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in poche parole



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**The story of Ukraine** – one and threefold, always caught halfway between Europe and Russia. The legacies of Nazism and communism. The corrupt but prosperous years of **independence and neutrality between East and West**. The Russian and Western interferences that began tugging at the country. The two “colored” and “spontaneous” revolts that overturned U.S. – disliked elections. The Biden family’s business interests. **America’s** refusal to accept the end of its **global hegemony** and its attempt, after winning the Cold War, to overwin it at Russia’s expense – a Russia that, after many blows, wants to matter again.

The civil war between Kyiv’s pro-Western governments and the Russophone and Rus-sophile peoples of the Southeast. The two peace agreements signed in Minsk only to be disregarded and used to prepare for the final conflict. Zelensky’s turnarounds and Putin’s invasion. The Istanbul negotiations accepted by Kyiv and Moscow but sabotaged by NATO, as were later mediations by the Pope and Xi Jinping. And **the suicide of a Europe with no more statesmen**, ruled by war fools more concerned with saving face than saving lives.

In the last 20 years, who entered Ukraine first: Russia or NATO? Why is the conflict-talked about only from 2022, when it has raged since 2014? And why has every peace negotiation been betrayed or sabotaged?

**This chronicle of the Ten-Year War tells the story of a country torn, devoured, and destroyed by two opposing imperialisms.**

# Marco Travaglio

## Israel and the Palestinians in a Few Words



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In the beginning was the Diaspora of the Jews, expelled from their land by the Romans after the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD, dispersed throughout the world for 17 centuries. Then came an endless series of dominations and persecutions until the late 19th and early 20th centuries, when Zionism theorized and organized the return home. **The Holocaust** – the extermination of six million Jews at the hands of the Nazis – did the rest.

In 1947, the UN partitioned Transjordan Palestine into two states: one Jewish and one Arab-Palestinian. But only the former came into being. Arab leaders gambled away the Palestinians, victims of their “brothers” as well as their Israeli enemies, in the Russian roulette of wars and terrorism. Israel returned the territories it occupied to the only Arab country that, in 1978, accepted to recognize it and make peace: Egypt. Then in 1993, the PLO under Arafat did the same with Israeli Prime Minister Rabin.

**Between ups and downs, violence and attacks, massacres and grievances on both sides**, came the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza by hawkish Prime Minister Sharon, who was then incapacitated by a stroke, paving the way for **Netanyahu’s long and dark era**. Netanyahu sabotaged the peace process with ever new Jewish settlements in the West Bank, even supporting Hamas to weaken the moderate Abu Mazen, and ultimately put Israel definitively in the wrong. Marco Travaglio recounts **the Israeli-Palestinian Hundred Years’ War** with clarity and concision, far from the opposing fan bases.



### MARCO TRAVAGLIO

Editor-in-chief of *il Fatto Quotidiano*, a newspaper he helped to found. He worked with Indro Montanelli at *il Giornale* and *La Voce*. He later wrote for several outlets, including *Sette*, *il Giorno*, *L'Indipendente*, *Cuore*, *il Borghese*, *L'Espresso*, *la Repubblica*, and *l'Unità*.

He is the author of numerous best sellers, among them: *L'odore dei soldi* (*The Smell of Money*, with Elio Veltri, Editori Riuniti, 2001), *La scomparsa dei fatti* (*The Disappearance of Facts*, Il Saggiatore, 2006), *Viva il Re!* (Chiarelettere, 2013), *È Stato la mafia* (Chiarelettere, 2014), *Indro: il 900* (Rizzoli, 2021).

With Paper First he published *B. come Basta!* (2018), *Padrini fondatori* (with Marco Lillo, 2018), *Bugiardi senza gloria* (2020), *I segreti del Conticidio* (2021), *Scemi di guerra* (2023), *Il Santo* (2023), ***Israel and the Palestinians in a Few Words*** (2023), ***which sold over 150,000 copies in one year***, and *Ukraine, Russia and NATO in a Few Words* (2024).



# Alessandro Orsini

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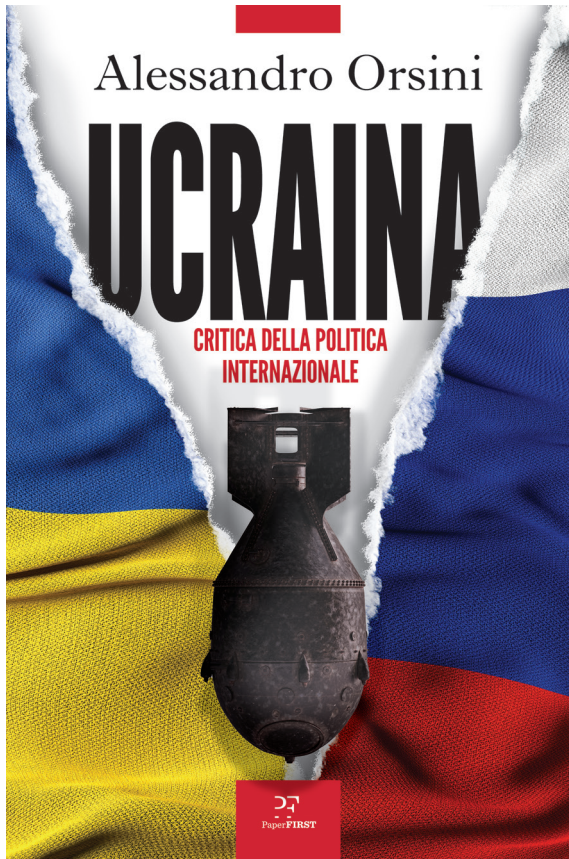
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In this new book, **Alessandro Orsini** discusses the **war** in **Ukraine** and the bombing of **Gaza**, dismantling clichés and fake news spread by mainstream media. With his simple and direct prose, Orsini draws on sociological theory to provide a **new interpretation of ongoing wars**, challenging the mental frameworks through which the Eurocentric man – driven by prejudice and platitudes – perceives, judges, and evaluates international politics. **For the first time in Italy, the book introduces the literature on State terrorism**, which Orsini applies to the case of Israel.

