

Giorgio Musso

Academic curriculum Vitae

Personal informations

First name Giorgio
Surname Musso
Date of birth 08 / 06 /1982
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Language skills

(1 to 5 rating)
Italian Mother tongue;
English Written: 5; spoken: 5;
French Written: 4; spoken: 4;
*Arabic** Written: 3; spoken: 2;

Current position Researcher (RTD/A) in African History (SPS/13), Università degli Studi Roma Tre

Disciplines of interest Contemporary African Studies (SPS/13), Contemporary Middle Eastern Studies (L-OR/10);

Current research topics The history of African *jihad* in a World history perspective; the Horn of Africa; Islamism in Africa; Military rule, authoritarianism and democracy in Africa; Migrations between Africa and the Mediterranean;

Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale

Abilitato alle funzioni di professore di seconda fascia ai sensi dell'art. 16 della Legge 240/2010 nel S.C. 14/B2 - STORIA DELLE RELAZIONI INTERNAZIONALI, DELLE SOCIETÀ E DELLE ISTITUZIONI EXTRAEUROPEE, abilitazione valida dal 03/08/2018 al 03/08/2024;

Abilitato alle funzioni di professore di seconda fascia ai sensi dell'art. 16 della Legge 240/2010 nel S.C. 10/N1 - CULTURE DEL VICINO ORIENTE ANTICO, DEL MEDIO ORIENTE E DELL'AFRICA, abilitazione valida dal 22/08/2018 al 22/08/2024;

Previous full-time academic positions

2015-2018 Postdoctoral fellow in Contemporary History (M-STO/04), University for Foreigners of Perugia;

* Modern Standard Arabic (MSA). Basic level of Egyptian and Syrian dialect.

	2012-2015 Postdoctoral fellow in History and Institutions of Africa (SPS/13), University of Genova, Department of Political Science;
Education	
2007-2010	PhD in “Democracy and Human Rights”, School of Political Science, University of Genova. Dissertation: “The Islamic movement at power in Sudan, 1989 – 2005. Revolution, Hegemony, Totalitarianism” Supervisor: prof. Gian Paolo Calchi Novati;
2004 – 2006	Laurea specialistica (equivalent to a Graduate Degree plus first level Master) in African and Asian Studies, University of Pavia; Dissertation: “Southern Sudan at War: John Garang, the Man, the Fighter, 1945 -1994” Supervisor: prof. Gian Paolo Calchi Novati; Final grade: 110 / 110 <i>cum laude</i> ;
2001 – 2004	Bachelor’s Degree in International and Diplomatic Relations; Dissertation: “International Criminal Justice in Africa: From the <i>ad-hoc</i> tribunals to the International Criminal Court” Supervisor: prof. Francesco Munari; Final grade: 110 / 110 <i>cum laude</i> ;
Publications	
Books	<i>La caserma e la moschea. Militari e islamisti al potere in Sudan</i> [The barrack and the mosque. Officers and Islamists at power in Sudan], Roma: Carocci, 2017, ISBN 9788843078479;
Edited volumes	<i>Partiti islamisti e relazioni internazionali in Nord Africa e Medio Oriente</i> [Islamist parties and international relations in North Africa and the Middle East], special issue of “Afriche e Orienti”, edited with Filippo Dionigi, n. 1-2/2014;
Peer-reviewed articles	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Occidente e mondo islamico dopo la Guerra fredda: breve storia di una relazione turbolenta</i> [The West and the Islamic world after the cold war: brief history of a turbulent relationship]. In Cucciniello A., Pasta S. (Eds.), <i>Gli studenti musulmani a scuola. Pluralismo, religioni, intercultura</i> [Muslim students at school. Pluralism, religions, interculture], (ISBN: 978-88-430-0000-0), Roma: Carocci, 2020, pp. 35-45; <li>2. <i>Dove finisce l’Europa? Il confine euro-africano tra esternalizzazione e nuove politiche di sviluppo</i> [Where does Europe end? The Euro-African frontier between externalization and new development policies]. In De Cesaris V., Diodato E. (Eds.), <i>Il confine mediterraneo. L’Europa di fronte agli sbarchi dei migranti</i> [The Mediterranean frontier. Europe facing the landing of migrants] (ISBN: 978-88-430-9316-8), Milano: Carocci, 2018, pp. 121-135;

