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CURRENT POSITIONS

Assistant Research in Jewish History

Started October 2025

Yale University, Department of History
Supervisor: Prof. David Sorkin

PhD Student (last year) in Political Studies

Started November 2023

University of Rome La Sapienza

Research Project in Late Modern History: *Jewish Avant-Gardes and the Republicanization of the Italian Political Cultures: a Laboratory of Modern European Politics, 1861-1915*

Supervisor: Prof. David Sorkin

EDUCATIONS

M.A in International Relations

March 20, 2023

University of Rome "La Sapienza", Department of Political Sciences

Final Grade: 110/110 summa cum laude (first class honors)

Final Dissertation in Contemporary History.

Title's dissertation: *Rome and Jerusalem. The idea of Nation and Race in the Italian Jewish Press between XIX and XX centuries (in Italian)*

B.A. in Political Sciences, International Relations, and Human Rights

March 17, 2020

University of Padua, Department of Political Sciences Final Grade:

110/110 summa cum laude (first class honors) Dissertation in Jewish

Political Thought: *Gershom Scholem: Messianism and Utopia in Judaism*
(in Italian)

RESEARCH GROUP

1976-2026: the 50th Anniversary of the European People's Party. Christians and Politics between Nation and Europe: I study the relationship between the European People's Party (EPP) and Europe's Judeo-Christian roots to understand how the party has shaped an active memory of the Holocaust. The thesis to be explored is that the EPP's evolving discourse on the Holocaust reflects a complex interplay of historical responsibility, political identity, and the affirmation of Judeo-Christian values as the foundation of European civilization, *Università La Sapienza, Rome, Italy*

PAST WORK EXPERIENCES

Students' tutor in Contemporary History

from December 2023

University of Rome "La Sapienza", Department of Political Sciences

Research Contract in Contemporary History

March 13 – May 13, 2024

University of Padua, Department of Political Sciences

Scientific Supervisor Prof. Guido Mongini

ORGANIZING AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES

1. Member of the organizing secretary of the XI edition of the *National Conference on the History of International Relations*, University of Rome, June 9-11, 2024.
2. Member of the scientific organizational committee of the Conference *Donato Donati. La vita e i lavori di un grande giurista italiano ed europeo a cent'anni dalla fondazione di Scienze politiche* [Donato Donati. The life and work of a great Italian and European Jurist a hundred years after the foundation of Political Sciences (1924-2024)], University of Padua, April 2023-April 2024.

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Stefania Baitella**, *Angelo Donati e la questione ebraica nella Francia meridionale (1940-1943)* [Angelo Donati and the Jewish Question in Southern France (1940-1943)], in L. Micheletta (ed.), *ValUEs. Valorising Lives and Understanding European (Hi)story*, Nuova cultura, Rome, 2024.

2. **Reviewed Book: *Radical Enlightenment. La filosofia di Spinoza alle origini della democrazia moderna di Marco Demurtas*** [*Radical Enlightenment: The Philosophy of Spinoza at the Origins of Modern Democracy*], in *Il pensiero politico. Rivista di storia delle Idee Politiche e Sociali*, vol. 3, 2021, pp. 403-404.

3. **Stefania Baitella, *Elementi di ebraismo e sionismo in Donato Donati*** [*Elements of Jewishness and Zionism in Donato Donati*], in *F. Berti (a cura di), Donato Donati. La vita e i lavori di un grande giurista italiano ed europeo a cent'anni dalla fondazione di Scienze politiche* [Donato Donati. The Life and Works of a Great Italian and European Jurist on the Centenary of the Founding of Political Science], *in press with Padova University Press, Padova, 2026.*

4. **Review: S. Lesti, *Il mito delle radici Cristiane dell'Europa. Dalla Rivoluzione francese ai giorni nostri*** [*The Myth of Europe's Christian Roots: From the French Revolution to the Present Day*], in *Mondo Contemporaneo*, 2, 2024, pp. 182-186.

