

# Chiara Minora

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Milan, Italy

## EDUCATION

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- 2024 – ongoing      **NASP Graduate School, University of Milan**  
*PhD candidate in Political Studies*
- 2021 – 2023      **International Master in Security, Intelligence and Strategic Studies (IMSISS)**  
24-month Erasmus Mundus Joint Master (EMJM) awarded by a consortium of European universities: University of Glasgow (UK); Dublin City University (Ireland); Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic) and University of Trento (Italy).  
Graduated with distinction (110/110 cum laude).  
  
Thesis: “Feminist vision(s) of peace in frozen conflict settings: the case study of Georgia”. Supervisor: Prof. Rebecca Kay (University of Glasgow)  
4-months field research in Tbilisi conducting semi-structured interviews. Qualitative research methods and design, text and discourse analysis using the software NVivo.
- 2017 – 2020      **BA in Philosophy, International and Economic Studies (PIES)**  
**Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, Italy**  
First class honours degree – magna cum laude (110/110 cum laude)  
BA completely taught in English. Final dissertation: “Cooperation and competition in the Caspian Sea from the Russian Perspective”. Supervisor: Prof. Carlo Frappi
- 2019      **Exchange semester**  
**National Research University – Higher School of Economics (Moscow, Russian Federation)**  
Modules on Post-Soviet Eurasia and Comparative Security and Defence Policy.
- 2019      **Venice International University, Italy**  
International centre of higher education and research, additional and compatible with my BA.

## *Professional Trainings*

- 2022      **University of Amsterdam and The Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS-KNAW)**  
Summer School "The Securitization of “Undocumented Migrants” and Empowerment Activities of Civil Organisations"
- 2022      **Knowmad OSINT**  
Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) training course

- 2022 **University of Trento, Italy** - NAMEPES - North Africa Middle East Politics and EU Security
- 2021 **Centre for Comparative Conflict Studies (CFCCS), Singidunum University in Belgrade, Serbia** - **International Summer School in Comparative Conflict Studies**  
“Feminist Peace and Security Studies: The Gendered Continuum of Peace-War”
- 2020 **Italian Institute for International Political Studies, ISPI** (Milan, Italy)  
Diploma in International missions for electoral observations
- 2019 **Summer School in Global Studies**  
**Ca’ Foscari University and Maritime Military Studies Institute of the Italian Military Navy** (Venice, Italy)  
Geopolitics and geo-economy, development, and the environment studies; secondary data analysis and archival research in the Naval Staff College.
- 2018 **Italian Institute for International Political Studies, ISPI** (Milan, Italy)  
Diploma in Geopolitics and Global Security

## **RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2024 **University of Trento (Italy)**  
***Research Fellow (Assegnista di ricerca)***  
Project “Defending Art. Italy and the International Security of Cultural Heritage. (DEFART.IT)”  
Drafting a preliminary database of international peacekeeping missions, focusing on the cultural heritage protection component.  
Managing the promotion of the project by setting up and overseeing its social media accounts.
- 2023 **Recordati Industria Chimica e Farmaceutica S.p.A** (Milan, Italy)  
***Group Security Intern***  
Conducting research investigations using open-source intelligence platforms for travel risk management.
- 2023 **Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies - Rondeli Foundation** (Tbilisi, Georgia)  
***Research Intern***  
Writing research paper on Gender, Peace, and Security in Georgia  
Organising the annual Rondeli Security Conference
- 2020 – ongoing **Research Centre Geopolitica.info**  
***Junior Fellow, Desk Russia and post-Soviet space***

Writing articles and reports on Russia and the post-Soviet space, focusing on frozen conflicts in the Caucasus.

Writing and editing the newsletter on Russia's domestic and foreign policy, as well as editing text for podcasts and social media.

2021

**EastJournal**

*Newspaper editor, Central Asia programme*

Writing articles on democratisation and human security in Central Asia

## **CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

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2022 *Coordinator* of the academic conference ASIAC, Italian Association for the study of Central Asia and the Caucasus

2022 *Moderator* in the intensive course "Ucraina sotto assedio" (Ukraine under siege) - Research Centre Geopolitica.info

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2021 *Coordinator* of the academic conference ASIAC, Italian Association for the study of Central Asia and the Caucasus

2021 *Moderator* in the conference "Strategies and objectives of the global powers in the Nagorno-Karabakh war" - Research Centre Geopolitica.info

2020 *Coordinator* of the academic conference ASIAC, Italian Association for the study of Central Asia and the Caucasus

2020 *Invited speaker* in the conference "Putin's Russia" - Sapienza University of Rome, "Robert Elgie" Brown Bag seminars on politics

## **LANGUAGES AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS**

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### **Languages:**

**Italian – C2** Native speaker

**English – C2** IELTS – Overall Band 7,5 (March 2021)

**Russian – B1** CEFR: University of Venice, Centre of Linguistics and course attended National Research University – Higher School of Economics (Moscow, Russian Federation)

### **IT Skills:**

Advanced user of Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, and Excel) and video conferencing platforms (Zoom, MS Teams, Google Meet).

Basic user of NVivo, Atlas.ti (Qualitative Data Analysis & Research Softwares) and QGIS (Open Source Geographic Information System).

## **OTHER EXPERIENCES**

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2022      **Security Distillery** – Editor (Volunteer)

Member of the editing team of the “Security Distillery”, a student-run think tank affiliated to the International Master in Security, Intelligence and Strategic Studies.

Milan, September 2024