project “Providing operational economic appraisal methods and practices for informed decision-making on climate and environmental policies”, Online, February 16th, 2023

Introduction to the Theory of Change. Underlying Assumptions, Rationales and the Logic of Change, International Workshop of the Horizon Project “Providing operational economic appraisal methods and practices for informed decision-making on climate and environmental policies”, University of Turin, November 7th-8th, 2022

Guerre del clima: acqua, energia, cibo e materie prime nelle dinamiche politico-militari del geo-capitalismo (*Climate Wars: Water, Energy, Food and Primary Sector Resources in the Geo-Capitalistic Politico-Military Dynamics*), with Dario Padovan, Alessandro Sciullo, Cristiana Peano, “Pensare la discontinuità. Le scienze umanistiche e sociali di fronte al riscaldamento globale e alla crisi ecologica” (*Thinking Discontinuity. Humanities and Social Sciences Facing Global Warming and the Ecological Crises*), Dipartimento di discipline umanistiche, sociali e delle imprese culturali, Università degli Studi di Parma, October 17th-18th, 2022

The pandemic lefts between technocracy and imagination: Foucault, Agamben and the challenge to the notion of government, Italian Society of Political Science (Sisp) Annual Conference, Rome, Sept. 8th-10th, 2022, with Federica Frazzetta, Gianni Piazza, Giuliana Sorci, “Social movements and collective action in pandemic time”

Identity and demographic engineering in the Syrian Turkish-occupied lands. The transnational Kurdish question between ethnic and political cleansing, Italian Society of Political Science (SISP) Annual Conference, Rome, Sept. 8th-10th, 2022, with Rosita Di Peri, Chiara Maritato, “A matter of Identity? States’ (in)security between border control and diasporas’ manipulation”

Current transformations of family law in Rojava and northeastern Syria: legislative action and implementation process in conflict areas, at the Kurdish Family Law Conference, organized by the Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches und internationales Privatrecht in Hamburg, hosted by the Harnack-Haus, Max-Planck-Gesellschaft, with Shéhérazade Elyazidi and Sebastian Maisel, June 2nd-4th, 2022

Riflessività ed etica della ricerca in aree di conflitto. Esperienze di campo dal Kurdistan (*Research Ethics and Reflexivity in Conflict Areas. Experience from the Field in Kurdistan*), Webinar promoted by the Italian Association for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO), with Daniela Pioppi, Rosita Di Peri, Andrea Novellis, Alessandro Tinti, Federico Venturini, December 14th, 2021

The Concept of Authority in Bookchin’s Works and Rojava’s Communalism, Transnational Institute of Social Ecology, International Online Conference, October 30th - November 1st, 2021

International Repression through Joint and Competitive Militarization: the Case of North and East Syria, presented in the panel “Authoritarianisms in Search of Consolidation and Challenges to the Liberal Order: Remilitarizations, Dynamics of Adaptations and Political Phobias”, 27th International Congress of the Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Vorderer Orient, University of Osnabrück, September 16th-18th, 2021

Governance pandemica, resilienza autoritaria e prospettive della ricerca. Il caso delle regioni siriane nord-orientali soggette ad autogoverno (*Pandemic Governance, Authoritarian Resilience and Research Perspectives. The Case of North-Eastern Self-Governed Syrian Regions*), Società italiana di Scienza politica, Convegno nazionale, September 9th-11th, 2021

### **Guest Lectures and Seminars**

Forthcoming:

Redéfinir démocratie et modernité par une transformation écologique de la personnalité et de la société (*Redefining democracy and modernity through an ecological transformation of personality and society*), Iméra “Community Building Seminar”, École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Marseille, Vieille Charité, June 6th, 2024

Selection:

L’économie écologique de la révolution confédérale au Rojava et dans la Syrie du nord-est (*The ecologic economy of the confederal revolution in Rojava and north-eastern Syria*), Aix-Marseille School of Economics (AMSE), Marseille, May 13th, 2024

Autorité au-delà de l’État ? (*Authority beyond the state?*), Aix-Marseille Université, Faculté de droit, Centre Louis Favoreu, Aix-en-Provence, May 6th, 2024

Une institution fantôme dans la guerre syrienne. Hybridation, identification et désaveu dans l’Administration autonome du Rojava/Nord-Est (*A ghost institution in the Syrian war. Hybridization, identification and disavowal in the Autonomous Administration of Northeastern Rojava*), Centre d’études sud-asiatiques et himalayennes, École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Marseille, April 17th, 2024

