

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

## Gaia Taffoni

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

2013–Present

**Editor and associate**

TheBottomUp, online blog <http://www.thebottomup.it/>, Bologna (Italy)  
online editor, informative events promoter

01/03/2013–01/05/2013

**Volunteer**

Hansard Society, London (United Kingdom)

Volunteer organising lectures and meetings with MPs at the Westminster Parliament

01/07/2012–30/08/2012

**Volunteer**

Westminster Library, London (United Kingdom)

Desk services, reception, organization of meetings for the child reading classes sections

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

01/10/2015

**Ph.D in Political Studies**

University of Milan, Graduate School in social and political sciences, Milan (Italy)

3 years Ph.d in Political Studies

07/10/2015

**Scuola di Politiche**

Enrico Letta

Best practices, modus operandi, theoretical approach, know how, policy making at the European and International level

15/02/2015–21/02/2015

**ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques**

Course in Comparative Research Design

QCA method class.

Professor Benoit Rihoux

12/09/2014–10/12/2014

**European Union Foreign Policy course**

Johns Hopkins University SAIS Bologna Center, Bologna

Selected to attend one course in the first semester of the Second year of Master degree at the SAIS center of Bologna of Advanced International Studies.

Professor Hartmut Mayer. Final dissertation on the EU conditionality toward Belarus

01/09/2013–30/10/2015

**Master degree International Relations**

110/110 Cum Laude

Facoltà di scienze politiche, Bologna

Supranational Institutions curriculum. Main fields: European integration, International and global law, International Relations of the Middle East, International Relation and development in Sub-Saharan

Africa.

Graduation, 30 October 2015. 110/110 Cum Laude

Master Thesis "Europenization outside the borders: a comparative analysis of Morocco and Tunisia".  
Supervisor, professor Daniela Piana, co-supervisor professor Massimiliano Trentin

01/09/2009–21/02/2013 **Bachelor degree in International Politics** 94/110  
Alma Mater Bologna, Bologna (Italy)  
International Studies, Political Science, European Studies.  
Final thesis on the policies of Tony Blair in the Theoretical framework of the Third Way provided by Anthony Giddens. Supervisor, professor Piero Ignazi

01/09/2004–01/07/2009 **High school graduation** 100/100  
Liceo socio-psico-pedagogico San Giovanni Battista, San Benedetto del Tronto (Italy)  
Sociological Competencies

07/07/2007–01/01/2008 **Exchange student**  
Lynfield College, Auckland (New Zealand)  
One semester spent as an exchange student during the fourth year of High school.  
Classes attended: Math, English, Theater, Hospitality, Photography and Spanish

**PERSONAL SKILLS**

**Mother tongue(s)** Italian

**Other language(s)**

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
TOEFL iBT (107) and Cambridge First certificate					
French	B1	B2	B1	B1	B1
13 October will attend the DELF					

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user  
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

**Communication skills** Sits on the editorial board of the online blog "The Bottom Up" writing about current events in the European politics.  
Communication skills, editorial skills, online editing skills.

**Organisational / managerial skills** With my volunteer experience I acquired a good skill in working with group of people, organising events of different natures and a good English proficiency

**Digital competence** Computer driving licence ECDL  
Proficient in Spanish and Good understanding of Portuguese  
Skill in the use of the QCA program for comparative research in Social Science