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## RESEARCH AREAS

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Comparative Politics; International Relations; Political Leadership; Indian history and Politics; South-Asian history and Politics; Democratization in India and South Asia; Theory of Nationalism; Theory of Democratization; low caste and untouchables mobilization and movements; Indian Foreign Policy; Political History; Qualitative Research Methods.

## RESEARCH POSITIONS/ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**Adjunct Professor (temporary appointment) in Political Science** (second part) April 2019 - present  
Department of Economics, Alma Mater Studiorum, Università di Bologna, Bologna, Italy

**Teaching Assistant (tutor didattico), Introduction to World Politics** October 2018 - present  
Department of Political and Social Sciences, Alma Mater Studiorum, Università di Bologna, Bologna, Italy

**Teaching Assistant (tutor didattico), International Relations** October 2018 - present  
Department of Political and Social Sciences, Alma Mater Studiorum, Università di Bologna, Bologna, Italy

**Teaching Assistant (tutor didattico), Political Science (A-E)** February 2019 - present  
Department of Political and Social Sciences, Alma Mater Studiorum, Università di Bologna, Bologna, Italy

**Teaching Assistant (tutor didattico), Political Science (F-N)** February 2019 - present  
Department of Political and Social Sciences, Alma Mater Studiorum, Università di Bologna, Bologna, Italy

**Teaching Assistant (tutor didattico), Political Science (O-Z)** February 2019 - present  
Department of Political and Social Sciences, Alma Mater Studiorum, Università di Bologna, Bologna, Italy

**Interviewer for Research Survey** October - December 2014  
Political and Social Analyses Lab (LAPS), University of Siena, Italy and PEW Research Centre, USA

## EDUCATION

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**PhD, Comparative and European Politics**, University of Siena, Siena, Italy September 2008 – June 2014

- Supervisors: Prof. Jean Blondel (European University Institute) and Prof. Maurizio Cotta (University of Siena).
- Dissertation title: *Prophet and Statesman in Crafting Democracy: Leaders, Ideas, Compromises and Political Change. The Political Leadership's impact in building India's Democracy*

**Master of Arts, Middle East Studies**, University of Urbino Carlo Bo, April 2005 – January 2006  
Urbino, Italy

- History of International Relations, Country Economy, International Law, Sociology and Demography.

**Master of Arts, Political Science**, University of Catania, Catania, Italy September 2000 – December 2004

- Supervisor: Prof. Fulvio Attinà (University of Catania)

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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### PhD Scholarship

2008 - 2011

3-year scholarship provided by University of Catania, Catania, Italy

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Lecturer – Bureaucracy

May 2019

Department of Political and Social Sciences, Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna, Bologna, Italy

- Undergraduate-level seminar within the course on Political science (A-E)

### Lecturer – Introduction to EU Political system

April 2019

Department of Political and Social Sciences, Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna, Bologna, Italy

- Undergraduate-level seminar within the course on Introduction to Political Science (O-Z)

### Lecturer – EU Policy Making

April 2019

Department of Political and Social Sciences, Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna, Bologna, Italy

- Undergraduate-level seminar within the course on Introduction to Political Science (F-N)

### Lecturer – India as Great Power

November 2018

Department of Political and Social Sciences, Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna, Bologna, Italy

- Undergraduate-level seminar within the course on Introduction to World Politics

### Guest Lecturer – India-China Relations

May 2017

Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences (DISPOC), University of Siena, Siena, Italy

- Postgraduate-level seminar, Master Program in Global Governance, Cultural Diplomacy and International Relations (unpaid lecture)

### Guest Lecturer – India in Africa

November 2015

Department of Human and Social Sciences, University for Foreigners of Perugia, Perugia, Italy

- Two-hour Seminar Undergraduate-level seminar (unpaid lecture)

### Guest Lecturer – India in Africa

November 2015

Department of Political and International Sciences (DISPI), University of Siena, Siena, Italy

- Two-hour Seminar Undergraduate-level seminar (unpaid lecture)

### Teaching Assistant, Political Science

October 2010 – January 2011

Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences (DISPOC), University of Siena, Siena, Italy

