

Curriculum vitae of Daniele Bassi

Current positions:

- Academic year 2024/2025 onwards: Adjunct Professor at the Department of Human Sciences, University of Verona. Academic Field Code SPS/02 - History of Political Thought.

Previous positions:

- 1/09/2024 - 31/08/2025: Research Fellow at the Department of Human Sciences and Territorial Innovation, University of Insubria. SH2 Institutions, Governance and Legal Systems: SH2_7 Political and legal philosophy; SH2_3 Conflict resolution, war, peace building, international law.

- 25/01/2023 – 30/11/2024: Research assistant (postdoctoral fellowship), Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge (UK). Member of the research group "University and Crisis" – an ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council) research project, and member of the Hannah Arendt Consortium on Crisis and Political Transformation.

National Scientific qualification:

National Scientific qualification as associate professor in the Italian higher education system for the disciplinary field of 14/B1 - History of political thought and institutions. (Academic Recruitment Field 14/B - Political history, according to the national classification). The validity of the qualification will expire on the 10/03/2037.

Education

2022: Ph.D. in Human Sciences at the University of Ferrara (Italy). Field of study: Political theory and History of political thought. Title of thesis: «*Neither power with rule nor law with command*». *Caffi, Arendt and the other tradition*. Supervisor: Prof. Alberto Castelli. Grade: excellent.

2016: Postgraduate degrees in Philosophical counselling, University of Verona. Final dissertation: *Agire vulnerabile. Per relazioni libere dal dominio* (English title: *Acting vulnerable. For relationships without domination*).

2015: Master's degree in Philosophy, University of Bologna. Final dissertation in Political Philosophy: *L'Inter-esse. Per una critica del dominio tra Arendt e Montesquieu* (English title: *The Inter-esse. For a critique of domination between Arendt and Montesquieu*). Supervisor: Prof. Domenico Felice. Grade: 110/110 *cum laude*.

2011: Degree in Philosophy, University of Verona. Final dissertation in Political Philosophy: *La valenza politica dell'amicizia. Hannah Arendt interpreta Lessing* (English title: *The political valency of friendship. Hannah Arendt interpretation of Lessing*). Supervisor: Prof. Olivia Guaraldo. Grade: 110/110 *cum laude*.

Scholarships, academic collaborations, visiting

- 1/2023 – ongoing (first contract: 25/01/2023 - 25/10/2023 // first extension: 26/10/2023 - 31/03/2024 // second extension: 1/04/2024 - 01/01/2025): Research assistant (postdoctoral fellowship), Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge (UK). The research fellowship is part of the "University and Crisis" project (ESRC). Within this framework, I have focused my research on the founding of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem as a historical case study of the interaction between nation-building processes and university institutions. The pivotal figure of Judah Magnes (one of the founders and the first Chancellor of the Hebrew University) has been explored based on information provided by Hannah Arendt in her *The Jewish Writings*. More broadly, I have investigated how the analysis of statelessness and the critique of the nation-state in this anthology of Arendt's texts can be considered two foundational aspects of her entire political theory. In *Beyond Sovereignty: A Genealogy of Plurality and Its Political Outcomes* (book chapter, forthcoming), I present the results of my research so far, reconstructing and highlighting Arendt's involvement (between 1933 and 1948) with left-wing Zionism and her close connections with intellectuals and politicians such as Martin Buber, Kurt Blumenfeld, and Judah L. Magnes.

- 12/2023 – ongoing: Founding member of the “Hannah Arendt Consortium on Crisis and Political Transformation” at the Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge (UK). The establishment of this Research Centre, currently in development, is one of the objectives of my postdoctoral fellowship at the same University.

2019 – current: Teaching Assistant in Political Philosophy and History of Political Thought at the University of Verona, Department of Human Sciences and Department of Cultures and Civilizations. Reference professor: Ilaria Possenti. In this capacity, I mainly supervise undergraduate thesis.

2017 – current: Junior fellow of the Hannah Arendt Center for Political Studies (University of Verona) directed by Prof. Olivia Guaraldo. In this capacity, my primary involvement revolves around the organization of seminars for students and the facilitation of public events targeted at non-academic audiences.

