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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

1.10.2023-present **University of Verona**, Associate Professor of Anthropology

1.10.2020-30.9.2024 **University of Verona**, Senior Researcher of Anthropology

1.9.2019–30.0.2020 **McGill University**, Affiliate Member in the School of Religious Studies

27.3.2014–30.9.2020 **Istanbul 29 Mayis University**, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, Department of Political Science and International Relations

1.3.2013–28.2.2014 **The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)**, BİDED 2216 Programme, Research Fellow

2.1.2011–28.2.2011 **Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies**, Visiting Fellow

ACADEMIC TITLES

10.11.2020 **Italian Habilitation in Cultures of the Near Orient, the Middle East and Africa** (Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale Professore di II fascia, settore 10/N1)

14.7.2020 **Italian Habilitation in Social and Cultural Anthropology** (Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale Professore di II fascia, settore 11/A5, Scienze demoetnoantropologiche)

18.9.2019 **Turkish Habilitation in Sociology** (Doçentlik)

EDUCATION

21.1.2013 **Ph.D. in Anthropology and History**
SUM – Italian Institute of Humanities (today Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence)

18.7.2006 **MA in Anthropology and Ethnology**, 110/110 *summa cum laude*
University of Milano-Bicocca

27.10.2003 **BA in Sciences of Culture**, 110/110 *cum laude*
University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

09/2022-08/2027

“Quiet Aid: Service and Salvation in the Balkans-to-Bengal Complex,” Graduate Institute in Geneva. Funded by *Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)*, *Eccellenza* fellowships scheme.
Role: Associate researcher.

01/2019-12/2020

“The Presence of the Prophet Muhammad,” CETOBAC-EHESS, Ruhr Universität Bochum. Funded by the ANR - *Agence Nationale de la Recherche* and the DFG - *Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft*.

See: <https://prophet.hypotheses.org/>

Role: Participation in “The Presence and Eschatological Role of the Prophet Muhammad between Individual and Collective Experience” Workshop (EHESS, Paris, 2-3 May 2019) and contributor to the final publication.

01/2017-12/2018

“Modernity, Islamic Traditions and the Good Life: Exploring the Construction of Meaningful Modern Muslim Selfhoods,” University of Southern Denmark. Funded by the VELUX Foundation (4.987,500 DKK 2013-2018).

See: https://www.sdu.dk/en/om_sdu/institutter_centre/ih/forskning/forskningsprojekter/mmsp

Role: Participant in two Workshops (Kochel am See, Munich, 8-11.6.2017 and 5-8.4.2018) and contributor to the final publication.

GRANTED EXTERNAL FUNDING

15.10.2023–14.10.2025	PRIN 2022 (Relevant Researches of National Interest). Granted as local coordinator of the University of Verona research unit (45,740.50 EUR)
1.9.2022–31.8.2027	Fieldwork research fellowship, within the “Quiet Aid” Project, PI Mostowlansky, funded by the <i>Swiss National Science Foundation</i> , “Eccellenza Professorial Fellowships” (9,000 CHF)
1.3.2013–28.2.2014	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK), BİDEB 2216 Program, Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (a. 10,000 EUR [27,000 YTL])
26.8.2012–2.9.2012	UCSIA Summer School “Culture, Religion and Society,” Antwerp (Belgium), Attendance Grant
2.1.2011–28.2.2011	Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies (BGSMCS) and <i>Zentrum Moderner Orient</i> (ZMO), Joint Ph.D. Fellowship (2,936 EUR)
1.10.2008–30.9.2011	Italian Institute of Humanities (SUM) and Ministry of Education of Italy, Ph.D. Scholarship (36,000 EUR)

AWARDS

11.10.2013 **Malcolm H. Kerr Award for the Best Dissertation in the Social Sciences**, Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA):
<https://mesana.org/awards/awardee/malcolm-h-kerr-dissertation-awards/fabio-vicini>

PUBLICATIONS

A. Books

2024 (online). *[Oxford] Handbook of Religion in Turkey*. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press. Edited with Caroline Tee and Philip Dorroll: <https://academic.oup.com/edited-volume/55832>

2024. *Islam, partecipazione civica e vita musulmana nella Turchia contemporanea: Per una nuova antropologia dell'Islam*. Roma: CISU.