3. ***Sudan and the Unbearable Lightness of Islamism: From Revolution to Rentier Authoritarianism***, in "The International Spectator" (Classificata ANVUR Rivista di Fascia A nel settore 14/B2 - ISSN: 0393-2729), vol. 52 (2017), n. 4, pp. 112-128;
4. ***The making of a fragmented nation: sufi $\mathit{\text{turuq}}$ and Sudan's decolonization***, in "Oriente Moderno" (Classificata ANVUR Rivista di Fascia A nel settore 14/B2 - ISSN: 0030-5472), n. 97 (2017), pp. 133-153;
5. ***Il labirinto mediterraneo*** [The Mediterranean labyrinth], (co-authored with Mauro Spotorno), in Spotorno M. (Ed.), *Risiko-Mediterraneo. Politiche, popoli, flussi* [Mediterranean Risiko. Policies, peoples, flows] (ISBN 9788891750419), Milano: Franco Angeli, 2017, pp. 7-14;
6. ***I riflessi globali di un piccolo mare: dalle Primavere Arabe alla crisi migratoria*** [The global reverberations of a small sea: from the Arab Springs to the migration crisis], in Spotorno M. (Ed.), *Risiko-Mediterraneo. Politiche, popoli, flussi* [Mediterranean Risiko. Policies, peoples, flows] (ISBN 9788891750419), Milano: Franco Angeli, 2017, pp. 49-74;
7. ***From the Arab Spring to the Islamic State: Revolution in Times of Disillusion***, in De Cesaris V. (Ed.), *One Way Trip. Essays on Mediterranean Migration* (ISBN: 9788899811020), Perugia: Perugia Stranieri University Press, 2016, pp. 57-72;
8. ***The Islamic Movement and power in Sudan: from revolution to absorption into the state***, in Assal M., Casciarri B., Ireton F. (Eds.), *Multidimensional change in the Republic of Sudan. Reshaping livelihoods, conflicts and identities* (ISBN 978-1-78238-617), Oxford, New York: Berghahn Books, 2015, pp. 245-262;
9. ***Egypt: The Political Economy of a Vicious Circle***, in "Economia Internazionale/International Economics" (ISSN 0012-981X), n. 1/2015, pp. 139-152;
10. ***La "minaccia islamista" tra revisionismo, transnazionalismo e pan-islamismo*** [The "Islamist threat" between revisionism, transnationalism and pan-Islamism], in "Afriche e Orienti" (Classificata ANVUR Rivista di Fascia A nel settore 14/B2 - ISSN 1592-6753), n. 1-2/2014, pp. 10-27;
11. ***Troubled waters: Egypt's African policy from the Islamists to the military***, in Dessì A. (Ed.), *Africa and the Mediterranean. Evolving Security Dynamics after the Arab Uprising*, Istituto Affari Internazionali – German Marshall Fund Mediterranean Paper Series, February 2014, pp. 25-35 (available at <http://www.iai.it/content.asp?langid=1&contentid=1056>);
12. ***Self-determination and interdependence in Sudan and the Horn of Africa***, Mekonnen D., Tesfagiorgis M. (Eds.), *The Horn of Africa at the Brink of the 21st Century: Coping with Fragmentation, Isolation and Marginalization in a Globalizing Environment*, Felsberg: Felsberg Institute for Education & Academic Research (FIBW), 2014, ISBN: 978-3-933184-99-3, pp. 103-128;

