

## Curriculum vitae

**Name:** Annalisa Pavan

**Place of Birth:** Padova, Italy

**Date of Birth:** 28 March 1971

### Qualifications

Summa cum laude BA and MA International Relations and Political Science, University of Padova  
PhD Education, University of Padova

Intelligence and Security Studies - Post Graduate Certificate (2023)

Cyber Jihad, Intelligence and Strategic Communication – Post Graduate Certificate (in progress)

### Work Experience

Antonveneta-ABN AMRO Bank, Padova, International Division (1997-2000)

Assistant Professor (2001-2006): University of Padova

Associate Professor (2006-2010): University of Padova

Full Professor (2010-October 2023): University of Padova

Visiting Scholar (March-May 2015): School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London

Visiting Fellow (January-June 2016): King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies, Riyadh

Online Teaching (GCC Cultures and Identities) - Internship Programme (October 2020 – December 2020): Zayed University, UAE

### Research interests

Higher education policies in the Arab Gulf States (focus on Saudi Arabia)

The image of Saudi Arabia in the Western media

Social and cultural changes in Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia and UNESCO

Cultural and tourism heritage in Saudi Arabia

Islamic Art and Architecture

Intelligence and Security Studies

EU policies on lifelong and lifewide learning

Human right to education, human right to health

### Affiliations

Member of the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES) – Member of the BRISMES Committee on Academic Freedom (April 2021 – June 2022)

Member of the Gulf Comparative Education Society (GCES)

Corresponding Member of the Nordic Society for Middle Eastern Studies (NSMES)

Higher Education Policy (Palgrave Macmillan): reviewer

Technology in Society (Elsevier): reviewer

Springer Nature: book proposal and manuscript reviewer

### Selected publications

Pavan, A. (2023). *A Conceptual Investigation Of The Transformation Of AlUla Into A Global Tourism Destination: Saudi Arabia Rediscovers Its Pre-Islamic Heritage And Bets On Cultural Diplomacy*. Journal of Tourism and Management Research. 8 (2) 1152-1168.

Pavan, A. & Alruwaili, R. (May 13, 2023). *Under new vision, talent becomes a shared responsibility*. Web Commentary, University World News.

<https://www.universityworldnews.com/post.php?story=2023050914060143>

Pavan, A. (2023). A Hospitable Kingdom? Building New Employment Opportunities for Saudi Youth in the Culture, Tourism and Hospitality Sectors. In Mishrif, A., Karolak, M., & Mirza, C. (Eds). *Nationalization of GCC Labour Markets. Higher Education and Skills Development in Industry 4.0*, 179-202. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Pavan, A. (2023). *When the Past Meets the Future: Archaeology and Contemporary Architecture in AlUla*. Studies in the History and Civilization of Arabia. 1(1) XX. King Saud University, Riyadh – King Salman Center for Historical and Civilization Studies of the Arabian Peninsula (invited article - forthcoming).

Pavan, A. (September 3, 2022). *A careful approach to allowing foreign branch campuses*. Web Commentary by invitation, University World News. <https://www.universityworldnews.com/post.php?story=20220902163529497>

Pavan, A. (February 25, 2022). *Saudi Vision 2030 and Higher Education in the MbS Era*. Web Article by invitation, Center for Strategic and Contemporary Research, Islamabad. <https://cscr.pk/explore/themes/social-issues/saudi-vision-2030-and-higher-education-in-the-mbs-era/>

Pavan, A. (2021). “*The Sky is the Limit*”: *Saudi Youth in a Changing Kingdom, Beyond Narratives, Interpretations and Misperceptions*. World Journal of Social Science. 8 (2) 1-12

Pavan, A. (2020). Higher Education Abroad in the New Millennium: GCC Scholarship Programs as GCC Culture and Identities Boosters. Saudi Arabia in the Spotlight. In Karolak, M. & Allam, N. (Eds). *Gulf Cooperation Council Culture and Identities in the New Millennium: Resilience, Transformation, (Re)Creation and Diffusion*, 221-243. New York: Palgrave Macmillan

