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Education

- 2021-present **PhD, International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science**
London, UK
- PhD fully funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (UKRI).
 - Researching EU's intervention in the Sahel region since 2012, focussed on the meaning making processes of EU staff.
- 2018-2019 **MA, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe**
Bruges, Belgium
- Thesis prize from the European Centre for Development Policy Management on EU integrated approach in Mali.
- 2015-2018 **BA, History and Politics, Magdalen College, University of Oxford**
Oxford, UK

Teaching

- 2022-23 **Graduate Teaching Assistant, London School of Economics and Political Science**
- Taught 2nd year undergraduate seminars on 'International Security' (IR205).
- 2023 **MSc Dissertation Advisor, London School of Economics and Political Science**
- Advised MSc students in dissertation surgeries, summer term 2023.
- 2022 **Digital Teaching Assistant, London School of Economics and Political Science**
- Online teaching assistant for Prof. Audrey Alejandro's 'Research Design in International Relations' (MY4IR) and 'Fundamentals of Social Science Research Design' (MY400).

Non-academic positions

- 2024- present **Associate Fellow, Centre for European Reform**
London, UK
- Researching EU-Africa relations with a focus on the politics of European security, development and migration policies in Africa.

Publications

Peer reviewed journal articles

- From the 'laboratory' to the 'arena': The EU's quest for maturity and the instrumentalisation of conflict in Africa, *European Security*, forthcoming.

Select articles and blog posts

- 'A means to an end or an end in itself? The EU's integrated approach to conflict in Mali', *EU Diplomacy Papers*, November 2019.
- 'The Sahel: Europe's forever war?', Centre for European Reform, 31 March 2021, <https://cer.eu/publications/archive/policy-brief/2021/sahel-europes-forever-war>

- ‘Europe needs a strong Africa, but will it work to achieve one?’, Centre for European Reform, 3 December 2020, <https://www.cer.eu/insights/europe-needs-strong-africa-will-it-work-achieve-one>
- ‘From escalation to inclusion: promoting inter-ethnic dialogue in Mali’, Friends of Europe, 25 February 2020, <https://www.friendsofeurope.org/insights/good-governance-and-reconciliation/>

Conference paper presentations

- 2024 British International Studies Association Conference, Birmingham, UK
European International Studies Association 17th Pan-European Conference, Lille, France
- 2023 European International Studies Association 16th Pan-European Conference, Potsdam, Germany
Centre for Global Security Challenges and the European Journal of International Security Conference ‘Security in a time of ‘polycrisis?’’, Leeds, UK
Second Annual RENPET Workshop, Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Barcelona, Spain

Fellowships and awards

- Sir Patrick Gillam Fieldwork Fund, 2023 (£4,835)
- Dominique Jacquin-Berdal Travel Grant for fieldwork in Africa, 2023 (£2,500)
- Overseas fieldwork funding, Economic and Social Research Council, 2023 (£4,540)
- Visiting researcher, Egmont Institute, Brussels, Belgium, November 2023
- Research Training Support Grant, Economic and Social Research Council, 2021-24 (£2,250)
- LSE IR Department research grant, 2021-25 (£3,500)
- Economic and Social Research Council full scholarship MPhil/PhD International Relations, 2021-25 (£72,000)
- Clara-Marina O’Donnell Fellowship at the Centre for European Reform, London, 2020
- European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM) prize for best thesis, 2019
- Flynn-Brunat Scholarship, for MA at College of Europe, 2018 (€16,500)
- Laidlaw Scholarship, 2017 (£6,000)
- Tutorial Prize, Magdalen College, Oxford, 2017
- Demyship (academic scholarship), Magdalen College, Oxford, 2016

Service

- 2024 **Section Chair, European International Studies Association 17th Pan-European Conference, Lille, France**
- Chaired EISA section ‘Critical and area studies perspectives on European foreign policy’ comprised of 5 panels discussing different thematic aspects of how to decolonise and decentre the study of European foreign policy.
- 2023-24 **Convener, Sahel Working Group, London School of Economics**
- Co-convener of a working group on the Sahel for London-based researchers.
- 2023 **Welcome week coordinator, London School of Economics**
- Managed orientation week activities for incoming masters students in the IR department at LSE and chaperoned welcome events.
- 2023 **Research Assistant, UK Covid-19 Inquiry ‘Expert report’**
- Research assistant for Dr Clare Wenham, collecting evidence to support drafting of Gender Pre-Pandemic Inequalities report for UK national Covid Inquiry.

- 2021-22 **Deputy Editor, Millennium: Journal of International Studies, Volume 51**
- Managed the peer review process at *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*

Training

- Principles of Teaching in Higher Education (PoTHE) accredited by the UK Higher Education Academy (HEA), 2023.
- The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse, New York, 2024.
- Hostile Environment Awareness Training (HEAT), International Location Safety, Sussex (UK), 2023.

Languages

English Native speaker.
French Advanced – Level C1 (CEFR).

Speaking invitations

- European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) conference on EU CSDP Missions and Operations, organised by the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the EU – 13 March 2024.
- Egmont Institute, Brussels, Belgium – guest speaker seminar, 27 November 2023.
- Egmont Institute, Brussels, Belgium – Sahel High-Level Brainstorming Seminar, 19 June 2023.

Other professional experience

- 2020-21 **Clara Marina O’Donnell Fellow, Centre for European Reform**
London, UK
- 2020 **Trainee – Civil Protection, Council of the European Union**
Brussels, Belgium
- 2019-20 **Programme Assistant, Peace, Security and Defence, Friends of Europe**
Brussels, Belgium

Memberships

- Editorial board, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*
- European International Studies Association (EISA)
- British International Studies Association (BISA)
- Kings-LSE European Foreign Policy Unit
- London Sahel Working Group

References

- **Karen Smith**, London School of Economics, k.e.smith@lse.ac.uk
- **Mark Hoffman**, London School of Economics, m.hoffman@lse.ac.uk