- 28/3/22 – 13/5/2022: *visiting PhD scholar* at the University of Cambridge (UK), Faculty of Education. Handler: Prof. Jo-Anne Dillabough.

- 1/11/21 – 31/1/2022: *visiting PhD student* at the University of Glasgow (UK), School of Humanities – Philosophy. Handler: Dr. James Humphries.

- 2/2019 – 10/2019: Fellowship at the Italian Institute for Philosophical Studies (Naples) for attending the seminar series *Vulnerability and insecurity* (February-November 2019) at the School of Legal and Political Philosophy "Gerardo Marotta" of Salerno.

- 13/11/2017 - 12/05/2018: Six months' research grant at the University of Verona (Department of Human Sciences) in Sociology of Work. Scientific Director Prof. Giorgio Gosetti. The research project, whose objective was the analysis of the digitalization of the agricultural sector, was carried out and concluded regularly and the results of the research are now available on the database of the Veneto Region (funding body): www.ricercaveneta.it.

- 2/11/2017 - 6/2/2018: digitisation and editing work for a publication of selected writings by Adriana Cavarero on Plato, edited by Prof. Olivia Guaraldo (Cavarero A., *Platone*, Milano, Raffaello Cortina, 2018).

Publications

Papers

- *Between 'sociability' and 'plurality'. New perspectives on the Arendtian critique of violence*, «HannahArendt.net», vol. 15/2025, forthcoming.
- *Andrea Caffi e Hannah Arendt: apontamentos para um diálogo póstumo*, portuguese translation by Th. Dias, «Cadernos Arendt», 2025, forthcoming.
- *Andrea Caffi e l'urgenza di una retroguardia culturale*, «Filosofia italiana», XIX, 2/2024, pp. 53-66. (English title: *Andrea Caffi and the Urgency of a Cultural Rearguard*)
- *Andrea Caffi e Hannah Arendt. Appunti per un dialogo postumo*, «Filosofia politica», n. 2, 2022, pp. 273-290. (English title: *Andrea Caffi and Hannah Arendt. Notes for a Posthumous Dialogue*)
- *Ripoliticizzare la memoria e democratizzare lo spazio pubblico: l'esempio di Black lives matter*, published on 23/11/2020 on the blog of the Hannah Arendt Center for Political Studies at the University of Verona (www.arendtcenter.medium.com). (English title: *Re-politicizing memory and democratizing public space: the case of Black lives matter*)
- *Per la dignità della politica. Hannah Arendt nella lettura di Richard J. Bernstein*, «Filosofia politica», n. 2, 2020, pp. 313-324. (English title: *For the dignity of politics. Hannah Arendt in the reading of Richard J. Bernstein*)
- *Verso una politica del limite? Note sul potere e l'azione nel lessico politico di Hannah Arendt*, «Jura Gentium», vol. 15, n. 1, 2018, pp. 76-91. (English title: *Toward a politics of the limit? Notes on Power and Action within Hannah Arendt's Political Lexicon*)
- *Riflessioni sul centenario della Rivoluzione d'Ottobre*, «Il senso della repubblica nel XXI secolo», n. 12, dicembre 2017, pp. 8-9. (English title: *Reflections on the centenary of the October Revolution*)
- *«L'indimenticabile operaio veronese». La straordinaria vicenda politica e umana dell'anarchico Giovanni Domaschi*, «Il pensiero mazziniano», n. 1, gennaio - aprile 2017, pp. 82-91. (English title: *"The Unforgettable Worker of Verona". The remarkable political and human vicissitude of the anarchist Giovanni Domaschi*)
- *Nasce a Verona il centro studi politici Hannah Arendt*, «Il senso della repubblica nel XXI secolo», n. 2, febbraio 2017, p. 10. (English title: *The Hannah Arendt Center for Political Studies is born in Verona*)

- *Per un'azione libera e indeterminata. Hannah Arendt e la critica politica della violenza*, «Il senso della repubblica nel XXI secolo», n. 12, dicembre 2016, pp. 1 e 5-7. (English title: *Toward free and undetermined action. Hannah Arendt and the political critique of violence*)