Pavan, A. (2019). *King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz and Saudi Higher Education*. (for publication by invitation, King Abdulaziz Foundation, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)

Pavan, A. (2017c). *The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques’ Overseas Scholarship Program: Targeting Quality and Employment*. World Journal of Education. 7 (4) 32-39

Pavan, A. (2017b). *Saudi Arabia Approaching 2030: The Shift from Quantitative to Qualitative Ambitions in Education, Enhancing Human Development*. International Research in Higher Education. 2 (2) 8-14

Pavan, A. (2017a). *Information and Dialogue in the Struggle against Islamophobia: The Jeddah Declaration for a Culture of Moderation*. World Journal of Social Science. 4 (2) 1-6

Pavan, A. (2016). *Higher Education in Saudi Arabia: Rooted in Heritage and Values, Aspiring to Progress*. International Research in Higher Education. 1 (1) 91-100

Pavan, A. (2015). *The Saudi Arabian Way to Knowledge Society: Foresight, Wisdom and the Quest for Excellence in Education*. Conference of the International Journal of Arts & Sciences. 8(1) 347-351

Pavan, A. (2014d). *The New Saudi Educational Renaissance: in between the “Capacity to Aspire” and the “Capacity to Remember”*. Higher Education Studies. 4 (5) 37-46

Pavan, A., & Alfahadi, A. (2014c). *Glocal Higher Education in Saudi Arabia. Developments and Challenges*. Conference of the International Journal of Arts & Sciences. 7 (2) 133-137

Pavan, A. (2014b). *A New Educational Competitor in the Worldwide Scenario: the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia*. In Global Academic Network International Conference in Dubai (Ed.), *Book of Abstracts*. (<http://global-conferences.eu/conference-abstracts/>)

Pavan, A. (2014a). *UNESCO and the Human Right to Education for All within the International Community*. Community. Peace/Human Rights. 10 (1) 47-63

Pavan, A. (2013b). *A New Perspective on the Quest for Education: the Saudi Arabian Way to Knowledge Society*. Higher Education Studies. 3 (6) 25-34

Pavan, A. (2013a). *Ripensare nella crisi la cultura della formazione (Rethinking Lifelong Learning Culture in Times of Crisis)*. Rome: Armando

Pavan, A. (2011). *Questioni di giustizia educativa nella comunità internazionale (Questions of Educational Justice within the International Community)*. Peace/Human Rights. 9 (2) 117-127

Pavan, A. (2009). *L'anno europeo della creatività e dell'innovazione (2009). Verso la quinta libertà*

*(The European Year of Creativity and Innovation. Towards the Fifth Freedom)*. Peace/Human Rights. Rights. 6 (1) 111-122

Pavan, A. (2008). *Nelle società della conoscenza. Il progetto politico dell'apprendimento continuo (Into Knowledge Societies. The Political Project of Lifelong Learning)*. Rome: Armando

Pavan, A. (2005). *Cultura della formazione e politiche dell'apprendimento (Lifelong Learning Culture and Learning Policies)*. Rome: Armando

Pavan, A. (2003). *Formazione continua. Dibattiti e politiche internazionali (Lifelong Learning. Debates and International Policies)*. Rome: Armando

### **Selected conferences and courses attended**

University of Oxford. *Islamic Art and Architecture*. Online course (September-December 2023).

The Aga Khan University, Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations, London, *Introduction to the Study of Islam and Muslims*. Online (live classes) course delivered by Prof Philip Wood (17-26 April, 2023)

BRISMES Conference 2021, University of Kent, 5-9 July 2021 – online (volunteering for technical and logistical assistance)

*L'Arabia Saudita negli scritti dell'accademia italiana*, LUISS, Rome, 22 February 2019 (organised by the Cultural Office of the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Rome)

*Future of Salafism*, Oxford Department of International Development, University of Oxford, 5-7 December 2018

*Education, Extremism and Criticality*, UCL Institute of Education, University of London (in partnership with BERA – British Educational Research Association), London, 8 May 2015