2020. *Reading Islam: Life and Politics of Brotherhood in Modern Turkey*. Boston and Leiden: Brill. (2022 paperback edition): <https://brill.com/abstract/title/35713>

B. Edited Special Issues

2024. “Divine Presence: Islam, Self, Immanence and the Beyond”, *HAU – Journal of Ethnographic Theory*, vol. 14, n. 1, pp. 7–94. Edited with Lili Di Puppo.

2024. “Figli di migranti e italianità. Per un’antropologia delle nuove generazioni d’Italia”, *Antropologia Pubblica*, vol. 10, n. 1, pp. 25–290. Edited with Giuseppe Grimaldi.

2017. “Interiority Unbound: Sufi and Modern articulations of the Self.” *Culture and Religion*, vol. 18, n. 2, pp. 57–190. Edited with Paola Abenante.

C. International Journal Articles

2024. “God is everywhere: Islam, Christianity, and the immanence of transcendence”, *HAU – Journal of Ethnographic Theory*, vol. 14, n. 1, pp. 19–32.

2024. “Rethinking the anthropological enterprise in light of Muslim ontologies: Secular vestiges, spiritual epistemologies, vertical knowledge”, *HAU – Journal of Ethnographic Theory*, vol. 14, n. 1, 7–18. With Lili di Puppo.

2021. “Rescuing the Muslim collective self: The Nur case in light of the Modern Muslim Subjectivities Project.” *Asiatische Studien*, no. 75 (4): 811–830.

2020. “Lived Islam in post-Soviet Russia: Officials, Experts, and Ordinary Interpretations of Islam.” *Ethnicities*, no. 20 (4): 793–800.

2018. “Turkish Islamism, Conservatism and Human Rights Before and After Gezi: The Case of *Mazlumder*.” *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, no. 45 (5): 760–775.

2017. (with Paola Abenante) “Interiority Unbound: Sufi and Modern Articulations of the Self.”

Culture and Religion, no. 18 (2): 57–71.

2017. “Thinking Through the Heart: Islam, Reflection and the Search for Transcendence.” *Culture and Religion*, no. 18 (2): 110–128.

2016. “Post-Islamism or Veering Toward Political Modernity? State, Ideology and Islam in Contemporary Turkey.” *Sociology of Islam*, no. 4 (3): 1–19.

2014. “‘Do Not Cross Your Legs:’ Islamic Sociability, Reciprocity and Brotherhood in Turkey.” *La Ricerca Folklorica*, no. 69 (April): 93–104.

2013. “Pedagogies of Affection: The Role of Exemplariness and Emulation in Learning Processes—Extracurricular Islamic Education in the Fethullah Gülen Community in Istanbul.” *Anthropology & Education Quarterly*, no. 44 (4): 381–398.

D. Other Journal Articles

2022. “Il lato quotidiano dell’islamofobia: Micro-razzismo a scuola tra discriminazione spirituale e femonazionalismo.” *Etnoantropologia* 10(2): 60–78.

2021. “Fra islam e italianità: Nuove seconde generazioni di musulmani nell’Italia monoculturale.” *Antropologia Pubblica*, no. 7 (2): 143–163.

2021. “Verso un riformismo italiano? Nuove generazioni tra secolarismo e vita musulmana.” *Dada Rivista di Antropologia post-globale*, no. 2 (December): 135–153.

2019. “Per una antropologia della lettura: Islam, riflessione e modernità nella comunità *Suffa* di Istanbul.” *Anuac – Rivista della Società Italiana di Antropologia Culturale*, no. 8 (2): 83–103.

2019. “‘Pregare non è tutto’: Volontarismo, neoliberismo e vita musulmana nella Turchia di oggi.” *Historia Religionum*, no. 11: 163–172.

