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EDUCATION

PhD in Applied Sociology and Methodology of Social Research

31/10/2016 – 25/03/2020 University of Milano-Bicocca - Department of Sociology and Social Research Thesis titled: "Gender Through Generations: Transformations of Gender Roles among Two Generations of Tehran's Middle Class". Supervisor: prof. Elisabetta Ruspini.

Research methodology: mixed-methods approach; secondary analysis of statistical, census data (Excel, SPSS); participant observations, narrative and semi-structured interviews (MAXQDA).

Master's degree in International Relations - African and Asian studies

1/10/2013 - 23/07/2015
University of Pavia - Department of Political and Social Sciences
Thesis titled: "The Israeli-Palestinian conflict from a gender perspective: the effects of military occupation on the elaboration of gender roles".
Graduated with laudem.
Supervisor(s): prof. Francesco Mazzucotelli, Massimiliano Vaira, Sandro Beretta.

Bachelor's degree in International Studies – Human Rights curriculum

1/10/2010 – 15/11/2013 *Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna - Department of Political Science* Thesis titled: "Social Revolution: The Social Media's Role in the Muslim Revolutions". Supervisor: prof. Roberta Paltrinieri.

OTHER EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Advanced course on management and audit of Horizon Europe and Horizon 2020 research projects

11-12/01/2022 EU CORE CONSULTING Advanced course on the management of new Horizon Europe and Horizon 2020 research projects and fundings.

Advanced course on management and reporting of European projects and structural funds

9-10-11/12/2020 *EU CORE Consulting* Advanced course on the management and reporting of European structural funds.

Advanced course on management and reporting of European projects

EU CORE Consulting Advanced course on the management and reporting of Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe projects.

Summer course "Gender in Muslim Contexts"

6-14/07/2020 Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations, Agha Khan University; Center for Comparative MuslimStudies, Simon Fraser University; Venice International University Module topics: Gendering Migration; Gender and Sharia; Men and Masculinities; Everyday Islam and Women's Empowerment; Islamic Feminism.

Online course "Gender and Intersectionality"

11/05/-22/06/2020 *University of Iceland-Ulceland X* Module topics: Gender and Religion; Gender and Class; Gender and Race; Gender and Sexuality; Genderand Nationalism; Gender and the Idea of Quality.

Training course for teaching

31/01-10/04/2020 University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy Intensive courses in psychology, pedagogy, anthropology, and teaching methodology aimed at teaching qualification in primary and secondary schools.

Visiting scholar

1/02-1/04/2019 Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo Visiting period under the supervision of Professor Soraya Batmanghelichi, Associate Professor of Middle Eastern Studies.

ECPR winter school in methods and techniques of social research

2-9/03/2018 University of Bamberg, Germany Qualitative interviewing and MAXQDA software's intensive courses.

Cross-sectional course "Gender Studies"

02/12/2016-02/03/2017 University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy - Department of Sociology and Social Research Cross-sectional course about Gender studies: focus on the history of the discipline and its juridical and communicational aspects.

CURRENT POSITIONS

Post-doctoral researcher

01/02/2023-31/01/2024 University of Genova - Department of Educational Science Post-doctoral researcher in the ERC Consolidator SOLROUTES P.I.: prof. Luca Quierolo Palmas

Cultural and linguistic mediator

Linguistic and cultural mediation with Afghan and Iranian refugees.

- Liberitutti Cooperativa Sociale s.c.c. [21/07/2022]
- Project FAMI INTERAZIONI (PROG 2337) CUP G34F18000070007 [26/04/2022-13/06/2022]
- Cooperative ITC [20/01/2022 30/04/2022]
- Foundation CEIS [01/12/2021 ongoing]

PREVIOUS WORKING EXPERIENCES

Research assistant

01/12/2022-01/02/2023 University of Dublin - School of Law and Government Research assistant in charge of data collection and analysis P.I.: prof. Paola Rivetti

Teaching Assistant

30/09/2022-30/09/2023 University of Milano-Bicocca - Department of Sociology and Social Research Teaching assistant of the course "Intercultural communication" (12 hours).

