

Resume

Marisa Della Gatta

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Summary

Ph.D. holder with excellent communicative skills and strong ability to manage independent research projects. Sustained experience in qualitative data analysis, survey design and presentation of results.

Education

Macquarie University (Sydney) December 2014 –April 2019
Ph.D. in Modern History, Politics and International Relations

Supervisor: Dr. Noah Bassil w Co-supervisor: Prof. Marion Maddox

Thesis: "Syria in the mirror: Politics of belonging to Syria from Syrian diasporas in Armenia and Australia".

University of Bari "A. Moro" (Italy) September 2010 – July 2012
Master (Research) International Cooperation
First Class Honours

Supervisor: Dr. Massimiliano Demata

Thesis: "Media on the edge: Arab and English media outlets in the Arab uprisings".

University of Bari "A. Moro" (Italy) September 2007 – July 2010
Bachelor (Honours) of Humanities
First Class Honours

Supervisor: Dr. Daniele Pegorari

Thesis: "Dante and the Middle East".

Scholarships/ Awards

- iMQRES (International Macquarie Research) Scholarship, Macquarie University 2014-2018 (extended for 12 weeks for maternity leave from October 2017 to February 2018);
- HDR Research Project Funding (RPF) granted for a research trip (six weeks) to Armenia, 2016 (amount: 5000 AUD-maximum);

Teaching Experience

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I have two years of experience designing and delivering seminars, tutorials and assessment in capstone and PACE (Professional and Community Engagement) units, both face-to-face and online.

Dept. of Politics and International Relations Macquarie University

April 2017 – October 2017

Academic Tutor

- Selected by the unit convenor to tutor undergraduate students in their third year enrolled in the PACE Unit "Political Thought in Practice";
- Facilitated online and offline activities;
- Taught students how to use the knowledge acquired throughout their academic journey in a simulated real political campaign;
- The students continued the campaign also after the end of the course and participated in an international competition called "P2P challenge" as finalists.

Dept. of Politics and International Relations Macquarie University

January 2017 – April 2017

Unit Convenor

- Selected by the Head of Department to implement for the first time and convene the capstone unit "Local and Global Practice" for a small group of undergraduate students in their third year;
- Responsible for unit design and structure;
- Coordinated relationships with a partner institution based in the US for the implementation of the program;
- Taught theoretical basis and practical aspects of global politics applied to social inclusiveness versus extremist narratives and migratory movements;
- The program was repeated the next semester and kept in place for the semesters to come.

High School "M. Polo" (Bari)

January 2013 –

June 2014

Teacher

- Teaching Arabic alphabet and sounds via diverse teaching tools including: flip-charts, videos, 'hands-on' demonstrations, small group activities;
- Teaching English for the hospitality sector;
- Introducing young people to Arab culture.

Professional development

I regularly participate in personal professional development programs and activities related to enhancing my knowledge and/or skills in research and teaching:

- Member of the "Religion and Politics" research stream and the centre for Middle Eastern and North African Studies of Macquarie University, January 2015-present.
- Completed FiLT program (Foundations in Learning and teaching program at Macquarie University, 2011).
- Completed High Degree Research workshops in academic writing for social sciences, NVivo Software, EndNote.

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Administrative experience

Local council of Bari (Italy)
2013

June 2008 – June

Freelance Publicist

- Wrote articles about local cultural events, local policy and administration and attended press conferences;
- Reported on local community events.

Prefecture of Bari (Italy) – Governmental Office
2012

January 2012 – May

Officer Assistant

- Front and back desk activities;
- Interpreting and translation with immigrant communities;
- Archival activities.

Voluntary Work

- Volunteer, Interpreter, Translator and Facilitator working with immigrant communities. Cultural association "Amici" Bari (Italy) www.associazioneamici.org (January 2008 – June 2014);
- Trainee in archival work, National Library of Bari (May 2010 – July 2010).

Languages

CEFR	Speaking	Reading	Writing
Italian	Native	Native	Native
English	Proficient (C2)	Proficient (C2)	Proficient (C2)
Arabic	Proficient	Advanced	Advanced
Spanish	Intermediate	Pre-intermediate	Pre-intermediate
German	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
Armenian	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary

Computer Skills

- **NVivo:** Advanced user
- **Microsoft Office package:** Expert user
- **Stata:** Novice user