## VISITING POSITIONS

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### Visiting Researcher

February - April 2011

Institute of Commonwealth Studies, School of Advanced Study, University of London, London, UK.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

Fabio Leone (*Forthcoming*), *Prophet and Statesman in Crafting Democracy in India. Political Leadership, Ideas, and Compromises*, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books

## Book Chapters

Fabio Leone (*forthcoming*) “Sri Lanka 2018: The Unfinished Drama of Island State Democracy”, in Michelguglielmo Torri, Elisabetta Basile e Nicola Mocci (eds.), *Asia Maior Vol. XXIX/2018*.

Fabio Leone (2018) “Sri Lanka 2017: The Uncertain Road of the «Yahapalayanaya» Government?”, in Michelguglielmo Torri, Elisabetta Basile e Nicola Mocci (eds.), *Asia Maior Vol. XXVIII/2017. Asia in the Waning Shadow of American Hegemony*, Rome: Viella 331-350 (ISBN 978-88-3313-044-6).

Fabio Leone (2017) “Sri Lanka 2016: Does the New Era Continue?”, in Michelguglielmo Torri e Nicola Mocci (eds.), *Asia Maior Vol. XXVII/2016. The End of the Obama Era in Asia*, Rome: Viella, 297-313 (ISBN 978-88-6728-885-4).

## Peer-reviewed Articles

Fabio Leone (2015) “Democrazie dinastiche: la famiglia Nehru-Gandhi e la costruzione della democrazia in India”, *RdP - Rivista di Politica*, N.3, July-September, 59-73, (ISSN 2037-495X)

## Other works, and book reviews

Fabio Leone (2016) “*Book Review: Maya Tudor, The Promise of Power: The Origins of Democracy in India and Autocracy in Pakistan*”, *Political Studies Review*, Vol. 14, Issue 3 (first published online May 6, 2016) DOI:10.1177/1478929916644549

Fabio Leone (2016) “Review of Political Leadership, Nascent Statehood and Democracy. A comparative study, by Urlika Möller and Isabell Schierenbeck”, *Democratization*, Vol. 23, Issue 4, 770-772 (first published online on Sep 17, 2015) DOI: 10.1080/13510347.2015.1074568

Fabio Leone (2007) “Violazioni rilevate dalla Corte Internazionale di Giustizia in relazione alla costruzione del muro in Palestina”, in *‘Nuova geografia dei diritti umani’. Atti del Convegno, Palazzo Chiaramonte Steri, Palermo, 29 Aprile, 2005. Quaderni del Ce.s.vo.p.*, Vol.12, Palermo: Cesvop, 173-182. (In Italian)

## Work in Progress

The Indian Exceptionalism. The Puzzling Democratization of India, a Review Essay (working title)

Why did India become a democracy and Pakistan did not? A survey of literature and some comments to scholarly debates (working title) (Paper for submission to *Comparative Politics*);

The India’s Grand Strategy and the national security apparatus: How far has the Modi government come?

Leaders matter. An exploration of Political Leadership literature and some Hints for scholarly debate (working title). (Paper for submission to *Leadership*);

Does the International Context matter? The international determinants of the two different political trajectories of India and Pakistan (working title);

The plebeians look up: why do the poor vote more than the rich in India? (working title);

