

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### • EDUCATION

2011-2015	Ph.D. in International Studies, School of International Studies, University of Trento, Italy
2010-2011	MSc in Development Studies, University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), UK
2007-2010	Master's degree in Middle Eastern Studies, University of Rome, La Sapienza, Italy
2004-2007	Bachelor's degree in Applied Languages, University of Milan, Italy

### • CURRENT POSITION

1/12/2021-present	Assistant Professor with tenure in International Relations, Department of Human and Social Sciences, University of Naples L'Orientale, Italy
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### • PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2020-2021	Adjunct Professor, Department of Human and Social Sciences, University of Naples L'Orientale
2021	Visiting Researcher at the Austrian Institute for International Affairs, Vienna (Ernst Mach Fellowship (6 months))
2020-2021	Adjunct Professor, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna
2017-2021	Research Fellow, Department of Human and Social Sciences, University of Naples L'Orientale
2016-2017	Research Fellow, Middle East Research Institute, Erbil, Iraq
2015-2016	Research Fellow, Department of Politics, University of York, UK

### • FELLOWSHIPS; AWARDED PROJECTS

2023-ongoing	PI of the Project "Conflict management and resolution in the wider Mediterranean: comparing practices between Western and non-Western actors" funded by the Italian Ministry of Higher Education (PRIN-2022)
2021	Gerda Henkel Scholarship (12 months) Project title: Traditional civil society, non-governmental, state and international actors in the reconstruction of Mosul: assessing coexistence, complementarity and competition (funded by: Gerda Henkel Foundation)
2021	Ernst Mach Fellowship (6 months), Austrian Institute for International Affairs, Vienna

Project title: The international peace architecture of the 21<sup>st</sup> century: mapping changes in norms, actors and practices (funded by: OeAD, Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation)

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2017-2021	Post-Doctoral Fellowship (assegno di ricerca), Department of Human and Social Sciences, University of Naples L'Orientale (funded by: Italian Ministry of Education)
2016-2017	Co-I and project coordinator, Project title: "Drivers for Onward migration: the case of Iraqi IDPs in the Kurdistan Region leaving the country. (funded by: Netherlands Organization for Research).
2011-2014	Doctoral scholarship, School of International Studies, University of Trento (funded by: Italian Ministry of Education)

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• **TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

2023/2024 2022-2023	"International Security", bachelor's degree, University of Naples L'Orientale (48 hours).
2023/2024 2022-2023	"Global and Regional Governance", Second cycle degree programme, University of Naples L'Orientale (48 hours).
2021-2022	"International Relations", bachelor's degree, University of Naples L'Orientale (48 hours).
2020-2021	"International Relations", bachelor's degree, University of Naples L'Orientale (48 hours).
2020-2021	"Peacekeeping, Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution", Second cycle degree programme, University of Bologna (40 hours).
2019-2020	"International Intervention in conflict-affected contexts: peacebuilding, statebuilding and conflict resolution", Second cycle degree programme, University of Naples L'Orientale (20 hours).
2017-2018	"International Intervention in conflict-affected contexts: peacebuilding, statebuilding and conflict resolution", Second cycle degree programme, University of Naples L'Orientale (20 hours).

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• **REVIEWING ACTIVITIES**

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2016-present	Reviewer for: Global Governance; Ethnopolitics; International Migration; Interdisciplinary Political Studies; Mediterranean Politics; International Affairs; Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism; British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies; Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding; International Peacekeeping; Conflict, Security and Development; Social Movement Studies; Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, Third World Quarterly.
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- **PUBLICATION**

**Book**

Costantini, Irene, 2018. *Statebuilding in the Middle East and North Africa: the aftermath of regime change*. Routledge Studies in Intervention and Statebuilding series. Abingdon: Routledge.

**Peer-reviewed scientific articles**

Irene Costantini and Dylan O’Driscoll, (2023) “2003-2023: a twenty-year reflection of the Iraqi invasion, occupation, and resulting interventions”, *International Peacekeeping*, 30 (5): 549-561.

Irene Costantini and Dylan O’Driscoll, (2023) “Twenty-years of externally promoted security assistance in Iraq: changing approaches and their limits”, *International Peacekeeping*, 30 (5): 562-584.

Dylan O’Driscoll and Irene Costantini (2023), Conflict mitigation versus governance: the case of consociation in Iraq. *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*. 30 (1): 65-84.

Rosita di Peri and Irene Costantini (2023), “Navigating the Covid-19 Pandemic in Consociational systems: the cases of Lebanon and Iraq”. *International Spectator*, 58 (1): 128-145.

