

MICHELE DANESI

Curriculum Vitae

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Work Experience

PhD Candidate in Political Studies at the University of Pavia (Pavia, October 2026-ongoing)

- **Research topic:** India-China space competition in South Asia: the role of space technology and space diplomacy in regional rivalry

Research Assistant at Italian Institute for International Political Studies, ISPI (Milan, September 2024-May 2026)

- Contribute to the constant **monitoring** activity of **economic and political developments** in the Asian continent conducted by the Asia Centre of the Institute. **Main focus:** EU-China trade relations; Italy-China and Italy-South Asia trade relations; China and India's space economies;
- Contribute to the analysis of the evolving landscape in the **space sector** at the international level conducted by the **Goeconomics Centre** of the Institute;
- Assist the redaction of **regular publications of the Asia Centre** of the Institute;
- Conduct **independent research**. My research focuses on: Chinese space industry and the **geopolitics and goeconomics of space** in Asia; Chinese relations with **India** and the **other South Asian** countries; and **EU industry relations** with East Asian and South Asian countries;
- Writing **commentaries and analyses** on the topics of my individual research and on the projects covered by ISPI Asia Centre and ISPI Goeconomics Centre. **Main topics covered** through commentaries, analyses and chapters: **Space economy** in China and India; China's **space technology** investments in Africa; China's **infrastructure investments** in Southeast Asia; South Asian economics and politics, including bureaucratic politics in **Bangladesh and Nepal** and the countries' relations with China and India;
- Assist the realization of the **Institute's flagship events**: "Rome MED Dialogues" and "NEXT Milan Forum - Empowering Future Leaders".

Research Assistant and Project Manager for the Jean Monnet Desk on The EU as a Global Actor (EUGlobA Project) at University of Bologna (Bologna, September 2023–November 2025)

- Research activity on the **EU as a foreign policy actor**: conducting analysis on the work of the European Parliament and European Commission, **drafting results** and contributing to the writing of **academic publications**;
- Conducting foreign policy analysis on: the European Parliament's role in the making of the new **EU industrial defence architecture**; the European Parliament and the **war in Ukraine**; the **European Parliament and China** during the IX legislature; Commission President Von Der Leyen and the unfolding of the idea of "**geopolitical Commission**";
- Co-authoring the academic **article** "The European Parliament's foreign policy behaviour: the case of EU foreign policy towards Ukraine following the Russian war of aggression" with Elena Baracani (University of Bologna);
- Conducting **interviews** with MEPs, Members of the EP Secretariat-General and other high level officials from EU Institutions;
- **Managing activities** of the EUGlobA Project (The EU as a Global Actor) of the University of Bologna: organizing international **conferences** with academics, MEPs and other EU officials, preparing **seminars** and **podcasts** for students;
- Managing the **webpage** of the EUGlobA Project.

Research and administrative assistant at Asia Institute (Bologna, September 2022–June 2023)

- **Support to research activities**: collecting interviews, contributing to drafting publications;
- Organization of **international conferences and events**: collaboration with the Korea Institute of National Unification (KINU) and opening of the first Italian "Korea Corner" in Bologna, with the participation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea and the Korea Foundation;
- Organization of the Winter School "Exploring the Media and Politics Landscape in Europe, East Asia and the US" in collaboration with UCLA and Toyo University (Tokyo);
- Management of **bureaucratic and administrative activities**;
- Keeping contacts and holding meetings with the University of Bologna, the Municipality of Bologna and Region Emilia-Romagna, the legal staff and other partners.

Education

Master's Degree in International Relations – International Affairs at University of Bologna (Bologna, September 2020–March 2023)

Final Score: 108/110. Dissertation Title: "European Parliament Leadership in EU Foreign Policy. The Case Study of EU-China Relations". Dissertation Supervisor: Prof. Elena Baracani. Dissertation Co-supervisor: Prof. Antonio Fiori.

- Theory and evolution of international relations;
- International economics;
- Area studies (China and East Asia, European Union, Middle East and North Africa, Sub-saharan Africa).

Overseas Programme at Peking University (Beijing – China, August 2019-January 2020)

- Chinese Language and Culture at the Department of Chinese Language for Foreign Learners of the Peking University

Bachelor's Degree in Languages, Markets and Cultures of East Asia at University of Bologna (Bologna, September 2017-October 2020)

Final Score: 110 cum Laude/110. Dissertation Title: "Li Hongzhang e lo Sviluppo Cinese nel Tardo Ottocento" (Li Hongzhang and the Chinese Industrial Development in the Late XIX Century). Dissertation Supervisor: Prof. Roberto Peruzzi.

- Chinese Language and Culture;
- English Language;
- History, philosophy, literature, sociology and economic institutions of China.

Other courses and education experiences

Intensive course "The nuclear paradox: proliferation and challenges amid global competition" (November 2025)

Organized by: Italian institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)

- Role of nuclear energy in international relations;
- Elements of nuclear technology for civil purposes;
- Challenges in the future use of nuclear energy.

Intensive course "The new geopolitics of space: ambitions, programmes and international alignments" (April 2025)

Organized by: Italian institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)

- History and actors involved in the first and current "space race";
- The role of private entities in the space sector and the emergence of public-private partnerships;
- Cultural diplomacy and the impact of culture on international politics and Europe-Asia relations.

Winter School "Exploring the Media and Politics Landscape in Europe, East Asia and the US" (March 2023)

Organized by: University of Bologna, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), Toyo University, Asia Institute

- Comparative analysis of media and politics landscape in Asia, Europe and the US;
- Soft power and media politics in Asia;
- Cultural diplomacy and the impact of culture on international politics and Europe-Asia relations.

