

GIANNI DEL PANTA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Authoritarian Regimes; Regime Change; Democratization; North Africa; Revolution.

CURRENT POSITION

October 2021–September 2022

Research Fellow in the Department of Social and Political Science

Scuola Normale Superiore, Firenze, Italy

Project: Criminalità organizzata, corruzione e pandemia: le risposte della società civile

Coordinator: Prof. Donatella della Porta

ACADEMIC TITLE

National Scientific Qualification (ASN), Associate Professor (Fascia II), Section 14/A2 (2022–2032), unanimously approved

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

October 2020–September 2021

Research Fellow in the Department of Social and Political Science

Scuola Normale Superiore, Firenze, Italy

Project: Why Does International Economic Cooperation Wax and Wane?

Coordinator: Prof. Manuela Moschella

April 2018–March 2020

Research Fellow in the Department of Social, Political, and Cognitive Science

University of Siena, Siena, Italy

Project: The Effects of the Crises on the Perception of Democracy in Europe

Coordinator: Prof. Luca Verzichelli

February 2017–March 2018

Research Fellow in the Department of Social, Political, and Cognitive Science

University of Siena, Siena, Italy

Project: EUENGAGE European Project

Coordinator: Prof. Maurizio Cotta

EDUCATION

PhD University of Siena, Siena, Italy; Comparative Political Science, April 2017

Thesis: “Mass-Based Uprisings and the Breakdown of Authoritarian Regimes: Comparing Tunisia and Egypt in Light of Algeria’s Stability”

Supervisor: Prof. Maurizio Cotta

MS University of Florence, Florence, Italy; Political Science, May 2012

Thesis: “Origin and Decline of the Two-Party System in Britain”
Summa cum laude
Supervisor: Prof. Alessandro Chiaramonte

BS University of Florence, Florence, Italy; Media and Journalism, May 2009
Thesis: “The Modest Achievements of a Neo-Communist Party: The History of the Communist Refoundation Party”
Supervisor: Prof. Carlo Baccetti

VISITING APPOINTMENTS

CSA Research Group – Exceptional Political Dynamics: Temporality, Turbulence, Transformation

November 2019 – January 2020
Center for Advanced Studies of the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
Munich, Germany
Organizer: Prof. Klaus H. Goetz

Erasmus+

March 2019
University of Carthage, Department of Political Science
Carthage, Tunisia
Organizer: Prof. Salsabil Klibi

Cost Action Programme

February-March 2018
University of Frankfurt, Department of Social Sciences
Frankfurt, Germany
Supervisor: Prof. Claudius Wagemann

PhD Visiting Scholar

May 2016
University of Gent, Department of Conflict and Development Studies
Gent, Belgium
External Supervisor: Dr. Brecht De Smet

PhD Visiting Scholar

April-June 2015
American University of Cairo, Humanities and Social Sciences
Cairo, Egypt
External Supervisor: Prof. Holger Albrecht

PhD Visiting Scholar

January-February 2015
University of St Andrews, International Relations
St Andrews, Scotland, United Kingdom
External Supervisor: Dr. Adham Saouli

FURTHER EDUCATION

Set-Theoretic Methods: Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Related Approaches,
24 July – 9 August 2014

ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques

University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Instructors: Prof. Carsten Schneider & Patrick Mello

