

## Biography



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Paola Bacchetta is Associate Professor of Gender and Women's Studies at University of California, Berkeley. Her Ph.D. in Sociology is from The Sorbonne in Paris. She also studied extensively in India and Italy. Her areas of research are: social and critical theory; transnational feminist and queer of color theory; postcolonial and decolonial theory; U.S. feminist of color theory and queer of color critique; social movements (right-wing, feminist, queer); theories of spatialities; and political and religious conflict (Hindu nationalism, Islamophobia). Her geographical areas of specialization outside the U.S. are France, India, and Italy. Professor Bacchetta is the author or contributing co-editor of the following books: *Trans-Q Fem: Elementi per una critica femminista queer e transnazionale* (Trans-Q Fem: Elements for a Queer Transnational Feminist Critique; with Laura Fantone, forthcoming in 2014 ); *Textes du Mouvement Lesbien en France, 1970-2000* (Texts from the French Lesbian Movement, 1970- 2000; On DVD; with Claudie Lesselier, 2011); *Gender in the Hindu Nation: RSS Women as Ideologues* (India: Women Ink, 2004); *Right-Wing Women: From Conservatives to Extremists around the World* (New York: Routledge; with Margaret Power, 2002). She has also published approximately forty articles in professional journals and book chapters. For more information see: <http://berkeley.academia.edu/PaolaBacchetta>

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