13. ***La difficile coesistenza dei due Sudan. Dall'Impero Ottomano alla dichiarazione di indipendenza del Sud Sudan*** [The difficult coexistence between the two Sudan. From the Ottoman Empire to South Sudan's declaration of independence] (co-authored with Massimiliano Cricco), in Anghelone F., Ungari A. (Eds.), *Atlante geopolitico del Mediterraneo 2014*, Rome: Datanews Editrice, 2014, ISBN 978-88-79814-10-2, pp. 73-107;
 14. ***Migrations in the Mediterranean: figures, perception and policies at the time of the 'Arab spring'***, In Bottaro Palumbo M.G. e Danisi C. (Eds.), *Civil Rights Protection and the Rights of Migrants in the Framework of the Mediterranean Cooperation*. Genova: Genova University Press, 2012, ISBN: 978-88-97752-09-7, pp. 23-41.
 15. ***Electoral politics and religious parties in Sudan: an analysis of the April 2010 elections***, in "African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review" (ISSN 2156695X), n. 2/2012, pp. 58-86 (Classificata ANVUR Rivista di Fascia A nel settore 14/B2 - available at www.jstor.org/stable/10.2979/africonfpeacrevi.2.1.58);
 16. ***Sud Soudan: relation interethniques et rebellions armées*** (with Raphaëlle Chevillon-Guibert), in "Les Carnets du Cap" (published by the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs), n. 15 (fall/winter 2011), pp. 85-108;
 17. ***From one Sudan to two Sudan: from war to peace?***, ISPI Working Paper n. 40 (ISSN 2281-3152), October 2011, pp. 1-28 (available at http://www.ispionline.it/it/documents/WP40_2011.pdf);
 18. ***The referendum process in Sudan: arrival point for a new beginning*** (in Italian), ISPI Analysis n. 37 (ISSN 2281-3152), December 2010, pp. 1-6 (available at http://www.ispionline.it/it/documents/Analysis_MUSSO_2010.pdf);
 19. ***Sudan: the North-South Forgotten Crisis and Africa's Next (Failed) State***, ISPI Policy Brief n. 156 (ISSN 2281-3152), September 2009, pp. 1-6 (available at http://www.ispionline.it/it/documents/PB_156_2009.pdf);
 20. ***"Centro" e "periferia" in Sudan dal XVI secolo ad oggi: storia di un divorzio tra popoli*** ["Centre" and "periphery" in Sudan from the XVI century until now: history of a divorce between peoples], in "Ricerche Storiche" (Classificata ANVUR Rivista di Fascia A nel settore 11/A3 - ISSN 0392-162X), A. XXXVIII, n. 3, September/December 2008, pp. 501-530;
- Other publications
21. ***Corsa al Nilo*** [The Scramble for the Nile], in "Limes", (ISSN 1124-9048), n. 12/2015, pp. 109-116;
 22. ***Il mondo arabo in un vicolo cieco*** [The Arab World at a Dead End], in "Il Mulino", (ISSN 0027-3120), vol. LXIV, n. 478 (2/15), pp. 326-334;
 23. ***All'ombra di Nasser o di Mubarak? Le contraddizioni dell'Egitto di al-Sisi*** [In the shadow of Nasser or Mubarak? The contradictions of Al-Sisi's Egypt], in

- “Afriche e Orienti” (Classificata ANVUR Rivista di Fascia A nel settore 14/B2 - ISSN 1592-6753), n. 1-2/2014, pp. 172-181;
24. **Libia: una rivoluzione in cerca di stato** [Libya: a revolution in search of a State], in “Afriche e Orienti” (Classificata ANVUR Rivista di Fascia A nel settore 14/B2 - ISSN 1592-6753) , n. 1-2/2013, pp. 123-130;
 25. **Egitto: il travaglio di una transizione irreversibile** [Egypt: the labor of an irreversible transition], in “Aspenia” (ISSN 1590-5942), n. 60, 2013, pp. 197-202.
 26. **Sudan: cosa rimane del sogno islamista** [Sudan: what remains of the Islamist dream], in “Limes” (ISSN 1124-9048), n. 1/2013, pp. 161-166;
 27. **L’Egitto in mezzo al guado** [Egypt in midstream], in “Afriche e Orienti” (Classificata ANVUR Rivista di Fascia A nel settore 14/B2 - ISSN 1592-6753), n. 1-2/2012, pp. 153-159;
 28. **Le elezioni in Sudan e la (dis)illusione della democrazia** [The Sudanese election of April 2010 and the (dis)illusion of democracy], in “Afriche e Orienti” (Classificata ANVUR Rivista di Fascia A nel settore 14/B2 - ISSN 1592-6753), n. 2/2010, pp. 128-134;
 29. **La Corte Penale Internazionale in Darfur: parte della soluzione o parte del problema?** [The International Criminal Court in Darfur: part of the solution or part of the problem?], in “Afriche e Orienti” (Classificata ANVUR Rivista di Fascia A nel settore 14/B2 - ISSN 1592-6753), n. 2/2009, September 2009, pp. 122-127;
 30. **La Repubblica Democratica del Congo: uno Stato in Guerra o una Guerra allo Stato?** [The Democratic Republic of Congo: a state at war or a war at the state?], in “DIREonline”, n. 41, September/December2008, pp. 1-36;
- Various articles and commentaries published for specialized online reviews such as Aspenia Online, ISPI Commentary, Limes Online and others.