2019. “Narrative islamiche di partecipazione civica: Libertà, responsabilità e attivismo religioso nella Turchia contemporanea.” *Religioni e Società: Rivista di scienze sociali della religione*, no. XXXIV (95): 103–110.

2019. “L’islamismo turco prima e dopo Gezi: Fra conservatorismo, paure e contesa sociale.” *Rivista di Politica*, no. 2019 (2): 35–45.

2018. (with Nuran Kızmaz) “Sekülerizm Bağlamında Azınlıkların Durumu: Almanya’daki Müslüman Türkler Örneği.” *Toplum Bilimleri Dergisi*, no. 12: 23–42.

E. Book Chapters

2025 (online first), “Cemaat and the City: Muslim Reconstruction in Modern Turkey,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Religion in Turkey*, edited by Caroline Tee, Fabio Vicini, Philip Dorroll. New York: Oxford University Press. Link: <https://academic.oup.com/edited-volume/55832/chapter/523990072>

2025 (online first) (with Caroline Tee and Philip Dorroll), “100 Years of Religion in Turkey: Voices from the Center and the Margins,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Religion in Turkey*, edited by

Caroline Tee, Fabio Vicini, Philip Dorroll. New York: Oxford University Press. Link: <https://academic.oup.com/edited-volume/55832/chapter/526775832>

2025, “La preghiera nell’Islam,” in *Antropologia delle religioni. Temi – Etnografie - Pratiche*, edited by Alessandra Brivio, Javier González Díaz, Alessandro Gusman, 123–128. Milano: Hoepli.

2023, “Living the Sunna, Cultivating the Brotherhood: Following the Prophet Muḥammad in a Sufi-inspired Reformist Community in Contemporary Turkey,” in *The Presence of the Prophet in Early Modern and Contemporary Islam*, Volume 3, *Prophetic Piety: Individual and Collective Manifestation*, edited by Stefan Reichmuth, Rachida Chic, Nelly Amri, 253–275. Boston and Leiden: Brill.

2020. “‘Worship Is Not Everything:’ Volunteering and Muslim Life in Modern Turkey.” In *Muslim Subjectivities in Global Modernity: Islamic Traditions and the Construction of Modern Muslim Identities*, edited by Dietrich Jung and Kirstine Sinclair, 97–120. Boston and Leiden: Brill.

2020. “The Socio-Anthropology of Secularism: From Power/Genealogy to the Multiple Manifestations of the Secular.” In *Revisiting Secularism in Theory and Practice: Genealogy and Cases*, edited by Özgür Ü. Eriş and Seda Ünsar, 127–143. Basel: Springer.

2018. “Between Islamism and Human Rights: *Mazlumder* as a Third Way Within Turkish Islamism?” In *Muslims and Capitalism*, edited by Béatrice Hendrich, 207–221. Würzburg: Ergon Verlag.

2015. “Representing Islam: Cinematographic Productions of the Fethullah Gülen Movement.” In *The Gülen Media Empire*, edited by Lea Nocera, 55–60. Roma: Reset.

2013. “Ortadoğu Antropolojisi ve Avrupa Fikri Üzerine Bazı Düşünceler” (Some Reflections on the Anthropology of the Middle East and the Idea of Europe). In *Sınırlar, İmajlar ve Kültürler: Antropolojik Açıdan Avrupa ve Avrupalılığı Yeniden Düşünme*, edited by Hande Birkalan-Gedik, 316–326. İstanbul: Dipnot Yayınları.

F. Encyclopedia Entries

2019. “Sufism.” *Wiley’s International Encyclopedia of Anthropology*, edited by Hilary Callan. Oxford: Wiley.

G. E-zine Articles

2024. “Rethinking anthropology in light of ‘Muslim worlds’: Ephemerality, language and relations in field encounters with transcendence,” *The Maydan*, 3 January 2024. With Lili Di Puppo and Stefan Williamson-Fa.

