

# Martina Biondi

Department of Political Sciences  
University of Perugia  
Via Pascoli, 20  
06123 Perugia - Italy

E-mail: [martina.biondi91@gmail.com](mailto:martina.biondi91@gmail.com)  
[martina.biondi@studenti.unipg.it](mailto:martina.biondi@studenti.unipg.it)  
Phone: +39 3343468198  
Website: <https://unipg.academia.edu/MartinaBiondi>

## Current and past positions:

- Nov. 2019 - **PhD candidate**  
Department of Political Sciences, University of Perugia – linguistic and historic areas.  
Dissertation: *Morocco from the Years of Lead to the post-democratic transition. Female political protagonism, state repression and memorialist emergence.*  
Supervisor: prof. Anna Baldinetti
- Oct. 2019 - **“Cultrice della materia” – Subject Expert**  
in Arabic Literature and Culture at Department of Humanities – University of Macerata.  
Activity: member in exam commissions.
- July 2018 - **Academic Tutor**  
Jun. 2019  
Department of Humanities – University of Macerata.  
Activities: students’ orientation and academic supervision.
- Acc. Years.  
2017-2018  
2018-2019 **Teaching Assistant**  
in Islamic Studies at the Department of Humanities - University of Macerata.  
Activities: lectures in Islamic Feminism and Islamic Modernist Thought.

## Education:

- 2019 **M.A in Foreign Languages and Cultures**, University of **Macerata**, with honours.  
Dissertation: *Moroccan anti-French struggle and post-independence in Layla Abū Zayd's novels. Paths of anticolonial, linguistic and gender resistance.*  
Supervisor: prof. Maria Elena Paniconi
- 2017 **B.A in Foreign Languages and Cultures**, University of **Macerata**, with honours.  
Dissertation: *In the network of Islamic female theologians. Gender justice in Amina Wadud's Qur'anic exegesis.*  
Supervisor: prof. Maria Elena Paniconi
- 2015-2016 **Erasmus Project** at The University of **Manchester**
- 2014 **B.A in Anthropology**, University of **Bologna**, with honours.  
Dissertation: *Between legal Anthropology and Islamic Studies: the Moroccan Moudammwana case-study.*

Supervisor: prof. Caterina Bori

### Stay abroad:

- Sept. 2017 **Fès, Morocco.** Course of Intermediate Arabic - IGAI Ibn Ghazi Arabic Institute.
- Sept. 2015 – Feb. 2016 **Manchester, Uk.** Erasmus Project at The University of Manchester.

### Publications:

- 2020 *(forthcoming)* Biondi, Martina, «**Body, Gender, and Pain in Moroccan Prison Memoir *Ḥadīth al-ʿAtama***», in: *META – Middle East Topics & Arguments*, 14, pp. 38-49. [Peer-reviewed article in A-class journal acknowledged by ANVUR].
- 2019 Biondi, Martina, «**Donne in Marocco. Diritti umani, rappresentanza politica, teologia**», in: *Donne, chiesa, mondo*, L'Osservatore Romano, March, pp. 24-28. [Article in monthly magazine].
- 2018 Biondi, Martina, «**Successione temporale, implementazione coranica e prospettiva escatologica. L'esegesi *gender-inclusive* di Amina Wadud**», in: *Occhiali. Rivista sul Mediterraneo islamico*, 2, pp. 73-84. [Peer-reviewed article in journal].

### Papers presented at national and international conferences:

- 2019 **GENDER STUDIES Conference:** on Violence (**University of Helsinki**, 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> Oct.)  
Paper discussed: *Voicing the pain of the 'Years of Lead'. Gendered violence in Moroccan prison narratives.*
- 2019 **ASIATICA Conference.** A Coffee Break Chat on Asia and Beyond (**University of Turin**, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Oct.)  
Paper discussed: *Creative and paratextual self-translation: strategies of reshaping identity in the work of the Moroccan Layla Abu Zayd.*
- 2019 **XVI SESAMO Conference** (Italian Society for Middle East Studies) “Paths of Resistance in Middle East and North Africa” (**University of Turin**, 31<sup>st</sup> Jan – 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb.)  
Paper discussed: *Women and anti-colonial resistance in Morocco: an historical rereading of two novels by Layla Abu Zayd.*
- 2017 **Conference and Workshop Gender, Marginality and Empowerment in Post-Revolutionary North Africa.** Mapping Women’s strategies for Redistribution, Recognition and Participation – (**University of Naples “L’Orientale”** 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Oct.)  
Paper discussed: *Gender Studies’ negotiations within and beyond University: female empowerment in the Moroccan Academia.*

## Partecipazione in other conferences:

- 2019 Conference *Internal Migrations and Displacements in Africa: Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Dynamics*, **ASAI**, Italian Association for African Studies, University of **Bologna** (Ravenna, 8<sup>th</sup> Nov.)
- 2019 *X Cantieri di Storia*, **SISSCO**, Italian Society for Contemporary History, University of **Modena and Reggio Emilia** (Modena, 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> Sept.)
- 2014 Conference *Culture, Transculture, Race. Categories of transnational differentiation and racialisation*, Intergrace, **Interdisciplinary research group on Race and Racism**, University of **Macerata** (Macerata, 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> Jun.)
- 2013 International Conference *Bodies, performativity, sexuality and the 'free choice' paradigm. Critical Approaches*, **SOAS centre for Gender Studies, University of London, and Department of History, Cultures and Civilisation**, University of **Bologna** (Bologna, 28<sup>th</sup> Jun.).
- 2013 Conference *Arab modernity and novel culture*, **Department of Humanities**, University of **Macerata** (Macerata, 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> Dec).

## Memberships:

- **ASAI** Italian Association for African Studies
- **SESAMO** Italian Society in Middle East Studies
- **ECPR** European Consortium for Political Research

## Languages:

- **Italian:** native speaker
- **English:** C1 +
- **Arabic:** B2 +
- **French:** B1 +
- **Latin and Ancient Greek:** school knowledge

## Computer skills:

- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Concordance software (AntConc)

Last update: 1° June 2020