

**Loretta Dell'Aguzzo** is Adjunct Professor of Strategic Geopolitics at Unicollege - Scuola Superiore per Mediatori Linguistici of Florence. Her research focuses on comparative authoritarianism, democratization and state formation with a regional focus on post-communist and MENA countries. Among her publications are *Conflitti separatisti. Caucaso meridionale, Europa orientale e Balcani* (Carocci, 2020) and the edited volume *The 'state' of pivot states in south-eastern Mediterranean: Turkey, Egypt, Israel, and Tunisia after the Arab Spring* (Stranieri University Press, 2016).