

# Irene Morlino

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Specialisms in International Relations and humanitarian aid, humanitarian and civil-military engagement, European studies, European foreign, security and defence policy.

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2025 – present      Visiting Professor in International Conflict Management at *Escola Superior d'Administració i Direcció d'Empreses, ESADE* (Barcelona, Spain)
- 2022 – 2025      LSE Fellow in European Security and Defence, International Relations Department at *London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE* (London, U.K.)
- 2021 – 2022      International Relations Department Fellow, *London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE* (London, U.K.)

## EDUCATION

- 2017-2021      **PhD in International Relations, *London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE*** (London, U.K.)  
Thesis on *Assessing the effectiveness of EU humanitarian aid. The cases of Myanmar, Lebanon, Mozambique*. Supervisor: Prof. Karen E. Smith. Awarded without corrections.
- 2019      **Visiting PhD Research Fellow, *Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI)***, (Barcelona, Spain)
- 2019      PGCertHE, Post Graduate Certificate in Higher Education, **UK Higher Education Academy (HEA)** (London, U.K.)
- 2019      **Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Maxwell School, *Syracuse University*** (Syracuse, NY, USA)
- 2015-2017      **Master's Degree in European Affairs, *Institut d'études politiques de Paris, SciencesPo*** (Paris, France)
- 2011-2014      **Bachelor's Degree in Political Sciences, *LUISS Guido Carli University*** (Rome, Italy)
- 2013-2014      **ERASMUS programme, *Université Catholique de Louvain*** (Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### Work in progress:

‘The Information Paradox: Social Safety Nets and Trust in Government in Areas of Violence, Conflict and State Fragility’ with Milli Lake and Anne Della Guardia. Submitted: *Comparative Political Studies*.

‘Gatekeepers or Facilitators? Host Governments, Refugees and Humanitarian Aid Effectiveness?’. Submitted: *European Journal of International Relations*.

‘How do project management practices impact protracted crises? The case of EU aid policies in the West Bank’, with Benedetta Voltolini and Emmanuelle Blanc. Target journal: *European Journal of International Security*

‘The European Union (EU) in humanitarian emergencies: a neutral and independent actor?’ In progress.

### *Solo-authored books*

*Humanitarian Aid and the European Union: An analysis of its effectiveness in the field*. Routledge. Forthcoming.

### *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

- 2021      Decentralisation in times of crisis: asset or liability? The case of Germany and Italy during Covid-19 With K. Kuhn, *Swiss Political Science Review*, <https://doi.org/10.1111/spsr.12482>

### *Policy papers and working papers*

- 2020      *Confronting the Covid-19 pandemic. Grief, Loss and Social Order*, With K. Millar, Y. Han, M. Bayly, K. Kuhn. Policy Report. London: The London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2018      *Food assistance: what role for EU-UN coordination*, in European Foreign Policy Unit, Working Paper No. 2018/1

## **FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, FUNDING**

- 2025      Visiting Fellow Programme at International Relations Department at ***London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE*** (London, U.K.)
- 2025      Visiting Scholar Programme at the ***Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies (CES), Harvard University*** (Cambridge, MA, USA).
- 2024      Dominique Jacquin-Berdal Prize for best PhD thesis in the LSE International Relations department
- 2022      LSE Class Teacher Award

- 2020 Sir Patrick Gillam Scholarship Fund to conduct fieldwork (£5000)
- 2019 NORTIA Jean Monnet Visiting Fellowship, *Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI)*, (Barcelona, Spain)
- 2019 LSE International Relations Department IQMR Funding (fully-funded)

## **CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

- 2025 **Pan-European Conference on International Relations (EISA)**, Bologna. *Civil-Military and Humanitarian Engagement in the EU Crisis Response: practices and challenges*.
- 2024 **International Studies Association (ISA)**, San Francisco (USA). *Humanitarian crises and the European Union: effective in the field? The case of Mozambique*.
- 2023 **University of Edinburgh, ECR Workshop. New Perspectives on Europe in the World**, Edinburgh. *'The European Union (EU) in humanitarian emergencies: a neutral and independent actor?'*
- 2023 **European Union in International Affairs (EUIA), Europe's Pathways to (Dis)Engagement with the World**, Brussels. *'The European Union (EU) in humanitarian emergencies: a neutral and independent actor?'*
- 2021 **European Union in International Affairs (EUIA), Assessing the EU's Capacity to Act**, Online. *The effectiveness of EU external policies: the case of EU humanitarian aid in Myanmar*.
- 2020 **IR507. International Institutions, Law and Ethics workshop, London School of Economics and Political Science**, London (UK). *Assessing the effectiveness of EU humanitarian aid in Myanmar*.
- 2019 **Academic Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES)**, Lisbon (PT). *Food assistance: what role for EU-UN coordination*.
- 2019 **European Union Studies Association (EUSA)**, Denver (USA). *Exploring the conditions of the effectiveness of EU external policies: the case of humanitarian aid*.
- 2019 **International Studies Association (ISA)**, Toronto (CAN). *Food assistance: what role for EU-UN coordination*.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2025-present **Course Convenor and examiner, Escola Superior d'Administració i Direcció d'Empreses, ESADE** (Barcelona, Spain)  
BSc - International Conflict Management
- 2023 – 2025 **Course Convenor and examiner, London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE** (London, U.K.)  
IR434 – MSc European Security and Defence
- 2022 – 2025 **Course Convenor and examiner, INSTEP-Wake Forest University** (London, U.K.)  
The New Europe – BSc course on European integration and politics

