

## *Resume*

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### **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 –December 2018  
**Ph.D. in Modern History, Politics and International Relations**

Supervisor: Dr. Noah Bassil ☐ 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**

- iMORES (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);

#### **Publications**

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## Works in progress

- **Della Gatta, M.** *Syria in the Mirror: Politics of Belonging to Syria* (book proposal);
- **Della Gatta, M.** "Our brothers and sisters from all over the world: Diaspora and external citizenship and the case of Armenians" (under review);
- **Della Gatta, M.** "Being Syria in Australia: Organization of the Syrian Australian Community" (chapter proposal - call for chapters from MESA for The Arab Diaspora: Interdisciplinary Perspectives, forthcoming in 2020).

## Journal articles

- **Della Gatta, M.** "Democratization in the Maghreb", Book review, *Democratization*, 26(4), 2019.
- **Della Gatta, M.** "A Nation in Exile: The renewed Diaspora of Syrian Armenian Repatriates", *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, published online on November 29, 2017. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13530194.2017.1403308>
- **Della Gatta, M.** "Syria in the Mirror: Media Definitions of the Syrian Conflict." *NewMac journal* (Vol. 7, 2016).  
<https://novaajs.newcastle.edu.au/hass/index.php/humanity/article/view/41/39>
- **Della Gatta, M.** "La Rivoluzione dello Stato Islamico in Siria" (The Passive Revolution of the Islamic State in Syria) [in Italian], *Incroci*, anno XVII, no. 33 January-June 2016.

## Books

- **Della Gatta, M.** *Dante tra Oriente e Occidente* (Dante between the West and the East)[in Italian], FalVision, 2014;

## Other publications

- **Della Gatta, M.** "My student memories of Syria", *Beloved Syria*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2017;
- **Della Gatta, M.** "Syrian street food and restaurants in Yerevan, Armenia", *Beloved Syria*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2017;

## Conference activity

- Presenter, "The impact of sectarianization of Syrian Groups in diaspora" CSS (Centre for Syrian Studies) Conference, St Andrews (Scotland, UK), August 2018.
- Presenter, "Being Syrian in Australia: Voices of Syrian Diaspora in Sydney and Melbourne", BRISMES (British Society for Middle Eastern Studies) Conference, University of Edinburgh, July 2017.
- Presenter, "The Politics of Fearfulness on Syrian People", After the War on Syria Conference, University of Sydney, April 2017;
- Presenter and Chair of Panel, "From Civic Religion to Islamic State: Assessing Secularism in Syria", The Future of Middle East Conference, Deakin University, Melbourne, November 2016.
- Presenter, "Projections on the diaspora of Syrian Armenians in Armenia", BRISMES (British Society for Middle Eastern Studies) Conference, Lampeter (Wales, UK), July 2016.
- Presenter, "Two sides of the coin in the contribution of religious communities to the Syrian conflict", UNSW Arts and Social Sciences Postgraduate Conference, Sydney, July 2015;
- Presenter, "Syria in the mirror: media representations of the Syrian Conflict", NewMac Postgraduate Symposium, Sydney, July 2015.

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## Teaching Experience

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)**

June 2014

*Teacher*

January 2013 –

- 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).

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- Completed High Degree Research workshops in academic writing for social sciences, NVivo Software, EndNote.

## 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](http://www.associazioneamici.org) (January 2008 – June 2014);
- Trainee in archival work, National Library of Bari (May 2010 – July 2010).

## Languages

CEFR	Speaking	Reading	Writing
<b>Italian</b>	Native	Native	Native
<b>Arabic</b>	Proficient	Advanced	Advanced
<b>Spanish</b>	Intermediate	Pre-intermediate	Pre-intermediate
<b>German</b>	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary
<b>Armenian</b>	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary

## Computer Skills

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

## Referees

Dr. Noah Bassil, Dept. of Modern History, Politics and International Relations,  
Macquarie University, PhD supervisor

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