

## Paola Caridi

Journalist and historian Paola Caridi has lived in the Middle East since 2001. She is a founding member of the press agency Lettera22, for which she worked as a reporter and political analyst in Jerusalem for ten years. Ms. Caridi is a lecturer in International Relations at the University of Palermo and a member of the Istituto Affari Internazionali, an Italian think tank that focuses on international relations. In addition to *Hamas: from Resistance to Regime* (first published in English in 2012 and updated in 2023) Ms. Caridi is the author of *Arab Invisibili* (2007) and *Jerusalem without God* (2017).

The 2023 edition of *Hamas* provides an updated version of her historical-political research, 14 years after the initial publication, narrating events from the closure of Gaza by Israel and Egypt to the radicalization of Hamas leadership, internal political shifts, and the bloody attack on October 7, 2023.

In 2008, she was appointed Knight of the Order of the Star of Italy. She has also received the Colombe d'Oro for Peace from the Archivio Disarmo (2013) and the Stefano Chiarini International Prize (2022). Since 2008, she has been managing the blog [invisiblearabs.com](http://invisiblearabs.com).