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ABOUT ME

Giovanni de Gbantuz Cubbe is a research assistant at the Technische Universität Dresden, where he completed his doctorate in Political theory and history of ideas with a thesis on *Rechtspopulismus, Nation und Territorium. AfD in Ost- und Westdeutschland, Lega in Nord- und Süditalien*. He collaborates with the Chair of History of Political Thought at the Faculty of Humanities, Philosophy and Communication of the University of Bergamo and with the Department of Political and Social Sciences of the University of Bologna. He is a member of the Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW) and of the Associazione Villa Vigoni - Centro italo-tedesco per il dialogo europeo. His research interests include the history of political thought in Italy and Germany at the turn of the 20th century (with a focus on political realism and elite theory), democratic elitism, the transformation processes of contemporary Western democracies, right-wing populism and, more generally, the evolution of political scenarios in Italy and Germany.

Research interests: Elite Theory: reception, criticism and revisitation in the second half of the twentieth century / Democratic Elitism / Transformation and crisis of liberal democracy and the rise of populism / Euroscepticism in Italy and Germany / Populism and the extreme right in Germany / German and Italian political thought at the turn of the 20th century

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Associate (wiss. Mitarbeiter)

Technische Universität Dresden / Mercator Forum Migration und Demokratie (MIDEM) [2017 – Current]

City: Dresden | Country: Germany

Teaching Assistant (Tutor didattico), Chair for History of political thought, prof. Michele Chiaruzzi

Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche e Sociali dell'Università di Bologna (Campus Forlì) [2024 – Current]

City: Bologna | Country: Italy

Teaching Assistant (Tutor didattico), Chair for History of political thought, prof. Giuseppe Sciara

Dipartimento di Scienze politiche e Sociali dell'Università di Bologna [2023 – Current]

City: Bologna | Country: Italy

Lehrbeauftragter

Historisches Institut, Universität des Saarlandes [2023 – Current]

City: Saarbrücken | Country: Germany

History of Italian political thought in the early 20th century (elite theory, interpretations of fascism, antifascism).

Research Associate (wiss. Hilfskraft)

Hannah-Arendt-Institut für Totalitarismusforschung [2017 – 2017]

City: Dresden | Country: Germany

-Collaboration on a German critical edition of selected writings by Luigi Sturzo on totalitarianism and fascism (translation, research for editors)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Doctorate

Institut für Politikwissenschaft, Technische Universität Dresden [2018 – 2024]

City: Dresden | Country: Germany | Website: <https://tu-dresden.de/gsw/phil/powi> | Field(s) of study: Political Theory and History of Ideas | Final grade: Summa cum laude | Thesis: *Rechtspopulismus, Nation und Territorium. AfD in Ost- und Westdeutschland, Lega in Nord- und Süditalien*

Master's Degree – International Relations

Dipartimento di scienze politiche e sociali, Università di Bologna [2015 – 2017]

City: Bologna | Country: Italy | Website: <https://dsps.unibo.it/it> | Final grade: 110/110 cum laude

Bachelor's Degree – Political Science and International Relations

Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche, Università di Roma La Sapienza [2011 – 2014]

City: Roma | Country: Italy | Website: <https://disp.web.uniroma1.it/it> | Final grade: 110/110 cum laude

Liceo classico (secondary school specializing in classical studies)

Liceo classico statale Pilo Albertelli [2006 – 2011]

City: Roma | Country: Italy

ACADEMIC POSITIONS / SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES / EDITORIAL BOARDS

[2023 – Current]

Member of the Scientific committee for the Edizione Nazionale delle Opere di Robert Michels

[2023 – Current]

Culture della materia at the Chair for History of Political Thought, Dipartimento di Lettere, Filosofia, Comunicazione, Università di Bergamo

[2016 – Current]

Member of the Editorial board of the Rivista Trimestrale di Scienza dell'Amministrazione – Studi di teoria e ricerca sociale

SCHOLARSHIPS

[01/06/2024 – Current]

Istituto del Risorgimento italiano, Rome

Scholarship (€6,000) for the publication of a critical edition based on Giuseppe Ferrari's original manuscripts, "Corso sugli scrittori politici italiani"