Link: <https://themaydan.com/2024/01/rethinking-anthropology-in-light-of-muslim-worlds-1st-easa-report/>

2014. “The Irrepressible Charm of the State: *Dershane* Closures and the Domestic War for Power in Turkey.” On *Jadaliyya.com*, 24 March 2014. Web. 30 March 2014.

Link: <https://www.jadaliyya.com/Details/30437>

2013. “Né Neoliberalismo, né Kemalismo. Lo Spirito di #Occupygezi e la Complicata Ambizione di Superare le Divisioni Della Società Turca.” On *lavoroculturale.org*, 25 June. Web. 23 October.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

2023. “Caring for Service: Connectedness, Transcendence, and Muslim Life,” Workshop *Service – Duty – Care: Theorizing Civic Engagement from Asia to Europe and beyond*, Università Ca’ Foscari, Venice, June 29.

2019. “Muslim Life Between Normative Orders and Ordinary Concerns: A Perspective from Turkey,” *Home, Mobility and Translocality: Muslim Identities Between the Post-Soviet Space, Europe and Turkey*, Institute for Social Policy and School of Sociology, HSE University, Moscow, October 24.

INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

2025. “Antropologia e trascendenza: Islam, cristianesimo e svolta ontologica,” *Laboratorio Demo-Etno-Antropologico (LAB-DEA)*, Department of Humanities, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, November 24.

2025. BOOK TALK - *The Oxford Handbook of Religion in Turkey*. A panel with: Caroline Tee (Editor, University of Chester), Fabio Vicini (Editor, University of Verona), Sertaç Sehlikoğlu (Author, University College London), Stefan Williamson Fa (Author, University of Cambridge), Chaired by Eugene Rogan (St Antony’s College), Investcorp Lecture Theatre, St Antony’s College, January 28.

2024. “Knowledge by Other Means: Ephemerality, Surrender, and Transcendence in Islam and the Anthropological Enterprise” (con Lili Di Puppo), *Working Group on “Live Religion in Eastern Europe and Eurasia”* (online), 29 Febbraio.

2023. “Rethinking the anthropological enterprise in light of Muslim ontologies: Secular vestiges, spiritual epistemologies, vertical knowledge” (con Lili Di Puppo), *2nd Workshop of NITE – Network: Immanence and Transcendence in Ethnographies*, Institute for Asian and African Studies, Humboldt University, Berlino, 11 luglio (presentato online).

2022. “Divine Presence: Islam, Ontology, and Transcendence” (con Lili Di Puppo), Università di Verona e HSE University, Moscow Joint Online Workshop, 14 gennaio.

2022. “Nuove generazioni di musulmani in Italia tra micro-razzismo ed ethos religioso”, Laboratorio 2022 su Religioni nel mondo globalizzato, Università degli Studi Roma Tre, Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici, April 20 (online via Microsoft Teams).

2021. “La ricerca etnografica tra antropologia e islamologia: problematiche metodologiche ed epistemologiche,” Webinar ‘Ricerca e Medio Oriente’ (Research and the Middle East), Sesamo – Società per gli studi sul Medio Oriente, May 21 (online via Zoom)

2020. “Leggere l’islam: Vita e politica della fratellanza nella Turchia moderna,” University of Cagliari, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Cagliari, December 17 (online via Microsoft Teams).

2020. “Reading Islam: Life and Politics of Brotherhood in Modern Turkey,” University of Naples “L’Orientale,” Study Center on Central Asia, Tibet, and Iran (CSACTI) *Lecture Series*, Naples, November 12 (online via Microsoft Teams).

2019. “Embodying the *Sunna*, Cultivating the Brotherhood: Muslim Exemplary Conduct in a Sufi-inspired Reformist Community in Contemporary Turkey,” *The Presence and Eschatological Role of the Prophet Muhammad Between Individual and Collective Experience Conference*, EHESS, Paris, May 2-3.

