

Giorgia Perletta



Work Experience

- 2022–Present **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy.
Department of Political and Social Science (SPS)
- 2023–Present **Editor**, *Rivista Italiana di Storia Internazionale*, Scientific peer-reviewed Journal.
- 2023 **Academic Visitor**, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.
Middle East Centre, St Antony's College
- 2020–2022 **Program Officer**, Graduate School of Economics and International Relations (ASERI), Milan, Italy.
Master in Middle Eastern Studies
- 2018–Present **Teaching Assistant**, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan, Italy.
Department of Political and Social Sciences – Lecturing, thesis supervising and exam's examiner: History and Institutions of Asia (graduate); Geopolitics (undergrad)

Education

- 2015–2019 **Ph.D. in Institutions and Policies**, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan, Italy.
Thesis title: *The phenomenon of hardliners in post-revolutionary Iran: Mahmud Ahmadinezhad's presidencies (2005–2013)* [Italian only]
- 2017 **Visiting Researcher**, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada.
Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations
- 2015 **Specialising Master's degree in Middle Eastern Studies (1st level)**, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan, Italy.
Graduate School of Economics and International Relations (ASERI)
- 2012–2014 **M.A. in European and International Policies**, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan, Italy.
Faculty of Political Sciences

Teaching Experience

- 2023–Present **Adjunct Lecturer**, *Catholic University of the Sacred Heart*, Faculty of Linguistic Sciences and Foreign Literatures, Brescia, Italy.
Course: Geopolitics (30 hours)

- 2020–Present **Visiting Lecturer**, *Prague University of Economics and Business (VSE)*, Faculty of International Relations, Prague, Czech Republic.
Master in international and diplomatic studies, spring 2020, fall 2020/2022.
Course: Iran in the International System. Past and Present (25 hours)
- 2019–Present **Adjunct Lecturer**, *Catholic University of the Sacred Heart*, Graduate School of Economics and International Relations (ASERI), Milan, Italy.
Master in Middle Eastern Studies.
Course: History and Politics of Modern Iran (6 hours) spring 2019-2023
Course: Water Security in the Middle East (6 hours) spring 2023

Publications

Scientific and Peer-reviewed articles

- 2023 G. Perletta. **The "middle earth" between Iran and Iraq: conflicts and interactions in Khūzestān and the role of Arab communities in the Iran-Iraq War 1980-1988** *Storia Urbana*, forthcoming [Italian only]
- 2023 G. Perletta. **Iran 2022: domestic challenges to state legitimacy and isolation in the global arena** *Asia Maior* Vol. XXXIII, Asia in 2022: The impact of the Russia-Ukraine war on local crises
- 2023 G. Perletta. **Problems of domestic legitimacy, the impasse over the nuclear negotiations, and the "look to the east" policy: Iran from the United States withdrawal from the JCPOA to the 2022 popular protests** *La Comunità Internazionale* p. 123-136 [Italian only]
- 2023 G. Perletta. **The Northern sector: Caucasus, Central Asia and the Silk Road** *L'Iran Contemporaneo*, Ed. by C. Cereti, Brioschi Editore pp. 133-143
- 2022 G. Perletta. **Political Radicalism in Iran and Ahmadinejad's presidencies**, *Palgrave Macmillan*
- 2022 G. Perletta. **The veil in Iran: comparing meanings and symbols in the Islamic republic**, *Quaderni Asiatici*, n. 140, pp. 49–72 [Italian only]
- 2022 G. Perletta. **The political parabola of Mahmud Ahmadinejad. Goals and slogans from the executive to the opposition** *Quaderni Asiatici*, n. 137, pp. 49–72 [Italian only]
- 2022 G. Perletta. **Disputed Waters? The water crisis in Iran and Iraq and its implications** *CRISSMA working paper n. 28, Ce.St.In.Geo. geopolitical outlook 2022*, pp. 59–70, Ed. by A. Plebani. Educatt [Italian only]
- 2020 G. Perletta. **Water insecurity: a source of political dissent and spatial transformation. The case of Iran's Khuzestan** *Storia Urbana*, 167, pp. 91–117 [Italian only]
- 2020 G. Perletta. **Iran between Shia crescents and the risks of hyperextension** *CRISSMA working paper n. 26, Ce.St.In.Geo. geopolitical outlook 2020*, pp. 93–111, Ed. by A. Plebani & R. Redaelli [Italian only]