The first chapter examines the superiority complexes that led the West to underestimate and mock Russia. The second focuses on Hamas and the October 7, 2023 attack. The third analyzes the bombing of Gaza and the Israeli regime in the Palestinian territories. The fourth offers four lessons on scientific thinking to learn how to analyze international politics without Eurocentric superiority complexes. The fifth presents Orsini's forecasts on the war in Ukraine and introduces the epistemological debate on prediction in the social sciences, with very simple examples tied to Putin's invasion.

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The book concludes with an explanation of Max Weber's method of interpretive sociology and includes Orsini's **report on Ukraine**, presented in the Senate on December 4, 2018.



### ALESSANDRO ORSINI

Associate Professor of General Sociology and of Sociology of Terrorism and Political Violence in the Department of Political Science at Luiss University, where he founded and directed the Observatory on International Security (2016–2022). He was Visiting Scholar at the Center for International Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and then Research Affiliate at MIT from 2011 to 2022. His books have been published by leading American universities and his articles have appeared in the most prestigious international journals specializing in terrorism studies.

He has been invited to provide analyses on international security at the Office of the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Defense, Parliament, the General Command of the Coast Guard, and the Istituto Alti Studi per la Difesa (IASD). He served as a member of the “Future Scenarios” committee of the Italian Defense General Staff and is a member of the editorial board of *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*.

He has been invited to present his research at Harvard, MIT, Johns Hopkins, the Brookings Institution, Trinity College, Boston College, Northeastern University, New York University (Paris), the European University Institute (EUI), Vilnius University-Institute of International Relations, and the Centre Arabe de recherche et d'études Politiques in Tunis.

His *Anatomy of the Red Brigades* (Rubettino, 2009), translated by Cornell University, was listed among the most important books published in the United States in 2011 by Foreign Affairs, and later translated into Arabic in 2019. Among his other works: *Isis* (Rizzoli, 2016); *Sacrifice: My Life in a Fascist Militia* (Cornell University Press, 2017); *L'Isis non è morto* (Rizzoli, 2018); *Viva gli immigrati!* (Rizzoli, 2019). For PaperFirst, he authored the best sellers *Ukraine. Critique of International Politics* (2022) and *Ukraine/Palestine. State Terrorism in International Relations* (2024). He obtained the national scientific qualification as Full Professor of Sociology in 2020.



# Alessandro Di Battista

## Deviated Democracy



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In the latest European elections, only 48.31% of eligible voters cast their ballots in Italy. In 1979, during the first elections, turnout was 85.65%. Europe, including Italy, is facing the worst **political, social, demographic, and value crisis** in its history. Yet the abandonment of the ballot box is due to another factor: the awareness of living in a **deviated democracy**.

Millions choose not to vote because they believe decisions are no longer made in parliaments but elsewhere; they think big businessmen and CEOs of investment funds or arms manufacturers matter more than ministers and MPs. Citizens demand to stay away from conflicts, yet politicians – or those pulling the strings – do nothing but fuel them. A faltering democracy is further distorted by the **media**, which have become echo chambers for fake news spread by warmongering politicians, those who lie about **the war in Ukraine, or those who enable genocide in Gaza**. Europeans want rights, not weapons, yet the European Commission, lying about Moscow's intentions, pushes for a rearmament plan that can only increase the risk of **global catastrophe**.

In light of all this, does it still make sense to speak of democracy?



### **ALESSANDRO DI BATTISTA**

In 2018, he chose not to run again in the general elections in order to focus on writing and producing documentaries. Nevertheless, he contributed to the Five Star Movement's victory by carrying out a nationwide tour across Italy. After being the most voted at the Movement's General Assembly, he decided to leave the Five Star Movement following its support for the Draghi government.

Already the author of documentaries on Iran, Latin America, Russia, and Palestinian refugee camps – produced for TvLoft – as well as reports for Il Fatto Quotidiano, since 2023 he has been performing in theaters across Italy with two monologues: one about the Assange case and the other about the genocide in Palestine. He founded a cultural association called Schierarsi (“To Take Sides”). *Scomode verità (Uncomfortable Truths)* is his latest bestseller.

Sofia Cecinini

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Co-founder and Deputy Director of [sicurezzainternazionale.com](https://sicurezzainternazionale.com), she served as Coordinator of the Luiss Observatory on International Security from 2016 to 2022. She is the author of *Le Sanguinarie. Storie di donne e di terrore* (Luiss University Press, 2018) and *La guerra civile in Libia. Dalla caduta di Gheddafi al governo Draghi* (2011-2021) (Carocci, 2021).

She has delivered analyses on international security for some of the largest European multinational companies. She has provided commentary on international security for RaiNews24, Agorà (Rai 3), L'aria che tira (La7), and Radio Rai. She also collaborates with *il Fatto Quotidiano*.

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