Book:

- D. Bassi, *L'altra tradizione. Violenza e potere in Andrea Caffi e Hannah Arendt*, Pisa, ETS, 2023, pp. 240. (English title: *The Other Tradition. Violence and Power in Andrea Caffi and Hannah Arendt*)

Book chapters / Contributions to edited volumes:

- *Divenire antimaschi. Coscienza maschile e crisi del patriarcato* [Eng. title: *Becoming Anti-Male. Male Consciousness and the Crisis of Patriarchy*], in AA.VV., *L'Antimaschio. Critica dell'incoscienza maschile* [Eng. title: *The Anti-Male. Critique of Male Unconsciousness*] (1977,1982), nuova edizione a cura di D. Bassi, Odoya, Bologna, forthcoming – novembre 2024.

- *Beyond Sovereignty. A genealogy of plurality and its political outcomes*, in *The Elgar Companion to Hannah Arendt*, edit by K. B. Jones, S. Lederman, H. Spector, Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham (UK), forthcoming.

- *Prefazione [Foreword]*, in R. Bernstein, *Hannah Arendt. La politica tra crisi e rivoluzione*, trad. it. a cura di D. Bassi, Ombre Corte, Verona, 2022, pp. 7-18.

Book Reviews:

- Review to A. Caffi, *La dottrina fascista, o il fascismo nella storia superiore del pensiero* (edited by A. Castelli, Biblion, 2022), in «Rivista storica del socialismo», 2, 2023, pp. 142-144. (English title: *The fascist doctrine, or fascism in the broader history of thought*)

- Review to A. Taraborrelli, *Hannah Arendt e il cosmopolitismo Stato, comunità, mondi in comune* (Mimesis,2022), in «Filosofia politica», n. 2, 2023, pp 355-358. (English title: *Hannah Arendt and cosmopolitanism: State, community, and shared worlds*)

- Review to TiLT | territori in libera transizione, *Transizione o mistificazione? Oltre la retorica della sostenibilità tra dogmi ed eresie*, Roma, Castelvechi, 2022, «Pedagogia delle differenze», V. 51 n. 2 (2022), pp. 339-344. (English title: *Transition or mystification? Beyond the rhetoric of sustainability: between dogmas and heresies*)

- Review to Andrea Salvatore, *L'anarchismo. Teoria, pratica, storia* (DeriveApprodi, 2020), «Rivista storica del socialismo», n. 1, 2021, pp. 177-179. (English title: *Anarchism: Theory, Practice, History*)

- *Una rilettura radicale del darwinismo: mutuo aiuto ed evoluzione secondo Pëtr Kropotkin*, review to Pëtr Kropotkin, *Il mutuo appoggio un fattore dell'evoluzione* (1902) (Elèuthera, 2020), «Storia del pensiero politico», n. 3, 2020, pp. 509-512. (English title: *A radical reinterpretation of Darwinism: mutual aid and evolution according to Pëtr Kropotkin*)

- *Qualificare la democrazia*, review to Adriana Cavarero, *Democrazia sorgiva. Note sul pensiero politico di Hannah Arendt* (Raffaello Cortina, 2019), «Iride», n. 2, 2020, pp. 456-458. (English title: *Qualify Democracy*)
- Review to Randolph S. Bourne, *Scritti sulla guerra e sullo stato (1916-1918). Testo e contesti* (edited by A. Castelli, G. Giappichelli Editore, 2020), «Filosofia politica», n. 2, 2020, pp. 367-369.
- *Di muri e mercificazione dei desideri*, review to Davide Grasso, *La città e il fantasma. Dal muro di Berlino ai nuovi muri* (Castelvecchi, 2019), «Malora», published on 4/5/2020 (www.malorarivista.it). (English title: *About walls and mercification of desires*)
- Review to Enzo Traverso, *Malinconia di sinistra. Una tradizione nascosta* (Feltrinelli, 2016), «Castelli di Yale», vol. 7, n. 1-2, 2019, pp. 318-321.
- *Rileggere Fanon per leggere il presente*, review to Sandro Luce, *Soggettivazioni antagoniste. Franz Fanon e la critica post coloniale* (Meltemi, 2018), «Iride», n. 1, 2019, pp. 226-228. (English title: *Re-read Fanon to read the present*)
- Review to A. Cavarero, *Platone* (Raffaello Cortina, 2018), «Politica & Società», n. 3, 2018, pp. 431-435.
- *Ci hanno davvero preso tutto*, review to Romano Màdera, *Sconfitta e utopia. Identità e feticismo tra Marx e Nietzsche* (Mimesis, 2018), «doppiozero», published on 16/6/2018 (<https://www.doppiozero.com/>). (English title: *They really took us everything away*)
- Review to Andrea Caffi, *Critica della violenza* (edited by Alberto Castelli, Castelvecchi, 2017), «Filosofia Politica», n. 3, 2018, pp. 561-563.