2019. “Narratives of Islamic Civic Engagement: Shaping Muslim Life Trajectories Through Reading,” *Moral and Ethical Frameworks and Performances in Religion Conference*, Department of Religious Studies, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, February 27-28.

2018. “Modern Muslim Subjectivities and Directions to the Good Life: Alternatives to Education,” *Islamic Education and the Formation of Modern Muslim Subjectivities Workshop*, Kiel University, Kiel, June 7-8.

2018. “Islam, Transcendence and the Cultivation of the Self: Overcoming the Subjective Standpoint in the Anthropology of Islam,” *Social Science Seminars*, Özyegin University, Istanbul, April 24.

2018. “‘Worship Is Not Everything:’ Volunteering and Muslim Life in Modern Turkey,” *Modernity, Islamic Traditions and Good Life Workshop*, organized by the University of Southern Denmark, Georg-von-Vollmar-Akademie e.V., Kochel am See, Munich, April 5-8.

2018. “Reading is Transcending: Islam, Modernity and Reflection,” *Reading is Believing? Sacred Texts in a Scientific Age Academic Colloquium*, Faraday Institute for Science and Religion and Divinity Faculty, Clare College, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, March 26-28.

2017. “Is There Space for Reflection in the Anthropology of Islam? An Assessment.” Alliance of Civilizations Institute, Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul, December 20.

2017. “‘Worship Is Not Everything:’ Volunteering and Muslim Life in Modern Turkey,” *Modernity, Islamic Traditions and Good Life Workshop*, organized by the University of Southern Denmark, Georg-von-Vollmar-Akademie e.V., Kochel am See, Munich, June 8-11.

2016. “Redeeming Islamic Justice Through Human Rights Discourse: The Case of *Mazlumder* in Turkey,” *Non-Capitalist Islam Workshop*, University of Cologne, Cologne, February 15-17.

2015. “Religious Communities and Politics in Turkey: The Two Faces of the Islamic Revival,” *Religion, Politics and Society in Turkey Workshop*, Turin University, Turin, April 27-28.

2014. “Representing Islam in a Modern World: The Gülen Community Between Micro Pedagogies and Global Discourse,” Centre for Near and Middle Eastern Studies (CNMS), Marburg University, Marburg, October 23.

2012. “Reciprocity, Education and Morality: Between Generational Continuity and Social Wreckage in a Muslim Brotherhood,” Humanities Department, University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, June 19.

2011. “Pedagogies of Affection: On the Contested Nature of Education in Turkey,” *Monthly Research Seminar*, Humanities Department, University of Verona, Verona, October 21.

2007. “Some Reflections on the Anthropology of the Middle East and the Idea of Europe,” *1st International Congress of the Anthropology Association of Turkey*, Istanbul, May 25-27.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY AND PARTICIPATION

A. Organized Panels, Conferences, and Workshops

2025. *Transcendence in the Small Gestures of Life Attention and Care for Nature and Humans in Religious Traditions*, conference organized jointly by the *Centre for Comparative Studies of Civilisations and Spiritualities* (Fondazione Giorgio Cini) the *Muslim Worlds Network of the European Association of Social Anthropologists* (EASA) and the Centro di Ricerche Etnografiche e di Antropologia applicate “Francesca Cappelletto” (CREAA) of the Department of Human Sciences of the University of Verona, Giorgio Cini Foundation, Venice, October 2-3.

2025. *Religion and Horizons of Crisis: Hope, Liminality, Imagination*, V Convegno Nazionale SIAC “Sperare/Disperare/Desiderare”, Università degli Studi della Basilicata, Matera, september 25-27 (with Giovanni Cordova).

2024. *Crossing and Contaminations in the Study of Islam and Muslim Life*, XVI Convegno SeSAMO (Società per gli studi sul Medio Oriente), Università degli Studi di Cagliari, Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche e Sociali, October 3-5 (with Gianfranco Bria).

2024. *Contemplation and surrender as forms of undoing and knowing in an uncertain world [Muslim Worlds Network (MWN)]*, European Association of Social Anthropologists 18th Biennial Conference - EASA2024: Doing and Undoing with Anthropology, Universitat de Barcelona (UB), online panel, July 18 (with Lili Di Puppo).

