

CURRICULUM VITAE

RICCARDO REDAELLI, Ph.D.

PRESENT POSITION

Riccardo Redaelli is the Director of the Center for Research on the South System and the Wider Mediterranean System (CRiSSMA – since 2014) and Director of the Master in Middle Eastern Studies (MIMES since 2015), at the Catholic University of the S. Heart, Milano.

He is Professor of “History and Institutions of Asia” at the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences at the same University, where he teaches also “Post Conflict and Emergency Management” and “Geopolitics”.

In 2021, he became President of the Italian Association of International History (Società Italiana di Storia Internazionale - ISIS).

He is currently also:

- Coordinator of a 5 years ENI program of Social Responsibility on Education in Zubayr district (Basra Province – Iraq).
- President of the International Center of Geopolitics (Ce.St.In.Geo), Valenza.
- Member of the Steering Committee of the International Foundation *Oasis – Christians and Muslims in the Global World*.
- Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal *Storia Urbana* (Urban History).
- Member of the Scientific Committee of Fondazione MedOr - Leonardo.
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Center for Research on the Arab Language (CARA), Catholic University of the S. Heart, Milano.
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Center for Research on the Journey Culture and Narrative (CENVI), Catholic University of the S. Heart, Milano.
- Columnist (Foreign Policy issues) of the Italian Newspaper *Avvenire*.
- Professor of “Post Conflict Institution building and international security” at the Master in International cooperation and development (Aseri, Catholic Univ. of the Heart).
- GEV (member of the Evaluating Experts Group) of the Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes, for the 2024 evaluation process.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES

- 2023 Main Speaker at the DG and Special Envoys Meeting of the Global Alliance against *Daesh*, organized by the Italian MFA, Rome, December.
- 2022 Chairperson of the Forum Talk N.4 – World Forum for Democracy, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, November.
- 2022 Speaker at the TEDxPavia on “Blind”, Pavia, May.
- 2015 – 2018 Coordinator of a program on Religious Freedom and Human Rights sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Directorate General for Political Affairs and Security), with the organization of Track-2 Workshops in Iraq (Baghdad) and Jordan (Amman), in collaboration with the Jordan Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies (RIIFS) and with the Italian Inter-Ministerial Conference on Human Rights (CIDU).
- 2015-2018 Member of the “Observatory on Religious Minorities in the World and the Respect for Religious Freedom” of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2012-2016 Coordinator of a Study Group of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the Libyan political and security scenario, with the organization of two Track-2 Conferences in Milano, and with several field-work activities in Tripolitania in 2012 and 2013.
- 2013 Leading Investigator for the elaboration of a Report on “The condition in Camp Hurriya (Camp Liberty), Baghdad and Camp New Iraq (Camp Ashraf), Diyala Province, and the core governance structures, financing sources and functioning of the People’s Mujaheddin of Iraq”, European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET), SOFRECO (with field work in Iraq).
- 2010-2012 Senior Expert for a program of “Redirection of former Iraqi WMD scientists through capacity building for decommissioning of nuclear facilities” of the European Commission – EuropeAid Cooperation with field-work missions in Iraq (especially at the nuclear facility of al-Thuwaita).
- 2009-2022 Scientific Director of the Activities of the Centro di Studi Internazionali di Geopolitica (Cestingeo), with the organization, every year, of programs for the study of the international history and geopolitics tailored to students of the secondary schools, and of international round-tables and seminars. Since 2022 he became President of this Center. For this scientific activities he was entitled with the honorary citizenship of the city of Valenza.
- 2005- 2012 Coordinator of a program of reconciliation among the Iraqi ethno-religious communities and of analysis of the political, security and economic scenarios of that Country sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Special Iraqi Task Force – Directorate General for International Cooperation).

During this program, he organized eight International Workshops on Iraq, with representatives of the main ethno-religious Iraqi communities and the participation of international renown experts.