Teaching experiences

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|-----------|---|
| 2016-2022 | Adjunct Professor of “African History and Politics” (postgraduate course), Department of Political Sciences, University of Genova; |
| 2020-2022 | Coordinator and lecturer, Course “Key Issues in Contemporary African Politics”, Master Program in Cooperation and Development, University of Pavia-IUSS Pavia; |
| 2015-2018 | Lecturer, seminars of Contemporary History (undergraduate), History and Cultures of Migrations (postgraduate), History of the Americas (postgraduate), University for Foreigners of Perugia; |
| 2014-2015 | Adjunct Professor, Collège Universitaire de Sciences Po, Campus Moyen-Orient/Méditerranée à Menton, courses : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Politics and society in Africa”, undergraduate course; |

- “Islam and politics in the 20th century: movements, parties, regimes”, undergraduate;

Adjunct Professor, course on “The Middle East since 1948: State, society and international relations”, Department of Political Sciences, University of Genova;

2012-2014 Lecturer, course on “Politics, economic and society of the Middle East”, organized by the Institute for Global Studies and the School of Political Science, University of Genova;

2010-2011 Adjunct Professor of African History, School of Political Science, University of Genova;

2008-2011 Lecturer, Winter School on “War and Politics in Africa”, Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), Milan;

2007-2014 Lectures and seminars on several topics of African and Middle Eastern politics held within the undergraduate and postgraduate courses of International and Diplomatic Sciences, Department of Political Sciences, University of Genova.

Participation to national and international research projects

2018-19 Associate researcher, project *Arabit , islamit , 'soudanit '* (Being Arab, Muslim, Sudanese), funded by AUF (Agence Fran aise de la Francophonie), PCSI (Projet de Coop ration Scientifique Interuniversitaire), partners: CEDEJ Khartoum, Universit  Paris 8, University of Khartoum, Max Planck Institute;

2014-17 Member of the research project *Vecchi (e superati?) versus nuovi (ed emergenti?) fattori di centralit  mediterranea nell'era del Web 2.0*. [Old (and obsolete?) vs new (and emerging?) factors of Mediterranean centrality in the age of 2.0 Web), funded by the University of Genova;

2014-17 Head of the research project "Political instability and economic development in Northeast Africa: Historical roots and current scenarios ", funded by the Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Handicraft and Agriculture (CCIAA) of Genoa and realized in collaboration with the Department of Political Sciences of the University of Genoa;

February 2013- January 2014 Research assignment for the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) and the German Marshall Fund (GMF) within the framework of the project "Transatlantic cooperation in the Mediterranean and Middle East", resulting in the publication of the article *Troubled waters: Egypt's African policy from the Islamists to the military* (see publication list);

June-September 2011 Research assignment for the Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI) on the topic of South Sudanese independence, which resulted in the

February-April 2011

publication of the report *From one Sudan to two Sudan: from war to peace?* (see publication list);