Irene Costantini and Federico Donelli, (2022) “Sponsor-proxy dynamics between decentered multipolarity and non-state actors: evidence from the MENA region”, *Small Wars and Insurgencies*, 9 January 2022.

Irene Costantini and Ruth Hanau Santini (2022), “Power mediators and the ‘illiberal peace’ momentum: ending wars in Libya and Syria”, *Third World Quarterly*, 43 (1): 131-147.

Irene Costantini and Ruth Hanau Santini (2022), “Waiting for IR Godot: Middle Eastern Studies in search of encounters with International Relations”, *Italian Political Science Review*, 52 (2): 203-216.

Dylan O’Driscoll, Irene Costantini, and Serhun Al (2021), “Federal versus Unitary States: Ethnic Accommodation of Tamils and Kurds”, *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, 26 (4): 351-368.

Edoardo Baldaro and Irene Costantini (2021), “Fragility and resilience in the European Union’s security strategy: comparing policy paradigms”, *Italian Political Science Review*, 51 (3): 305-320.

Irene Costantini (2021), “The Iraqi protest movement: social mobilization amidst violence and instability”, *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 48 (5): 832-849.

Irene Costantini (2019) “A solution in Libya: elections, mediation and a victor’s peace”, *Middle East Policy*, XXVI, 4: 149-159.

Irene Costantini and Kamaran Palani (2019) “Unpacking the displacement-migration nexus: evidence from northern Iraq”, *International Migration*, 58 (4): 3-20.

Roberto Belloni and Irene Costantini (2019), “From Liberal Statebuilding to Counterinsurgency and Stabilization: the International Intervention in Iraq”, *Ethnopolitics*, 18 (5): 509–525.

Irene Costantini and Dylan O’Driscoll (2019), “Practices of exclusion, narratives of inclusion: violence, population movements and identity politics in post-2014 northern Iraq”, *Ethnicities*, 20 (3): 481-500.

Irene Costantini (2017), “La partita degli sfollati di Iraq”. *Limes, Rivista Italiana di Geopolitica*, 7: 69–74.

Irene Costantini (2017), “A neoliberal rentier system: new challenges and past economic trajectories in Iraq”. *The International Spectator*, 52 (1): 61–75.

Irene Costantini (2016), “Conflict Dynamics in post-2011 Libya: a political economy perspective”, *Conflict, Security & Development*, 16 (5): 405–422.

Irene Costantini (2013), “Statebuilding and foreign direct investment. The case of post-2003 Iraq”. *International Peacekeeping*, 20 (3): 263–279.

Irene Costantini (2012), “Economic issues in war-to-peace transitions: old and new challenges”, *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, 6 (4): 427–435.

### Book chapters

Irene Costantini and Yasmin Chilmeran, 2024. The state from Tahrir Square: understanding protestors’ conception of the Iraqi state, in: *Spoils of War in the Arab East. Reconditioning Society and Polity in Conflict*. Edited by Aziz al-Azmeh, Harout Akdedian and Haian Dukhan. London and New York: I.B. Tauris. ISBN: 9780755649082

Irene Costantini. 2024. Iraq in a changing geopolitical context. In: *The Palgrave Handbook of Contemporary Geopolitics*, edited by Zak Cope. London: Palgrave Macmillan. ISBN: 978-3-031-25399-7

Irene Costantini (2023) “Iraq: le sfide economiche e il processo di ricostruzione”. In: Riccardo Redaelli (a cura di), *L’Iraq contemporaneo*, Milano: Francesco Brioschi Editore.

Irene Costantini (2022) “Silencing peaceful voices: practices of control and repression in post-2003 Iraq”. In: Ozgun Topak, Merouar Mekouar and Francesco Cavatorta (eds), *New Authoritarian Practices: State Control in the Middle East and North Africa*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press. ISBN: 9781474489409.

Irene Costantini and Sansom Milton, (2021), “Doing research in conflict and post-conflict contexts”. In: Lorraine Charles, Ilan Pappé and Monica Ronchi (eds). *Researching the Middle East: cultural, conceptual, theoretical and practical issues*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press. ISBN: 978-1474440318.