Qualitative Methods: Process-Tracing and Mechanisms

7 – 18 July 2013

Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis

University of Essex, Colchester, England, United Kingdom

Instructor: Prof. Frank Schimmelfennig

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant Sept 2016 – March 2020

University of Siena, Siena, Italy

Undergraduate Course: Comparative Politics

Course Teacher: Prof. Maurizio Cotta

Teaching Assistant Dec 2016 – March 2020

University of Siena, Siena, Italy

Master Course: Global Politics

Course Referent: Prof. Luca Verzichelli

Instructor Oct 2019

University of Siena, Siena, Italy

Euro-Master

Course: Non-democratic regimes

Instructor Nov – Dec 2019

University of Siena, Siena, Italy

Master: Conflict Management and Humanitarian Action

Course: Humanitarian Action in the MENA

Instructor Nov 2020 – Jan 2021

University of Siena, Siena, Italy

Master: Conflict Management and Humanitarian Action

Course: Regime Change and Humanitarian Action in the MENA

Professor Sep 2021 – Dec 2021

James Madison University, Florence, Italy

Master: Political Science

Course: European Comparative Politics

Instructor Jan 2022 – Feb 2022

University of Siena, Siena, Italy

Master: Conflict Management and Humanitarian Action

Course: Regime Change and Humanitarian Action in the MENA

Professor Jan 2022 – Apr 2022

James Madison University, Florence, Italy

Master: Political Science
Course: European Economic and Social Policy

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND COLLABORATIONS

Developer Sep 2018 – Feb 2020

University of Siena, Italy – Fully financed by the EU Commission
Erasmus+: Capacity Building in Higher Education – International Capacity Building
Project: Social Hub Engagement for the Enhancement of Democracy in Tunisia
Coordinator: University of Siena

Book Reviewer Apr 2014 – Oct 2014

University of Siena, Siena, Italy
Project: “Manuale di Scienza Politica”
Coordinators: Prof. Gilberto Capano, Simona Piattoni, Francesco Raniolo, and Luca Verzichelli

Research Collaborator Nov 2013 – Jan 2014

University of Cagliari, Cagliari, Italy
Project: “Candidate and Leader Selection”
Coordinator: Prof. Fulvio Venturino

Research Collaborator May 2016 – July 2016

University of Siena, Siena, Italy
Project: “Euengage European Project”
Coordinator: Prof. Pierangelo Isernia

BOOK

Del Pantà, G. (2019). “L’Egitto tra rivoluzione e controrivoluzione: Da piazza Tahrir al colpo di stato di una borghesia in armi [*Egypt between Revolution and Counterrevolution: From Tahrir square to the coup d’état of a bourgeoisie-in-arms*]”. Bologna: Il Mulino.

BOOK CHAPTER

Del Pantà, G. (2020). “Da Tahrir alle fabbriche: Operai e sindacati nella rivoluzione [From Tahrir to Factories: Workers and Trade Unions in the Revolution]”. In Casini, L., D. Melfa, e P. Starkey (a cura di). *Minnena: L’Egitto, l’Europa e la ricerca dopo l’assassinio di Giulio Regeni* [Minnena: Egypt, Europe and Research after Giulio Regeni’s Murder]. Pp. 81-105. Messina: Mesogea.

Del Pantà, G. (2020). “The Workers and the Left Are Not One Hand: Insights from Algeria”. In Cavatorta, F., L. Storm, and V. Resta (eds.) *Routledge Handbook on Political Parties in the Middle East and North Africa*. Pp. 295–306. London: Routledge.

Del Pantà, G. (2021). “Algeria History”. In *The Middle East and North Africa 2021*. Pp. 73–81. London: Routledge.

Del Pantà, G. and M. Guidi (2022). "Uncommon Past, Common Present? The Decline of Italy's Center-Left". In Menz G. (ed.) *The Resistible Corrosion of Europe's Center-Left*. Pp. 107–127. London: Routledge.

Del Pantà, G. (2022). "Algeria History – Updated Version". In *The Middle East and North Africa 2022*. Pp. 75–84. London: Routledge.

PEER-REVIEWED INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL ARTICLES

Del Pantà, G. (2016). "The Role of the Egyptian Working Class in Mubarak's Ouster". *Partecipazione e Conflitto*. 9(2): 614-639.

D'Amato, S. and G. Del Pantà (2017). "Does Rentierism Have a Conditional Effect on Violence? Regime Oil Dependency and Civil War in Algeria". *The Extractive Industries and Society*. 4(2): 361-370.

Del Pantà, G. (2017). "Weathering the Storm: Why Was There No Arab Uprising in Algeria?". *Democratization*. 24(6): 1085-1102.

Del Pantà, G. (2019). "The Stubbornness of Authoritarianism: Autocracy-to-autocracy Transitions in the World between 2000 and 2015". *Italian Political Science Review/ Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica*. 49(2): 139-155.