Teaching Assistant

30/09/2022-30/09/2023 University of Pisa - Department of Civilitazions and Forms of Knowledge Teaching assistant of the course "History and Institutions of Asia"

Research assistant

01/04/2021-31/12/2022

University of Milano-Bicocca- Department of Sociology and Social Research Collaboration with the project "ConciliAZione: la conciliazione in condivisione" ("Conciliation: conciliation in sharing"), on gender stereotypes related to work-family reconciliation among elementary school children. PI: prof. Sveva Magaraggia, dr. Maria Grazia Gambardella. In charge of conducting in-depth interviews and focus groups.

Adjunct faculty

30/09/2021-30/09/2022 University of Milano-Bicocca- Department of Sociology and Social Research Adjunct faculty of the course "Sociology of Family", BA degree in Social Service.

Technical and administrative staff

13/07/2020-31/01/2023 University of Milano-Bicocca – Research area, management of projects and contracts Management of research contracts and projects.

Teaching Assistant

05/11/2020 - 30/09/2021 University of Milano-Bicocca - Department of Sociology and Social Research Teaching assistant of the courses "Sociology of Family", BA in Sociology (20 hours). "Gender, Generations and Tourism", BA in Tourism Sciences and Local Communities (25 hours). "Social Transformations and Everyday Life", BA in Social Service (15 hours).

Tutor

21/04-31/05/2020 Tutoring Online Project – Harvard University, University of Bocconi (https://www.leap.unibocconi.eu/wps/wcm/connect/Site/Leap/Home/Projects/progetto+top) Participation in the "Tutoring Online Project" as tutor for secondary school students.

Free-lance data analyst

01/03-31/08/2020 *Lionbridge Company* Free-lance collaborator responsible for Internet safe evaluations and online map quality analysis.

Teaching Assistant

14/10/2019- 30/09/2020 University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy - Department of Sociology and Social Research Teaching assistant of the course "Sociology of Family", BA in Sociology (20 hours).

Teaching Assistant

25/10/2018-30/09/2019 University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy - Department of Sociology and Social Research Teaching assistant of the course "Gender and Tourism", BA in Tourism Sciences and LocalCommunities (32 hours).

University tutor

01/04 - 01/07/2019 *University of Milano-Bicocca* Tutoring with students with learning difficulties within University of Milano-Bicocca disables service programme (32 hours).

Free-lance data analyst and translator

17/06/2016 - 17/06/2017 Social360.monitoring Main duties: to analyze the information and data online and write weekly reports documenting public opinion about the company's customers.

Curricular Internship

1/03 - 31/05/2013

House of Women against Violence Association, Bologna, Italy

Main duties: Italian, English and informatics lessons, data collection and organization of reports and documents on the phenomenon of trafficking, collaboration in awareness campaigns and fundraising, aswell as assistance to the association's guests (foreign women victims of trafficking) in their daily activities and bureaucratic practices.

PERSONAL SKILLS

Languages

Mother tongue(s): Italian, Persian Foreign languages: English (listening, speaking, reading, and writing IELTS level 8/9), Dari (listening, speaking: level C1; reading and writing level B2).

Digital skills

Excellent command of office suite (word processor, spread sheet, presentation software), brilliant command of internet, social media, and all kind of search engine. Excellent usage of WordPress, SPSS, Mendeley, ATLAS.it and MAXQDA software.

Prizes, awards and fundings

Winner of the call for adjunct faculty of the course "Sociology of Family" at the University of Milano-Bicocca (2021).

Winner of tutoring calls for the courses "Intercultural Communications", "Sociology of Family", "Social Transformations and Everyday Life" and "Gender and Tourism" at the University of Milano-Bicocca (2018-2019-2020-2022).

Winner of PhD scholarship in Applied Sociology and Methodology of Social Research by the University of Milan-Bicocca (2016).

Winner of the Marina Chiola prize at the University of Pavia for the best thesis on gender issues (2016).

Winner of the Cesare Bonacossa grant at the University of Pavia for a research project in Hebron(Palestine) on domestic women associations (2014).

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Member of the European Sociological Association RN33 board.

Member of the Italian Society for Middle Easter Studies (SeSaMO).

Member of the editorial board "Manifesta", Astarte Editioni (https://astarteedizioni.it/).

