

Alessandro Tinti



PROFILE

I am a postdoctoral researcher with an interdisciplinary background in international relations, political ecology, and environmental anthropology. My previous research explored the relationship between extractivism and identity formation in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. I am currently a BE-FOR-ERC Fellow at the University of Rome "La Sapienza" working on a project on social ecology and democratic confederalism in Rojava. I have an excellent knowledge of interpretivist and qualitative methodologies.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Mar 2023	Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, University of Rome "La Sapienza" BE-FOR-ERC 2022 Recipient
Oct 2020 — Oct 2022	Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, University of Rome "La Sapienza" Project: "Post-Soviet space between political science and area studies"
Jan 2022 — Aug 2022	Research Coordinator, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Project: "STRIVE Juvenile: Preventing and Responding to Violence against Children by Terrorist and Violent Extremist Groups". Duties included: identifying national research partners and coordinating and overseeing their work; conducting desk review of existing literature; planning fieldwork in Iraq; ensuring quality control of the research deliverables; elaborating the draft study for Iraq and provide input to the global study.
Jan 2020 — May 2020	Project Coordinator, International Relations Office, University of Florence Organizing the 3rd edition of the Erasmus+ International Week; establishing traineeship agreements with partner universities; providing administrative support to the office; writing tutorials for incoming Erasmus students
Jan 2018 — Dec 2018	Consultant, European Commission, Joint Research Centre, Knowledge Centre on Migration and Demography Collecting and analyzing data on migration issues; writing Migration Profile Reports of non-EU strategic countries; elaborating GSI-referenced maps
Jun 2018 — Sep 2023	Visiting Researcher, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Institute of Environmental Science and Technology Collaborating to the project "Academic-Activist Co-Produced Knowledge for Environmental Justice" (ACKnowl-EJ); adding entries to the Global Atlas of Environmental Justice; liaising with environmental NGOs in Iraq, Syria, and Turkey.
Apr 2017 — Jul 2017	Research Fellow, American University of Iraq – Sulaimani, Institute of Regional and International Studies Conducting field research on water resource management; writing policy briefs and reports; delivering seminars to undergraduate students.

EDUCATION

2016 — 2019	Ph.D. in Political Science and International Relations, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies Dissertation: "Contested Geographies of Kurdistan. Oil and Kurdish self-determination in Iraq". Supervisor: Prof. Francesco Strazzari. Final grade: cum laude
2011 — 2014	MA in International Relations, University of Florence Final grade: 110/110 cum laude
2007 — 2011	BA in Political Science, University of Florence

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2021 — Present	Teaching Tutor, University of Bologna	Forlì
	Tutoring undergraduate students in International Relations, preparing class materials, grading exams (40 hours)	
Sep 2019 — Present	Lecturer, CET Academic Programs	Florence
	Two courses (International Energy Policy; European Political Economy, 45 hours each) per semester.	
2021 — 2022	Lecturer, University of Bologna	Forlì
	Crash course in International Politics for graduate students enrolled in the MA in International Politics and Economics (20 hours).	
2021 — 2022	Academic Coordinator, University of Rome “La Sapienza”	Rome
	Coordinating the seminar series “The challenge of climate change and sustainable transition”	
2020 — 2021	Adjunct Professor, University of Bologna	Forlì
	Module “Environmental Issues and Climate Change” within the course in International Relations (48 hours).	
2019 — 2021	Instructor, University of Siena	Siena
	Workshop “Monitoring and Evaluation of Humanitarian Action” for graduate students enrolled in the MA in Conflict Management and Humanitarian Action (4 hours).	
2019 — 2020	Teaching Tutor, University of Florence	Florence
	Tutoring undergraduate students in Political Science, Public Law, Sociology, and Academic Writing; tutoring inmate students in the Dogaia Prison in Prato (150 hours).	

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Tinti, A. (2021). Oil and National Identity in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq: Conflicts at the Frontier of Petro-capitalism. Routledge.

Peer-reviewed articles

Tinti, A. (2023). Scales of justice. Large dams and water rights in the Tigris-Euphrates basin, *Policy and Society*, 42(2), 184-196.

Tinti, A., Basile, L., & Cilento, M. (2023). Resource nationalism among Russian academics: A centre-periphery pattern? *Nations and Nationalism*, 1– 15.

Degli Esposti, N., & Tinti, A. (2023). Linee di conflitto, economia politica e stratificazione sociale nel Kurdistan iracheno. *Oriente Moderno*, 102(3), 362–385.

Tinti, A., & Cilento, M. (2023). University-Industry Relations in the Oil and Gas Sector in Russia, *Partecipazione e Conflitto*, 15(3), 885-897.

Achilli, L., & Tinti, A. (2019). Debunking the smuggler-terrorist nexus: human smuggling and the Islamic State in the Middle East. *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 45(5-6), 463-478.

Tinti, A. (2017). On stalled revolutions and revived authoritarianism in the Arab world. *Studies of Transition States and Societies*, 9(1), 76-78.

Others

Tinti, A. (2020). Beyond Water Nationalism: Towards a Mesopotamian Ecological Identity, ISPI, 2020.

Tinti, A., & Urso, G. (2018). Migration Profile Bangladesh, KCMD, European Commission.