Translations and Edited Works

- AA. VV., *L'Antimaschio. Critica dell'incoscienza maschile* [Eng. title: *The Anti-Male. Critique of Male Unconsciousness*] (edited by S. Segre, Moizzi 1977, Gammalibri 1982), new edition edited and with an essay by Daniele Bassi, Odoja, Bologna, forthcoming – November 2024.
- R. Bernstein, *Why Read Hannah Arendt Now*, Polity Press, Cambridge (UK) – Medford (USA), 2018. Translation into Italian by D. Bassi, *Hannah Arendt. La politica tra crisi e rivoluzione*, Ombre Corte, Verona, 2022.
- R. Bernstein, “Rethinking the Social and the Political”, in *Philosophical Profiles: Essays in a Pragmatic Mode*, University of Pennsylvania Press, Philadelphia, 1986, pp. 238-259. Translation into Italian by D. Bassi, *Ripensare il politico e il sociale*, in «Aut Aut», 385/2020, pp. 33-59.

Conferences and seminars

- 6 September 2025: Participated as a speaker in the *Festivaletteratura* in Mantua (3-7 September 2025), presenting the new edition of *L'antimaschio. Critica dell'incoscienza maschile* (Odoja, 2024) in conversation with Giuseppe Burgio and Lidia Ravera.
- 26-27/09/2024: Member of the scientific and organizational committee for the conference “Hannah Arendt and Common Worldbuilding in a New Age of Extremes – Consortium Launch Event,” University of Cambridge, Faculty of Education. Speaker at the opening panel: *Arendt on Crisis and Political Transformation*.
- 26/03/25: speaker at the workshop *Exile and Statelessness: Dialogues with and beyond Hannah Arendt* organized by the Hannah Arendt Consortium on Crisis and Political Transformation at the Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge (UK). Title of the speech: *Deterritorializing Nations: Hannah Arendt and Radical Federalism*.
- 19/04/2024: Discussant at the conference “Prospettive maschili di fuoriuscita dal vicolo coioeco della violenza e del dominio” [*Male Perspectives on Breaking Free from the Deadlock of Violence and Domination*], the second meeting of the series *Oltre la violenza. Pnesieri e pratiche di liberazione* [*Beyond Violence: Thoughts and Practices of Liberation*], organized by Jonas Trento (Center for Psychoanalytic Clinic) at the Fondazione Caritro headquarters in Trento.
- October 12-13, 2023: participation as a speaker at the conference *Filosofia e Storiografia Filosofica in Italia: voci, testi, problemi*. University of Verona, Italy. Title of the speech: *Andrea Caffi e l'urgenza di una retroguardia culturale*.
- June 22, 2023: participation as *invited correspondent* in the panel “Affect, Forgiveness and Power” during the 16th Annual Meeting of *The Hannah Arendt Circle*, 26-29 June 2023, University of Verona.
- February – May 2022: I have been part of the scientific and organizational committee of the seminar series *Mondo commune (common world)*, organized by the Hannah Arendt Center for Political Studies of the University of Verona.
- March 9, 2022: participation as a speaker at the seminar “Ucraina: un glossario della crisi” (“Ukraine: a glossary of the crisis”), organized by the Centro studi giuridici europei sulla grande criminalità (Center for European Legal Studies on Major Crime) at the Department of Law of the University of Ferrara. Title of the speech: *violenza politica (political violence)*.
- 2 and 3 December, 2021: participation to the “Cambridge and Verona Workshop” at the University of Cambridge (UK), organized by Prof. Jo-Anne Dillabough (University of Cambridge) in collaboration with the Center for Political Studies “Hannah Arendt” of the University of Verona. In the context of the workshop (of which the “guiding question” was: How might Arendt – and her interlocutors – help us understand the concept of modern violence in the “there and then” and the “here and now”?) I presented an integrated and updated version of the talk given at the University of Helsinki in October 2019 entitled *The Need for an "Exaggerated Thought": Arendt on Violence and Political Action*.
- September 25, 2021: participation as a speaker at the conference “Libertà, giustizia e rivolta: la proposta politica di un'altra tradizione” (“Freedom, justice and revolt: the political proposal of another tradition”) organized by the Associazione amici di Nicola Chiaromonte and the Fondazione