Member of the research group of the Direction de la Prospective du Ministère des Affaires Étrangères (Foreign Ministry of the French Republic) on "Perspectives politiques futures pour le Sud-Soudan ", that resulted in the drafting of a classified report and in the publication of the article *Sud Soudan: relation interethniques et rebellions armées*, co-authored with Raphaëlle Chevrillon-Guibert (see publication list);

Visiting fellowships and field research experiences

2011-2015: several field trips aimed at conducting interviews and bibliographic research in Egypt;

January 2011, November 2009, April 2008: Visiting fellow (with grant) at the Centre de Documentation Juridique et Économique (CEDEJ), Sudan;

September-October 2007: Arabic Language course and bibliographical research, University of Damascus, Syria;

February-March 2006: interviews and bibliographical research, Sudan, South Sudan and Kenya;

Conference presentations and seminars

La via dell'acqua: lineamenti per una storia del bacino del Nilo in epoca coloniale (1898-1956) [The way of water: lineaments for a colonial history of the Nile basin (1898-1956)], X Annual conference of the Italian Society for International History (SISI), Università di Napoli "L'Orientale", June 7-9, 2023;

Le 'Afriche' nella global history: metodologie, rivisitazioni, casi studio ['Africas' in global history: methodologies, new readings, case studies], panel co-organizer, 6th Congress of the Association for African Studies in Italy (ASAI), l'Università degli Studi di Urbino Carlo Bo, June 29-July 1, 2022;

1977-1999: Ascesa e declino dell'alternativa islamica in Sudan [1977-1999: The rise and fall of the Islamic alternative in Sudan], 9th annual conference of the Italian Society for the Study of Contemporary History (SISSCO), Padova, September 13-15, 2017;

"Damned Nile": Hydropolitics and authoritarian mobilization in the Nile basin, paper presented at the 7th European Conference on African Studies (ECAS), Basel, June 29 – July 1, 2017;

Padre di una nazione mai nata: John Garang e la secessione del Sud Sudan [Father of an unborn nation: John Garang and the secession of South Sudan],

paper presented at the 6th annual conference of the Italian Society for International Studies (SISI), University of Pisa, June 29-30, 2017;

Between Anarchy and Democracy: Africa in the 1990s, paper presented at the International workshop "Reassessing the Causes and the Consequences of the End of the Cold War", University of Genova, May 18, 2017;

African past, Arab present? Interpreting the crisis of statehood in the MENA region through an African prism, paper presented at the international workshop "Deconstructing Unitary Statehood: Hybrid Governance in Comparative Perspective", organized by the "University of Naples, L'Orientale", Procida, May 5-6, 2017;

Oltre la cronaca: le rivolte arabe e la necessità della Storia [Beyond reporting: the Arab uprisings and the need for History], paper presented at the International conference, "Tunisia: speranza nel Mediterraneo" [Tunisia: a Hope for the Mediterranean], organized by the Craxi Foundation, Rome, May 4, 2017;

Democrazia, islamismo e militari in Sudan [Democracy, Islamism and the Army in Sudan], seminar held upon invitation at the University of Bologna, April 5, 2017;

L'Egitto dopo la rivoluzione [Egypt after the revolution], seminar held upon invitation from the Giangiacomo Feltrinelli Foundation, School of Politics, Milan, December 17, 2016;

The failure of an Islamic third way: The Sudanese Islamists from revolution to rent-seeking, 4th Congress of the Association for African Studies in Italy (ASAI), University of Catania, September 22-24, 2016;

Movimenti islamisti e militari: una prospettiva comparata dal Nord Africa all'Asia meridionale [Islamist Movements and Armies: A Comparative Perspective from North Africa to Southern Asia], paper presented at the conference "I movimenti politici islamici nel mondo arabo: questioni storiche e prospettive politiche" [Islamist Movements in the Arab World: Historical Issues and Political Perspectives], University of Trento, December 10-11, 2015;

The Arab World and Sahelian Africa: the political economy of an evolving relationship, panel organized with Raphaëlle Chevillon-Guibert for the 12th Conference of the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO), Ca' Foscari University Venice, January 16-17, 2015;