2023. *Figli di migranti e italianità. Una relazione (in)sostenibile?*, IV Convegno Nazionale della SIAC – Società Italiana di Antropologia Culturale, Università La Sapienza di Roma, September 21-23 (with Giuseppe Grimaldi).

2023. *Rethinking Anthropology in Light of ‘Muslim Worlds’ – 1st EASA Muslim Worlds Network workshop*, Swedish Research Institute, Istanbul, September 7-8.

2022. *Muslim imaginaries beyond mediation: Islam, the divine, and radical hope/transformation*, EASA 17th Biennial Conference, School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics at Queen’s University, Belfast, 26-29 July (with Lili Di Puppo).

2022. *Divine Presence: Islam, Ontology, and Transcendence*, University of Verona and HSE University, Moscow Joint Online Workshop, January 14 (with Lili Di Puppo).

2022. *Figli di migranti e italianità. Una relazione (in)sostenibile?*, X Convegno della SIAA – Società Italiana di Antropologia Applicata, Verona, December 14-17 (with Giuseppe Grimaldi).

2020. “*Sufish*”: *New Socio-anthropological Perspectives on Sufi Narrative and Practice Beyond the Tariqa Model*, Annual Conference of the British Association for Islamic Studies (BRAIS), The Aga Khan University, London, April 6-7, postponed because of the COVID-19 outbreak (with Francesco Piraino).

2015. *Texts, Reasoning, and Ethics in the Anthropology of Islam*, Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA) Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, November 21-24 (with Aria Nakissa).

2015. 'Liberation' Through the Lens of Islamic Actors in Turkey, British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES) and European Association for Middle Eastern Studies Joint Annual Conference, London School of Economics, London, June 24-26 (with Oğuzhan Göksel).

2013. *Sufi Vocabularies and Living Islamic Traditions: An Anthropological Exploration of Ethical Discourses and Forms of Life*, Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 10-13 (with Paola Abenante).

B. Presented Papers

2025. "Verso un Islam sempre più italiano? Il ruolo dei figli di migranti", *Islam, religione d'occidente. Il caso italiano*, University of Pisa, online presentation, November, 18-19.

2025. "Islam e identità nei figli di migranti musulmani nel Nord Italia", *Pluralismo religioso e migrazioni in Italia*, Sapienza University of Roma, November 14.

2025. "Identità e religione dei Musulmani Albanesi d'Italia. Una prospettiva antropologica, Convegno *L'islam e i musulmani nell'Italia contemporanea. Studi e metodologie a confronto*, The University of Naples "L'Orientale", online presentation, May 26.

2024. "Contemplating God in contemporary Turkey: Ontology, Islam, transcendence," *European Association of Social Anthropologists 18th Biennial Conference - EASA2024: Doing and Undoing with Anthropology*, Universitat de Barcelona (UB), panel online, July 18.

2023. "Rethinking the anthropological enterprise in light of Muslim ontologies: Secular vestiges, spiritual epistemologies, vertical knowledge," *1st EASA Muslim Worlds Network workshop*, Swedish Research Institute, Istanbul, September 7-8 (with Lili Di Puppo).

2023. "Denaturalizzare l'Italianità: Questioni e limiti di un concetto equivoco", IV Convegno Nazionale della *SIAC – Società Italiana di Antropologia Culturale*, Università La Sapienza di Roma, Rome, September 21-23 (with Giuseppe Grimaldi).

2022. "Divine presence, Islam and the anthropology of religion: New horizons of knowing and being," *European Association of Social Anthropologists 17th Biennial Conference – EASA2022*, School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics at Queen's University, Belfast, July 26-29 (with Lili Di Puppo).

2022. "Muslims of Italy: Rethinking religious identity and ethos from a post-migration perspective," *European Academy of Religion (Euare) 2022 Conference*, Bologna, June 20-23.

