

# Alessandra Galié



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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Nationality: Italian  
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## EDUCATION

<b>Ph.D. candidate</b> Wageningen University Research (WUR), Netherlands Dissertation: 'Participatory Plant Breeding in Syria: Women, Governance and Rights'	Nov 06 - ongoing
<b>MA (Hons.) in Anthropology of Development</b> School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, UK Thesis: 'Women along the Syrian Euphrates: Water Management, Agriculture and the State'	Sep 02 - Sep 03
<b>MA and BA (Hons.) in Foreign Languages and Literature</b> University of Bologna, Italy	Sep 96 - Mar 02
<b>International Baccalaureate</b> Liceo scientifico A. Orsini, Ascoli Piceno, Italy	Sep 91 - July 96

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## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

<b>Plant Breeding</b> Università Politecnica delle Marche	Sept 08 - Nov 08
<b>Knowledge Sharing</b> ICT-KM, e-learning course, CGIAR	Mar 08 - Apr 08
<b>Social Impact Assessment (SIA)</b> Wageningen University, NL	Aug 07 - Oct 07
<b>Arabic Language</b> University of Kaslik, Junieh, Lebanon	Sept 05 - July 06
<b>Language certificate for Arabic</b> University of Damascus, Syria	Nov 99 - May 00

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## FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

**PhD Scholarship**  
Wageningen University, NL, Nov 08 - Nov 09

**Combining gender analysis into a CGIAR PPB program - Research Fellow Scholarship**  
System-Wide Participatory Research and Gender Analysis (SW-PRGA), Oct 2007 - Nov 2008

**Samuel Rubin Young Fellowship**  
Transnational Institute, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2004 and 2005

**Scholarship for an MA in Social Anthropology of Development at SOAS**  
University of Bologna, Italy, Jun 2002

**Scholarship for thesis research at SOAS Library**  
University of Bologna, Italy, Jan 2001

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **Research Fellow**

Oct 07 - ongoing

Biodiversity and Integrated Gene Management Program (BIGMP)  
International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), Aleppo, Syria

As Research Fellow at ICARDA I conduct participatory action research aimed to elucidate and strengthen the link between women farmers, their rights, governance systems and plant breeding by exploring how a gender-balanced participatory plant breeding might empower women, give them access to natural resources, add value to plant breeding activities, and contribute to strengthening the resilience of key cropping systems under increasing climate uncertainties. The principal entry point is a social impact assessment, complemented by a system analysis that interlocks issues of rights, governance, and action research with women farmers. I also help organize a number of PPB activities. A highlight is the Farmers' Conference, organized at ICARDA in May 2008, that aimed to provide a platform for farmers and researchers from seven countries to share their knowledge, concerns and priorities in agricultural work. Gender-sensitive approaches and tools to knowledge sharing were explored and adopted.

### **Global Consultant**

Jan 08 – Dec 08

New Politics Programme  
Transnational Institute, Amsterdam, NL

As a gender consultant for the New Politics Programme at the Transnational Institute, I collaborate with six partner organizations world-wide to adopt a gender perspective in their work on rural democratization. This work includes monitoring and supporting innovative attempts by rural grass-root movements to gain an effective space to participate in decision making processes at national level.

### **Lead and Contributing Author**

Apr 06 - Dec 07

International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development  
CWANA Sub-global Assessment, Co-sponsored by FAO, GEF, UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO, WB and WHO

The IAASTD is a multi-stakeholder initiative for assessing the relevance of agricultural knowledge, science, and technology (AKST) and guide policy decisions for AKST to meet the challenges of the future. As Leading, Contributing Author and gender focal point of the assessment I research the role that men and women in particular have in agriculture of the Middle East in the frame of globalisation trends, technology diffusion, and migration. A central focus of my research is on the factors that have influenced women's roles in agriculture in the last decades and the potential impacts on them of future policies and changes.

### **Volunteer Researcher**

Mar 06 - Sep 07

Participatory Plant Breeding Programme, International Center for Agricultural  
Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), Aleppo, Syria

My work with ICARDA aimed to enhance the participation of female farmers in the Participatory Plant Breeding (PPB) Programme through the promotion of a gender pro-active approach to agricultural technology. To this aim, I developed a number of Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) methods in collaboration with the farmers to later conduct a basic assessment of women's involvement in agriculture and crop preferences. I helped organize a number of gender-targeted activities to facilitate an involvement of Syrian women in the programme.

