

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

01/05/2019–Present

Head, Italy's Foreign Policy Programme

Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome (Italy)

01/10/2015–Present

Reader and Module Coordinator

Master in Advanced European and International Studies (MAEIS), Centre International de Formation Européenne (CIFE), Nice – Tunis – Istanbul/Rome

01/05/2017–30/04/2019

Head, Mediterranean and Middle East Programme

Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome (Italy)

01/04/2009–30/04/2017

(Senior) Research Fellow

Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome (Italy)

01/10/2013–31/12/2013

Visiting PhD Fellow

Middle East Centre, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London (United Kingdom)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

01/02/2011–17/06/2014

PhD cum laude in Comparative Politics

Scuola Normale Superiore (SNS), Pisa/Florence (Italy)

Thesis: "Political and Institutional Transition in North Africa. Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco in Comparative Perspective".

Supervisor: Professor Leonardo Morlino

01/10/2007–31/08/2008

MA in Near and Middle Eastern Studies

School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, London (United Kingdom)

Final grade: Distinction

01/10/2005–16/07/2007

MA in Afro-Asian Studies (International Relations)

Faculty of Political Science, Università degli Studi di Pavia, Pavia (Italy)

Final grade: 110/110 cum laude

01/10/2002–15/12/2005

BA in Linguistic and Cultural Mediation

Faculty of Political Science, Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan (Italy)

Final grade: 110/110 cum laude

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Italian

Foreign language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C1	C1	C1
French	C1	C1	B2	B2	B2
Arabic	B1	B2	B1	B1	B1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages - Self-assessment grid

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Honours and awards Grant of the Council for British Research in the Levant (CBRL) to carry out research in Syria (£2,500), 2008

Scholarship of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy to study Arabic in Damascus, 2006

Publications

Books

Colombo, S. (2018), *Political and Institutional Transition in North Africa: Egypt and Tunisia in Comparative Perspective*, London: Routledge.

Colombo, S. and E. Ragab (eds.) (2018), *Foreign Relations of the GCC Countries amid Shifting Global and Regional Dynamics*, London: Routledge.

Colombo, S.; A. Dessì and V. Ntousas (2017), *The EU, Resilience and the MENA Region*, Rome: Edizioni Nuova Cultura.

Colombo, S. et al. (eds.) (2016), *The Future of Natural Gas*, Hof van Twente, Lenth: European Energy Review.

Colombo, S. (ed.) (2014), *Bridging the Gulf: EU-GCC Relations at a Crossroads*, IAI Research Papers No. 14, March 2014, Rome: Edizioni Nuova Cultura.

Colombo, S. (ed.) (2014), *Italy and Saudi Arabia Confronting the Challenges of the XXI Century*, IAI Research Papers No. 10, September 2013, Rome: Edizioni Nuova Cultura.

Colombo, S. and N. Tocci (eds.) (2011), *The Challenges of State Sustainability in the Mediterranean*, IAI Research Papers No. 3, September 2011, Rome: Edizioni Nuova Cultura.

Colombo, S.; K. Mezran and S. van Genugten (eds.) (2011), *L'Africa Mediterranea. Storia e Futuro*, Rome: Donzelli Editore.

Journal articles (peer-reviewed)

Colombo, S. and E. Soler i Lecha (forthcoming), "Europe and the 'New' Middle East", *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*.

Colombo, S. and B. Voltolini (2018), "The EU and Islamist parties in Tunisia and Egypt after the Arab uprisings: A story of selective engagement", *Mediterranean Politics*, Vol. 23, Issue 1, January 2018, pp. 83-102.

Colombo, S. (2018), "A Tale of Several Stories: EU-North Africa Relations Revisited", *Great Insights*, Vol. 7, No. 4 (Autumn 2018), pp. 26-28.

Colombo, S. (2017), "EU-GCC Relations and the Risk of Irrelevance", *Turkish Policy Quarterly*, Vol. 16, No. 3 (Fall 2017), pp. 61-69.

Colombo, S. and E. Ragab (eds.) (2017), Foreign Relations of the GCC Countries amid Shifting Global and Regional Dynamics, Special Issue *The International Spectator*, Vol. 52, No. 2, June 2017.

Colombo, S. (2017), "Italia e Arabia Saudita: non solo per soldi", *Limes*, Vol. 3/2017, March 2017, pp.

191-197.

Colombo, S. (2014), "L'ascesa islamista e la competizione regionale tra Arabia Saudita e Qatar", *Afriche e Orienti*, Vol. 1-2, pp. 47-63.

