

# Iacopo Taddia

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## EDUCATION

**Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna - Italy**

**Sept. 2019- March 2022**

**Master's degree in International Relations and Diplomatic Affairs** (Final grade: 110 cum laude)

- Main courses: Governance and Policies of the EU; Global Economic Development; Statistics; French; Comparative Politics; International Protection of Human Rights, Post-Socialist Transition and EU Enlargement.

- Quarter Abroad at the **University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB)** – Jan./March 2020

- **Publication:** Chun, Emma, Iacopo Taddia, Joshua Ee and Kira Lazzarini. "Localizing the PISA Initiative to Tackle Educational Inequity - Case Study on UCSB Students." *URCA Journal*, Volume II (Spring 2020): 64-81.

**Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna - Italy**

**Sept. 2016- Jul. 2019**

**Bachelor's degree in International Relations and Diplomatic Affairs** (Final grade: 110/110)

- Semester Abroad at the **University of Wroclaw (PL)** – Jan./June 2019

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

**Teaching Assistant - Vassar College, Poughkeepsie (NY)**

**Aug. 2021- May 2022**

- Faculty member of the Italian Department; - Taught Italian politics, history, and culture to Bachelor students; - Held tutoring and office hours; - Managed the monthly journal, the events and the conferences offered by the Department.

- **Conference speaker:** "*How Did a Stronghold of Human Rights Become a Nest for Illiberal Democracies? The case of Hungary and Poland in the EU*". Talk promoted and hosted by the NGO Peace Action New York State.

**Tutor - International Relations and Internships Office, University of Bologna (IT)**

**Feb. 2021- Mar. 2022**

- Managed documentation of curricular and post-laurea internships; - Evaluated internship candidacies and offers; - Formalized new partnerships with companies interested in agreements with the University of Bologna.

**Project Assistant - Association Scambieuropei, Bologna (IT)**

**May 2020- Aug. 2021**

- Drafted Erasmus+ project proposals; - Conducted interviews for the selection of projects participants; - Managed the relations with participants and partners; - Wrote and produced the podcast "[Si muove la città](#)."

**Trainee - Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU**

**May- July 2021**

- Member of the European Parliament (EP) Relations Office; - Drafted policy briefs and research papers about EU key policies sensitive to the Representation; - Drafted minutes and summary reports of EP committees' daily meetings, EP and Committee of the Regions plenary sessions, highlighting the most significant contributions of the spokesmen of the European political parties, rapporteurs and shadow-rapporteurs.

**Research Assistant - University of Wroclaw (PL) and Roskilde University, (DK)**

**Sept. 2020- Jun. 2021**

- Contributed to the international research project [Populism and Democratic Defence in Europe](#) (Central and Eastern European Team, working at the Module II); - Researched, sampled and annualized Initiatives Opposing Populism deployed by the EU institutions; - Drafted research papers on: the Art. 7 procedure, the budget conditionality mechanism, ostracism and *cordon sanitaire* in the EU institutions, the rise of *Fidesz* and *Law and Justice*.

**Free-lance Contributor Journalist - [Nuove.Radici.World](#)**

**Apr.- 2020- May 2021**

- Wrote reports related to immigration policy, social inclusion of minorities, and integration; - Interviewed immigrants and wrote articles about their background and journeys; - Articles also published on [Linkiesta](#).

**Communication Officer - Union of European Federalists (UEF), Brussels**

**Jul.- Sept. 2018**

- Attended conferences and meetings drafting minutes and reports; - Organized events and seminars managing promotion and contacts with speakers; - Managed UEF website page, mailing lists, and social media.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**Chora Academy of Podcasting - Chora Media, Milan**

**Apr.- Jun. 2022**

**Volunteer Teacher for Refugees – Ass. Pensiero e Azione, Forlì**

**Sept.- Dec. 2019**

**Workshop: EU Project Management Erasmus+: KA1 – Ass. Scambieuropei, Bologna**

**Ott. 2018**

**Seminar: European Project Management – Italian Belgian Chamber of Commerce, Brussels**

**Sept. 2018**

**EU Youth Exchange: Immigration and EU Asylum Policy, Ceuta (ES)**

**Sett. 2017**

## SKILLS

**Languages:** Italian (Native), English (C1, IELTS), Spanish (C1, Unibo), French (C1-TCF).

**IT skills:** - Proficient in Microsoft Office Pack, Typo3, MailChimp, Mendeley, Gephi; - Able to implement Social Media Campaigns; - Experience with statistical tools: STATA and R. - Podcast production (Ableton Live, REAPER).

**Interests:** Democratic backsliding in the EU; Liberalism and Democracy; Migration; Capitalism and democracy in CEE, Washington Consensus; EU enlargement eastwards; Neoliberalism; Rule of Law defense.