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Assistant Professor (Ricercatore confermato) of International Relations, Department of Political and Social Studies, University of Bologna.

# Education

2006 Doctorate in Sociology and Political Studies, University of Parma.

2006 Master of Arts in Political Science, Ohio State University.

2003 Master of Economic and Social Studies in International Politics, University of Wales, Aberystwyth.

2001 BA in International Studies, University of Bologna, Forlì.

**Publications**

# Books

In preparation *Life and Death in the Western Way of War*.

2018 (with Mario Tesini), *Quel che resta di Mao. Apogeo e rimozione di un mito occidentale*, Firenze - Milano, Le Monnier – Mondadori.

2012 (ed.) *Scenari di transizione: la politica internazionale nel XXI secolo*, Bologna: Il Mulino.

2010 *I limiti della potenza. Etica e politica nella teoria internazionale di Hans J. Morgenthau*, Bologna: Il Mulino.

Articles and chapters

2018 (with Francesco Raschi) *Was anybody ever a realist? A sceptical view on the distinction between political realism and liberalism*, «HISTORY OF EUROPEAN IDEAS», 44, 3, pp. 370 - 383.

2017 *Excavating Soldier Deaths: A Study of Changing Burial Practices*, «INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY», 2017, 11, pp. 292 – 307.

2017 (with Castelli, Emanuele) *Force Protection and Its Trade-offs*, in: The Sword's Other Edge: Trade-offs in the Pursuit of Military Effectiveness, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2017, pp. 31 – 57.

2017 (with Andreatta, Filippo) *The European Union as a Power*, in: International Relations and the European Union, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2017, pp. 73 – 93.

2017 *CNN Effect*, in: The SAGE Encyclopedia of War: Social Science Perspectives, Thousand Oaks, SAGE, 2017, pp. 322 - 324 [with A. Valeriani].

2017 *Collateral Damage*, in: The SAGE Encyclopedia of War: Social Science Perspectives, Thousand Oaks, SAGE, 2017, pp. 331 – 333.

2016 *Politics is Too Important to Be Left to Political Scientists: A Critique of the Theory-Policy Nexus in International Relations*, *European Journal of International Relations*, 22, pp. 3-23.

2016 *Twenty Years After: Post-Apartheid South Africa, the BRICS and Southern Africa*, in: South Africa After Apartheid: Policies and Challenges of the Democratic Transition, Boston, Leiden, Brill, 2016, pp. 220 - 239 [with A. Pallotti]

2014 (with A. Pallotti) *Resolving the Tuareg Question*, in Filippo Andreatta, Emanuele Casteli (eds), *Solutions and Failures in Identity-based Conflict. The Autonomy of Trentino-South Tyrol in Comparative Perspective*, Trento, Fbk Press.

2014 “Il realismo politico: un concetto polemico?”, in: Il realismo politico. Figure, concetti, prospettive di ricerca, Soveria Mannelli, RUBBETTINO, pp. 801 - 818 [with F. Raschi]

2013 *L'Afghanistan dopo il 2014*, «AREL LA RIVISTA», 2013, 1, pp. 45 – 50.

2013 Il significato mutevole della morte sul campo di battaglia e le sue conseguenze per la vita dei civili, in: Le regole della battaglia, Perugia, MORLACCHI, pp. 147 – 170.

2012 *A problematic withdrawal from Afghanistan*, «EUROPRESSRESEARCH», 2012, 6 December 2012, pp. 1 – 2.

2012 Afghanistan: hazards of an exit strategy, «EUROPRESSRESEARCH», 2012, June, pp. 1 – 2.

2012 *Introduzione: la politica internazionale nell'etа della transizione*, in: Scenari di transizione. La politica internazionale nel XXI secolo, BOLOGNA, Il Mulino, 2012, pp. 11 – 32.

2011*The Impotence of Power: Morgenthau’s critique of American Intervention in*

*Vietnam*, in *Review of International Studies*, vol. 37, p. 1335-1356.

