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Specialisms in International Relations and European studies, humanitarian aid, European foreign, security and defence policy.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2022 – present 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 EU civil-military coordination and humanitarian aid: a contested relationship?'. Target journal: *Journal of Common Market Studies*.

'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?’ Target journal: *European Journal of International Relations*

Solo-authored books

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

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

- Spring 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 in Myanmar
- 2019 NORTIA Jean Monnet Visiting Fellowship, *Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI)*, (Barcelona, Spain)
- 2016 XIV Carver Literary Prize 2016

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 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

- 2023 – present **Course Convenor and examiner, London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE** (London, U.K.)
IR434 – MSc European Security and Defence
- 2022 – present **Course Convenor and examiner, INSTEP-Wake Forest University** (London, U.K.)
The New Europe – BSc course on European integration and politics
- 2021 – present **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 – present **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

- 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 COURSES

- 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, 2024 (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

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