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Research

Dr. Altea Pericoli is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in geopolitics and regional cooperation at the Center for Advanced Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University. Her research concerns humanitarian aid implemented by Gulf donors in conflict zones and the use of Islamic social welfare instruments for addressing social protection and economic empowerment in protracted crises.

Altea Pericoli obtained her PhD in Institutions and Policies in July 2023 at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Milan, and she conducted many visiting periods at Vienna University, Durham University, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, and Chr. Michelsen Institute in Norway. In 2023, she was a Visiting Research Fellow at the European University Institute and the Oxford Center for Islamic Studies.

In July 2023, she obtained the BRISMES Award "Early Career Development Scholarship" to transform her PhD thesis into a monograph and she was appointed as "Sir William Luce Fellow" at Durham University in June 2024.

Employment

Postdoctoral fellow

Centre for Advanced Middle Eastern Studies (CMES)
Lund University
Lund, Sweden
2024 Feb 27 → present

Researcher

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Lund University
Lund, Sweden
2024 Mar 5 → present

Postdoctoral fellow

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2024 Mar 19 → present

Research outputs

Islamic Aid and Gulf States in Contemporary Crises

Pericoli, A., 2026, (Accepted/In press) Edinburgh University Press.

Islamic Instruments for Refugee Financing: The IsDB and UNHCR Collaborative Approach

Pericoli, A., 2025 Feb 11, In: *Global Policy*. 16, S1, p. 46-56

UNHCR Refugee Zakat Fund in Bangladesh: Sustainable religious funds for stateless refugees

Pericoli, A., 2025, *Islamic Finance and Sustainable Development: The Water, Food, Energy, and Climate Nexus*. Thomas, A. (ed.). Routledge, p. 14-28

Foreign Aid, Identities and Interests: Qatar and the UAE in Sudan

Donelli, F. & Pericoli, A., 2024 Nov 18, In: *The International Spectator*.

Islamic Humanitarianism and Foreign Aid: Gulf States' Aid in Conflict Zones

Pericoli, A., 2024 Oct 10, 111 ed., University of Durham, (Durham Middle East Papers; no. 111).

Humanitarian Exceptionalism and the Quest for Post-War Reconstruction in the Gaza Strip

Pericoli, A., 2024 Sept 6, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University.

Overcoming obstacles in regional crises: The role of the OIC and IsDB in the MENA Region

Pericoli, A., 2024, *Conflicts in the Middle East and Africa: State, Non-State Actors and Unheard Voices*. Elayah, M. & Alzadani, B. (eds.). Routledge, (Routledge Studies in Middle Eastern Democratization and Government).

Qatar and the UAE in the Syrian early recovery: top-down strategies of foreign aid

Pericoli, A., 2024, In: *Third World Quarterly*. 45, 15-16, p. 2305-2322

Qatar's foreign aid and political strategies in the Horn of Africa: The case of Somalia

Pericoli, A. & Donelli, F., 2024, In: *Global Policy*. 15, 1

Charity in Saudi Arabia: Civil Society under Authoritarianism

Pericoli, A., 2023 Dec, In: *Journal of Muslim Philanthropy & Civil Society*.

The use of zakat in the pandemic response: the case of Islamic Relief and BAZNAS in Indonesia

Pericoli, A., 2022 Dec, In: *Third World Quarterly*. 44, 3, p. 405-422

Islamic philanthropy and Islamic social finance in humanitarian action: Innovation, legitimacy, and risk

Borchgrevink, K., Pericoli, A. & Strand, A., 2022 Aug 19, Norwegian Centre for Humanitarian Studies.

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Islamic Development Bank: The regional dimension of humanitarian diplomacy

Pericoli, A., 2021 Dec 1, Norwegian Centre for Humanitarian Studies.

Migration Changes and Integration Challenges in the Moroccan Case

Pericoli, A., 2021, *Migration and Integration Challenges of Muslim Immigrants in Europe*. Maestri, E. & Profanter, A. (eds.). Palgrave Macmillan, (Politics of Citizenship and Migration).

Activities

Regionalisation of crisis response

Pericoli, A. (Organiser) & Aggestam, K. (Organiser)
2025 Mar

Islamic humanitarianism and foreign aid: Gulf States' aid in conflict zones

Pericoli, A. (Invited speaker)

2025 Jan 16

Nordic Aid to Palestinians. Lund-Copenhagen Workshop 2

Småberg, M. (Organiser), Hedling, E. (Presenter), Pericoli, A. (Presenter), Stein, A. L. (Contributor) & Pastor Vidal, P. (Contributor)

2024 Nov 22

Società Italiana di Scienza Politica 2024

Pericoli, A. (Presenter)

