GIO MARIA TESSAROLO

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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Center for Humanities 2026-
The University of Texas at Austin
Postdoctoral Fellow

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley 2021-2026
Ph.D. – Political Theory
M.A. (with distinction in the Field Exam) 2023
Visiting Fellow at King's College, Cambridge 2026

Scuola Normale Superiore 2016-2021
Five-year honors curriculum (B.A. and M.A.)
Erasmus Visiting Student at UCL (London) 2020-2021

University of Pisa 2019-2021
Laurea magistrale (M.A.) – History of Philosophy

University of Pisa 2016-2019
Laurea (B.A.) – History of Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS (ENGLISH)

Book Manuscript (in preparation)

The Politics of Vice and the Origins of Modern Constitutionalism.

Articles

1) "Mandeville's Reception in Italy, 1732-1998." *Il Politico*, forthcoming.

2) "Francesco Guicciardini's *Dialogue on the Government of Florence*: A New Interpretation." *History of Political Thought*, forthcoming.

3) "Jean Bodin's Demonic Constitutionalism: Sovereignty, Natural Law, and Political Theology." *American Political Science Review*, CXX/2 (2026), pp. 490-503. (with Eero Arum)

4) "The Politics of *societas* and the Early Modern State." *The Historical Journal*, LXVIII/2 (2025), pp. 308-328.

5) "'Full of contradictions, of confusion, or both'. Rethinking the Political Thought of Robert Filmer." *History of Political Thought*, XLV/2 (2024), pp. 257-81.

Work in Progress

- "Self-Interest and Political Vice" (full draft available upon request).
- "The Politics of Vice in France: 1715-1748" (to be included in an edited volume on Vice Theory, anticipated submission Spring 2027).
- Review of Gregorio Baldin, *Thomas Hobbes. Filosofia e politica nell'Europa del Seicento*, Rome 2025 (commissioned by *Hobbes Studies*).

PUBLICATIONS (ITALIAN)

Edited Book

La democrazia allo specchio. Tocqueville e Marx, ed. by Gio Maria Tessarolo and Marco Zolli, Edizioni della Normale, Pisa, 2020.

Articles

1) "Il pensiero politico della *Storia d'Italia*." *Rinascimento*, Serie II, LXV (2025), pp. 155-87.

2) "Per un'interpretazione evolutiva del pensiero di Guicciardini. A partire da una nuova edizione dei *Ricordi*." *Rinascimento*, Serie II, LXIV (2024), pp. 105-27.

3) "Tra tradizione e mito. Limiti e prospettive del paradigma repubblicano." *Studi storici*, LXIV/4 (2023), pp. 781-812.

4) "«Un uomo eccezionale nello Stato»: la figura del legislatore tra Rousseau e Machiavelli." *Annali della Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa. Classe di Lettere e Filosofia*, Serie V, XIII/2 (2021), pp. 477-502.

5) "Politica ed esistenza. Rousseau in Germania tra Thomas Mann e Carl Schmitt." *Rivista di storia della filosofia*, II (2021), pp. 281-308.

6) "Machiavelli, Rousseau e l'«età umanistica»: appunti per un confronto." *Rinascimento*, Serie II, LX (2020), pp. 253-271.

7) "Ordini e virtù. Gli «uomini eccellenti» in Machiavelli." *Rinascimento*, Serie II, LVIII (2018), pp. 257-282.

Chapters and Essays

1) "Virtù e corruzione: storia e storiografia del repubblicanesimo rinascimentale," in *L'età nuova. Umanesimo e Rinascimento*, Edizioni della Normale, Pisa-Firenze, 2025, vol. 3, pp. 629-39.

2) "Dall'umanesimo civile alla *Cambridge School*," in *L'età nuova. Umanesimo e Rinascimento*, Edizioni della Normale, Pisa-Firenze, 2025, vol. 1, pp. 499-503.

3) "Jean-Jacques Rousseau," in *L'età nuova. Umanesimo e Rinascimento*, Edizioni della Normale, Pisa-Firenze, 2025, vol. 1, pp. 63-72.

4) "Economia e medicina dei «corpi misti»: sei tesi sulla corruzione in Machiavelli," in Laura Carotti (ed.), *Machiavelli oggi*, Edizioni della Normale, Pisa, 2024, pp. 131-50.

5) "Virtù," in Simonetta Bassi (ed.), *Il lessico della modernità. Continuità e mutamenti dal XVI al XVIII secolo*, Carocci, Roma, 2023, vol. 2, pp. 1297-304.

6) "Corruzione," in Simonetta Bassi (ed.), *Il lessico della modernità. Continuità e mutamenti dal XVI al XVIII secolo*, Carocci, Roma, 2023, vol. 1, pp. 203-10.

7) "Stefano Guazzo e Thomas Hobbes: la 'civil conversazione' tra retorica e morale," in Marco Sgattoni and Luca Burzelli (eds.), *Le ragioni del dialogo. Un seminario sulla civil conversazione e la sua fortuna moderna*, Argalia, Urbino, 2021, pp. 193-225.

8) "Complessità, libertà e moderazione tra Montesquieu e Tocqueville," in Gio Maria Tessarolo and Marco Zolli (eds.), *La democrazia allo specchio. Tocqueville e Marx*, Edizioni della Normale, Pisa, 2020, pp. 127-52.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UT AUSTIN (as Instructor of Record)

"What is a Republic?" – Spring 2027

UC BERKELEY (as Teaching Assistant/Graduate Student Instructor)

"Ancient Greek Politics and Political Thought" – Spring 2025.

"Sovereignty" – Fall 2024.

"History of Political Theory – Modern" – Spring 2024.

"History of Political Theory – Ancient" – Fall 2023.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS (SELECTED)

2026	Junior Fellowship – Institute for Humane Studies ($7000)
2025	Humane Studies Fellowship – Institute for Humane Studies ($5000)
2025	Philo Sherman Bennett Prize for the best essay in Political Science – UC Berkeley ($3000)
2025	RSA (Renaissance Society of America) Travel Grant ($500)
2024	Townsend Center for the Humanities Conference Grant ($500) – UC Berkeley
2024	REMS (Renaissance and Early Modern Studies) Exploratory Grant ($1500) - UC Berkeley
2024	REMS (Renaissance and Early Modern Studies) Grant for a Working Group on Early Modern Political Thought ($3000) – UC Berkeley
2024	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award - UC Berkeley
2023	APSA Travel Grant (later declined)
2021-2026	Berkeley Fellowship (offered to outstanding incoming graduate students)
2016-2021	Full Honors fellowship at *Scuola Normale Superiore* (tuition, room, board, and monthly stipend for five years)

PRESENTATIONS

"What is Self-Interest? A Historical Approach."

- IHS Junior Fellowship Convenings, Charlotte, 05-2026; 08-2026.

"From Mandeville to Hume: The Birth of a Science of Politics."

- *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, 09-2026.
- *Political Thought and Intellectual History Postgraduate Workshop*, University of Cambridge, 02-2026.
- *Berkeley Political Theory Workshop*, 10-2025.

"From the Order of the Cosmos to the Orders of the Commonwealth: Some New Contexts for Harrington's *Oceana*."

- *"Republican Bodies: Medicine, Natural Philosophy, and Politics" Conference,* Institute for Medieval and Early Modern Studies at Durham University, 09-2025 (virtual).

Author-meets-critics on Aaron Alexander Zubia's *The Political Thought of David Hume* (presenter).

- *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Vancouver, 09-2025.

Discussant for panel "Legacies of Roman Law in Early Modern Political Thought."

- *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Vancouver, 09-2025.

"Recovering the Politics of Vice: Mandeville's Challenge."

- *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Vancouver, 09-2025
- *IHS Summer Graduate Conference*, 05-2025
- *Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory*, 04-2025.
- *Columbia Graduate Conference in Political Theory*, 02-2025.
- *Duke Graduate Conference in Political Theory*, 02-2025.
- *Berkeley Political Theory Workshop*, 11-2024.

"The Demons of Sovereignty: Jean Bodin's Demonic Constitutionalism." (with Eero Arum)

- *Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting*, Boston, 03-2025.
- *Britain and Ireland Association for Political Thought Annual Conference*, York, 01-2025.
- *Forschungskolloquium zur Europäischen Geschichte der Frühen Neuzeit*, Berlin, 10-2024.
- *Berkeley Political Theory Workshop*, 04-2024.

"Il pensiero politico della *Storia d'Italia* alla prova delle fonti: continuità o discontinuità?"

- *International conference "Io ho deliberato di scrivere. Filologia della* Storia d'Italia *di Francesco Guicciardini,"* Florence, 10-2024.

"Harrington, Hume, and the Dilemmas of Republicanism."

- *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, 09-2024.
- *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, 04-2024.

"Partnership and Politics in the Thought of Johannes Althusius."

- *Conference of the Johannes Althusius Gesellschaft "Herrschaft, Krieg und Frieden in der Staatslehre der Frühen Neuzeit,"* Friederich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen, 09-2023.

"Francesco Guicciardini's Theory of Popular Government."

- *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, 01-2024.
- *Renaissance and Early Modern Graduate Student Conference*, Berkeley, 10-2023.
- *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Los Angeles, 09-2023 (virtual).
- *South Central Renaissance Conference*, Berkeley, 05-2023.

"The politics of *societas*. Partnership and the Early Modern State."

- *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, 04-2023.
- *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, 04-2023.

- *Berkeley Political Theory Workshop*, 10-2022.

"'Full of contradictions, of confusion, or both.' Rethinking the Political Thought of Robert Filmer."

- *Berkeley Political Theory Workshop*, 03-2022.

"L'ideologia repubblicana: teoria e storia di una tradizione."

- *"Incipit" Project*, Scuola Normale Superiore-Istituto Nazionale di Studi sul Rinascimento, 06-2021.

"Between Form and Matter: Rethinking Machiavelli's Concept of Corruption."

- *National Conference "Machiavelli, oggi,"* Florence, 12-2019.
- *4th Biennial Ideas in Politics Conference "Machiavelli and Contemporary Politics,"* Charles University-Anglo-American University, Prague, 11-2019.

"Machiavelli, Rousseau e l'«età umanistica»: appunti per un confronto."

- *International Conference "Umanesimo e nuovo Umanesimo,"* Pisa and Florence, 12-2018.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Peer reviewer for: *History of Political Thought* (x2); *English Historical Review*; *Hobbes Studies*; *Constitutional Political Economy*; *Annali della Scuola Normale Superiore. Classe di Lettere e Filosofia*; *Machiavelliana*; *Edizioni della Normale* (book reviewer).

Founder and co-organizer: Berkeley Graduate Conference on Early Modern Political Thought (2025).

Organizer: "Guicciardini's *Dialogue* at 500: A Workshop on Renaissance Political Thought" (2025).

Committee member: Graduate Admissions – UC Berkeley Political Science Department (2024-2025).

Coordinator: Renaissance and Early Modern Studies Working Group on Early Modern Political Thought (2024-2025).

Graduate Student Coordinator: UC Berkeley Political Theory Workshop (2023-2024).

Co-organizer: Berkeley-Stanford Political Theory Colloquium (2024).

Co-organizer: UC Berkeley Renaissance and Early Modern Studies Graduate Conference (2023).

Aspen Institute Italy: University College Alumnus (2026-); University Fellow (2019-2023).

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian: native speaker
English: proficient
German: advanced
French: advanced
Latin: advanced reading and translation
Ancient Greek: advanced reading and translation