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OCCUPATIONAL FIELD (research areas)

Researcher

Foreign Policy Analysis • International Relations • Political Science • Political Violence
Geographical focus: Horn of Africa; Red Sea Basin; Western Indian Ocean; Iran

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

10/2018 – ongoing
nasp.eu | Network for the
Advancement of Social and
Political Studies
Milan, Italy

PhD Candidate/Researcher at NASP, University of Milan. *PhD programme in Political Studies (POLS), specialisation in International Studies. Doctoral research on sanctions, decision-making process, and foreign-domestic interaction. Visiting researcher at the University of Groningen (April-June 2020). ECPR school in Quantitative Text Analysis, 2020.*

09/2020 – ongoing
ERC-funded project VERSUS
Milan, Italy – Addis Ababa,
Ethiopia

Researcher at VERSUS. *Researching violence and elites in Ethiopia for the European Research Council (ERC)-funded project VERSUS, on Violence, Elites, and Resilience in States under Stress, led by Professor Clionadh Raleigh (U. of Sussex/ACLED).*

02/2017 – 09/2018
ISPI | Italian Institute for
International Political Studies
Milan, Italy

Assistant Research Fellow (Africa Programme) at ISPI (Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale), Milan. *Writing analyses, collecting and representing data (infographics), editing publications (including Treccani's Geopolitical Atlas). Involved in the organisation of the 2017 G7 Think Tank summit on Africa and the Italy-Africa Conference commissioned by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the ideation of bi-monthly publications on Africa for Italian businesses; the trimestral Mediterranean Focus for the Italian Chamber of Representatives and Senate.*

11/2015 – 2018
Wikistrat Crowdsourced
Consulting
off site

Researcher on Africa and West Asia Desks at Wikistrat Inc. *Crowdsourced Consulting. Non-resident analyst applying research skills, regional knowledge, and analytical expertise to produce policy analysis in simulations, forecasting exercises, and discussion forums regarding unfolding geopolitical events.*

03/2016 – 07/2016
EEAS | European External
Action Service
Brussels, Belgium

Trainee at the Global Issues Division of the European External Action Service, EU, Brussels. *Researching, collecting data, covering meetings at EU institutions and think tanks, and preparing reports. Projects on: implementation of EU Climate Diplomacy Action Plan (climate change-instability nexus); EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking (illegal trafficking-terrorism/crime linkage); EU energy security; EU Agenda on Migration.*

03/2014 – 09/2015 (intermittent)
University of Pavia - IR Office
Pavia, Italy

Collaborator for international mobility at University of Pavia's International Relations offices. *Part-time assistant to the International Mobility team with data management and analysis on incoming/outgoing students in Erasmus projects.*

02/2015 – 04/2015
Scalabrini Centre of Cape
Town
Cape Town, South Africa

Intern at Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town, South Africa. *Reports on parliamentary briefings held at DG Home Affairs on immigration issues; press review on migration, refugees, xenophobia; English teacher; general office support for development and advocacy services the centre offers to the migrant and local communities of Cape Town.*

09/2013 – 09/2013
Bala Vikasa Social Service
Society
Warangal, India

Development practitioner at Bala Vikasa Social Service Society in Warangal, India. *Community-driven development training course and volunteer experience on the field (projects involved in: water purification and widows/orphans support programmes).*

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

09/2013 – 10/2015
University of Pavia

Master of Arts in World Politics and International Relations at the University of Pavia, department of Political and Social Sciences (LM-62). *Two-year English-taught Master Degree (120 ECTS).*

01/2014 – 07/2014
ISPI | Institute for International
Political Studies

• **Extracurricular Diploma in International Cooperation** at ISPI, Milan.

Thesis: *Recovering Iran's regional power.* Supervisors: M. Clementi, F. Mazzucotelli.

Final grade: 110/110 cum laude

10/2010 – 07/2013
Catholic University of the
Sacred Heart

Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages and International Relations at the Catholic University of Milan, department of Linguistic Sciences (L-12). *Certificate in International Relations of the Middle East (09–12/2012) and in Global Politics (the Arab Spring) at ASERI (03–05/2012).*

08/2013 – 08/2013
Hiroshima University

• **Extracurricular Seminar in Global Citizenship and Peace** at Hiroshima University, Hiroshima, Japan.

Thesis: *Al-Qa'ida nel Maghreb islamico (AQIM).* Supervisors: R. Redaelli, A. Plebani

Final grade: 110/110 cum laude

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue Italian

Other languages Certificates

IELTS (11/2012): 8.5/9.0

Arabic language A2 (90/100), by Institut Bourguiba of Tunis (Pavia, 12/2015).

Persian language A2 (grade 100/100), by Dehkhoda ICPS of the University of Tehran (Tehran, 10-11/2016).

Self-assessment

European level (*)

English

Spanish

French

Farsi/Persian

Arabic (الفصحى)

	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
	Listening	Reading	Interaction	Production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Spanish	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
French	B1	B1	A2	A2	A2
Farsi/Persian	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2
Arabic (الفصحى)	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2

(*) Common European Framework: A1/2 basic, B1/2 independent, C1/2 proficient user

Latest publications, conference
papers (peer-reviewed)

Not All Plain Sailing. The Highs and Lows of Iran's Scramble for the Horn of Africa, in *The Geopolitics of Iran*, Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming 2021.

Cooperazione e competizione degli attori internazionali nel Corno d'Africa, Osservatorio di Politica Internazionale del Parlamento Italiano (No 141), October 2016.

Recovering Regional Power: The Islamic Republic under Rouhani's Presidency, Il Politico - Rivista Italiana di Scienze Politiche (Ed. Rubbettino), December 2016.

Research Projects

• External contributor at the ERC-funded project VERSUS (PI: Clionadh Raleigh, U. of Sussex/ACLED), on Violence Elites and Resilience in States Under Stress (VERSUS) on South Sudan (June-July 2020)

• Researcher on "The evolution of political regimes in Sub-Saharan Africa", project of the Department of Social and Political Studies of the University of Milan (in Italian). Coordinator Prof. Giovanni Carbone (Feb-Sept 2020)

Lectures and Seminars

• The African Agenda of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (ISPI, July 2020)

• Corso di Geopolitica Centro Veritas FVG (Trieste, 2020-2021)

Awards

Listed among the top 100 Italian female experts in International Politics www.100esperte.it

Skills and competences

• Life experience abroad in South Africa, Iran, and the Brussels' bubble; EU Ambassador at EXPO 2015; soccer coach trainer; debater at MUN fora.

• Excellent computer knowledge (ECDL licence, Windows Office, Mac OS, WordPress, Prezi), basic Statistics (Stata, R), passionate about infographics.

Additional information

Driving licence B.

Milan, April 2021