Alfred Lewin at the “Gino Bianco Library” in Forlì. Title of the speech: *Modernità, marxismo, violenza. Un dialogo postumo tra Andrea Caffi e Hannah Arendt* (Modernity, Marxism, Violence. A posthumous dialogue between Andrea Caffi and Hannah Arendt).

- January – June 2021: I have been part of the scientific and organizational committee of the seminar series *Oltre il governo e la sovranità. Verso nuove istituzioni della politica* (Beyond Government and Sovereignty. Towards new political institutions) organized by the Hannah Arendt Center for Political Studies of the University of Verona. During the cycle I have been discussant at the meetings with Alberto Castelli (5/3/2021, *On war and the state: Randolph Bourne in the face of the First World War*) and Salvo Vaccaro (7/5/2021, *The reasons of self-government*).

- November 6, 2020: participation as discussant at the seminar “Falling state. Public space, meanings, identities”, organized by the Hannah Arendt Center for Political Studies of the University of Verona and the Antiracist Laboratory of the University of Ferrara.

- November 5, 2020: participation as a speaker in the video review of Adriana Cavarero’s book *Democrazia sorgiva* (2019) together with the author and Valentina Moro. The initiative is part of the project *Multiverse | readings* of the Italian Institute for Philosophical Studies.

- 2 and 3 September 2020: participation - through call for papers - to the XXIX edition of the National Conference of Doctorates in Philosophy (Italy), organized by the Fondazione collegio san Carlo di Modena and the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia; speech as a speaker at the session “Political Philosophy and Social Philosophy in the Twentieth Century”. Title of the speech: *Sul marxismo e sulla violenza. Un dialogo postumo tra Hannah Arendt e Andrea Caffi* (On Marxism and Violence. A posthumous dialogue between Hannah Arendt and Andrea Caffi).

- December 6, 2019: participation as a speaker in the seminar “Confederalismo democratico e conflitti regionali: il caso della Siria del nord” (“Democratic Confederalism and regional conflicts: the case of Northern Syria”), organized by the Hannah Arendt Centre for Political Studies at the University of Verona. Title of speech: *Potere senza dominio e democrazia senza stato. L’influenza di Murray Bookchin nel pensiero politico di Abdullah Ocalan* (“Power without domination and democracy without state. The influence of Murray Bookchin in the political thought of Abdullah Ocalan”).

- From 24 to 26 October 2019: I took part - through call for papers - at the “Gender Studies conference: On Violence” at the University of Helsinki (Finland) and I spoke in the panel “On violence in the political philosophy of Hannah Arendt”. Title of speech: “The Need for an ‘Exaggerated Thought’: Arendt on Violence and Political Action”.

- December 11, 2018: participation as a discussant in the seminar “Antagonistic Subjectivations: Frantz Fanon and Postcolonial Critique” at the University of Verona organized by Research Center PoliTeSse - Politics and Theories of Sexuality.