Member of the editorial board "Genders and Society", FrancoAngeli (https://www.francoangeli.it/Ricerca/Ricerca_collana_Libri.aspx?Collana=595).

Collaborator with the journal Pandora with articles about Iranian politics and society (https://www.pandorarivista.it/).

COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

Contributes to volumes

Ghaffari, R., "Contentious walls: the representation of Iranian women in post-2009 Islamic Republic of Iran", in "Art against Authoritarianism: Aesthetic Activism in Post-Arab Spring Middle East and North Africa", edited by Tijen Tunali & Josepha Wessels, Bloomsbury Publishing [forthcoming]. Ghaffari, R., "Mujeres y Hombres Despuès de 40 Anos de Revolucion Islàmica: la Transformacion de los Rolesde Género entre los Jòvenes en Teheràn", in "Iran a 40 anos de Revolucion: Sociedad, Estadoy Relaciones Exteriores", edited by Moisès Garduno Garcia, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, 2020, ISBN: 978-607-30-3238-4.

Publications on peer reviewed journals

Ghaffari, R., Ruspini, E., "'I am a Different Father'. An Intergenerational Analysis of the Social Transformation of Fatherhood in the Islamic Republic of Iran", Journal of Family Studies, Special Issue in memory of Dr Michael Rush "The Politics of Fatherhood around the World", 2023.

Ghaffari, R., "Between official propaganda and street art: the representation of the female figure on the Iranian walls", Public Art Journal, Special Issue "Public Arts and the Contested Urban Public Space", 2021, 3(2), 42-60.

Ghaffari, R., "Beyond Martyrs and Mullahs: Transformations of Gender Roles and Identities among Tehran Middle-Class's Men", MENAS Online Journal, 1, 2020, 3-20.

Ghaffari, R., Ruspini, E., "Locating Millennial Feminism beyond the Western Context. The Iranian Case", Partecipazione e Conflitto. The Open Journal of Sociopolitical Studies, 13(1), 2020, 665-690, doi: 10.1285/i20356609v13i1p665.

Ghaffari, R., "Doing gender research as a 'gendered subject': challenges and sparks of being a dual- citizen woman researcher in the Islamic Republic of Iran", the Anthropology of the Middle East (14:2), 130-142, doi: 10.3167/ame.2019.140209.

Conferences' proceedings

Abstract of the paper "Transformations of gender roles among two generations in Tehran" published on the Book of Abstracts of the II International Conference of Gender Research (ICGR19), The Scientific Observatory on Gender Issues, University of Rome, Rome (11-12/04/2019), ISBN 2370000671172.

Abstract of the paper "What alternatives to secularization? Analysis of Islam and modernity between West and East" published in the Book of Abstracts accepted for presentation at the XIX ISA, World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, (15-21/07/2018), ISSN 2522-7025.

Papers "Millennials of Tehran: Identities, Social Policies, Perspectives", and "Contraception and Family Planning in Islam and Christianity: A Comparison Between Italy and Iran", published on the conference's proceedings book of the I Conference on Social Policies in the Muslim World, Allameh Tabataba'i University, Tehran (12-13/05/2018).

Publications on non-peer reviewed journals

Ghaffari, R., Ruspini E., "Giovani e pandemia. Relazioni sociali, benessere, sessualità" /" Youth and the pandemic. Social relations, wellbeing, sexuality", Città in Controluce, n. 37/38.

Ghaffari, R., "L'accesso femminile all'istruzione superiore in Iran. Cambiamenti strutturali e ruolo della path dependency/ Female Higher Education in Iran. Structural Changes and The Role of Path Dependency",Il Politico, University of Pavia, 2015, year LXXX, nn. 2-3, ISBN 978-88-498- 4711-6.

Books' reviews

Review of the book "70 anni di storia dell'Onu, 60 anni di Italia nell'Onu"/ 70 years of UN's history, 60 years of Italy in the UN history", edited by Mugnaini, M., published on Il Politico, University of Pavia, 2017, year LXXXII, n.1, pp. 163-178.

Online publications

"Mascolinità emergenti: una lente di genere per la realtà iraniana contemporanea" / "Emergent masculinities: a gender lens to read co ntemporary iranian reality", Pandora Rivista, https://www.pandorarivista.it/articoli/mascol inita-emergenti-una-lente-di-genere-per-la-

realta- iraniana-contemporanea/.

"L'Iran di Rouhani e le proteste dei bazarì: tra crisi economica e opposizione politica" / "Rouhani's Iran and bazari's protests: between economic crisis and political opposition", Pandora Rivista, https:

//www.pandorarivista.it/articoli/iran-rouhaniproteste-bazari/.

"La nostra classe media non esiste più. Stratificazione sociale in Iran" / "Our middle clas does not exist anymore. Social stratification in Iran", Pandora Rivista, https://www.pandorarivista.it/articoli/classemedia- iran/.

"Oltre la Repubblica degli Ayatollah: nascita e

istituzione della Repubblica Islamica dell'Iran" / "Beyond

the 'Ayatollah's Republic': birth and institution of the Islamic Republic of Iran", Pandora Rivista, https://www.pandorarivista.it/articol

Academic conferences, seminars, and workshops

VII National conference of doctoral students in social sciences, panel "Academy and the social production of knowledge: challenges and prospects", University of Catania, 30/11-3/12/2022.

Paper presented: "Decentralizing knowledge: a path to decolonization within the academy". https://cndss.org/programma/.

Invited speaker at Cosmos Talks, Cosmos -The Centre on Social Movement Studies, Scuola Normale Superiore. Paper presented: "The long fight for Iranian

women's self-determination: a generational and sociological perspective".

http://cosmos.sns.it/all-events/the-longfight-for-iranian-womens-self-determinationa-generational-and-sociological-perspectiverassa-ghaffari-universita-degli-studi-dimilano-bicocca/.

Invited speaker at the seminar "Feminism in Muslim Societies. A Critical Introduction", bell hooks lectures, University of Milano-Bicocca, 28/10/2022.

Co-coordinator at the AtGender 11th European Feminist Research Conference, strand n. 9 "Life courses and generations in a feminist and intersectional perspective", University of Milano-Bicocca, 15- 18/06/2022, https://11efrc.unimib.it/.

Member of the local organizing committee of the ESA Research Network 33 Mid-term Conference, University of Milano-Bicocca, 13-14/06/ 2022, <u>https://www.europeansociology.org/research-networks/rn33-womens-and-gender-studies</u>.

Co-chair at the II International Conference of the journal "Scuola Democratica", panel I.13.1 "Feminist Knowledge and Methodologies in Education. Opportunities and Challenges", 2-5/06/2021.

https://www.scuolademocraticaconference.net/

"Art and the City: Urban Space, Art and Social Change" Conference, Aarhus i/khomeini-repubblica-islamica-iran/.

"Le piazze e le contraddizioni dell'Iran di Rouhani" /"Rouhani's contradictions in Iran", Pandora Rivista, https://www.pandorarivista.it/articoli/pi azze-e-contraddizioni-iran/.

Institute of Advanced Studies, 28-30/04/2021.

Paper presented: "Between official propaganda and street art: the representation of the femalefigure on the Iranian walls",

https://artandthecity.sciencesconf.org/resource/ page/id/11.

Invited speaker to the webinar "Iran: domestic challenges and international politics", organized byCeSPI (Center for the Study of International Politics), 24/03/2020,

https://www.cespi.it/it/eventi-note/eventi/liransfide-interne-politica-internazionale.

Invited speaker to the webinar "Critical Perspectives on Racialization and Identities in the Middle Eastern Studies and the Italian Academy", organized by SeSaMo – The Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies, 25/11/2020, https://unito.webex.com/webappng/sites/unito/recording/47fe86754a8d48b3ae4d831fccb356 29/playback.

Invited speaker to the webinar "Violence, gendered bodies, and heteronormativity: rethinking the position of violence in the construction of gender and sexuality in post-revolutionary Iran", University of Reijkavik, 30/10/2020.

Paper presented: "Performing sexuality in a gender regime: the middle-class Iranian youth",

https://thjodarspegillinn.hi.is/event/viole nce-gendered-bodies-andheteronormativity-rethinking- theposition-of-violence-in-the-constructionof-gender-and-sexuality-in-postrevolutionary-iran/.