Aller à la racine, briser les racines. Un voyage radical au delà du radicalisme (*Going to the roots, breaking the roots. A radical journey beyond radicalism*), Seminar “Radicalité”, Iméra, Institute for Advanced Study of the Aix-Marseille University, Maison Neuve, March 22nd, 2024

Désirs de vérité/mystification, contradictions éthiques : l’ethnographie d’un mouvement insurrectionnel dans un contexte de guerre (*Desires for truth/mystification, ethical contradictions: the ethnography of an insurrectional movement in a context of war*), with Jérémie Foa, Jérémy Baudier, Judith Scheele, Doctoral School of the École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Vieille Charité, Marseille, March 11th, 2024

Le concept de modernité écologique et l'établissement de cooperatives populaires dans le nord-est de la Syrie (*The concept of democratic modernity and the establishment of people's communes in North-East Syria*), Seminar on Political Anthropology, Penser au-delà de l'état : (nouvelles) lectures en anthropologie politique, prof. Judith Scheele, with Elsa Rambaud, École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Marseille, Vieille Charité, March 5th, 2024

Emergenza e politica. Siria e Turchia tra guerra e terremoto (*Politics and Emergency: Syria and Turkey between Earthquake and War*), Guest Lecture, Corso di Filosofia Politica, prof.ssa Olivia Guaraldo, Università degli Studi di Verona, May 12th, 2023

Radical Imaginaries: The Political Philosophy of Democratic Modernity, Corso di Dottorato dell'Università di Bologna, Dipartimento di Filosofia, May 11th, 2023

Beyond the hegemonic narrative on the 'Kurdish Women': reflections on the political philosophy of a (gendered) anti-colonial movement, Guest Lecture, with Rosita Di Peri, Course on Mashrek Politics and Institutions, Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin, May 8th, 2023

Filosofia e tecnologia. Riflessioni su techne e Logos ispirate da Wladyslaw Tatarkiewicz, Theodor Schatzky e Mario Bunge (*Philosophy and Technology. Reflections on Techne and Logos inspired by Wladyslaw Tatarkiewicz, Theodor Schatzky and Mario Bunge*), Guest Lecture, Course in Sociotechnical Systems and the Environment, Corso di laurea magistrale in Comunicazione, ICT e media, University of Turin, October 20th, 2022n

One, Two, Many Revolutions. Factions and Ideologies in the Syrian Civil War, Guest Lecture, Area and Global Studies for International Cooperation, Prof. Rosita Di Peri, Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin, May 19th, 2021

Sradicamento o assimilazione: la falsa alternativa dei curdi e la memoria armeno-assira (*Uprooting or Assimilation: The Kurds' False Dilemma and the Armenian-Assyrian Memory*), Guest Lecture, Seminario di Antropologia della violenza, prof. Roberto Beneduce, Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin, May 12th, 2020

L'impianto giuridico-istituzionale dell'autonomia democratica (*The Juristic-Institutional Structure of Democratic Confederalism*), Guest Lecture, Corso di Dottorato in Diritti e Istituzioni "Le nuove forme di democrazia: democrazia partecipativa, democrazia dal basso, confederalismo democratico" (*New Forms of Democracy: Participatory Democracy, Democracy from Below, Democratic Confederalism*), Prof. Alessandra Algostino, Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza, University of Turin, January 29th, 2020

Nuove istituzioni nella guerra siriana. Profili di legittimazione e uso della forza (*New Institutions and the Syrian War. Profiles of Legitimization and the Use of Force*), Guest Lecture, Course of Sociology of Politics, prof. Giovanni Piazza, University of Catania, December 7th, 2019

Foreign Participation in the Syrian Conflict, Guest Lecture, Lorenzo De' Medici Institute, Florence, Course of International Law and Conflict Resolution, prof. Stefano Marinelli, November 18th, 2019

Sorveglianza e stato di diritto: dalla nozione di terrorismo alla pericolosità sociale (*Surveillance and Rule of Law: Notions of Terrorism and Social Danger*), Guest Lecture, Course of Philosophy of Law, prof. Claudio Sarzotti, University of Turin, November 6th, 2019

