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Centre Interdisciplinaire de Recherche sur l'Afrique et le Moyen-Orient
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EDUCATION

Main

07/01/2014-31/10/2017	PhD in Political Studies Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Milan, Italy
01/09/2010 -08/11/2012	MA in International Relations Department of Political Sciences, LUISS University of Rome, Italy
01/09/2007 -28/10/2010	BA in Political Sciences Department of Political Sciences, LUISS University of Rome, Italy
<i>Other</i>	
10/08/2015 - 21/08/2015	Summer School on Quantitative Text Analysis University of Essex, United Kingdom
05/06/2013 - 19/06/2013	Summer School on Research Strategies in Policies Studies Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Milan, Italy
01/07/2011 - 11/08/2011	Intensive Course of Arabic Faculté des Lettres et des Sciences Humaines, University of Sousse, Tunisia

CURRENT POSITIONS

01/06/2021	Associate Fellow North Africa and Middle East Politics Centre Interdisciplinaire de Recherche sur l'Afrique et le Moyen-Orient, Université Laval, Québec, Canada
01/01/2019 -	Guest Lecturer Politics of the Middle East and North Africa Walter Tobagi School of Journalism, University of Milan, Milan, Italy
01/09/2018 -	Adjunct professor Course of Methodology and research Methods for Political and Social Sciences ASERI Graduate School, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan, Italy
01/09/2020 -29/10/2021	Adjunct Professor Course of Islam, Politics and the Middle East (BA) Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

01/07/2019 - 30/11/2019	Research Assistant Project "Blue Sky - Gender and Power in Italian Politics, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Pavia
01/09/2018 - 31/01/2020	Adjunct Professor Course of Political Science (BA) Department of Political Sciences, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy
01/03/2015 - 31/12/2018	Teaching Assistant Course of Political Science (BA)

01/09/2016 - 31/10/2016	Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Milan, Italy Visiting Researcher
01/03/2013 - 30/04/2015	Department of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter, United Kingdom Guest Lecturer
01/02/2013 - 31/07/2014	Course of Mediterranean Politics (BA) IES Abroad University, Rome, Italy Teaching Assistant
	Course of Public Policies Analysis (BA) Department of Political Sciences, LUISS University of Rome, Italy

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCES

01/04/2014 -	Contributor Italian Institute for the Study of International Politics (ISPI) Milan, Italy
01/01/2015 - 30/09/2015	Contributor for Tunisian Politics Research Assistant National Institute of Public Policies Analysis (JNAPP) and Centro di Documentazione Luigi Einaudi Rome and Turin, Italy Project "Strategic Research for Economic and Social Policies: The Role of JNAPP in light of European Experiences"
01/05/2013 - 30/09/2019	Researcher Brainville Berlin, Germany Political analyst of Tunisian affairs and networking
01/04/2012 - 31/08/2012	Intern Italian Embassy in Tunisia Tunis, Tunisia Coordination of the activities promoted by the Italian Cultural Institute
01/06/2011 - 01/07/2011	Intern European Association of International Studies (AESI) Rome, Italy Research activities upon European politics and its international relations

HONORS AND AWARDS

01/02/2021	Shortlisted for a one-year fellowship Middle East Initiative, Harvard Kennedy School
31/10/2017	Honors Distinction Awarded by the University of Milan for the Ph.D. Thesis "Political Parties as Combiners: Transitions in Tunisia and Egypt between Democratization and Authoritarian Resilience"
08/11/2012	Special Academic Mention Awarded by LUISS University for the MA Thesis "Which Transition for Tunisia? Perspectives of Democratization 2011-2012"
01/03/2012	Field Research Grant Awarded by LUISS University to conduct field research in Tunisia for the final dissertation

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journal articles and invited book chapters

- Resta, V. and Cavatorta F. (forthcoming 2023) "Political Parties in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia". In G. Joffe (ed.). *Routledge Handbook on North Africa*. London: Routledge.
- Resta, V. and Cavatorta F. (forthcoming 2022) "Salafi Politics Amidst the Chaos: Revolution at home and revolution abroad?". In S. Shehata *The Struggle to Reshape the Middle East*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.
- Kraetzschmar, H. and Resta, V. (forthcoming 2022) "Political Parties in the Arab Middle East". Carter N., Keith D. and G. Sindre (eds.). *Routledge Handbook of Political Parties*. London: Routledge.
- Resta, V. (2022). "The 'Myth of Moderation' Following the Arab Uprisings: A Quantitative Text Analysis of Party Manifestos in Tunisia and Egypt's Founding Elections". *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*.
- Resta, V. (2021). "'The Terminal': Political Parties and Identity Issues in the Arab World". In Cavatorta F., Storm L. and Resta V. (eds). *Political Parties in the Middle East and North Africa*. London: Routledge.
- Cavatorta, F. and Resta, V. (2020). Beyond quietism: party institutionalization, Salafism and the economy. *Politics and Religion*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1755048320000292>
- Resta, V. (2019). The effect of electoral autocracy in Egypt's failed transition: a party politics perspective. *Italian Political Science Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/ipo.2019.6>
- Resta, V. (2018). "Leftist Parties in the Arab Region Before and After the Arab Spring: Unrequited Love?" in Cavatorta F., Storm L. (eds.), *Political Parties in the Arabic World: Continuity and Change*. Edinburgh University Press. ISBN 978-1474424073
- Resta, V. (2018). Religion in the Public Sphere: New Perspectives for Muslim-Majority Countries. *Centro Einaudi - Laboratorio di Politica Comparata e Filosofia Pubblica*, ISBN 978-88-94960-00-6
- Resta, V (2018). Political change in the Middle East and North Africa: After the Arab Spring. *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*. DOI: 10.1080/13530194.2018.1446272