Volunteering Experience

Head Coordinator (former Press Office team Leader) at Hikma (Forlì and Bologna, July 2021 –October 2023)

University Students' Association organizing events and writing online publications on topics related to international politics and economics. In my role, I dealt with:

- Establishing and maintaining contacts with universities, organizations and partner associations;
- Contacting and interviewing guests of national events;
- Co-managing communication between the national board and the fellow members of the association.

Public Relations Manager at European Guanxi (Italy, March 2021–March2022)

Italian branch of the European network "European Guanxi", gathering young students, academics and practitioners organizing events on topics related to EU-China Relations. My duties included:

- Establishing and maintaining contacts with universities, organizations and partner associations;
- Contacting and interviewing guests of national events;
- Co-managing communication between the national board and the fellow members of the association.

Languages and other competences

Languages

- Italian, native speaker
- English, C2 – last exam taken: IELTS 7.5 in March 2017
- Spanish, C1
- Chinese, B2 – last exam taken: HSK 5 (Score: 180) in June 2021
- French, B1
- German, A2

Digital competences

- Good command of **Microsoft Office**;
- Good experience with **website editing** platforms (Wordpress, Wix) and newsletter writing platform (MailChimp) gained through volunteering experience in cultural and knowledge dissemination associations;
- Good command of **audio and video editing** software (Reaper, CapCut and similar) acquired for realization of podcasts and media contents during academic and volunteering experiences;
- Good command of **image and graphic editing** software (Adobe Lightroom, Canva) gained to realize media content during academic and volunteering experiences;
- Basic knowledge of **Python**, acquired through university laboratory class on elements of Python for social sciences.

Publications (selection)

Danesi, M. (2026). "[Firms, the State and Space: Governing Commercial Enterprises in China's Space Sector](#)" in Iacomino, C. & Rosazza Boneitin, F. (edited by) *Space Companies and States. A two-horse race?*, ISPI, Report, pp. 27-40. ISBN: 9791256008186.

Fasulo, F. & Danesi, M. (2026). "Verso il XXI Congresso: overcapacity, rapporto con l'esercito e centralizzazione del potere (Towards the XXI Congress: overcapacity, state-army relations and the centralization of power)", *Mondo cinese*, vol. 178 n. 1, pp. 37-44. ISSN: 2785-423X.

Missaglia, N., Panda, J. & Danesi, M. (edited by). [Shifting Balances in South Asia](#), ISPI, Dossier, January 2026. ISBN: 9791282173094.

Baracani, E. & Danesi, M. (2025). "The European Parliament's foreign policy behaviour: the case of EU foreign policy towards Ukraine following the Russian war of aggression". *European Security*, pp. 1-25. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09662839.2025.2506512>

Morselli, P., Favarotto, L. & Danesi, M. (2025). "[The State of Connectivity Infrastructure in China and Southeast Asia](#)" in Secchi, C. & Gili, A. (edited by) *Infrastructure Grids and Networks. The Challenges Ahead, amid Security and Efficiency*, ISPI, Report, pp. 289-308. DOI: 10.14672/56004591.

Selected publications for the Italian Parliament

Danesi, M. (2026). [La visita in Cina del ministro Tajani e l'andamento degli investimenti cinesi in Italia](#) (Foreign Minister Tajani's Visit to China and the state of the PRC's investments in Italy) in ISPI (a cura di) per l'Osservatorio di Politica Internazionale del Parlamento e Maeci, *Focus Cina e Indo-Pacifico*, n. 11, February 2026.

Fasulo, F., Morselli P. e Danesi, M. (2026), [Gli investimenti cinesi in Italia](#) (China's investments in Italy), Approfondimento ISPI (a cura di) per l'Osservatorio di Politica Internazionale del Parlamento e Maeci, 10 June.

Danesi, M. (2026). "[Instabilità politica in Asia meridionale: il Nepal alla prova del cambio di regime](#)" in ISPI (a cura di) per l'Osservatorio di Politica Internazionale del Parlamento e Maeci, *Focus Cina e Indo-Pacifico*, n. 10, February 2026.

Danesi, M. (2026). "[Gli investimenti cinesi in energia all'estero: il caso dell'Asia meridionale](#) (China's energy investments abroad: the case of South Asia)" in ISPI (a cura di) per l'Osservatorio di Politica Internazionale del Parlamento e Maeci, *Focus Sicurezza Energetica* (Energy Security Focus), n. 15, February 2026.

Danesi, M. (2025). "[L'industria dello spazio nel continente asiatico: l'avanzamento cinese e il ruolo delle altre potenze regionali](#)" (The space industry in the Asian continent: China's advancement and the role of other regional powers), ISPI (a cura di) per l'Osservatorio di Politica Internazionale del Parlamento e Maeci, *Focus Cina e Indo-Pacifico*, n. 9, October 2025.

Danesi, M. & Gili, A. (2025). "[La partita energetica della Cina tra sicurezza energetica, dazi e overcapacity](#)" (China's energy strategy between energy security, tariffs and overcapacity) in ISPI (a cura di) per

l'Osservatorio di Politica Internazionale del Parlamento e Maeci, *Focus Sicurezza Energetica* (Energy Security Focus), n. 13, June 2025.

Fasulo, F., Casanova, G.A., Danesi, M. & Morselli, P. (2025). "[La Cina e la sua proiezione esterna](#)" (China and its external projection). ISPI (a cura di) per l'Osservatorio di Politica Internazionale del Parlamento e Maeci, pp. 1-14, March 2025.

Further online analyses and commentaries are published on ISPI, Euractiv and RiEnergia.

Closing statement

I authorise the processing of personal data pursuant to Legislative Decree 196/2003.

Milan, 21 September 2026

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michele Danesi', with a stylized, cursive script.