5. **Review: P. L. Ballini (a cura di), *La patria nelle culture politiche del primo Novecento (1900–1925)*** [*The Homeland in the Political Cultures of the Early Twentieth Century (1900–1925)*], pp. 150, *in pressing with in Rivista di Studi politici*, 2, 2025.

PUBLICATIONS IN REVIEW

1. ***Jewish Roots and Agrarian Reforms: The Role of Leone Wollemborg in Spreading the Italian National Myth Between the 19th and the 20th Centuries***, for Oxford University.

2. ***The Path to Italian Jewish Emancipation between Alliances and Nation-Building. Some Remarks for a Perspective***, for Yale University

CONFERENCES

1. ***The Civic Soul of Emancipation: Republicanism and Self-Cultivation in Italian Jewry (1796-1871)***, invited talk at the *Jewish Studies Graduate Colloquium*, Yale University, New Haven, March 3, 2026.

2. ***Jewish Roots and Agrarian Reforms: The Role of Leone Wollemborg in Spreading the Italian National Myth Between the 19th and the 20th Centuries***, invited talk at the conference "*Jews, Liberalism and the Land 1850-1940*". Event funded by the University of Oxford John Fell Fund in partnership with Penn State University, Italy, June 8-11, 2025

2. *The Italian Jews and the Myth of the Nation (1871-1915)*

Invited talk at the Summer School "*Italian Jewish Heritage. Knowledge, Transfer, Authorization. A trans-disciplinary and trans-local research initiative*", founding by the German Research Foundation (DFG) and organized by Hannover University, Venice, Italy, 15-19 settembre 2024.

3. *Metodi, tecniche e prospettive per un dottorato in studi politici* [Methods, Techniques and Perspective for a PhD in Political Studies]

Invited talk at the PhD student's seminar *Teorie socio-culturali, processi politici e cooperazione internazionale*, Sapienza University, June 25, 2024.

4. *Elementi di ebraismo e sionismo in Donato Donati* [Elements of Judaism and Zionism in Donato Donati]

Invited talk at the conference *Donato Donati. La vita e i lavori di un grande giurista italiano ed europeo a cent'anni dalla fondazione di Scienze politiche* [Donato Donati. The life and work of a great Italian and European jurist a hundred years after the foundation of Political Sciences (1924-2024)], University of Padua, April 11-13, 2024.

5. *Presentation of the Book "Le radici del mito Cristiano dell'Europa. Dalla Rivoluzione francese al giorno d'oggi"* [The Roots The Myth of Europe's Christian Roots: From the French Revolution to the Present Day] Invited talk at the conference *Dialoghi sull'Europa*, University of Rome, March 9, 2023.

6. *Dal sionismo filantropico al sionismo politico: il nazionalismo ebraico in Italia* [From Philanthropic to Political Zionism: Jewish Nationalism in Italy].

Invited talk at the seminar *Ebraismo e Sionismo: nuove prospettive di ricerca* [Judaism and Zionism: New Research Perspectives], University of Padua, November 21, 2022

7. *Gershom Scholem: messianismo politico e religioso* [Gershom Scholem: Political and Religious Messianism]

Invited talk at the conference *Sionismo, messianesimo e utopia: Jacob Talmon e Gershom Scholem* [Zionism, Messianism, and Utopia: Jacob Talmon and Gershom Scholem], at the Gabinetto di Lettura di Padova, Padua, May 26, 2022

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

1. Under the Shadow of Racial Laws: The Diary of an Exiled Jew in Switzerland, edited book by S. Baitella (started June 2024)

2. *Judaism and devotion? The circulation of Popal's cult in the religious minorities* (started April 2024)

3. *State, Territory and Zionism. A reinterpretation of Donato Donati's Work for a New Historiographical Approach* (started 2023)

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

LANGUAGE	SPEAKING	WRITING	LISTENING
ITALIAN	Native	Native	Native
ENGLISH	C1	C1	C1
GERMAN	B1	B1	B1
HEBREW	A1	A1	A1



11.20.2025, New Haven CT