Books

- Resta, V. (forthcoming 2022). *Tunisia and Egypt after the Arab Spring: Party Politics in Transitions from Authoritarian Rule*. London: Routledge.
- Cavatorta, F. and Resta, V. (eds.) (forthcoming 2023). *Routledge Handbook on Elections in the Middle East and North Africa*. London: Routledge.
- Cavatorta F., Storm L. and Resta, V. (eds) (2021). *Routledge Handbook on Political Parties in the Middle East and North Africa*. London: Routledge.

Manuscripts in preparation/submitted for review

- Resta, V., Cavatorta F. (submitted). Salafism: which foreign policy agenda?
- Resta, V., Daadaoui M. (submitted). "Between the Scepter and the Rifle: Multiparty Coalition Governments Under Authoritarian Tutelage in Morocco and Algeria".
- Resta, V. (in preparation). "The rationality of the Arab voter"

Others

- Cavatorta, F. e Resta, V. 2019. Money and Morals: Salafi Economics in the Arab World. Carnegie Middle East Center. <https://carnegie-mec.org/2019/03/06/money-and-morals-salafi-economics-in-arab-world-pub-78509>
- Resta, V. 2016. Il X Congresso di Ennahda: Quale Svolta per la Tunisia?. ISPI Commentary. <https://www.ispionline.it/it/pubblicazione/il-x-congresso-di-ennahda-quale-svolta-la-tunisia-15212>

Resta, V. 2014. Tunisia: Un Consiglio Superiore per l'Integrità e la Trasparenza delle Elezioni. ISPI Commentary. <https://www.ispionline.it/it/pubblicazione/tunisia-un-consiglio-superiore-lintegrita-e-la-trasparenza-delle-elezioni-11474>

REFEREE

Party Politics, Mediterranean Politics, British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies

CONFERENCES

Presentations

- Resta, V. (2018). Exploring the implications of authoritarian learning in transitional settings. Paper presented at the *Arab and African Politics* conference, Laval, QC.
- Resta, V. (2017). The Role of Political Parties in the Egyptian Failed Transition: "A Structured Agency problem", *Italian Political Science Association* annual conference, Urbino, IT.
- Resta, V. (2016). Is it a question of religion? Is it a real cleavage? Political Intermediation and voting behavior in 2011 elections in Tunisia and Egypt. *International Political Science Association* annual conference, Poznan, PL.
- Resta, V. (2015). Political Parties within Democratic Transitions: Setting the Ground for a New Research Agenda. *Italian Political Science Association* annual conference, Arcavacata di Rende, IT.
- Resta, V. (2013). "Democracy is the Only Way Ahead": Relations between Islamists and Secularists and How to Enlarge the Common Ground between Them. *Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy* annual conference, Tunisi, TN.

Panel chairing

- Resta, V., Ben Salem Maryam (2022). The methodological challenges for a systematization of our knowledge about parties and party systems in the MENA region. *SeSaMo - Società per gli Studi sul Medio Oriente*, Naples, IT.
- Resta, V., Negri F. (2016). The role of intermediate institutions in regime changes, democratization processes and in fostering the quality of democracy. In memory of Giulio Regeni. *Italian Political Science Association* annual conference, Milan, IT.

INVITED TALKS

Interviewed by Mare Lynch to discuss "The 'myth of moderation' following the Arab Uprisings: polarization in Tunisia and Egypt's founding elections" at the POMEPS Middle East Political Science Podcasts (March 2022). [Contesting the Iranian Revolution. A Dictator's Day in Court. and The Myth of Moderation \(S. 11. Ep. 73\) - Project on Middle East Political Science \(pomeps.org\)](#)

LANGUAGES

English	European Level: C1 -Proficient User
French	European Level: C1 -Proficient User
Arabic	European Level: B1 -Independent User