2024 Sept 12

Swemena Annual Conference 2024, Lund CMES

Eitrem Holmgren, L. (Organiser), Aggestam, K. (Organiser), Almqvist, A. (Presenter), Pericoli, A. (Presenter), Naghibi, A. (Presenter), Nardi, M. A. (Presenter), Stein, A. L. (Presenter), Khodaei, B. (Presenter), Sparre, C. (Keynote/plenary speaker), Duru, D. (Presenter), Lunardelli, E. (Presenter), Verre, F. (Presenter), Gozzini, G. (Presenter), Taha, H. (Presenter), Hashemi, H. (Presenter), Abdelmoez, J. (Presenter), Kumar, K. (Presenter), Storie, L. (Participant), Eklund, L. (Presenter), Strömbom, L. (Presenter), Småberg, M. (Session chair), Kärrholm, M. (Presenter), Hamza, M. (Presenter), Scharbrodt, O. (Session chair), Pastor Vidal, P. (Presenter), Zhao, P. (Presenter), Dinc, P. (Presenter), Barhoum, R. (Participant), Zalfou, R. (Presenter), El-Husseini Dean, R. (Presenter), Berndtsson, R. (Session chair), Al Daghistani, S. (Presenter), Lundgren, S. (Presenter), Janson, T. (Presenter), Lin, W. N. (Presenter) & Shanneik, Y. (Session chair)

2024 Aug 22 → 2024 Aug 23

Sir William Luce Fellowship Public Lecture: Aid from Gulf donors in conflict zones

Pericoli, A. (Invited speaker)

2024 Jun 12

Prizes and Distinctions

BRISMES Early Career Development Scholarship

Pericoli, A. (Recipient), 2023 Jul 5

Projects

SWEMENA: SWEMENA: Swedish Middle East and North Africa Network

Aggestam, K. (Researcher), Shanneik, Y. (Researcher), Scharbrodt, O. (Researcher), Storie, L. (Researcher), Janson, T. (Researcher), El-Husseini Dean, R. (Researcher), Rennick, S. A. (Researcher), Stein, A. L. (Researcher), Dinc, P. (Researcher), Abdelmoez, J. (Researcher), Eklund, L. (Researcher), Lundgren, S. (Researcher), Sundkvist, E. (Researcher), Almqvist, A. (Researcher), Mansourian, A. (Researcher), Pericoli, A. (Researcher), Naghibi, A. (Researcher), Nardi, M. A. (Researcher), Khodaei, B. (Researcher), Duru, D. (Researcher), Lunardelli, E. (Researcher), Verre, F. (Researcher), Gozzini, G. (Researcher), Taha, H. (Researcher), Hashemi, H. (Researcher), Kumar, K. (Researcher), Eitrem Holmgren, L. (Researcher), Strömbom, L. (Researcher), Småberg, M. (Researcher), Kärrholm, M. (Researcher), Hamza, M. (Researcher), Pastor Vidal, P. (Researcher), Zhao, P. (Researcher), Barhoum, R. (Researcher), Zalfou, R. (Researcher), Berndtsson, R. (Researcher), Al Daghistani, S. (Researcher), Brogaard, S. (Researcher) & Lin, W. N. (Researcher)

2022/06/13 → ...

MECW 2.0: The Middle East in the Contemporary World (MECW) 2.0

Aggestam, K. (PI), Berndtsson, R. (PI), Abdelhady, D. (Researcher), Abdelmoez, J. (Research student), Abdi, H. (Researcher), Barhoum, R. (Research assistant), Brogaard, S. (Researcher), Dinc, P. (Researcher), Eitrem Holmgren, L. (Researcher), Eklund, L. (Researcher), El-Husseini Dean, R. (Researcher), Fogelin, H. (Administrator), Gren, N. (Researcher), Hamza, M. (Researcher), Hashemi, H. (Researcher), Janson, T. (Researcher), Khodaei, B. (Research student), Kärrholm, M. (Researcher), Luczak, M. (Administrator), Lundgren, S. (Researcher), Mansourian, A. (Researcher), Mehrabov, I. (Researcher), Naghibi, A. (Researcher), Nardi, M. A. (Researcher), Pericoli, A. (Researcher), Pilesjö, P. (Researcher), Rennick, S. A. (Researcher), Scharbrodt, O. (Researcher), Shanneik, Y. (Researcher), Småberg, M. (Researcher), Storie, L. (Researcher), Strömbom, L. (Researcher), Svenungsson, J. (Researcher), Taha, H. (Researcher), Thompson, D. (Research student), Törnquist-Plewa, B. (Researcher), Verre, F. (Researcher), Zalfou, R. (Research student), Zhao, P. (Researcher), Ajjoub, O. (Research assistant), Almahfali, M. (Researcher), Avery, H. (Researcher), Cristiano, F. (Research student), Foroughanfar, L. (Research student), Hosseini, H. (Research student),

Jamali, S. (Researcher), Malmström, M. (Researcher) & Sofos, S. (Project coordinator)
2021/01/01 → ...