

Valeria Resta | CV

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

Other

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 Course of Mediterranean Politics (BA) IES Abroad University, Rome, Italy
01/02/2013 – 31/07/2014	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 Contributor for Tunisian Politics
01/01/2015 – 30/09/2015	Research Assistant National Institute of Public Policies Analysis (INAPP) and Centro di Documentazione Luigi Einaudi Rome and Turin, Italy Project “Strategic Research for Economic and Social Policies: The Role of INAPP 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 Tunisian 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 Ennadha: Quale Svolta per la Tunisia?. ISPI Commentary. <https://www.ispionline.it/it/pubblicazione/il-x-congresso-di-ennahdha-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, Poznań, 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 Marc 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 \(S. 11. Ep. 23\) - 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