[2015 – 2015]

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)

Scholarship (€2000) for a two-month intensive German language course, Berlin

TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS

[2024 – Current]

Lehrauftrag: "Demokratie, Faschismus und Elitesozologie in Italien um die Jahrhundertwende", Historisches Institut, Universität des Saarlandes

Übung, B.A. / M.A., Wintersemester 2024

[2024 – 2024]

Lehrauftrag: "Italiens Weg in den Faschismus in zeitgenössischen Interpretationen", Historisches Institut, Universität des Saarlandes

Übung, B.A. / M.A., Sommersemester 2024

[04/07/2024 – 04/07/2024]

Invited lecturer, Akademie für Lehrerfortbildung und Personalführung (ALP), Dillingen

Lecture in an advanced professional course for high school teachers: "Le origini storiche di Fratelli d'Italia e il Governo Meloni"

[17/10/2022 – 18/10/2022]

Invited lecturer, Chair for History of Political Thought, Dipartimento di Lettere, Filosofia, Comunicazione, Università di Bergamo

Introduction to the study of populism for students of the history of political thought

[21/07/2022 – 21/07/2022]

Invited lecturer, Akademie für Lehrerfortbildung und Personalführung (ALP), Dillingen

Lecture in an advanced professional course for high school teachers: "Migrazione in Italia: sfide, scenari e il ruolo del populismo"

[29/11/2021 – 01/12/2021]

Invited lecturer, Akademie für Lehrerfortbildung und Personalführung (ALP), Dillingen

Lecture in an advanced professional course for high school teachers: "L'Italia come punto di partenza e di arrivo delle migrazioni"

[2018 – 2018]

Lehrauftrag: "Politische Kultur und Integration: Eine Einführung", Institut für Politikwissenschaft, TU Dresden

Seminar, B.A., Wintersemester 2018

AFFILIATION TO ITALIAN AND INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATIONS

[2024 – Current]

International Conference for the Study of Political Thought

[2024 – Current]

European Society for the History of Political Thought

[2023 – Current]

Associazione Italiana di Storia del Pensiero Politico

[2024 – Current]

Associazione Villa Vigoni – Centro italo-tedesco per il dialogo europeo

[2023 – Current]

Standing Group „Politica e Storia“ (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica – SISP)

[2023 – Current]

Standing Group „Elites and Political Leadership“ (European Consortium for Political Research – ECPR)

[2022 – Current]

Sektion „Politische Theorie und Ideengeschichte“ – Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW)

[2022 – Current]

Società italiana di scienza politica (SISP)

[2022 – 2023]

International Political Science Association (IPSA-AISP)

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

[24/09/2024 – 27/09/2024] Göttingen

29. Wissenschaftlicher Kongress der DVPW Panel Chair: "Histories of Populism Between Transformation and Crisis of Democracy"

[24/04/2024] Milano

International Seminar “Populism and the Far Right”, Polidemos, Università Cattolica di Milano Paper presented: "'Neo-', 'post-' or 'New': the Long 'Transformation' of the Far-Right in Italy and Germany"

[14/09/2023 – 16/09/2023] Genova

36. Conferenza annuale SISP (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica) Panel Chair: "Old problems, new challenges: teorie delle élites e populismo"

Paper presented: "Teorie delle élites e trasformazioni della democrazia"

[11/09/2023 – 13/09/2023] Linz

Dreiländertagung – Zeitenwende – Politik(Wissenschaft) in unsicheren Zeiten Panel Chair: "Krise(n) der Demokratie"

Paper presented: "Populistische Transformationen der Demokratie"

[04/09/2023 – 08/09/2023] Praga

ECPR General Conference 2023 Paper presented: "Elite Theories in a Time of Democratic Backsliding"

[27/07/2023 – 30/07/2023] Como

International Congress: Europa, Demokratie und Freiheitsideen: Herausforderungen in Geschichte und Gegenwart, Villa Vigoni (Deutsch-Italienisches Zentrum für den Europäischen Dialog), Roundtable: "Antiliberal Europe. Enemies of Freedom and Their Ideas of Europe in Past and Present"