Invited speaker to the webinar "Kurdish Youth Mobilization in Turkey in the 1990s" organized by the Cesare Bonacossa Center for Extra-European People's Studies (University of Pavia) in collaboration with Scholars at Risk (SAR) Network Italy Section and the Research Project of National Interest (PRIN 2017), Genealogies of African Freedoms, 27/10/2020, https://www.units.it/sites/default/files/medi a/documenti/en/finale_locandina_seminar_27_ october_11-13_1.pdf.

Invited speaker to the online presentation of the volume "Iran a 40 anos de Revolucion: Sociedad, Estado y Relaciones Exteriores", edited by Moisès Garduno Garcia, within the online event "Sectarismo y Giusticia Social en Norte Africa y Medio Oriente: Analisis a Diez Anos de los Movimentos Populares de 2011", Faculty of Political and Social Sciences of the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, 5-7/10/2020, https://www.politicas.unam.mx/pdf/Sectarismo %20y%20justicia%20social%20en%20MO%20P rogr ama%20(1).pdf.

Invited speaker to the conference "Italy and gender studies in Muslim contexts: historical trajectories, present developments and decolonial perspectives", University of Pisa, 28-30/10/2020 (cancelled due toCovid-19 emergency).

Paper to be presented: "Who speaks for whom? The Islamic background in research".

European Academy of Religion Annual Conference, University of Bologna, 22-25/06/2020 (cancelled due to Covid-19 emergency).

Paper to be presented: "Locating' Feminism in an Islamic State: The Case of Iranian Millennials".

Invited reviewer to the webinar "The Aesthetic Body or Ascetic Body: Iranian Sexuality and Gender Transformations Before and After Modernization", University of Verona, 5/06/2020.

Paper presented: "The Iranian families and modernity: an analysis of social representations over the

centuries".

Invited relator to the cultural event "The Iranian society: women, the clergy, youths", cultural association Vie Nuove cycle of geopolitical meetings XXI edition, Florence, 23/03/2020 (cancelled due to Covid- 19emergency).

Semi-plenary session of the 14th Conference of the European Sociological Association, University of Manchester, 20-23/08/2019.

Paper presented: "Locating Millennial Feminism beyond Western Culture. The Case of Iran", <u>https://www.europeansociology.org/esa-</u> <u>conference-2019-manchester-uk.</u>

British Society of Middle Eastern Studies Conference, "Joining the Dots: Interdisciplinarity in Middle East

Studies", University of Leeds, 24-26/06/2019. Paper presented: "Doing gender research as a gendered subject: challenges and sparks of being a dual-citizen woman researcher in the Islamic Republic of Iran", https://www.brismes.ac.uk/files/documents/2 019-BRISMES-Conference-schedule-Copy.pdf.

II International Conference on Gender Research (ICGR19), the Scientific Observatory on GenderIssues, University of Rome, 11-12/04/2019. Paper presented: "Transformations of gender roles

14th Conference of the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO) Turin, Department of Culture, Politics and Society, University of Turin, 31/01-

among two generations in Tehran".

2/02/2019. Paper presented: "Between real and virtual: cafes, parks and social networks as places of renegotiationof gender roles 40 years after the Islamic Revolution",

http://www.sesamoitalia.it/pa st-conferences/convegno-2019-torino-2019-conferenceturin/programmaprogramme/.

I Conference on Social Policies in the Muslim World, Allameh Tabataba'i University, Tehran, 12-13/05/2018.

Papers presented: "Millennials of Tehran: Identities, Social Policies, Perspectives", and "Contraception and Family Planning in Islam and Christianity: A Comparison Between Italy and Iran",

https://spiw.atu.ac.ir/.

X Youth Forum of Italians Association of Sociology, Naple, 26-27/10/2017.

Paper presented: "What alternatives to secularization? Analysis of the discourse on Islam andmodernity between West and East",

http://www.settimanadellasociologia.it/wpcontent/uploads/2017/09/forum-giovani.pdf.

Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Ryerson University, 27-31/05/2017. Paper presented: "Homelessness and Homecoming: experiencing exile in the works of Azadeh Moaveni and Marjane Satrapi". http://www.ideasidees.ca/events/congress/2017.

