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## ABOUT ME

As a young professional, specialized in the Middle East, my ambition is to offer analyses of the complex on-going events in the region that are accessible to a broad audience. After having spent an extensive period of time working as a journalist in Cairo and Ankara, reporting on the political dynamics after the Arab Spring, I have committed several years developing my skills for critical analysis, working as a researcher at ISPI (Italian Institute for International Political Studies). My main interests are in media discourse, sectarian violence, political islam and in developing infographics to illustrate country reports. I am currently a Ph.D student at the NASP consortium (University of Milan).

## MAIN WORK EXPERIENCE

**Research Assistant at ISPI Think Tank**  
September 2015 - Present

I participated in the organization and media coverage of MED, an international conference that was held under the patronage of the Italian Foreign Ministry, on the Mediterranean region. I was responsible for supplying content for the event website (www.rome-med.org). Currently, I am working on the Treccani Encyclopaedia for ISPI by writing reports and analyses.

**Research Trainee at ISPI Think Tank**  
June 2014 - Aug 2015

I worked in the Middle East department. My daily activities included writing analyses and commentaries on current events.

**Reporter at Mediaset from Egypt**  
Nov 2011 - June 2012

During the post-revolutionary period, I worked in Cairo as reporter on Egyptian politics for Tgcom24, Tg4 and Studio Aperto.

## MAIN AREAS OF EXPERTISE



## FIELDS OF EXPERTISE

- Democratization
- Media Discourse
- Ethno-Sectarian Violence
- Jihadism
- Political Islam

## CURRENT OCCUPATION

Ph.D student, NASP consortium  
September 2016 - Present

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English ★★★★★★★★☆☆

Arabic ★★★★★☆☆☆☆☆

Turkish ★★★★★☆☆☆☆☆

## JOURNALISTIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Certificate of Professional Journalism  
April 2015

Scholarship of Merit for M.A. Journalism  
February 2015

Third price in a national journalism competition  
March 2013

## PUBLICATIONS

ISPI Think Tank Commentaries  
Sept 2014 - Present

Article - Italian Contemporary Politics  
*The Regeni case and Italy's Mediterranean Policy: a turning point?*  
March 2016

Policy Brief – EuroMeSCo  
*Turkey and the EU: a new path toward shared security*  
March 2016

Arab Transitions  
*Country reports (Egypt, Morocco) for the Arab Transition project funded by the EU Commission*  
September 2016

## STAYS ABROAD

Cairo, Egypt  
Sept 2011 - June 2012

Ankara, Turkey  
June - Aug 2011

Damascus, Syria  
June - Aug 2011

## CONFERENCES

EUMEF Think-Tank Network  
"Turkey and Egypt in 2025"  
*From Ideology to Sectarianism: The risk of polarization in Turkish politics*  
Aug 2016

## SKILLS

Writing ★★★★★★★★

Graphics ★★★★★★☆☆

Video Editing ★★★★★☆☆☆

## UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

M.A. Journalism, IULM University  
2012 - 2014

M.Sc. Middle East Politics, SOAS (University of London)  
2009 - 2010

M.A. International Relations  
Oxford Brookes University  
2008 - 2009

B.A. Philosophy  
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore  
2005-2008

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Pavia University,  
Master in International Cooperation  
*The communication strategy of IS*  
3 May 2016

IULM University,  
Master in Communication for International Relations  
*The communication strategy of IS*  
30 Nov 2015