[02/06/2023] Deutscher Bundestag, Berlin

Gesprächsrunde zu den aktuellen Bedrohungen der parlamentarischen Demokratie in Europa, Institut für Parlamentarismusforschung Paper presented: "Problems and Changes of Political Representation in Italy"

[13/10/2022] Torino

Seminario pubblico "La ragione populista e i rimedi democratici". Istituto di Studi Storici Gaetano Salvemini Seminario pubblico: "Populismo in Italia e in Germania"

[31/03/2022 – 01/04/2022] Halle (Saale)

Workshop: Robert Michels – Die Grenzen der Geschlechtsmoral. Interdisziplinäre Zentrum für die Erforschung der Europäischen Aufklärung (IZEA) Paper presented: "Social Upheavals, the Crises of Politics and the Topicality of Robert Michels"

[10/02/2022] Roma

Giornata di studi in memoria di Carlo Mongardini. Facoltà di Scienze Politiche, Università di Roma - La Sapienza Paper presented: "Elitismo e massa"

[14/09/2021 – 16/09/2021] online

DVPW Kongress, Wir haben die Wahl! Politik in Zeiten von Unsicherheit und Autokratisierung Paper presented "Populism vs. Anti-populism: the Dialectic of Our Zeitgeist?"

[25/02/2021 – 26/02/2021] online

Online Conference, DEMOS - Populism and Contemporary Democracy in Europe, Commissione di Venezia Paper presented: "Populisms, Constitutions, Constitutional Courts, and the Future of Constitutional Democracy"

[17/09/2020] Klingenthal (Sachsen)

Vortrag für die Vortragsreihe „Populismus – Alles nur Parolen?“, Sächsische Landeszentrale für politische Bildung Seminario pubblico: "Populismus"

[20/02/2020 – 21/02/2020] Erfurt

Workshop: "Populismus und Verfassungskrisen in Europa und Lateinamerika", Internationales Begegnungszentrum der Universität Erfurt Paper presented: "Right-Wing Populist Parties and Constitutional Courts: An Analytical Model"

[04/09/2019 – 07/09/2019] Wrocław

ECPR General Conference 2019 Paper accepted (conference not attended): "Politics and Smartness: A Democratic Relation?"

[22/08/2018 – 25/08/2018] Hamburg

ECPR General Conference 2018 Paper presented: "The Lega Nord between Regionalism and National Ambitions: And... Europe?"

[25/09/2018 – 28/09/2018] Frankfurt

DVPW Kongress, Grenzen der Demokratie Paper presented: "A Polarization in the Interpretation of the Constitution? Constitutions, Constitutional Courts and Right-Wing Populism"

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

	Scientific Journal Articles
1	<i>Roberto Michels e il fascismo: culto dell'eroe e dittatura carismatica.</i> Il Pensiero Politico (im Erscheinen).
2	<i>Probleme politischer Repräsentation. Carlo Mongardini und der Beitrag der italienischen Politikwissenschaft.</i> Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen, 2023, 3: 679-692.
3	<i>The Configuration of Political Society: Elite Pluralism and the "Tacit Pact of Domination".</i> Rivista Trimestrale di Scienza dell'Amministrazione, 2022, 4: 0.
4	<i>Die Geburtswehen des italienischen Antifaschismus (1920-1925).</i> Totalitarismus und Demokratie – Zeitschrift für internationale Diktatur- und Freiheitsforschung, 2021, 18, 1: 11-32.
5	<i>Populistische Parteien und Verfassungsgerichte. Zu den Spezifika eines grundlegenden Spannungsverhältnisses.</i> Recht und Politik. Zeitschrift für deutsche und europäische Rechtspolitik, 2021, Beiheft 5: 110-119.
6	<i>Kontinuität statt Zäsur: Die Entwicklung von Parteien und Parteiensystem in Italien nach den Parlamentswahlen von 2013 und 2018.</i> Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen, 2020, 51, 4: 909-926.
7	<i>Lega und Fünf-Sterne-Bewegung: Rechts- und Linkspopulismus?.</i> Totalitarismus und Demokratie – Zeitschrift für internationale Diktatur- und Freiheitsforschung, 2020, 17: 45-66.

	Book chapters
1	<i>Le radici storiche dell'euroscetticismo di Alternative für Deutschland.</i> In: Liermann, C. / Pendenza, M. / Trocini, F. (Hrsg.), La Germania in Europa tra mutamento e continuità. Politica, cultura ed Economia (im Erscheinen).
2	<i>Populism and Euroscepticism in Italy. Outlining the historical roots of a long-standing interplay.</i> In: Guiso, A. / Pasquinucci, D. (Hrsg.), Anti-Europeanism, Populism and European Integration in a Historical Perspective. London: Routledge, 2024, S. 204-216.
3	<i>Elites and Democracy: Vilfredo Pareto for Social and Political Sciences, 100 Years Later.</i> In: Adair-Totef, C. (Hrsg.), Vilfredo Pareto's Contributions to Modern Social Theory. A Centennial Appraisal. London: Routledge, 2023, S. 79-95.
4	<i>Elitismo e regime di massa nel pensiero di Carlo Mongardini.</i> In: Antonini, E. / Iannone, R. / Marchetti, M. C. / Pacelli, D. / Rossi, E. (Hrsg.), Cultura, società e politica. Scritti per Carlo Mongardini. Rom: Bulzoni, 2023, S. 157-168.
5	<i>Populisms, Constitutions, Constitutional Courts and Constitutional Democracy.</i> In: Castellà Andre, J. M./Simonelli, M. A. (Hrsg.), Populism and Contemporary Democracy in Europe. New York: Palgrave, 2022, S. 43-64.
6	<i>Smart Politics: The Political Dimension of 'Smartness'.</i> In: de Ghantuz Cubbe, G. / Iannone, R. / Gurashi, R. u. a. (Hrsg.): Smart Society. A Sociological Perspective on Smart Living, London: Routledge, 2019, S. 13-29.

	(co)Edited Journal Issues / (co)Edited Books
1	<i>Antifascism / Antifascismus.</i> Totalitarismus und Demokratie – Zeitschrift für internationale Diktatur- und Freiheitsforschung, 2021, 18 (1), zusammen mit Uwe Backes.
2	<i>Smart Society. A Sociological Perspective on Smart Living,</i> London: Routledge, 2019, zusammen mit Iannone, R. / Gurashi, R. / Iannuzzi, I. / Sessa, M.

	Reviews
1	Gabriele Pedullà, <i>On Niccolò Machiavelli. The Bonds of Politics</i> . Columbia University Press, New York, 2023, In: <i>Il Pensiero Politico</i> (im Erscheinen).
2	John Higley, <i>Elites, Non-Elites, and Political Realism</i> . In: <i>Cosmos + Taxis - Studies in Emergent Order and Organization</i> , 2023, 10, 7 + 8: 82-85.
3	<i>I Trends on COVID-19 and Populism</i> . In: <i>International Political Science Abstracts (IPSA/AISP)</i> , 2023, 73, 4: 511-521.

	Scientific Translations
1	Gentile, E., <i>Der Antifaschismus und die Ursprünge des faschistischen Totalitarismus</i> . In: <i>Totalitarismus und Demokratie – Zeitschrift für internationale Diktatur- und Freiheitsforschung</i> (1923–1926), 2021, 18 (1): 33-51 (übers. mit Annett Zingler).
2	Alessandrone Perona, E., <i>The Anti-Fascism of a “Liberal Revolutionary”: Piero Gobetti (1901–1926)</i> . <i>Totalitarismus und Demokratie – Zeitschrift für internationale Diktatur- und Freiheitsforschung</i> , 2021, 18 (1): 73-87.
3	Sturzo, L., <i>Über italienischen Faschismus und Totalitarismus</i> , hrsg. von U. Backes / G. Heydemann, Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2021 (übers. mit Annett Zingler).
4	Bach, M., <i>Crisi, conflitti e solidarietà. L’Unione Europa in tumulto</i> , 2021 (Auftrag von Prof. Dr. Carlo Mongardini, Università di Roma – La Sapienza).
5	Vorländer, H., <i>Il populismo e la democrazia moderna</i> , 2021 (Auftrag von Prof. Dr. Carlo Mongardini, Università di Roma – La Sapienza).

	Other publications and “Wissenschaftstransfer”
1	Beitrag zur Organisation der <i>Robert Elgie Brown Bag Seminars</i> , Spring edition, Università di Roma – La Sapienza, März-Mai 2023.
2	Beitrag zur Organisation des <i>35° congresso della Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP)</i> , Università di Roma – La Sapienza, 8.-10. September 2022.
3	Beitrag zur Organisation der <i>Lange Nacht der Wissenschaft</i> , Technische Universität Dresden, 8. Juli 2022.
4	Beitrag zur Organisation der <i>Lange Nacht der Wissenschaft</i> , Technische Universität Dresden, 2019.
5	Vortrag bei der <i>European election-watching</i> , Technische Universität Dresden, 26. Mai 2019.
6	<i>Il populismo in Germania e la retorica anti-establishment di AfD</i> , hrsg. vom Istituto di studi storici Gaetano Salvemini, 2022 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGhlaIrIfPU).
7	<i>Meloni und die italienische Migrationspolitik</i> , MIDEM, Dresden, 2022.
8	<i>Die Wahlen zum italienischen Parlament 2022</i> , MIDEM, Dresden, 2022.
9	<i>A populist shift or business as usual? Explaining the outcome of the Italian general election</i> . In: <i>EUROPP</i> , 2022 (https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2022/09/30/a-populist-shift-or-business-as-usual-explaining-the-outcome-of-the-italian-general-election/).
10	<i>How the Italian radical right has framed immigration during the pandemic</i> . In: <i>EUROPP</i> , 2021 (https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2021/09/06/how-the-italian-radical-right-has-framed-immigration-during-the-pandemic/).
11	<i>Explaining Matteo Salvini’s support for the new Italian government</i> . In: <i>EUROPP</i> , 2021 (https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2021/03/04/explaining-matteo-salvinis-support-for-the-new-italian-government/).

12	<i>Italy</i> . In: COVID-19 and Right-Wing Populism, MIDEM, Dresden, 2021.
13	<i>On Extremism, Fascism and Pandemic in Italy</i> (orig. in Norwegian). Filter Nyheter (Norwegen), 11. November 2021 [Interview].
14	<i>NSU dieci anni dopo</i> . Radio Colonia (COSMO), 4. November 2021 [Interview].
15	<i>Estremismo di destra in Germania</i> . Radio Colonia (COSMO), 16. Februar 2021 [Interview].
16	<i>Länderbericht Italien</i> , MIDEM, Dresden, 2021.
17	<i>Der Konflikt um Migration im Europawahljahr 2019</i> . In: Migration und Europa. MIDEM-Jahresbericht 2019. Dresden, 2019, mit Angeli, O. / Bouju, A. / Chmelar, K. / Heinze, A.-S. / Kozłowska, M. / Rakers, J. / Wöhst, C.
18	<i>Assessing the political impact of Covid-19 in Italy</i> . In: EUROPP, 2020 (https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2020/09/29/covid-19-italian-politics/).
19	<i>Il muro salariale</i> . Radio Colonia (COSMO), 2. Oktober 2019 [Interview].
20	<i>Südeuropa</i> . In: Europa vor den Wahlen. Dresden, 2019, S. 50-57.
21	<i>Nazî Raus</i> . Radio Rai 3, 4. September 2018 [Interview].
22	<i>Caccia allo straniero</i> . Radio Colonia (COSMO), 28. August 2018 [Interview].
23	<i>Die Wahlen zum italienischen Parlament 2018</i> . MIDEM-Bericht. Dresden, 2018, mit Angeli, O.
24	<i>Italien</i> . In: Migration und Populismus. MIDEM-Jahresbericht 2018. Dresden, 2018, S. 85-100.