

# Achille Marotta

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## APPOINTMENTS

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**Oriel College, University of Oxford**  
Sir John Elliot Junior Research Fellow

Oct 2026 – Sep 2029

**European University Institute**  
Max Weber Fellow

Sep 2024 – Aug 2026

## GRANTS

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**Early-Stage Researcher Grant**

2025

€3,645 research grant from the European University Institute  
for project "From Slaves to Citizens in the Early Modern Mediterranean"

**Luigi Einaudi Grant**

2024

€20,000 scholarship from Fondazione Luigi Einaudi Torino  
for post-doctoral project "Slavery and Stigma in Early Modern Italy"

**Marco Polo Grant**

2023

€3,450 mobility grant from the University of Bologna  
for a visiting period at the University of Oxford

## AWARDS

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**George E. Haggerty Prize**

2025

Awarded by the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies  
for article "The Muslim Friend"

**Virginia Ramey Mollenkott Award**

2025

Awarded by the LGBTQ Religious Archives Network  
for article "The Muslim Friend"

## TITLES

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### University of Bologna

Nov 2020 – Jun 2024

PhD Global History, Politics, and Culture.

*Slavery, Normativity, and Muslim-Christian Relations in*

*Early Modern Genoa*. Supervisors: Vincenzo Lavenia, Daniel Hershenzon

### SOAS, University of London

2018

MSc Labour, Social Movements, and Development

*First Class Honours*

### London School of Economics

2016

BA Social Anthropology

*First Class Honours*

## PUBLICATIONS

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Marotta, A. 'Merchant Slaves: Trade, Bondage, and Belonging in Early Modern Genoa',  
**Manuscript in preparation.**

Marotta, A. 'The Muslim Friend: Cross-Confessional Male Intimacy in Eighteenth-Century Italy', **Journal of Early Modern History** 28, 3 (2024): 230-252. Open access.

## INVITED TALKS

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'Fragile Mastery: Slaves and their Possessions in the Early Modern Mediterranean', Early Modern World History Workshop, **University of Cambridge**, 21 November 2024.

## GUEST LECTURES

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'Primary sources, race, blackness and slavery' on course *History of race/Race in history*, Prof. M'hamed Oualdi, **European University Institute**, 27 February 2025.

'Intentionality and non-voluntary self-narratives', on course *Notions of self and first-person sources: Concepts and methods*, Prof. Mónica Bolufer Peruga, **European University Institute**, 4 February 2025.

## SELECTED PANEL AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

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'Notary deeds and the study of slavery: a microhistorical analysis', *Max Weber June Conference*, **European University Institute**, 13 June 2025.

'Da schiavi a parenti. Considerazioni preliminari per lo studio della schiavitù attraverso gli atti notarili', *Primary sources for the study of Muslim slaves in early modern Europe*, **European University Institute**, 28 March 2025.

'Merchant slaves: enslaved traders in early modern Italy"', **Renaissance Society of America** annual conference, Boston, 21 March 2025.

'«Schiavi mercanti» a Genova in età moderna (secoli XVII e XVIII)', *Attraverso la storia*, **Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore**, 8 February 2024.

'Enslaved street vendors in the Republic of Genoa: Enclosure, resistance, and Mediterranean custom', *Captivities: Experiences and Institutions of Slavery in the Early Modern Mediterranean*, **University of Bologna**, 18 May 2023.

'The prosecution of Muslims for sodomy in early modern Italy', *The Making and Unmaking of Identities in the Early Modern Mediterranean*, **European University Institute**, 12 May 2022.

## CO-ORGANISED EVENTS

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Panel: 'Contracts and Confidence on the Road to Capitalism?' Max Weber June Conference, **European University Institute**, 13 June 2025 (Panel organised in honour of Francesca Trivellato's visit to the EUI)

International doctoral conference: 'Captivities: Experiences and Institutions of Slavery in the Early Modern Mediterranean'. **University of Bologna**, 18-19 May 2023 (€4,300 jointly funded by the Department of History and Cultures and the Italian Society for Early Modern History)

Seminar: 'Language and Bondage: Communication and Captivity in the Early Modern Mediterranean'. **University of Bologna**, 17 May 2022 (International seminar hosting Gillian Weiss and M'hamed Oualdi)

## VISITING PERIODS

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### University of Oxford

Visiting PhD student, advisor: Filippo De Vivo

Oct-Dec 2023

## TRAINING

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### Classical and Modern Standard Arabic (فصحى)

Last completed course: "Advanced 2" at Qalam wa Lawh Centre for Arabic Studies, (Rabat), July 2025. CEFR equivalent: B2.

### Reading Arabic Manuscripts

Sixteen-hour online seminar led by Prof. Luke Yarbrough (UCLA) and organised by Mediterranean Summer Skills Seminars, 23-26 June 2025.

## WORKING LANGUAGES

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Italian, English: Academic writing, public speaking, teaching

French, Spanish: Conversation, historiography and sources

Standard Arabic: Conversation, historiography and training to read sources

Modern Latin: Reading sources

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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Representative of fellows on the Academic Council and member of the Social and Welfare Fund, European University Institute, AY 2024-2025

Member: Renaissance Society of America (RSA), American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ASECS), Società italiana per la storia moderna (SISEM)

Peer reviewer: *Estudis. Revista de Historia Moderna*

## REFERENCES

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Associate Professor, University of Connecticut, Department of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages

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Full-time Professor, European University Institute, Department of History