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 69<sup>th</sup> PSA Political Studies Association Annual International Conference,** 2019  
Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, United Kingdom, 15-17 April  
Paper presented: "The India's Grand Strategy and the national security apparatus: How far has the Modi government come?"
- Centro studi Popoli Extraeuropei Cesare Bonacossa (CSPE) and Asia-Maior Conference** 2017  
**'L'Asia alla fine dell'era Obama' (Asia and the End of Obama Era),**  
University of Pavia, Pavia, Italy, October  
Paper presented: "Sri Lanka Democratization".
- 11<sup>th</sup> ECPR General Conference, European Consortium for Political Research,** 2017  
University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway, 6-9 September  
Paper presented: "The painful ordeal of India's Democracy. The Indira Gandhi's Emergency period (1975-77) and its influence on the India's democracy"
- 9<sup>th</sup> ADI Annual Conference, Asian Dynamics Initiative,** 2017  
University of Copenhagen, Denmark, 26-28 June  
Paper presented: "The painful ordeal of India's Democracy. The Indira Gandhi's Emergency period (1975-77) and its influence on the India's democracy"
- 30<sup>th</sup> SISIP Annual Conference, Italian Political Science Association,** 2016  
University of Milano, Milano, Italy, 15 -17 September  
Paper presented: "The painful ordeal of India's Democracy. The Indira Gandhi's Emergency period (1975-77) and its influence on the India's democracy".
- Round Table on Emerging Security Challenges in The Indian Ocean Region,** 2016  
University of Pavia, Pavia, Italy,  
Discussant
- 3<sup>rd</sup> WISC Global International Studies Conference, World International Studies Committee,** 2011  
University of Porto, Porto, Portugal, 17-20 August  
Paper presented: "Does Democracy flourish in Peaceful context? The odd case of India"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> WISC Global International Studies Conference, World International Studies Committee,** 2011  
University of Porto, Porto, Portugal, 17-20 August  
Panel Discussant: *Sovereignty and Human Rights protections: Which way forward?*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> SISIP Graduate Conference, Italian Political Science Association,** 2011  
University of Torino, Torino, Italy  
Paper presented: "Constructing Democratic Consolidation. Exploration of the Political Leadership's influence on the Consolidation of democracy in India".
- 3<sup>rd</sup> ECPR Graduate Conference, European Consortium for Political Research,** 2010  
Dublin City University (DCU), Dublin, Ireland  
Paper presented: "Religion, Nationalism and Nation-Building. The crisis of National Identity in Israel and Pakistan".

## OTHER WORKSHOPS AND COURSES EXPERIENCES

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- Two-days Crash Course in Experimental Designs in Political Science** 2014  
University of Siena, Istituto Italiano di Studi di Scienze Umane-Scuola Normale Superiore (SUM - SNS), Firenze and Bologna, Italy,

**Two-days Crash Course in Experimental Designs in Political Science** 2014  
University of Siena, Istituto Italiano di Studi di Scienze Umane-Scuola Normale Superiore (SUM - SNS), Firenze and Bologna, Italy,

**Two-days Crash Course in Case Study and Comparative Research Design** 2014  
University of Siena, Istituto Italiano di Studi di Scienze Umane-Scuola Normale Superiore (SUM - SNS), Firenze and Bologna, Italy,

**One-day Crash Course on LaTeX: Introduction to LaTeX for Social Scientists** 2011  
University of Siena, Italy

**Workshop on Democracy in India,** 2010  
Centro studi Popoli Extraeuropei, Cesare Bonacossa, University of Pavia, Pavia, Italy

**Three-day Crash Course: Introduction to SPSS and STATA,** 2008  
University of Siena, Siena, Italy

**Summer School in Analysis of International Relations** 2005  
ASERI - Postgraduate School of Economics and International Relations, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milano, Italy

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIP

*Asia Maior* – The Italian Think Thank on Asia, European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)

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## PERSONAL COMPETENCES

Mother tongue(s)	Italian				
Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
<i>Self-assessment EU level *</i>	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	(B1) Independent User	(B1) Independent User	(B1) Independent User	(B1) Independent User	(B1) Independent User
French	(A2) Basic User	(A2) Basic User	(A2) Basic User	(A2) Basic User	(A2) Basic User

\*Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Computer skills and competences

- good command of Microsoft Office™ tools;
- working Knowledge of SPSS statistical package

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## REFEREES

Prof. Jean Blondel, Professor Emeritus, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, [jean.blondel@eui.eu](mailto:jean.blondel@eui.eu)

Prof. Maurizio Cotta, Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences, University of Siena, [maurizio.cotta@unisi.it](mailto:maurizio.cotta@unisi.it)

Prof. James Manor, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, the School of Advanced Study, University of London Senate House, United Kingdom, [james.manor@sas.ac.uk](mailto:james.manor@sas.ac.uk)

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