2010 *Counterinsurgency’s Impossible Trilemma*, in *The Washington Quarterly*, July, 33, n. 3, pp. 17-30.

2009 *Ontologia e metodo: sulla rilevanza della ricerca costruttivista per il metodo comparato*, in *Quaderni di scienza politica*, n. 3, pp. 475-489.

2008 *Perestroika: la critica contemporanea allo studio «scientifico» della politica*, in *Rivista italiana di scienza politica*, XXXVIII, n. 1, aprile, pp. 31-54.

# Conferences and Seminars

2016 "Dead Bodies and Changing Burials: A Study on the Shifting Status of the Western Soldier", Conferenza SGRI, Panel: Questioni di suprema importanza, Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Trento, 23 giugno.

2016 "Il sangue della nazione: guerra, cittadini e societа nell'etа contemporanea", Conferenza Nazione e nazionalismi, Perugia, 16 settembre.

2015 "Da Aung San ad Aung San Suu Kyi: la Birmania oggi, verso la democrazia", Istituto Alcide Cervi, Gattatico, Reggio Emilia, 21 novembre.

2015 "Politics is too important to be left to political scientists", Conferenza SGRI,  Panel: Heretics and Renegades in International Relations, Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Trento, 26 giugno.

2014 “Politics is Too Important to Be Left to Political Scientists: A Critique of the Theory-Policy Nexus in International Relations”, SISP, 18 September, Perugia.

2012 “Armed Conflicts in the Contemporary Era: Causes and Solutions”, Center for Strategic Studies (SAM), Baku, Azerbaijan, 19 June.

2012 “The Limits and Hypocrisies of International Humanitarian Law”, International Studies Association, 4 April, San Diego.

2011 “Counterinsurgency”, NATO Defense College, 5 April, Rome.

2010 “The Changing Meaning of Death in the West and the Nature of War”, Panel: Human Rights, “International Law and Politics”, BESA Center, Bar-Ilan University, 1 December, Ramat Gan, Israel;

2009 “Ends without Means: On the Dilemma between Casualty Aversion and Counterinsurgency”, European Security and Defense Forum, Chatham House, 11 November, London;

2009 "The Impotence of Power: Morgenthau’s critique of American Intervention in Vietnam", International Studies Association (ISA), 15-18 February, New York;

2008 "Ontologia e metodo nella ricerca costruttivista", Panel: Dove sta andando il metodo e la politica comparata?, XXII Convegno della Società italiana di scienza politica (SISP), 4-6 September, Pavia.

**Research Projects**

2016- Member of the project "Making Identity Count: Towards an Intersubjective National Identity Database", responsible of the research on Italy .

2012-2014  Member of the project "Solutions and Failures in Identity Conflicts" finanziato da Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Trento e Rovereto.

2011-2012 Member of the project "International Politics in Transition", Fondazione Cassa dei Risparmi di Forlì.

2010-2012 Member of the project "The Transformations of the International System after the End of the Cold War " PRIN 2008, Grant 2008AJT9AC\_001.

**Teaching**

2007 (Summer) "War as a Social Institution", Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, Columbus (USA).

2009-10 "International Relations", Boston College, Parma branch.

2011-12 International Relations, University of Bologna, Forlì.

2012-13 International Relations, University of Bologna, Forlì.

2013-14 International Relations, University of Bologna, Forlì.

2013-14 Comparative Foreign Policies, University of Bologna, Forlì.

2014-15 Comparative Foreign Policies, University of Bologna, Forlì.

2015-16 International Politics, University of Bologna, Forlì.

2015-16 European Politics in Historical Perspective, Boston College, Parma branch.

2016-17 International Politics, University of Bologna, Forlì.

2016-17 "European Politics in Historical Perspective", Boston College, Parma branch.

2017-18 International Politics, University of Bologna, Forlì.

# Scholarships and awards

2004-05 Fulbright Scholarship

2002 Mario Pannunzio Award, Fondazione L. Einaudi/Accademia dei Lincei