*Euro-Arab dialogue: the Challenges and Opportunities*, Mohamed Bin Issa Al Jaber Foundation, London, 19 March 2015

Fifth International Exhibition and Conference on Higher Education (IECHE), Riyadh, 15-18 April 2014 (Sponsored Delegate, at the invitation of the Saudi Ministry of Higher Education)

### **Presentations**

*Rethinking the HE Study Abroad Scholarship Programs in Saudi Arabia: Aligning Skills and Capabilities with Labour Market Priorities*, at the Asian Conference on Education (ACE 2023), Tokyo, 22-25 November 2023 (live-stream presentation)

*Higher Education in Saudi Arabia*. The World of Higher Education Podcast (by invitation from Higher Education Strategy Associates, Toronto), June 12, 2023, episode 17: <https://worlded.transistor.fm/episodes/1-17-higher-education-in-saudi-arabia>

*Destination Al Ula: Saudi Arabia Rediscovered its Pre-Islamic Heritage and Bets on Cultural Diplomacy*, at the 12<sup>th</sup> Gulf Research Meeting, organised by the Gulf Research Center in Cambridge, 14-16 July 2022 (invited paper) – Hybrid Event

*A Hospitable Kingdom? Building New Employment Opportunities for Saudi Youth in the Culture, Tourism and Hospitality Sectors*, at the 11<sup>th</sup> Gulf Research Meeting, organised by the Gulf Research Center in Cambridge, 23-24 July 2021 (invited paper) – Online

*Online Learning During the Covid19 Pandemic: A Survey About Emirati Undergraduate Students' Perceptions and Difficulties*, at the 9<sup>th</sup> Biannual Gulf Comparative Education Society (GCES) Conference, "Rethinking Educational Reform in the GCC: Reflecting on the Past to Inform the Future", 21-23 March 2021 (Panel 12: Educational Challenges During Covid19) - Online

*Re-inventing the Future between Micro-Changes and Macro-Changes: Western Narratives on Saudi Arabia*, at the 11<sup>th</sup> Nordic Conference on Middle Eastern Studies, University of Helsinki, 14-16 August 2019

*"The Sky is the Limit": Saudi Youth in a Changing Kingdom, beyond Western-led Narratives, Interpretations and Misperceptions*, at the 10<sup>th</sup> Gulf Research Meeting, organised by the Gulf

Research Center at the University of Cambridge, 15-18 July 2019 (invited paper).

*Implementing a culture of moderation: Saudi Arabia's call for a 'return to moderate Islam' from a socio-political perspective*, at the BRISMES Conference 2019, University of Leeds, 24-26 June 2019.

*Higher Education Abroad in the New Millennium: GCC Scholarship Programs as GCC Culture and Identities Boosters. Saudi Arabia in the Spotlight*, at the 9<sup>th</sup> Gulf Research Meeting, organised by the Gulf Research Center at the University of Cambridge, July 31-August 3, 2018.

*Higher Education in the GCC: the Saudi Arabia Case Study*, at the 6<sup>th</sup> Gulf Research Meeting, organised by the Gulf Research Center at the University of Cambridge, 24-27 August 2015.

*The Saudi Arabian Way to Knowledge Society: Foresight, Wisdom and the Quest for Excellence in Education*, at the Anglo-American Conference for Academic Disciplines at the University of London, London, 4-7 November 2014.

*Glocal Higher Education in Saudi Arabia. Developments and Challenges*, at the International Journal of Arts and Sciences (IJAS) Conference for Academic Disciplines on Harvard campus, Boston, 26-30 May 2014 (with Prof. A. Alfahadi, University of Tabuk, Saudi Arabia).

*A New Educational Competitor in the Worldwide Scenario: the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia*, at The Global Academic Network Conference in Dubai, 12-15 February 2014.

### **Languages**

Italian (native speaker)

English (FCE and CPE University of Cambridge)

French (DELF, Institut de Touraine)

Spanish (DELE, University of Barcelona)

German (pre-intermediate)

Arabic (elementary)

### **Contact details**

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