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Qualifications

PhD.	European University Institute, Florence <i>Social and Political Science</i>	2010-2014
MRes.	European University Institute, Florence <i>Social and Political Science</i>	2010-2011
MA	School of Oriental and African Studies, London <i>Near and Middle Eastern Studies, (Distinction)</i>	2005-2006
BA(Hons)	Clare College, University of Cambridge <i>English, (Iii)</i>	2001-2004

Languages

	<u>Spoken</u>	<u>Written</u>	<u>Reading</u>
Italian	C1	C1	C1/2
French	B1/2	B1	B2
Arabic (Levantine)	B1	B1	B1
Turkish	A2	A2	A2

Appointments

Post-doctoral Research Associate <i>Middle East Directions Programme, RSCAS, EUI</i> Responsible for assisting in the launch of a new research programme at the Robert Schuman Centre focussed on MENA region.	2015-present
PhD Researcher <i>Dept. of Social and Political Sciences, EUI</i> Supervised by Prof. Olivier Roy. Theory of informal exchange and social reproduction within a Bourdieusian framework. Fieldwork conducted in Beirut, Lebanon, focussing on the phenomenon of “wasta”. Empirical analysis involved development of a mixed methods approach combining correspondence analysis with interview material.	2010-2014

Research Assistant 2011-2012

To Prof. Sven Steinmo, SPS Dept. EUI

Responsible for background research (qualitative and quantitative) on project into the effect of ageing societies and intergenerational inequality on public policy in Europe and the US.

Research Analyst 2008-2015

Beirut, Istanbul and region

Writing for publication on MENA region, covering politics, macroeconomics, and sectors such as energy, industry, transport. Field research including Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Syria, Libya, Oman.

Publications and Conference Papers

Diversifying into a Dead-End: Failed Transformations in the Rentier States of the Gulf. 2016

Paper presented at the inaugural Middle East Directions Research Meeting in the panel "A New Economic (Dis)order in the Making?"

Bourdieu in Beirut: Wasta, the State, and Social Reproduction in Lebanon. 2015

Co-authored with Paul Tabar, Professor of Sociology at the LAU, Beirut. Forthcoming with Middle East Critique, 25.3.

Clandestine Circulation: Social Reproduction in the Shadow of the State. 2014

PhD Thesis, European University Institute.

'Halal Ignorance': Religion and Domination in Saudi Arabia. 2012

Presented at the BRISMES Graduate Conference "Change and Continuity in the Middle East", London School of Economics

The Evolution of Unwritten Rules: A Comparison of Blat and Wasta. 2012

Presented at the panel "Shadow Economies" of the Mediterranean Research Meeting, Montecatini

Teaching and Professional Experience and Interests

Professional Training in Teaching Methods 2012, 2014

Attended two professional development courses on university teaching methods, including giving a peer-reviewed simulated lecture.

- Lectures given:** Orient Institute, Beirut; Lebanese American University 2012
 Invited to present research to graduate and post-graduate researchers at German Orient Institute during fieldwork in Beirut. Also invited to give lecture to undergraduates and faculty at Department of Social Science, LAU, titled “Bourdieu in Beirut”.
- Volunteer,** Asylum-Seeker Welcome Centre, Prato 2015
 Providing general help to centre staff at *Cooperativa Pane e Rosa*. Specific assistance in carrying out background research for some individual cases.
- Organiser,** Two-day Workshop on Multiple Correspondence Analysis 2012
 Proposed and organised two-day departmental workshop on MCA, a statistical technique for analysing categorical data.
- Organiser,** Working Group on Critical Theory 2011-2012
 Established a departmental working group to discuss critical theory in the social sciences, including inviting external speakers.
- Methodological:**
 Quantitative and qualitative research design; mixed methods in social science research; geometric data analysis; Excel, Stata and Latex.
- Thematic:**
 Social inequality and elite reproduction; Bourdieusian theory; sociological theory of the state; sociology of corruption; institutions and institutional change; Middle East (sociology, economy and politics).