Irene Costantini and Dylan O’Driscoll (2021), “Party politics in quasi-state. Iraqi Kurdistan”. In: Francesco Cavatorta, Lise Storm, and Valeria Resta (eds), *Routledge Handbook on political parties in the Middle East and North Africa*, London and New York: Routledge: 218-228. ISBN: 9780367219864

Irene Costantini and Adriano Cozzolino (2020), “Limited statehood in a shattered state: territorial and economic challenges to the construct of the Iraqi state”. In: Ruth Hanau Santini, Abel Polese and Rob Kevlihan (eds), *Limited statehood and informal governance in the Middle East and North Africa*, London and New York: Routledge: 72-87. ISBN: 978-1138586468

Irene Costantini (2019), “State building”. In: *Il trono di sabbia. Stato, nazioni e potere in Medio Oriente*. A cura di: Giacomo Bottos, Francesco Rustichelli, Francesco Salesio Schiavi, Jacopo Scita e Gabriele Sirtori. Torino: Rosenberg & Sellier, in collaborazione con Pandora Rivista: 67–81. ISBN: 978-8878856875

Irene Costantini and Ruth Hanau Santini (2019), “Saudi Arabia’s Regional Space-shaping: making or unmaking a region? In: Giusti Serana & Mirkina Irina (eds). *The EU in a trans-European Space. External Relations across Europe, Asia and the Middle East*. Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan: 113–131. ISBN: 978-3030036799.

Irene Costantini (2017), “Conflict and Peace in the Mediterranean Space: Europe’s response to the Libyan crisis”. In: Muriam Haleh Davis and Thomas Serres (eds), *North Africa and the Making of Europe: governance, institutions, and culture*, London and New York: Bloomsbury Academic Publishing: 223–242. ISBN: 9781350021822.

Irene Costantini (2017), “After regime change, what? The missed opportunity of statebuilding in Libya”. In: Arturo Varvelli (ed), *State-Building in Libya. Integrating Diversities, Traditions and Citizenship*, RESET: 144–157. ISBN: 978-8894186987.

Irene Costantini (2017), “The politics of corruption and anti-corruption measures in conflict-affected countries: an exploration through the lens of hybridity”. In: Bellak, Blanka, Jaba Devdariani, Benedikt Harzl, Lara Spieker (Eds), *Governance in Conflict: Selected Cases in Europe and Beyond*. Dialogue Contribution to Peace Research. Zurich: Lit Verlag.

Irene Costantini (2014), “Modello di sviluppo da imitare o evitare? Il caso degli investimenti diretti esteri nell’Iraq post- invasione”, in: *Costruire la pace tra Stato e territori, I dilemmi del peacebuilding*, a cura di Roberto Belloni, Mauro Cereghini e Francesco Strazzari, Erickson: 259–286. ISBN: 978-8859005834.

Irene Costantini (2011) “La società civile nel mondo arabo. Il caso dell’associazionismo civile palestinese a Gerusalemme”, in *Miscellanea Arabica, 2010-2011* a cura di Angelo Arioli, Edizioni Nuova Cultura, 2011, pp. 54–90. ISBN: 9788861347748.

## **Report/policy reports**

(2020) “SSR in Iraq before and after the Covid-19 Pandemic”, in: Andrea Cellino and Annalisa Perteghella (eds), *Conflict, Pandemics and peacebuilding: new perspectives on security Sector Reform in the MENA region*, ISPI and D-CAF.

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(2019) “La piazza ora chiede un cambio rivoluzionario”, ISPI Commentary, 7 Novembre 2019.

(2018) “Displacement-migration-return: understanding uncertainty in the context of Iraq” (with Kamaran Palani), *MERI Policy Report*. Gennaio 2018.

(2017) “Coro Sciita a cinque voci per il future dialogo nazionale. In: Mosul libera: quale future per l’Iraq?” *ISPI Dossier*, 9 luglio 2017.

(2017) “Planning Post-IS Iraq: Competing Visions Within the Shia Block?” *MERI Policy Brief*. vol. 4, no. 04.

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(2016) “The Reconstruction of Islamic State – Liberated Areas”, *MERI Policy Brief*. vol. 3, no. 20.

(2016) “A Development-Oriented Stabilisation Policy for Mosul”, *MERI Policy Brief*. vol. 3, no. 15.

(2016) “Evaluative study: the Aga Khan Development Network’s multi-input area development (MIAD) approach to programming in Badakhshan Afghanistan, 2004-2014, (with Jo Rose, Kenneth Bush, Mohammad Ehsan Zia and Ehsan Shayegan).

(2014) “Assessment on livelihood and employment condition of Syrian refugees and asylum seekers residing in Domiz Camp”. Report prepared for Un Ponte Per... within the project “Strengthening the humanitarian response for Syrian refugees and asylum seeker in Domiz Camp (KRG/Dohuk province) and al-Qa’im camp in Anbar Governorate” funded by OCHA-ERF.