Del Pantà, G. (2020). "Cross-Class and Cross-Ideological Convergences Over Time: Insights from the Tunisian and Egyptian Revolutionary Uprisings". *Government and Opposition: An International Journal of Comparative Politics*. 55(4): 634-652.

Del Pantà, G. (2020). "From Uneven and Combined Development to Revolution: The Roots of Algeria's Crisis". *International Socialism*. 166(Spring): 65–84.

Del Pantà, G. (2021). "The Revolutionary Character of the 'Arab Revolutions' and How They Could be Studied". *Partecipazione e Conflitto*. 14(2): 760–773.

Del Pantà, G. (2022). "Reflections on the failure of the Egyptian Revolution". *Middle East Critique*. 31(1): 21–39.

Del Pantà, G. (2022). "Defeating Autocrats from below: Insights from the 2019 Algerian Uprising". *Contemporary Politics*. First view: 1–19.

BOOK REVIEWS

Del Pantà, G. (2016). Review of Diamond, L. and M. Plattner (eds.). "Democratization and Authoritarianism in the Arab World". *Political Studies Review*, 14(1): 141.

Del Pantà, G. (2016). Review of Cohen, R. "Upheavals in the Middle East: The Theory and Practice of a Revolution". *Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa*. Available at: www.asmeascholars.org/publication_cat/book-notes/

Del Pantà, G. (2016). Review of Gana, N. (ed.). "The Making of the Tunisian Revolution: Contexts, Architects, Prospects". *Political Studies Review*. 14(2): 314-315.

Del Pantà, G. (2018). Review of Marfleet, P. "Egypt: Contested Revolution". *Political Studies Review*. 16(1): 106.

Del Pantà, G. (2018). Review of Grilli di Cortona P., B. Pisciotta, E. R. Terzuolo (eds.). "Crisis and Breakdown of Non-Democratic Regimes: Lessons from the Third Wave". *Democratization*. 25(4): 750-752.

Del Pantà, G. (2018). Review of Martinez, L. and R. A. Boserup (eds.). "Algeria Modern: From Opacity to Complexity". *Libyan Studies*. 49(1): 206-207.

Del Pantà, G. (2019). Review of Bayat, A. "Revolution without Revolutionaries: Making Sense of Arab Spring". *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*. 46(2): 330-332.

Del Pantà, G. (2020). Review of Martinez, L. "The State in North Africa: After the Arab Uprisings". *The Middle East Journal*. 74(4): 637-638.

Del Pantà, G. (2021). Review of Broder, D. "First They Took Rome: How the Populist Right Conquered Italy". *International Socialism*. 172(Winter): 207-215.

Del Pantà, G. (2022). Review of Joya, A. "The Roots of Revolt: A Political Economy of Egypt from Nasser to Mubarak". *The Middle East Journal*. 76(1): 117-118.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

De Lellis, F. e G. Del Pantà (2015). "Egitto, anniversari con scioperi". *Il Manifesto*, 3 luglio.

Del Pantà, G. (2016). "Algeria: militari e malcontento sociale, verso il golpe 'medico-legale'?" *Il Manifesto*, 14 novembre.

De Lellis, F., G. Del Pantà, G. e A. Meringolo (2016). "Collera d'Egitto". *Pagina99*, 12-18 marzo.

Del Pantà, G. (2020). "La rivoluzione vivrà se sarà anti-sistema". *Il Manifesto*, 22 febbraio.

WEB MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Del Pantà, G. (2015). "Algeria: La malattia di Bouteflika annuncia la fine di un'era?". *Reset*. 21 dicembre. (Also available in English, German, and Arabic)

Del Pantà, G. (2016). "Hocine Aït Ahmed: Militante rivoluzionario, difensore delle libertà politiche". *Reset*. 30 gennaio.

Del Pantà, G. (2016). "Egitto: Lunga striscia di sangue, la Rivoluzione è solo un ricordo". *Reset*. 5 febbraio. (Also available in English)

Del Pantà, G. (2016). "Tanta repressione e poco consenso: Benvenuti nell'Egitto di al-Sisi". *Reset*. 26 febbraio.