Tinti, A., & Urso, G. (2018). Migration Profile Ethiopia, KCMD, European Commission.

Tinti, A. (2017). Water Resources Management in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Institute of Regional and International Studies, The American University of Iraq, Sulaimani.

Tinti, A., & Strazzari, F. (2017). Fra Ankara e Damasco. I fronti aperti dell'erdoganismo, *Italianieuropei*, 1, 97-105.

GRANT & AWARDS

2022 BE-FOR-ERC Fellowship, University of Rome "La Sapienza"
2022 MSCA Seal of Excellence
2019 Spitali Prize for best PhD thesis, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies
2019 Erasmus+ Placement Grant for 2019-2020, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies
2018 TRE Mobility Grant, POMEPS, George Washington University
2018 MAXQDA ResearchforChange Grant, Honorable Mention Award
2018 Travel grant, 2018 ISA Annual Convention
2016 Full Ph.D. Scholarship, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies

CONFERENCES & TALKS

Conference "The Kurds and the Others", University of Salento, Lecce (28-29/9/2023) *organizer & panel discussant*
Webinar "Sicurezza idrica e umana in Iraq", CeSI - Centro Studi Internazionali (12/7/2023) *speaker*
Convention "Verso il riconoscimento del genocidio del popolo kurdo - Anfal", Unione Donne Italiane e Curde, Mestre (18/5/2023) *speaker*
Seminar "Old dynasties, new conflicts. Neopatrimonialism and mass protests in Iraqi Kurdistan", University of Pisa (05/5/2023) *guest lecturer*
Convention "Presenze di pace in teatri di guerra. La questione kurda", in Marcia per la pace, Milano (22/4/2023) *speaker*
Lecture "Kurdistan iracheno. Vecchi e nuovi conflitti", University of Naples "L'Orientale" (29/11/2022) *guest lecturer*
15th Conference of the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO), Napoli (22-24/06/2022) *panel chair*
Webinar "Riflessività ed etica della ricerca in aree di conflitto. Esperienze di campo dal Kurdistan", Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies (14/12/2022) *speaker*
Lecture "The governance of climate change", Spring Hill College Italy Centre, Bologna (28/10/2021) *guest lecturer*
SISP Conference 2021 (9-11/9/2021)
Lecture "Crude power. The political economy of oil in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq", University of Bologna (21/5/2021) *guest lecturer*
Lecture "Political ecology of crude oil and territorial identity", MA Course in World Economic Systems, University of Turin (30/4/2021) *guest lecturer*
Conference "Questione curda, invasione turca e guerra in Siria: dinamiche, scenari e prospettive", University of Pisa (28/10/2019) *paper presenter*
Conference "Conflicts and natural resources in the MENA region and its immediate neighborhood", European University Institute, Florence (21-22/10/2019) *paper presenter*
Workshop "Fieldwork research challenged", European University Institute, Florence (7/5/2019) *paper presenter*
Round Table "Field research, hyper-productivity, psychological pressure: strategies of resistance among young researchers", 14th Conference of the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO), Turin (31/1 - 2/2/2019) *speaker*
Conference "Insurgency: an interdisciplinary approach", Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa (24-25/9/2018) *paper presenter*
Seminar "No friends but the mountains. Extractivism and social control in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq", Autonomous University of Barcelona (12/7/2018) *guest lecturer*

International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco (4-7/4/2018)
paper presenter

Workshop "International PhD Students Workshop SeSaMO", Pisa
(30/11-1/12/2017) *paper presenter*

Workshop "When Smuggling goes wrong: from a crime against state sovereignty
to a crime against persons", European University Institute and UNODC, Florence
(25-27/10/2017) *paper presenter*

Seminar "Beyond the oil curse: a political ecology of oil", American University of
Iraq, Sulaimani (12/6/2017) *guest lecturer*

Conference "MED - Mediterranean Dialogues 2016", ISPI & Italian Ministry of
Foreign Affairs, Rome (1-3/12/2016) *attendee*

Workshop "Emancipatory transformations: engaging radical democracy in
Kurdistan", University of Sussex, Brighton (3-4/11/2016) *attendee*

Seminar "Academic research in high-risk areas", Sant'Anna School of Advanced
Studies, Pisa (24/5/2016) *organizer*

Seminar "Deteriorating human rights and freedoms in Egypt. Reflections after the
Regeni murder", Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa (12/5/2016) *organizer*

IAPSS World Congress 2015, Birkbeck, University of London (14-18/4/2015) *paper
presenter*

TRAININGS

ECPR Summer School in Research Methods and Techniques; Course "Using
Participatory Research Methods in Political Science Research" (24/7-11/8/2023)

Arabic Program for Social Sciences, Rabat School of Governance and Economics,
100 hours (July 2016)

Monitoring and Evaluation in the Humanitarian Aid, ISPI (20-21/2/2015)

Water: a contested resource, ISPI (13-14/2/2015)

Core training in humanitarian emergencies, INTERSOS (25-27/6/2014)

LANGUAGES

Italian

Native speaker

Arabic

A2

English

Highly proficient

SKILLS

Microsoft Office

STATA

MAXQDA

NVivo

MEMBERSHIP OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

2021 — Present

Italian Network of Kurdish Studies (RISC)

Founding member

2018 — Present

Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO)