

GINEVRA CONTI ODORISIO

Curriculum Vitae

- Full Professor of History of Political Thought at the Università degli Studi Roma TRE where she teaches History of Feminine Question, too. The latter discipline has been established by her for the first time at Luiss-Guido Carli University, in 1985.
- After the graduation in Political Sciences at the Università La Sapienza of Rome she has been granted a Fulbright Fellowship and specialized at John Hopkins University.
- She taught for several years at the Università degli Studi of Cassino.
- She has been member of committee in several selections for associate professors and full professors (1998-2000).
- She has been vice-president of the Reflection Group on Accomplishing Europe through Education and Formation at the European Commission (D. G. XII) from 1998 to 2000.
- She is the Director of the International Center for Women's Studies in History and Society, Faculty of Political Sciences, Roma TRE.
- She is member of the ONG association Soroptimist International, which she presided from 2000 to 2002.
- She is member of the editorial board of several academic journals, French and American.
- She collaborated to the Commissione Nazionale Pari Opportunità.
- She is involved in many national and international conferences and she is invited by several universities and cultural associations to present papers and seminars.
- She participates in the European Module within the Universities of Paris VIII, Middlesex of London, Stockholm, Athens and Valencia, on theoretical and historical issues of European citizenship (from 2000-2001).

Recent publications

- Per Filo e per Segno, antologia di testi politici sulla questione femminile, Giappichelli, Torino 2008.
- Famiglia e Stato nella République di Jean Bodin, Torino, Giappichelli, 1993, second edition 1999. French translation -L'Harmattan, Paris 2008.
- Harriet Martineau e Tocqueville, due diverse letture della democrazia americana, Rubbettino, Soveria Mannelli 2005.
- Accomplir l'Europe par l'éducation et la formation, Bruxelles, Commission Européenne, 1997.
- Una famiglia nella storia, Napoli, ESI, 2000.
- La rivoluzione femminile nel XX secolo in Eredità del novecento a cura di E. Di Nolfo, Roma, Enciclopedia Treccani, 2001, pp. 887-902.
- La politica della Comunità Europea per la pari opportunità in Donne d'Europa, quali prospettive a c. di Adele Quercia, Cosenza, Pellegrini, 2001, pp. 69-76.

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Presentation of
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Ginevra Conti Odorisio is Professor of History of Political Thought in Roma Tre University. She is Director of the International Centre for Women's Studies in History and Society as well as of the Section of Doctoral School of Political Science dedicated to the History of the Feminine Question.

In the whole of her scientific activity, she tried, through writings and teaching, to develop a new history based on gender relationship and a new policy based on equal opportunities.

Since 1975 she co-founded, along with Ida Magli and some other colleagues, the first international review of anthropologic and political studies on women, "*D.W.F. Donna Woman Femme*". Via the organisation of several important international conferences, she pursued the institutionalisation of Women's Studies in universities. A discipline specifically dedicated to the History of Feminine Question was introduced in the academic curricula of the Italian universities for the first time in 1985 and Professor Conti Odorisio was the first to teach it at university level.

She has participated in several activities in the european field: in 1984 she completed (with M. Weber and G. Zincone) the research on the Political Participation of Women in Europe (1984). Her experience as Vice-President of the Reflexion Group on Accomplishing Europe through Education and Formation (1995-2000) later on was also of great significance. At the publication that followed the conclusion of the activity of the Reflection Group, she contributed the part on the history of the female access to the civil, political and social rights, expressing the thesis that the policy of equal opportunity is as an important value of the european culture as the declaration of the Rights of Man.

In 2001, she received the Women of Europe Award - Italy. The common teaching of a european module on european citizenship constituted also an innovative cooperation with other european universities, among which universities of London, Paris and Athens.

In the year 2000 she dedicated herself to the reconstruction of a biography of her franco-italian family. In A family in the history (ESI, 2000), she has reconstructed the story of the marriage of her French mother to her Italian father and the fatherly life through the diaries of war and the private letters up until death.

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Her knowledge of French has allowed her a dense activity of translation of texts from French to Italian. She has translated L'andrographe by Restif de la Bretonne (1986), the Souvenirs d'une fille du peuple (1989) by Suzanne Voilquin and the Egalité des hommes et des femmes by Poullain de la Barre (1996). Many of her articles and books have been translated in French. Recently her book on Family and State in the Republic of Bodin (Giappichelli, 1993-1999 2nd ed.) has been published by L'Harmattan, Paris 2007. In the 19th of September 2009, she will be organising a cycle of conferences open to the public entitled "Fourty years of research on women, sex and gender", to be held at the Institute Émilie du Châtelet, Musée de l'Homme, (complete programme accessible at www.mnhn.fr/iec).

Even if French culture has certainly had a strong influence in her cultural formation, during the second part of her research activity, Professor Conti Odorisio has deepened and developed the themes concerning the development of the American democracy and its bonds to Great Britain and the other european countries.

Following her graduation, she was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and in 1984, after an invitation of the American Government, she travelled and stayed in the United States, where she met numerous political and academic personalities of the country.

Meanwhile, Professor Conti Odorisio wrote a book on Harriet Martineau and Tocqueville, two different interpretations of American democracy (Rubbettino, 2003), an essay on Linguet and the American revolution (Giuffrè, 2008) and her latest work - an anthology of writings on the female emancipation from the XVII to the XIX century entitled Per Filo e per segno (written with F. Taricone, Giuffrè 2008). In this anthology, the figures and writings of the greatest authors - French, English, Italian and American - that have written for a true democracy in which all citizens - men and women - participate in the political process, are reunited for the first time.

Due to her historical, political and scientific competences, Professor Conti Odorisio could offer a valid contribution to the activity of an Institute working for the politics of equal opportunities and for the development of a shared culture of the history of both genders.