Colombo, S. and B. Voltolini (2014), "'Business as Usual' in EU Democracy Promotion Towards Morocco? Assessing the Limits of the EU's Approach towards the Mediterranean after the Arab Uprisings", *L'Europe en Formation*, Vol. 371, pp. 41-57.

Colombo, S. (2012), "The GCC and the Arab Spring: A Tale of Double Standards", *The International Spectator*, Vol. 47, No. 4 (December 2012), pp. 110-126.

Book chapters

Colombo, S. (2019), "Re-conceptualising EU-North Africa Relations: 'Outside-In' and 'Inside-Out' Dynamics" in S. Giusti and I. Mirkina (eds), *The EU in a Trans-European Space. External Relations across Europe, Asia and the Middle East*, Cham, Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 177-196.

Colombo, S. (2016), "The Trajectory of the Crises in the Mediterranean" in A. Marrone and M. Nones, *Italy and Security in the Mediterranean*, Rome: Edizioni Nuova Cultura, pp. 11-23.

Colombo, S. (2015), "L'arco di crisi sul Mediterraneo" in A. Marrone and M. Nones (eds.), *La sicurezza nel Mediterraneo e l'Italia*, Rome: Edizioni Nuova Cultura, pp. 13-29.

Colombo, S. (2014), "The Gulf and the EU: Partners or Competitors?" in S. Gstöhl and E. Lannon (eds.), *The Neighbours of the European Union's Neighbours. Diplomatic and Geopolitical Dimensions beyond the European Neighbourhood Policy*, Farnham and Burlington: Ashgate, pp. 123-144.

Colombo, S. (2012), "Islamisti al potere tra pluralismo e pragmatismo" in S. Rizzo (ed.), *Le rivoluzioni della dignità. 18 mesi di proteste, di repressione e di rivoluzioni che hanno cambiato il mondo arabo*, Rome: Ediesse, pp. 161-176.

Colombo, S. (2012), "Un paese di minoranze: La Siria e l'incubo del settarismo" in G. Calchi Novati (ed.), *Verso un nuovo orientalismo. Primavera Arabe e Grande Medio Oriente*, Carocci: Centro Studi per i Popoli Extra-europei Cesare Bonacossa, Università di Pavia, pp. 127-141.

Colombo, S. (2012), "Giovani e democratizzazione in Egitto dopo la Primavera araba: un nuovo paradigma di partecipazione politica?" in C. Wagemann (ed.), *La Democrazia, i Giovani, il Mediterraneo*, SMP - Società Mutamento Politica, Vol. 3, No. 5, pp. 55-68.

Colombo, S. and A. Dessì (2012), "L'Italia di fronte alla «Primavera araba»" in A. Colombo and E. Greco (eds.), *La politica Estera dell'Italia*, Bologna: Il Mulino, pp. 53-72.

Colombo, S. and B. Voltolini (2012), "EU democracy promotion and electoral politics between 'milieu goals' and 'possession goals': the cases of Lebanon and Morocco" in B. Wassenberg and G. Faleg (eds.), *Europe and the Middle East: The Hour of the EU?*, P.I.E. Peter Lang (Euroclio 63), pp. 65-79.

Colombo, S. and N. Tocci (2012), "The EU Response to the Arab Uprising: Old Wine in New Bottles?" in R. Alcaro and M. Haubrich-Seco (eds.), *Re-thinking Western Policies in Light of the Arab Uprisings*, IAI Research Papers No. 4, Rome: Edizioni Nuova Cultura, pp. 71-96.

Colombo, S. and H. Darbouche (2011), "The EU, Civil Society and Conflict Transformation in Western Sahara: The Failure of Disengagement" in N. Tocci (ed.), *The EU, Civil Society and Conflict*, London: Routledge.

Working papers (peer-reviewed)

Colombo, S. et al. (2019), *The Art of the (Im)Possible. Sowing the Seeds for the EU's Constructive Engagement in the Middle East and North Africa*, MENARA Reports, available at: <https://www.iai.it/it/pubblicazioni/art-impossible>

Colombo, S.; E. Soler i Lecha and M. Otte (2019), *A Half-Empty Glass: Limits and Dilemmas of the EU's Relations to the MENA Countries*, MENARA Reports, available at: <https://www.iai.it/it/pubblicazioni/half-empty-glass-limits-and-dilemmas-eus-relations-mena-countries>

Colombo, S.; E. Goell and E. Soler i Lecha (2019), *Imagining Future(s) for the Middle East and North Africa*, MENARA Reports, available at: <https://www.iai.it/it/pubblicazioni/imagining-futures-middle-east-and-north-africa>

Colombo, S. and A. Palm (2019), *Italy in the Mediterranean. Priorities and Perspectives of a EU Middle Power*, Bruxelles/Roma, Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) e Fondazione EYU.

Colombo, S. et al (2018), *New Trends in Identity Politics in the Middle East and North Africa and Their*

Impact on State-Society Relations, MENARA Reports, available at: <https://www.iai.it/it/pubblicazioni/new-trends-identity-politics-middle-east-and-north-africa-and-their-impact-state>

Colombo, S. and H. Meddeb (2018), "Fostering Inclusiveness: A New Roadmap for EU-Tunisia Relations and the Engagement with Civil Society" in E. Cohen-Hadria (ed.), *The EU-Tunisia Privileged Partnership - What Next?*, IEMed/EuroMeSCo Joint Policy Study 10, Barcelona: European Institute of the Mediterranean, pp. 34-56.

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Colombo, S. and N. Shapovalova (2018), "The European Neighbourhood Policy Promotion of Civil Society" in T. Schumacher, A. Marchetti and T. Demmelhuber (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook on the European Neighbourhood Policy*, London and New York: Routledge, p. 494-506.

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Colombo, S. and B. Voltolini (2017), *The EU's engagement with 'moderate' political Islam: The case of Ennahda*, LSE Middle East Centre papers series, 19, London: LSE Middle East Centre.

Colombo, S. (2016), *The EU's External Migration Policy and Implications for the MENA Region*, EDA Insights, available at: http://eda.ac.ae/images/pdf/EDAInsight_EUs_External_Migration_Policy_English.pdf

Colombo, S. et al. (2016), *Re-conceptualizing Orders in the MENA Region. The Analytical Framework of the MENARA Project*, MENARA Papers, available at: http://www.iai.it/sites/default/files/menara_cp_1.pdf

Colombo, S. and N. Sartori (2016), *The OSCE's Contribution to Energy Governance in the Mediterranean Region*, IAI, available at: <http://www.iai.it/en/pubblicazioni/osces-contribution-energy-governance-mediterranean-region>

Colombo, S. and D. Huber (2016), *The EU and Conflict Resolution in the Mediterranean Neighbourhood*, IEMed/EuroMeSCo Papers 27, Barcelona: European Institute of the Mediterranean, available at: <http://www.iai.it/en/pubblicazioni/eu-and-conflict-resolution-mediterranean-neighbourhood>

Colombo, S. (ed.) (2016), *Youth Activism in the South and East Mediterranean Countries since the Arab Uprisings*, EuroMeSCo Joint Policy Study 2, Barcelona: European Institute of the Mediterranean, available at: <http://www.iai.it/en/pubblicazioni/youth-activism-south-and-east-mediterranean-countries-arab-uprisings>

Colombo, S. (2015), "L'Europa e il Mediterraneo in fermento" in G. Bonvicini e S. Silvestri (eds.), *L'eredità del passato, la sfida del futuro. Il ruolo dell'Italia e dell'Europa nelle relazioni internazionali*, pp. 23-29, available at: http://www.iai.it/sites/default/files/iai50_paper_it_0.pdf

Colombo, S. (2015), *La crisi libica e il ruolo dell'Europa*, Documenti IAI, available at: <http://www.iai.it/sites/default/files/iai1516.pdf>

Colombo, S. and N. Sartori (2014), *Rethinking EU Energy Policies Towards the Southern Mediterranean Region*, Working Paper No. 1414, available at: <http://www.iai.it/sites/default/files/iaiw1414.pdf>

Colombo, S. (2014), "The Military, Egyptian Bag-snatchers", *Insight Egypt*, November 2014, available at: <http://www.iai.it/en/pubblicazioni/military-egyptian-bag-snatchers>

Colombo, S. (2014), *The GCC, the EU and the Merits of Inter-Regionalism*, GRC Gulf Papers.

Colombo, S. and A. Meringolo (2013), *Egypt: Back to Square One?*, IAI Working Paper No. 1323, available at: <http://www.iai.it/pdf/DocIAI/iaiw1323.pdf>

Colombo, S. et al. (2013), *Regional Dynamics in the Mediterranean and Prospects for Transatlantic Cooperation*, Mediterranean Paper Series, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, .

Colombo, S. (2013), *The Future of Syria and the Regional Arms Race*, IAI Working Paper No. 1319, available at: <http://www.iai.it/pdf/DocIAI/iaiw1319.pdf>

Colombo, S. and C. Committeri (2013), *Need to Rethink the EU-GCC Strategic Relation. Sharaka Conceptual Paper*, Sharaka Research Paper No. 1.

Colombo, S. et al. (2012), *The GCC in the Mediterranean in Light of the Arab Spring*, Mediterranean

Paper Series, The German Marshall Fund of the United States.

Colombo, S. (2012), *The "Bearded Elites" and the Sad State of Egyptian State Institutions*, Op-Med Series, 21 November 2012, available at : http://www.iai.it/pdf/mediterraneo/GMF-IAI/Op-Med_12.pdf

Colombo, S. (2012), "Syria: Neither Spring nor Peace" in T. Behr and P. Sasnal, *Still Awake: The Beginnings of Arab Democratic Change*, The Polish Institute of International Affairs and The Finnish Institute of International Affairs, pp. 30-36.

Colombo, S. (2012), *The GCC Countries and the Arab Spring. Between Outreach, Patronage and Repression*, IAI Working Paper No. 1209, available at: <http://www.iai.it/pdf/DocIAI/iaiw1209.pdf>

Colombo, S.; P. Caridi and J. Kinninmont (2012), *New Socio-political Actors in North Africa: a Transatlantic Perspective*, Mediterranean Paper Series, The German Marshall Fund of the United States.

Colombo, S. and N. Abdelkhalik (2012), *The European Union and Multilateralism in the Mediterranean: Energy and Migration Policy*, Mercury E-Paper No. 18.

Colombo, S.; L. Debnárová; V. Riháková and L. March (2012), *The EU Neighbourhood and Comparative Modernisation*, Mercury E-paper No. 17.

Colombo, S. (2011), *Morocco's Uncertain Transition*, EuroMeSCo Brief No. 26, available at: <http://www.euromesco.net/images/briefs/euromescobrief26.pdf>

Colombo, S. (2011), *Syria and Lebanon: Diverging Paths of State Unsustainability*, MEDPRO Technical Report No. 6, Brussels: MEDPRO, available at: <http://www.medpro-foresight.eu/publication/syria-and-lebanon-diverging-paths-state-unsustainability>

Colombo, S. (2011), *Morocco at the Crossroads: Seizing the Window of Opportunity for Sustainable Development*, MEDPRO Technical Report No. 2, April 2011, Brussels: MEDPRO, available at: <http://www.medpro-foresight.eu/publication/morocco-crossroads-seizing-window-opportunity-sustainable-development>

Book reviews

Colombo, S. (2016), "Regional Insecurity After the Arab Uprisings. Narratives of Security and Threat", *Mediterranean Politics*, Vol. 21, No. 3, pp. 469-471.

Colombo, S. (2016), "The EU and Euro-Mediterranean Governance in the Wake of the Arab Uprisings. Understanding the successes and limits of the EU's engagement with the MENA region", *International Affairs*, Vol. 92, No. 1, pp. 21-22.

Colombo, S. (2015), *Qatar and the Arab Spring*, E-International Relations, available at: <http://www.e-ir.info/author/silvia-colombo/>

Colombo, S. (2011), "Navigating Comparative Middle Eastern Politics in the Twenty-First Century", *Mediterranean Politics*, Vol. 16, No. 3, pp. 397-399.

Colombo, S. (2011), "Charting the Future Trajectory of the Muslim Brotherhood: Some Useful Instruments", *The International Spectator*, Vol. 46, No. 3, pp. 412-415.

Colombo, S. (2010), " Hamas At A Crossroads: Taking Stock of Past Experience", *The International Spectator*, Vol. 45, No. 1, pp. 35-37.

Courses

Summer School in Comparative Democratic Institutions and Constitutional Engineering by Professor John Huber, University of Oslo, 2011

- Reviewer for *Mediterranean Politics*, *Global Challenges*, *Democratization*, *International Security*, *Journal of Arabia Studies*, *The International Spectator*.
- Member of the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMo), the Italian Political Science Association (SISP) and the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES).

Presentations

Teaching

- Mediterranean Regional Integration (International Relations), Master in Advanced European and International Studies (MAEIS), Centre International de Formation Européenne (CIFE), Nice – Tunis – Istanbul/Rome, MA, 2015-2019
- Political and Institutional Changes and Continuities in the Middle East and North Africa

(Comparative Politics), Master in Advanced European and International Studies (MAEIS), Centre International de Formation Européenne (CIFE), Nice – Tunis – Istanbul/Rome, MA, 2015-2019

- Italy's Foreign Policy and the Mediterranean, IES Abroad, Rome Campus, BA, 2013
- Supervision of 12 MA dissertations, Master in Advanced European and International Studies (MAEIS), Centre International de Formation Européenne (CIFE), Nice – Tunis – Istanbul/Rome, 2015-2019