Del Pantà, G. (2016). "Egitto: Il ruggito di Mahalla al-Kubra, polo industriale del Delta del Nilo". *Reset*. 6 aprile.

Del Pantà, G. (2016). “Algeria, nuovi scioperi e sit-in: gli insegnanti guidano la protesta”. *Reset*. 25 maggio.

Del Pantà, G. (2016). “Le dittature, la laicità, l’Islam politico. Il Medio Oriente di ieri e quello di oggi”. *Reset*. 01 luglio.

Del Pantà, G. (2016). “L’Islam politico in Algeria: genesi e crisi di una teoria politica”. *Reset*. 22 luglio.

Del Pantà, G. (2016). “Egitto, così il colpo di stato entra nel suo quarto anno”. *Reset*. 25 agosto. (Also available in English).

Del Pantà, G. (2016). “Quando si muove Rouïba: il ruggito del ‘vecchio’ cuore industriale d’Algeria”. *Reset*. 16 novembre.

Del Pantà, G. (2017). “Democrazia ‘terza ondata in riflusso’. Per il decimo anno libertà in calo”. *Reset*. 24 marzo.

Del Pantà, G. (2017). “Algeria: nessuna primavera (per ora) e un Islam frazionato”. In “Algeria al voto: incognita transizione”. *ISPI Dossier*. 2 maggio.

Del Pantà, G. (2017). “Senso e non senso delle elezioni legislative in Algeria”. *Reset*. 26 maggio.

Del Pantà, G. (2017). “Does Rouïba’s revolt herald Algeria’s coming storm?”. *Middle East Solidarity*. 7: 16-18.

Del Pantà, G. (2017). “Egypt’s Failed Revolution and its Long-Lasting Legacies”. *ResetDoc*. 20 December.

Del Pantà, G. (2018). “Egypt’s Presidential Election: More Selection than Election”. *ResetDoc*. 30 January.

Del Pantà, G. (2018). “China’s Growing Economic Role in Algeria”. *ResetDoc*. 25 September.

Del Pantà, G. (2019). “Algeria: The Storm Breaks”. *Middle East Solidarity*. 11: 18-19.

Del Pantà, G. (2019). “Ruthless Repression, Decreasing Legitimacy: Why al-Sisi’s Regime Risks Collapsing”. *ResetDoc*. 16 October.

Del Pantà, G. (2019). “A New President Was Sworn In. What Comes Next for Algeria?”. *ResetDoc*. 20 December.

Del Pantà, G. (2020). “From Mubarak to al-Sisi: What Has Changed in Egypt’s Political Structure?”. *ResetDoc*. 03 March.

Del Pantà, G. (2021). “Ten Years Later, Workers’ Protests Bring Memories of Egypt’s Revolution Back to Life”. *ResetDoc*. 22 January.

Del Pantà, G. (2021). "A Cold Authoritarian Wind Sweeps over the Middle East and North Africa". *ResetDoc*. 06 October.

Del Pantà, G. (2022). "Storm or Blessing? The War's Impact on North African Regimes". *ResetDoc*. 27 April.

Del Pantà, G. (2022). "I limiti del processo di autocratizzazione in Tunisia". *Cespi*. 29 luglio.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Del Pantà, G. (2014). "Why Did not Fall Authoritarian Regime in Algeria?", Paper presented at the ECPR Graduate Conference 3 – 5 July. Panel "Challenges of Political Transition in the Middle East: Internal and External Factors and Actors". University of Innsbruck, Innsbruck, Austria.

D'Amato S. and Del Pantà, G. (2015). "A Different Perspective on Rentierism: Regime Oil Dependency and Political Violence in Algeria". Paper presented at the ECPR General Conference 26 – 29 August 2015. Panel "Open Section: Comparative Political Economy". University of Montréal, Montréal, Canada.

Del Pantà, G. (2016). "The Tunisian Wind Did not Blow in Algeria: Same Regional Context, Different Protest Movements". Paper presented at the BRISMES Conference 13 – 15 July. Panel "Social Movements and Resistance". University of Wales Trinity St Davis, Lampeter, Wales, United Kingdom.