### **Scientific Editing and Peer-reviewing**

*Years:* 2007-present

*Institutions:* Italian Publishers, National and International Academic Journals

*Description:* Peer-review of scientific articles in the realms of philosophical, sociological, historical, and legal studies. Compilation and/or editing of bibliographical references in volumes, references to pagination for English translations, editing, compilation of bibliographies for philosophical works

## Journalism and Blogging

*Years:* 2011-present

*Activity:* Blogger, Political Analyst

*Fields:* Middle East, United States of America, Eastern Europe

*Media:* AlphaBeta2, Il lavoro culturale, Minima&Moralia, Micromega, Il fatto quotidiano, Il Tascabile

## Didactic Assistance

*Year:* 2007

*Institution:* Università di Torino

*Description:* Assistance to students with mental disabilities. Interaction and support in Philosophical Logic

## Literary Publications

Guerra a Daesh e baci nei film (*War to Daesh and Kisses in Movies*), in V.A., Omaggio al Rojava. Il fronte siriano, la rivoluzione confederale e la lotta contro il jihadismo, Roma, Redstarpress (2019)

Hevalen (*Friends*), Alegre Edizioni, 2017

New York Regina Underground. Racconti dalla Grande Mela (*New York Underground Queen. Tales from the Big Apple*), Bari, Stilo Editrice, 2013

## Awards

National Prize “Giacomo Ferrari”

*Institution:* Fondazione Bocchi for the “Racconti del reale” Section (First Prize)

*Work:* Hevalen (*Friends*), Alegre, 2017

*Year:* 2019

National Prize “Emilio Bocca”

*Institution:* Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa (First Prize)

*Work:* Sulle tracce della realtà sociale. Uno studio ontologico del Muro di Berlino (*On the Tracks of Social Reality. An Ontological Study of the Berlin Wall*), Master Dissertation, 2007

*Year:* 2008

Optime Prize

*Institution:* Unione industriale di Torino

*Work:* Recenti interpretazioni filosofiche del pensiero di Giacomo Leopardi (*Recent Philosophical Interpretations of Giacomo Leopardi's Thought*), Undergraduate Dissertation, 2004

*Year:* 2005

## Education

Ph.D. in Theoretical, Moral Philosophy and Hermeneutics

*Date:* February 15th, 2011; *Final Grade:* Ottimo (*Excellent*)

*Institution:* Università degli studi di Torino

*Dissertation:* Eredità culturali. Tracce, significati, funzioni (*Cultural Heritages. Tracks, Meanings, and Functions*)

*Supervisors:* Maurizio Ferraris, Giovanna Borradori, Venanzio Raspa

Visiting Scholar in the United States

*Academic Years:* 2009-2010; 2010-2011

*Institution:* Columbia University in the City of New York (New York)

*Supervisor:* Achille Varzi

## Visiting Scholar in France

*Academic Year:* 2008-2009

*Institution:* Institut Jean Nicod (École des hautes études en sciences sociales, École Normale Supérieure, Paris)

*Supervisor:* Roberto Casati

## Master's Degree in Philosophy

*Date:* July 19th, 2007; *Final grade:* 110 magna cum laude

*Institution:* Università di Torino, Corso di laurea Magistrale in Filosofia e Storia delle Idee

*Dissertation:* Sulle tracce della realtà sociale. Uno studio ontologico del Muro di Berlino (*On the Tracks of Social Reality. An Ontological Study of the Berlin Wall*)

*Supervisors:* Maurizio Ferraris, Pietro Kobau

## Erasmus Program in Germany

*Academic Year:* 2005-2006

*Institution:* Humboldt Universität zu Berlin (Berlin)

*Supervisors:* Karin Lohr, Pierpaolo Portinaro

## Bachelor's Degree in History

*Academic Year:* 2003-2004

*Institution:* Università di Torino, Corso di laurea Triennale in Società e Culture dell'Europa

*Dissertation:* Recenti interpretazioni filosofiche del pensiero di Giacomo Leopardi (*Recent Philosophical Interpretations of Giacomo Leopardi's Thought*)

*Supervisors:* Alessandro Klein, Giorgio Ficara, Arnaldo Di Benedetto

*Final Grade:* 110 magna cum laude

## Linguistic Skills

Mother tongue: Italian

Fluent: spoken and written English, French

Fair: spoken and written German, Kurdish (Kurmancî)

Fair translation skills: Ancient Greek, Latin