2022. "Making Death Present: Islam and the Transcending of Immanence," *Divine Presence: Islam, Ontology, and Transcendence*, Joint Online Workshop, University of Verona and HSE University, Moscow, January 14.

2021. "Libertà, responsabilità e fede nella Turchia contemporanea: Narrazioni etiche contro il "soggetto" secolare libero," *SIAC – Società Italiana di Antropologia Culturale*, Sapienza University of Rome, Rome, September 22-25.

2018. "Turkish Islamism, Conservatism and Human Rights Before and After Gezi," *Turkologentag 2018 – 3rd European Convention on Turkic, Ottoman & Turkish Studies*, University of Bamberg,

Bamberg, September 19-21.

2015. “‘Reading the Book of the Universe:’ On Modernity, Reflection and Islam in Turkey,” *Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA) Annual Meeting*, Denver, Colorado, November 21-24.

2015. “On Human Rights, Islam and Freedom: A View from Turkey,” *British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES) and European Association for Middle Eastern Studies Joint Annual Conference*, London School of Economics, London, June 24-26.

2015. “Islam e Politica nella Turchia Contemporanea” (Islam and Politics in Contemporary Turkey), *Contemporary Turkey: Between International Ambitions and Inner Dialectic Conference*, Genova University, Genoa, April 29.

2014. “Post-Islamism or Veering Toward Political Modernity? State, Ideology and Islam in the Gülen Movement,” *World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES)*, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, August 18-22.

2013. “Rethinking Solidarity and Justice in Contemporary Turkey: The Case of Muslim Civil Society Organizations,” *Islamism versus Post-Islamism? Mapping Topographies of Islamic Political and Cultural Practices and Discourses Conference*, Goethe University, Frankfurt, December 13-15.

2013. “‘Modern Methods,’ Old Cosmologies: Reflecting on Existence in one Nur Community in Istanbul,” *Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA) Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 10-13.

2011. “Pedagogies of Affection: The Role of Emulation in Learning Processes,” *American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting*, Montréal, Québec, November 16-20.

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

30.6.2025–present	Member of the Editorial Board of <i>East and West (New Series)</i> (ISMEO - The International Association for Mediterranean and Oriental Studies) https://www.ismeo.eu/east-and-west/
14.3.2024–present	Editor in chief of the book series “Mondi Musulmani” (<i>Muslim Worlds</i>), coedited with Giovanni Cordova. Publisher: <i>CISU - Centro d’Informazione e Stampa Universitaria</i> (University Information and Press Center), Rome, Italy.
1.1.2022–present	Member of the Editorial Board of <i>Culture and Religion</i> https://www.tandfonline.com/journals/rcar20
1.1.2021–present	Member of the Editorial Board of <i>Religiographies</i> https://www.cini.it/pubblicazioni/religiographies

1.1.2018–present Member of the Scientific Committee of *Ledizioni* Book Series of Anthropology “Antropologia della Contemporaneità”
<https://www.ledizioni.it/collane/antropologia-2/antropologia-della-contemporaneita-adc/>

1.12.2017–1.12.2020 Associate Editor of *New Middle Eastern Studies* Journal
<https://journals.le.ac.uk/ojs1/index.php/nmes>

MEMBERSHIP & SERVICE IN ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

1.4.2019–31.7.2020 Scientific Committee Member of the European Association of Social Anthropologists’ EASA2020 Conference (Lisbon)

- European Association of Social Anthropologists, EASA (2010; 2019–present)
- SIAC – Società Italiana di Antropologia Culturale (2020–present)
- Sesamo – Società per gli Studi sul Medio Oriente (2021–present)

EXTERNAL REFEREE EXPERIENCE

a) Projects

Italian Ministry of Public Education (MIUR), PRIN 2017

b) Scholarship Applications

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions G@V COFUND scheme (2022, 2021)

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions IF@ULB COFUND scheme (2020)