Del Pantà, G. (2016). "Labour Movements and the Arab Uprisings: Comparing Egypt, Morocco, and Tunisia". Paper presented at the SISP Conference 15 – 17 September. Panel "Regime Changes, Democratization Processes and the Fostering of Democracy Quality: The Role of Intermediate Institutions. In Memory of Giulio Regeni". University of Milan, Milan, Italy.

Del Pantà, G. (2017). "No Revolution Without Dual Power: Setting the Stage for a More Focused Primary Research in Revolutionary Egypt". Paper presented at "Giornata di studi sui lavoratori in Medio Oriente: storie e storiografie da Libano ed Egitto". 12 May. Panel "Lavoro e questione sociale: gli apporti operai e rurali alla rivoluzione egiziana". Università Cà Foscari, Venezia, Italy.

Del Pantà, G. (2017). "Foran's Third World Revolutions: A Theoretical and Empirical Critique in the Wake of the Tunisian and Egyptian Uprisings". Paper presented at the BRISMES Conference 5 – 7 July. Panel "Theories and Practices of Political Movements and State Formation in Egypt and the Middle East". University of Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom.

Del Pantà, G. (2017). "Mass-Based Uprisings and the Breakdown of Authoritarian Regimes: Some Preliminary Notes". Paper presented at the ECPR General Conference 6 – 9 September. Panel "Social Movements and the Change and Stability of Authoritarian Regimes". University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway.

Del Pantà, G. (2017). "More Re-Authoritarianization than De-Democratization: Preliminary Notes on the Frequent Journey from One Autocracy to Another". Paper presented at the

SISP Conference 14 – 16 September. Panel “An Authoritarian Resurgence? De-Democratization and Authoritarian Resilience in the Contemporary World”. Università degli Studi di Urbino Carlo Bo, Urbino, Italy.

Del Pantà, G. and L. Feltrin (2017). “Labour and Democracy in the Maghreb: Algerian, Moroccan and Tunisian Trade Unions in the 2011 Arab Uprisings”. Paper presented at the MESA Conference 18 – 21 November. Panel “Labour, Capitalism and Mobilization after the Arab Spring”. Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, DC, United States.

Del Pantà, G. (2018). “Why Did the Egyptian Revolution Fail?”. Paper presented at the BRISMES Conference 25 – 28 June. Panel “Politics and Society in Contemporary Egypt: New Debates”. King’s College London, London, United Kingdom.

Del Pantà, G. (2018). “The growing social soul of the Algerian opposition movement”. Paper presented at the WOCMES Conference 16 – 20 July. Panel “Workers’ mobilizations and organizations in the Maghreb and Egypt”. University of Seville, Seville, Spain.

Del Pantà, G. (2018). “L’euro-sceitticismo delle masse e il paradosso anti-democratico dell’Unione Europea”. Paper presented at the SISP Conference 6 – 8 September. Panel “L’Unione Europea dopo la crisi: mobilitazione politica, rappresentanza e conflitto”. University of Torino, Torino, Italy.

Del Pantà, G. (2019). “A New Cycle of Protests in Algeria”. Paper presented at the SESAMO Conference 31 January – 2 February. Panel “Lavoro e Mobilitazioni in Medio Oriente e Nord Africa”. University of Torino, Torino, Italy.

Del Pantà, G. (2019). “From Uneven and Combined Development to Revolution: Algeria in Turmoil”. Paper presented at the Conference Uneven and Combined Development for the 21st Century. 5 – 7 September. Panel “Permanent Revolution in the Middle East and North Africa Today”. University of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom.

Del Pantà, G. (2019). “From Hegemonic Authoritarianism to Something Else: Social Foundations of Democracy and Military Dictatorship in Tunisia and Egypt”. Paper presented at the SISP Conference 11 – 13 September. Panel “Comparing non-democratic regimes’ survival, emergence and replacement”. University of Salento, Lecce, Italy.

Del Pantà, G. (2022). “Strikes and Protests in Algeria: Workers’ Activism and Trade Union Bureaucracy”. Paper presented at the conference “Labor in the MENA Region”, 4 – 7 January. American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon.