International Day of Studies: "Underground as a

Strategy of Political Fight. Modalities, Discourses and Social Dynamics since the XIX Centuries until Today", University of Bologna, 9-10/02/2017. Paper presented: "Women in Illegality: The Female Participation to Resistance in Two Case Studies: PreRevolutionary Iran and Hamas".

XIII SeSaMO Conference, University of Catania, 17-19/03/2016.

Paper presented: "Homeland, diaspora, language and belonging: Moaveni's homecoming within the return narratives" within the panel "The real and Imagined Female Exilic Self in Persian Narratives", http://www.sesamoitalia.it/pastconferences/catania-2016-conference/fullprogramme/.

Other communication activities

Invited speaker at Festival dell'Antropologia 2023, panel "Iranian women' protests, the repression and the body as a political tool" (15/03/2023).

Invited speaker to the event "Living today in Iran", L'Altra Via Cultural Association (29/11/2022). https://altravia.org/.

Invited speaker to the" Dialogues on Gender. ABCD Research Seminars", ABCD Interdepartment Centre for Gender Studies, University of Milano-Bicocca (29/11/2022).

Invited speaker to the traning seminar "Women, Life, Freedom: Women's revolution in Iran", Parma Bar Association Council (25/11/2022).

Invited speaker to the TerraViva Festival, panel "Migrations and Conflicts" (23/11/2022). https://terravivafilmfestival.it/programma/.

Invited speaker to the event "Iran, the female question from the 70s to today", MSOI Milan (21/11/2022).

Invited speaker to the event "Woman, Life, Freedom. A debate about Iranian women's fight for freedom", House of Culture, Milan (21/10/2022).

https://www.casadellacultura.it/casa-dellacultura-incontri-video.php?id=3788&t=stream1.

Radio interview with SBS Australia on 2022 Iranian protests (14/11/2022).

https://www.sbs.com.au/language/italian/it/po dcast-episode/liran-delle-donne-e-dei-giovaniprotesta-non-solo-contro-il-velo-ma-per-laliberta-di-decidere/7lnuhu283. Invited speaker to the event "Women, Life, Freedom. What is happening in Iran?", organized by Sesto Fiorentino's Municipality (26/10/2022).

https://www.comune.sestofiorentino.fi.it/it/citta/sesto-mondo-2022programma.

Invited speaker to the event "Progetto Tessiture: Metodi per una lettura trasversale e culturale del passato e del presente"/ "Tessiture Project: Methods for a transversal and cultural reading of the past and present", organized by the University of Pisa (11/12/2021).

Online conversation "Iran beyond the veil", invited by Rotaract Club Sassari Uniss (27/05/2021).

Online interview with Antonello Sacchetti on female representations in Iranian street-art, http://www.diruz.it/diruz-indiretta/. (16/02/2021).

Online interview with Antonello Sacchetti on masculinities in Iran, http://www.diruz.it/diruz-in- diretta/. (08/09/2020).

Interview with Professor Paola Rivetti on her book 'Political participation in Iran from Khatami to the Green Movement' for the podcast series 'Intervista Autori', https://intervistautori.org/2020/06/18/politi

cal- participationin-iran-from-khatami-to-thegreen- movement/. (18/06/2020).

Participation in a podcast for the series 'Trame' on women's participation in football and the stadium ban in Iran, https://www.spreaker.com/user/11204630/tra me-ep-11 (11/10/2019).

Interview with the journalist Lorenzo Forlani on Iranian women's participation in football and the stadium ban,

https://www.ultimouomo.com/ iran-battaglia-donne-iraniane-per-il-calcio/. (18/10/2019).

Interviewed by journalist Pietro Barabino on 2017 women's protests in Tehran, Il Fatto Quotidiano,

https://www.ilfattoquotidiano.it/2018/01/0

3/iran-ricercatrice-a-teheran-la-ragazza-chesi-e-tolta-il- velosemplificazione-dei-mediaa-uso-del-lettore-occidentale/4071204/

References contacts:

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Francesco Mazzucotelli, associate professor of History of Turkey and the Middle East, University of Pavia, MA supervisor, francesco.mazzucotelli@unipv.it.

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