- 2021 – 2025 **Seminar leader and examiner, *London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE*** (London, U.K.)  
 IR410 – MSc International Politics  
 IR4A2 – MSc International Relations: Global Applications  
 IR434 – MSc European Security and Defence  
 IR416 – MSc EU in the World
- 2021 – 2025 **BSc and MSc Dissertation adviser, *London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE*** (London, U.K.)
- 2018 – 2019 **Graduate Teaching Assistant, *London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE*** (London, U.K.)  
 IR100 – BSc Introduction to International Relations: Concepts, Theories and Debates

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2025 **Consultant, The World Bank** (London, U.K./remote)  
 ▪ Research on community and local development in Côte d'Ivoire. Output: policy paper and academic article
- 2020 **Research Assistant, *London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE*** (London, U.K.)  
 ▪ Research on the Italian Government's approach during Covid-19 within a comparative analysis, including UK, Germany, and South Korea. Output: Policy paper distributed to British stakeholders
- 2018 **Research Assistant, *London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE*** (London, U.K.)  
 ▪ Research on the human rights situation and position of EU member states as part of a Jean Monnet Research Network on EU-UN Relations (EUN-NET) addressed to Master's students led by Professor Karen E. Smith
- 2018-2019 **Coordinator of the research workshop in the International Relations Department, *London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE*** (London, U.K.)  
 ▪ Organised and administratively coordinated the weekly research workshop on International Institutions, Law and Ethics joined by academics internal and external to LSE
- 2017 **Project manager at *Les Glorieuses* association and weekly newsletter (with more than 100,000 subscribers)** (Paris, France)  
 ▪ Collected and analysed data on 2017 French presidential candidates' stances on gender equality to inform voters.  
 ▪ Led the *Les Femmes ont le pouvoir* project, highlighting global gender equality initiatives for public and policymaker awareness.
- 2016 **Trainee at Permanent Observer for the *IGO International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) to the United Nations (UN)*** (New York City, USA)  
 ▪ Drafted briefings and reports on key UN meetings, including the 2030 Agenda, High-Level Political Forum, and Security Council sessions on critical issues like sexual violence in conflict.  
 ▪ Collaborated with NGOs and think tanks on human rights, gender equality, and democracy initiatives.
- 2015 **Trainee at Procurement and Insurance Section, *International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD - UN)*** (Rome, Italy)  
 ▪ Assisted Procurement Officers with procurement processes, administrative tasks, and logistical support for various goods and services.  
 ▪ Organised procurement training in partnership with UNDP and conducted research for IFAD Country Offices.

## **LANGUAGES**

*Italian* Native | *English* Fluent | *French* Fluent | *Spanish* Upper intermediate

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

- 2025    **Emerging Writers Programmes Fellowship, *Jewish Literary Foundation*** (London, UK)
- 2016    **Summer Creative Writing Course, *University of Cambridge*** (Cambridge, UK)
- 2012    **Cours intensif de Civilisation Française, *Université Paris- Sorbonne*** (Paris, France)

## **CREATIVE WRITING PUBLICATIONS**

*Oltre i sensi*, 2025 (novel, under review); *Linea di contorno*, in *Altri animali*, 3 November 2020; *Il carrozziere e la studentessa*, in C. Tani (ed.), *Girotondo napoletano*, Napoli, Homo scrivens, 2015, winner of XIV Carver Prize 2016; *Odio l'estate*, in AA.VV., *Odio l'estate*, Roma, Giulio Perrone Editore, 2015; *Terra d'ombra*, submitted to the annual literary contest Premio Letterario Collelongo, RAI-Radiotelevisione Italiana S.p.A., Collelongo, 2014; *Vite Spezzate*, submitted to the "The End" creative writing contest -Mondadori, Rome, 2014.

## **REFERENCE LETTERS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

Professor Karen E. Smith  
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