Nantes Institute for Advanced Study, Resident Fellow Application (2019)

c) Books

Collana ‘Antropologia Oggi’, Meltemi (Rome)

d) Journals

HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory – Anthropology & Education Quarterly – Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology – COIS Contemporary Islam – Anthropology of the Middle East – British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies – Middle East Critique – Turkish Studies – European Journal of Turkish Studies – Critical Research on Religion – Journal of Muslims in Europe – Diyar: Journal of Ottoman, Turkish and Middle East – Antropologia – Etnoantropologia – Comparative Islamic Studies – Studi Culturali – Lares – Annali di Scienze Religiose – Antropologia Pubblica – Archivio Antropologico Mediterraneo – Afriche e Orienti – Storia Urbana – Archivio di Etnografia – L'uomo

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Verona (in Italian)

Graduate courses

Anthropology in Educational Context: Autumn 2020

Cultural Anthropology module: Spring 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Undergraduate courses

Cultural Anthropology (Introduction): Spring 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Cultural Anthropology (History of Anthropology): Spring 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Istanbul 29 Mayis University (in English)

Graduate courses

Politics and Religion in the Middle East: Spring 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Sociology of Islam: Autumn 2019

Cultures and Societies of the Middle East: Spring 2015

Research Methods for the Social Sciences: Autumn 2014, 2015, 2016

Undergraduate courses

Political Sociology (4th year): Autumn 2017, 2018, 2019

Anthropology of Europe (3rd year): Autumn 2016, 2017, 2019

Introduction to Sociology (1st year): Autumn 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Ethnicity and Nationalism (3rd year): Spring 2018, 2019, 2020

Politics and Cinema (3rd year): Autumn 2018

Research Methods (1st year): Spring 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

RESEARCH AND STUDY PERIODS

IN KYRGYZSTAN

June-July 2024, June-July 2025

Fieldwork research in Bishkek, Osh, and Uzgen on academics teaching at the national theology faculties of the country, mostly founded through the support or funding of the Turkish government. Second line of research dedicated to the study of a the Yasawiyya Sufi brotherhood in Central Asia. Research supported by the project *Quiet Aid: Service and Salvation in the Balkans-to-Bengal Complex* (2022-27), funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, “Eccellenza Professorial Fellowships”.

IN ITALY

October 2020 – September 2023

Ethnographic research (participant observation, digital ethnography, and unstructured in-depth interviews) on young Muslims in Northern Italy, provinces of Brescia and Verona particularly. Focus on the association Young Muslims of Italy – Brescia section (GMI – Giovani Musulmani d’Italia, sezione di Brescia) and online discussion group of the “Strong Believer Academy”.

IN TURKEY

March 2013 – March 2014 (Istanbul)

Postdoctoral fieldwork in the framework of the TÜBİTAK-BİDEB 2216 Fellowship.

Project Title: *Making Islam Public: Rethinking Muslim Solidarity and Justice in Contemporary Turkey*.

January – June, and September – December 2010 (Istanbul, Muğla, Kocaeli)

Ph.D. fieldwork research within the student houses and dormitories of the Gülen and *Suffa* communities.

July – September 2009 (Istanbul)

Advanced course in Turkish language (DİLMER language center) and preliminary Ph.D. fieldwork.

March – August 2008 (Istanbul)

EU EVS Project at *Başak – Culture and Art Foundation*.

Project Title: *Socioeconomic Conditions, Expectations, and Desires of Young People Living in Sultanbeyli*.

July – September 2005 (Istanbul)

Fieldwork research and Turkish language course (DİLMER language center) in preparation for my MA Thesis.

LANGUAGES

English (fluent)
Turkish (fluent)
French (advanced)
Kyrgyz (elementary)
Spanish (elementary)
Italian (mother tongue)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND MAIN INTERESTS

Secularism, Religion, and Society in Turkey, the Middle East, and Central Asia – Modernization and Social Transformation – Anthropology and Sociology of Islam – Religion and Social Theory – Anthropology/Sociology and Theology – Islamic Philosophy and Ethics