Bread, freedom and social justice: political cycle and economic cycle in post-Mubarak Egypt, paper presented at the 28th Conference of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP), University of Perugia, September 11-13, 2014;

Whose Nile is It? Hydropolitics and Regional Interdependence in Northeast Africa, paper presented at the 4th World Congress for Middle East Studies (WOCMES), Middle East Technical University, Ankara, August 18-22, 2014;

The Islamists' rise and international relations in the Middle East: a preliminary analysis and a research agenda, paper presented at the annual meeting of the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO), University of Pavia, September 17-19, 2013;

No Caliphate in sight: demystifying the Islamists' foreign policy agenda, paper presented at the 27th Conference of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP), University of Firenze, September 12-14, 2013;

Libya, Egypt and Sudan: the "Northeast triangle" between revolutions and territorial redefinition, paper presented at the Italian Conference of African Studies, University of Pavia, September 18-20, 2012;

Divided we stand? Paradoxes of post-partition Sudan, paper presented upon invitation at the international seminar on "The Independence of South Sudan and the Contribution of the Ethiopian Peacekeeping Mission in Abyei", organized by the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) and the Ethiopian International Institute for Peace and Development (EIIPD), Addis Ababa, December 7, 2011;

Is self-determination enough? Sudan, the Horn of Africa and the challenge of interdependence, paper presented at the 4th European Conference on African Studies (ECAS), Uppsala (Sweden), June 15-18, 2011;

Assessing Interdependence for the two Sudan: Risk or Opportunity?, paper presented at the annual conference of the Sudan Studies Association (SSA), Columbus (Ohio, USA), May 13-15, 2011;

The silent revolution: the April 2010 elections, the demise of sectarianism and the future of Islamist hegemony in Sudan, paper presented at the Second Congress of African Studies in France, "Recherches et débats: réinventer l'Afrique?", CEAN – Sciences Po Bordeaux, September 6-8, 2010;

«We will revert back to how we were»: the National Congress Party facing the elections and the referendum paper presented at the International Sudan Studies Conference, Pretoria, November 25-28, 2009;

"The identity crisis of Sudan: is the time over for a national synthesis?", paper presented at the second European Conference for African Studies (ECAS), Leiden (Netherlands), July 11-14, 2007;

**Membership in
scientific committees,
scholarly association,
awards**

Coordinator of the Scientific Committee of the conference "11 settembre 2001-2021: ripercussioni e rappresentazioni di un evento globale" [9/11 2001-2021: repercussions and representations of a global event], Università di Napoli "L'Orientale", October 21-22, 2021;

Member of the Scientific Committee of the research center "World History – Civiltà e culture nel mondo contemporaneo (CWH)", Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore since August 2021;

Member of the editorial committee of "Afriche e Orienti" journal, 2015-now;
The barracks and the mosque. Officers and Islamists at power in Sudan was included in the five finalists of the "Opera prima" prize of the Italian Society for the Study of Contemporary History (SISSCO), 2017;

Elected member of the Executive Board of the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO), 2013-2016;

Member of the Scientific Committee of the international conference "Migrants: Communities, Frontiers, Memories and Conflicts", XIII Conference of the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO), University of Catania, March 17-19, 2016;

Member of the Scientific Committee of the international conference "Beyond the Arab Uprisings: Rediscovering the MENA Region", XII Conference of the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO), Università "Ca' Foscari" Venezia, January 16-17, 2015;

Scientific supervisor of *Arab Springs and Arab Winters*, cycle of international lectures funded by Palazzo Ducale Foundation for Culture, March 2014;

Scientific supervisor of *Africa Beyond. How to know Africa beyond stereotypes*, cycle of international lectures funded by Palazzo Ducale Foundation for Culture, the Department of Political Science (DISPO) – University of Genova, the Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI) and the Department of Political and Social Sciences (DSPS) – University of Pavia, March-May 2013;

Other relevant expertise

2018-22

Refugee Status Determination Officer, Ministry of Interior (full-time employment);

July 30th, 2023

