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I hold a bachelor's degree in International Studies, Development and Cooperation, from University of Turin (2011) after having discussed a final dissertation entitled: "Trust-building in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict" (supervisor Prof. Anna Caffarena). I then pursued a master's degree (first honours) in International Sciences from the same university (2013) granted following the completion of a thesis entitled: "The Populist Challenge in the Era of Globalization" under the supervision of: prof. Fabio Armao, prof. Anna Caffarena and prof. Alfio Mastropaolo. Throughout my studies I showed growing interest in nation-building and identity. These interests led me, rather accidentally, to get acquainted to Elias' works (initially with his "Studies on the Germans"), and thus slowly but surely expand my horizons and deepen my knowledge in figurational and historical sociology.

Since 2014, I have been a PhD candidate in "Social and Political Change", a joint program of the Universities of Turin and Florence and under a co-tutorship agreement with the PhD program in Sociology at the *École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales* (EHESS). My research project entitled "Engraving identity: the production of the Israeli "survival unit" through its historians" is under the supervision of prof. Gisèle Sapiro (EHESS) and prof. Marco Tarchi (University of Florence). It seeks to delineate the topical sociopolitical phases in the process of Israeli national identity whilst benefitting from concepts such as 'habitus', 'survival unit', 'generation' that find great richness in Elias' intellectual production. I have been the beneficiary of various grants enabling me to pursue a long field research in Israel as well as to present my work-in-progress on different occasions, mainly international conferences. In addition to my doctoral research, I have been an active member of the Italian Society of Political Studies (SISP), a member of the advisory committee in Political Sociology of the European Consortium of Political Research (Ecpr); as well as member of several standing-groups on history and politics, religion and society etc. I am also a member of the international Association of Israel Studies and of the European Association for Israel Studies. I have become a fellow member of the Norbert Elias Foundation in 2018.

My Research interests: figurational sociology, intellectual history and sociology, Israel Studies, national identity, nation building-processes, sociopolitical theories, history and politics.

Current Eliasian Affairs: Elias' works find their home at Florence University in the department of social and political sciences where Prof. Angela Perulli teaches and cultivates Eliasian concepts within the laboratory of "Cambio" and its editorial line. She has been the driving behind the availability of Elias' publications in English and Italian. Yet, the group of Italian social scholars using Elias as a conceptual "toolkit" is relatively limited. I thus believe more could be done in terms of collaboration and cooperation, while introducing Elias to younger scholars in social disciplines beyond sociology. In other words, I hope that I can actively, though humbly, foster a true intellectual exchange amongst Elias-inspired academics in Italy and beyond.

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