- 2020 G. Perletta. **Rise and decline of Iranian hardliners: why the Ahmadinejad's group shifted from power to opposition** *The Islamic World in Contemporary and Historical Perspective*, Ed. by I. Konczak, M. Lewicka & A.S. Nalborczyk, Uniwersytet Łódzki (UŁ), pp. 35–46
- 2019 G. Perletta. **From quietism to political activism: Iranian clergy participation in the Constitutional Revolution (1905-1906)** *Giornale di Storia Contemporanea*, vol. XXIII, n.s., 2, pp. 101–132 [Italian only]

Commentaries and Other Publications

- Apr. 2023 **The diplomatic detente between Iran and Saudi Arabia: what gains for Tehran?**, *MedOr Foundation* [Italian only]
- Mar. 2023 **Iran's role in Iraq twenty years after the fall of Saddam Hussein**, *MedOr Foundation* [Italian only]
- Jan. 2023 **Water scarcity in the Middle East: what limits to cooperation?**, *MedOr Foundation* [Italian only]
- Nov. 2022 **The wave of protests in Iran: dynamics and risks**, *Aspenia Online* [Italian only]
- Nov. 2022 **Protests continue in Iran: what does it means and what to expect**, *MedOr Foundation* [Italian only]
- Oct. 2022 **Water scarcity in the Middle East: a challenge for the region and its multilateral relations**, *MedOr Foundation* [Italian only]
- Oct. 2022 **The Iranian protests against political discriminations** *Editorial, Domani*
- May 2022 **Iran: nuclear negotiations, relations with Moscow and popular protests**, *Focus Mediterraneo Allargato n. 19, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)* [Italian only]
- Jun. 2021 **Iran's regional projection between false myths and geopolitical interests**, *OASIS Foundation, Progetto Rivoluzioni Incompiute* [Italian only]
- Feb. 2021 **Postrevolutionary Citizen: the activism of students and women in Iran**, *OASIS Foundation, Progetto Rivoluzioni Incompiute*
- Oct. 2020 **Is Iran still a revolutionary state?**, *OASIS Foundation, Progetto Rivoluzioni Incompiute* [Italian only]
- Jul. 2020 **Iran: What to Expect from Qalibaf and 'his' Parliament**, *OASIS Foundation*
- Jan. 2020 **What massive gatherings for Soleimani's death can tell us about Iranian society** *Aspenia Online*
- Nov. 2019 **Iran protests: a quest for reforms turns into a widespread discontent**, *Atlantic Council*
- Jul. 2019 **The US waiting strategy towards Tehran and the war of accusation**, *Aspenia Online*
- Mar. 2019 **What the US Iran strategy explains about Washington's Mideast policy**, *Aspenia Online*
- Feb. 2019 **The ongoing transformations of Iranian society**, *Aspenia Online*
- Jan. 2019 **Beyond Westoxification and Orientalism: How to Read Iranian Politics**, *Atlantic Council*

- Jan. 2019 **Rouhani Under Attack, but Iran Will Not Collapse** , *OASIS Foundation*
- Nov. 2018 **New Wave of Sanctions Spurs Iranian Political Repositioning**, *Atlantic Council*
- Sep. 2018 **The political trajectory of a former president: the return of Ahmadinejad**, *Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)* [Italian only]
- Jul. 2018 **Iranians Await New Sanctions With Stoic Pessimism**, *Atlantic Council*
- Jul. 2018 **Street Protests and Socio-Economic Challenges in Iran: The Case of Khuzestan Province**, *Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) Commentaries*, 18|38
- Jun. 2018 **How Recent protests Could revive Ahmadinejad's fortune in Iran**, *Atlantic Council*
- May 2018 **Iranian political debate during the nuclear deal** , *Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)* [Italian only]

Conferences

- Jun. 2023 *10th National Conference*, Italian Society of International History (SISI), University of Naples L'Orientale (Napoli, Italy).
Panel organizer: Ideological adherence and pragmatism in the global history of Non-alignment: themes, perspectives, and geographies compared. Paper: **Evolution of Iranian Non-Alignment: the Islamic Republic's foreign posture and the decades-long confrontation between idealism and pragmatism**
- Dec. 2022 *What does it mean to belong*, SEPAD's Annual Conference, Lancaster University (Lancaster, UK).
Panel organizer: Negotiating Iranian identity: between Prescriptions and Subscriptions of Belonging. Paper: **Building political identity through self-representation. Political goals behind Hassan Rouhani's diplomatic discourse**
- Jul. 2022 *Exploring and Contesting the (re)production of coloniality in the Middle East: Borders, Transnationalism, and Resistance*, BRISMES's Annual Conference, University of St. Andrews (St. Andrews, UK).
Paper: **Labelling the "others" and representing the "self": how Iran portrayed itself by naming the West in the Eighties**
- Dec. 2021 *Sixth Finnish Colloquium of Middle East and North African Studies*, Finnish Institute in The Middle East, Helsinki (Helsinki, Finland).
Paper: **The struggle for water: the enduring dispute between Iran and Iraq**
- Jun. 2019 *Joining the dots: interdisciplinarity in Middle East studies*, BRISMES's Annual Conference, University of Leeds (Leeds, UK).
Paper: **Who Is Radical in Iran? Problems of Translation and Attribution of Western Labels**
- Apr. 2019 *Symposia Iranica*, Fourth Biennial Iranian Study Conference, University of St. Andrews (St. Andrews, UK).
Paper: **Transformation of the social contract in post-revolutionary Iran**
- Jan. 2019 *Path of Resistance in Middle East and North Africa*, 14th Conference of the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO), University of Turin (Turin, Italy).
Panel organizer: New forms of resistance from below in Iran: actors and praxis. Paper: **The resistance of the "oppressed": how the social contract has changed in Iran** [Italian only]

- Oct. 2018 *Symposia Iranica*, Fourth International Symposium on Politics and Society in the Islamic world, University of Łódź (Łódź. Poland).
Paper: **Renewing sources of legitimacy in a post-revolutionary regime: The Iranian hardliners between power and opposition**

Academic Lectures

- Sep 2023 **Introduction to International Contemporary History**,
University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy.
Seminar for Masters programs (6 hours)
- Jan 2023 **Crisis in Iran: interpretative tools to understand domestic dynamics**,
University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy.
Open seminar (2 hours)
- Dec 2022 **Youth, women, students: understand protests in the Islamic Republic of Iran**,
University of Trieste, Gorizia, Italy.
Graduate course: Diplomacy and International Cooperation (2 hours)
- Nov 2022 **The Iranian revolution in the Global System**,
University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy.
Graduate course: History and International Relations of the Middle East (2 hours)
- Oct 2022 **Iran: understand the protests in a changing society**,
Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Brescia, Italy.
Open seminar (2 hours)
- Oct 2022 **Iran: international profiles and domestic political crisis**,
University of Padova, Padova, Italy.
Undergrad course: History of International Relations (2 hours)
- Oct 2022 **Iran's history and contemporary politics: which scenarios for its future?**,
University of Bologna, Ravenna, Italy.
Seminar at the Department of Cultural Heritage (2 hours)
- Oct 2022 **Iranian women struggle for their own liberties**,
University of Siena, Siena, Italy.
Graduate course: International History (2 hours)
- Jun 2022 **Iran and Japan relations: a contemporary overview**,
University of Turin, Turin, Italy.
Workshop on Japan Foreign policy in contemporary Asia (2 hours)
- Apr 2022 **Iran in the Nineteen Century**,
Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan, Italy.
Graduate course: Islamic Asia (2 hours)
- Mar 2022 **The victory of revolutionary ideas and their struggle to become real: the Iranian case study and the heritage of 1979**,
Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan, Italy.
Seminar to PhD students in Institutions and Policies (2 hours)

- Nov 2021 **Iran in the Nineteen Century**,
Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan, Italy.
Undergrad course: Geopolitics (2 hours)
- Nov 2021 **Iran in the Nineteen Century**,
Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan, Italy.
Undergrad course: History Of Civilizations (2 hours)
- May 2021 **Iran in the Nineteen Century**,
Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan, Italy.
Graduate course: Islamic Asia(2 hours)
- May 2019 **Iran in the Nineteen Century**,
Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan, Italy.
Graduate course: Islamic Asia(2 hours)

— Languages

Italian: Native

English: C1 Advanced

Persian: B2 Intermediate – Intensive courses at Dekhoda Institute, University of Tehran, (Tehran, Iran), 2015–2017