Del Pantà, G. (2022). “Studying Revolution through Antonio Gramsci’s Historical Bloc: Insights from Tunisia, Egypt, and Algeria”. Paper presented at the conference “Gramsci in the Middle East and North Africa”, 9 – 10 May. London School of Economics, London, United Kingdom.

Del Pantà, G. (2022). “Striking and Changing for Stability: Workers’ Mobilizations, Trade Unions, and Authoritarian Resilience in Post-2019 Algeria” Paper presented at the SeSaMO Conference “Explaining Crisis Beyond Chaos”, 22 – 24 January. University of Naples, l’Orientale, Naples, Italy.

Del Pantà, G. (2022). "Reflecting on How Rethinking Studies on Revolution" Paper presented at the SeSaMO Conference "Explaining Crisis Beyond Chaos", 22 – 24 January. University of Naples, l'Orientale, Naples, Italy.

Del Pantà, G. (2022). "Grassroots Resistance Movements in Industrial Districts: The Case of the no-Keu Permanent Assembly" Paper presented at the 4th ECPR General Conference on Organized Crime "Crossing Territorial and Disciplinary (B)orders: Empirical, Analytical and Policy Perspectives on Organized Crime", 04 – 06 July. University of Pisa, Pisa, Italy.

PANEL AND CONFERENCE ORGANIZER

Del Pantà, G. (2019). Panel "Comparing non-democratic regimes' survival, emergence and replacement". At the SISP Conference 11 – 13 September. University of Salento, Lecce, Italy.

Del Pantà, G. (2021). Panel "Authoritarian Resilience and Democratic Progress. Towards a New Paradigm in Regime Change Studies". At the SISP Conference 09 – 11 September. On-line.

Del Pantà, G. (2022). Conference "21st Century Authoritarianism: Resilience, Innovation, Reconsolidation". 24 March. Scuola Normale Superiore, Palazzo Strozzi, Firenze, Italy

CONFERENCE DISCUSSANT

Panel "Autocracy Strikes Back: Autocratization, Authoritarian Resilience and Transformation in the Post-Cold War". At the SISP Conference 6 – 8 September. University of Torino, Torino, Italy.

Panel "Political Regimes between Performance and Change". At the SISP Conference 11 – 13 September, 2019. University of Salento, Lecce, Italy.

Panel "Authoritarian Resilience and Democratic Progress. Towards a New Paradigm in Regime Change Studies". A the SISP Conference 09–11 September, 2021. On-line.

Panel "Opposition in Hybrid Regimes: Forms and Transitions". A the SISP Conference 09–11 September, 2021. On-line.

SPEECHES AND LECTURES

"Explaining Without Freezing History: Some Notes on the Failure of the Egyptian Revolution". 27 March, 2019. Contentious Politics Workshop. London School of Economics and Political Science, London, United Kingdom.

"Dalla rivoluzione del gennaio 2011 alle recenti proteste: l'Egitto in fermento". 28 October, 2019. Contemporanea Medio Oriente. Università degli studi di Napoli L'Orientale, Napoli, Italy.

“Autocracy Strikes Back: Autocratizzazioni e transizioni autoritarie nel XXI secolo”. 7 November, 2019. SPS Seminar. Facoltà di Scienze Politiche, Economiche e Sociali, Milano, Italy.

“La storia dell'Algeria”. 12 October, 2021. Lezione al corso di Letteratura Francofona. Facoltà di Lettere, Pisa, Italy.

LANGUAGES

Italian, Native
English, Fluent
French, Good Knowledge

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

Member of the Italian Political Science Society
Member of the British Society for the Middle Eastern Studies

REVIEWER

American Political Science Review
Democratization
Third World Quarterly
The Middle East Journal
Middle East Critique
Italian Political Science Review
Politikon
Middle Eastern Studies
Edinburgh University Press
Historical Materialism
Italian Journal of Electoral Studies
Interdisciplinary Political Studies

SOFTWARES

Microsoft Office (Power Point, Outlook, Word, Excel)
Statistics with Stata & R
Comparative Qualitative Analysis with fsQCA & R

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