- 2005-2010 Scientific coordinator of an Italy – Iraq Bilateral Program of Human-Capacity Building and Scientific-Academic Cooperation with the Iraqi university system, sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and carried out in coordination with the Iraqi National Academy of Science and the Iraqi Ministry of University, with many field-work missions in Iraq.
- 2009, 2013 and 2014 Member of NATO TOLA groups in Afghanistan, visiting ISAF HQ and ISAF local commands and Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs) in all the most relevant Afghan provinces.
- 2008 Director of the Study Group on the “Future of Nuclear Non-Proliferation”, for the Italian Ministry of Defence.
- 2008 Author of a Policy Brief on the nuclear negotiations with Iran for the US “The Stanley Foundation”. This PB has been presented at a bipartisan Caucus of the US Congress.
- 2006 Director of the Study Group on “Jihadism, channels of radicalization and the problem of returnees Jihadists”, for the Italian Ministry of Defence.
- 2006 Organizer of the visit at the Catholic University of the S. Heart, of the former Iranian President of the Republic, *hojjat-ol-islam* Mohammad Khatami.
- 2005-2006 Visiting Professor at the St. Joseph’s University of Beirut.
- 2004-2010 Director of the Middle East Program at the “Landau Network – Centro Volta” (LNCV), Como. From 2010 till 2012 he has been Associate Senior Fellow at the same Institute. In that position he participated at several track-2 programs with Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, North and South Korea sponsored by the Italian MFA and several American and Canadian Foundations and organized more than 10 International Workshops.
- 2003 Visiting Professor at the University of Novosibirsk (Russia).
- 2000 Fellow at I.S.P.I. (Institute of International and Political Studies) for the research on “Iran and its geostrategic axis”, Milano.
- 2000 Member of the research-team on the “Wider Mediterranean and the Gulf”, Ce.Mi.S.S. (Military Center for Strategic Studies), Roma.
- 1998 Member of the research-team on the “Central Asia: towards a cooperative system of security”, Ce.Mi.S.S. (Military Center for Strategic Studies), Roma.
- 1997 Fellow at I.S.P.I. for the research on Afghan Taliban and Central Asia, Milano.
- 1997 Director of the Study Group on “Islam and national interest”, for the Italian Ministry of Defence.
- 1992 – 1995 Ph.D. program in “History and Institutions of Modern and Contemporary History of Asia” from the University of Cagliari with a thesis on the effects of British colonialism over the traditional power structures in Baluchistan

(the research was based on both extensive field-work activities in Baluchistan and archival researches at the National Archives, India Office Library and Records in London and the Archives of Quetta in Pakistan).

- 1990 Winner of the Fellowship for the U.S. International Visitor Program - USIA on the topic: “U.S. Perspectives on Foreign Policy Issues in the Middle East and in the Mediterranean Basin”, US (at that time, one of the youngest winner of this fellowship).
- 1989-99 Member of the Italian Archaeological, Historical and Anthropological Mission in Baluchistan, sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Italian National Council of Research (CNR).
- 1989-90 Research-Fellow at the Military Center for Strategic Studies (CeMiSS) of the Italian Ministry of Defence. Since then he has worked for many Study Groups, as both research-member and director, promoted and supported by that Ministry.

FIELD-WORKS ACTIVITIES

Since 1989, he carried out field-work researches and language studies in the following Countries:

Pakistan (especially in Baluchistan); Afghanistan; Xinjiang; Iran; UAE (emirate of Ras al-Khaymah); Iraq; Libya (after the fall of Qaddhafi's regime); Tunisia.

He also carried out extensive archival researches at the India Office and Library of London; the National Archives of London; the Provincial Archives of Quetta (Baluchistan – Pakistan); the Archives nationales d'Outre-Mer of Aix-en-Provence.

CONFERENCES

During his career, he organized a high number of International Conferences and Workshops both in Italy and abroad; he attended, as speaker, almost two hundred Seminars, Conferences, Workshops and Round-Tables in Europe, Middle East, Asia, and North-America (USA and Canada).

PUBLICATIONS

He published more than 130 monographs, edited books, essays and articles on the history and contemporary politics of the Middle East.

Among his latest publications:

- R. Redaelli, (Ed.) *L'Iraq contemporaneo*, Milano: Brioschi Editore, 2023.
- R. Redaelli, *La repubblica Islamica dell'Iran, le sue proiezioni geopolitiche regionali e il ruolo nel sistema internazionale*, in Cereti C. (Ed). *L'Iran contemporaneo*. Milano: Brioschi Editore, 2023.
- R. Redaelli (with Francesca M. Corrao), *States, Actors and Geopolitical Drivers in the Mediterranean*, London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021.
- R. Redaelli, *A Process “Good in Itself” or a “Waste of Time”? Assessing the Values and Limits of Track-2 Programmes in the Gulf*, in Narbone, L. -Divsallar, A. (Eds).

STEPPING AWAY FROM THE ABYSS: A Gradual Approach Towards a New Security System in the Persian Gulf, Fiesole (FI): European University Institute (EUI), 2021.

- R. Redaelli –A. Melcangi, *The re-sectarization of the Middle East: minorities, communities and identity politics within the current geopolitical confrontation*, in Caracciolo, I. – Montuoro, U. (Eds.), *Protection of Cultural and religious Minorities. leadership for International Peace and Security*, Torino: Giappichelli Editore, 2019.

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The complete list of his publications is available at the following link:

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