### **Project Assistant and Samuel Rubin Young Fellow**

Nov 03 - Nov 06

Alternative Regionalisms Programme, Transnational Institute (TNI), Amsterdam, NL

My duties at TNI included on-line research, web-editing, and on-line publishing on regional trade negotiations between Asia and the EU and the role of civil society in shaping 'alternative' models of global governance. As Samuel Rubin Young Fellow, I co-wrote a chapter for the yearbook of TNI and Public Services International (PSI) entitled "Blackouts as a way of life".

**PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS**

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- L'aspetto di genere nel miglioramento genetico partecipativo in Siria** Dec 08  
Lecture, Facoltà di Scienze Politiche, Università La Sapienza, Rome, Italy
- Evaluating Knowledge Sharing approaches at the International Farmers' Conference** Nov 08  
KSiNR Synthesis Workshop, ILRI, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Evaluating the Empowerment of Women Farmers in Syria** Oct 08  
Lecture, 'First Interdisciplinary Course on the MDGs', Università La Sapienza, Rome, Italy
- Participatory Plant Breeding in Syria: Women, Governance and Rights** Apr 08  
In-house presentation, SEPRP Department, ICARDA, Aleppo, Syria
- Strengthening regional approaches to gender and social analysis in MENA** Apr 08  
Expert consultation workshop, ICARDA, Aleppo, Syria
- Assessing women's empowerment through participatory agricultural technology in Syria** Mar 08  
Presentation at workshop 'Rethinking impact: understanding the complexity of poverty and change', Cali, Colombia.

**PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS**

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- Galie' A. 2009: 'L'aspetto di genere nel miglioramento genetico partecipativo in Siria', in *La ricchezza della diversità*. Editrice Giuffrè. Forthcoming
- Staiger S. et al 2009: 'Learning to Share Knowledge for Global Agricultural Progress', in *Web Based Research Networks and Learning Communities, IJWBC*, Special Issue. Forthcoming
- Galie' A. 2009: 'Introducing a gender-sensitive approach to Participatory Plant Breeding' (working title). *LEISA magazine*. Forthcoming
- International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD), CWANA Sub-global Assessment 2008*, co-sponsored by WB, FAO, GEF, UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO, and WHO. Co-written with a number of authors. Available at: <http://www.agassessment.org/>
- Galie' A. 2008: *Assessing women's empowerment through participatory agricultural technology in Syria*, 'Rethinking impact: understanding the complexity of poverty and change' workshop, Cali, Colombia, March 26-28, 2008. Available at: <http://www.prgaprogram.org/riw/Abstracts.htm>
- Galie' A. 2007: *Participatory plant breeding and gender analysis in Syria: a diagnostic study*. Unpublished
- Galie' A. 2006: 'Women, Gender and Agricultural Labor: Central Arab States', in *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*, Brill Academic Publisher, Leiden, University of California. Available at: [http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu/ewic/other/EWIC\\_Project.htm](http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu/ewic/other/EWIC_Project.htm)
- Galie' A. 2006: 'Women, Gender and Land Reform: Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Jordan', in *Encyclopaedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*, Brill Academic Publisher, Leiden, University of California. Available at: [http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu/ewic/other/EWIC\\_Project.htm](http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu/ewic/other/EWIC_Project.htm)
- Galie' A. and B. Hack 2006: 'Blackouts as a Way of Life', in *Beyond the market: the future of public services*, Transnational Institute and Public Services International, Amsterdam. [English and Spanish] Available at: <http://www.tni.org/pubserv/index.htm>
- Galie' A. and K. Yildiz 2005: *Development in Syria: a Gender and Minority Perspective*, Kurdish Human Rights Project, London. Available at: <http://www.khrp.org/publish/p2005/05H.htm>

**KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGES:** Italian (fluent); English (fluent); Arabic (intermediate)

**COMPUTER LITERACY:** Word, Excel Spreadsheets, Photoshop, Omnipage, HomeSite, Powerpoint, FileMaker, Atlas.ti, Anthropic, online collaboration tools (wikis, blogs, e-lists maintenance)