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CURRENT POSITION

- 2020 - Present **Assistant Professor** (permanent)
Terrorism and Political Violence & War, Peace and Justice
Institute of Security & Global Affairs (ISGA), Leiden University.
- 2023-2024 **Associate Fellow** | Europe in the World Programme
European University Institute

FORMER POSITIONS

- 2018 – 2020 **Max Weber Fellow**
Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies
European University Institute.
- 2019 - 2020 **Interim Academic Coordinator**
MA Program in European Union Policy Studies (EUPS)
James Madison University.
- 2017- 2020 **Adjunct Professor**
MA Program in European Union Policy Studies (EUPS)
James Madison University.
- 2017-2018 **Post-Doctoral Research Fellow**
Horizon2020 'RESPOND', Department of Legal Studies
University of Florence.
- 2016 **Visiting Research Fellow**
Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique (FRS), Paris.
- 2015-2016 **Visiting Research Fellow**
University of Amsterdam (UvA), Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

EDUCATION

- 2014-2017 **Ph.D in Political Science** | International Relations (*cum laude*)
Scuola Normale Superiore - Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences.
- 2011-2013 **MA International and Diplomatic Sciences** (*cum laude*)
University of Bologna.

- 2012-2013 **MA Program in International Security**, International Exchange Student,
Sciences-Po Paris.
- 2007-2010 **BA International Studies**, University of Florence.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

1. D'Amato S, Dian M. & Russo, A. (2023) (Eds.), *International Relations and Area Studies: debates, methodologies and insights from different world regions*, Springer.
2. D'Amato S. & Sachoulidou A. (2023) (Eds.), *Security in Transnational Spaces: Legal and political perspectives across Europe*, Routledge.
3. D'Amato, S. (2019). *Cultures of Counterterrorism: French and Italian approaches to terrorism in the post 9/11*. Routledge.

Under review:

Cook, D'Amato and Klein, *Terrorism & Counterterrorism: Research and Analysis*, Oxford University Press.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

1. D'Amato S.: Baldaro E. (2023), Transnational counterterrorism assemblages: the case of preventing and countering violent extremism in Mali, *Territory, Politics, Governance*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/21622671.2023.2268651>
2. D'Amato S. & Terlizzi A. (2022) Strategic European counterterrorism? An empirical analysis, *European Security*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/09662839.2022.2029847>
3. D'Amato S, Dian M. & Russo, A. (2022), Reaching for allies? The dialectics and overlaps between international relations and area studies in the study of politics, security and conflicts, *Italian Political Science Review* : 1-19. <https://doi.org/10.1017/ipo.2022.13>
4. D'Amato S. & Sachoulidou A. (2021), European transnationalism between successes and shortcomings: Threats, strategies and actors under the microscope, *Journal of Contemporary European Studies* : 1-8, <https://doi.org/10.1080/14782804.2021.2007362>
5. D'Amato S. (2021), Patchwork of counterterrorism: analyzing European types of cooperation in Sahel, *International Studies Review*, 23(4) : 1518–1540, <https://doi.org/10.1093/isr/viab024>
6. D'Amato, S. (2019) Islamisation of criminal behaviour: the path to terrorism? Terrorist threat and crime in French counterterrorism policy-formulation'. Special Issue 'Jihadism and Crime

in Europe', *European Journal of Criminology*, 16(3), 332–350, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1477370819828955>

7. D'Amato Silvia & Lucarelli Sonia (2019), Talking Migration: Narratives of Migration and Justice Claims in the European Migration System of Governance, *The International Spectator*, 54(3): 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03932729.2019.1643181>
8. D'Amato, S. & Lavizzari, A. (2019) The Migration Triangle: Narratives, Justice and the Politics of Migration in France, *The International Spectator*, 54(3):37-53, doi: [10.1080/03932729.2019.1643638](https://doi.org/10.1080/03932729.2019.1643638)
9. Baldaro, E., D'Amato, S. & Giurati, T. (2019) The CorsAfrigue: The Corsican milieu in Africa, between business and raison d'Etat. *European Review of Organized Crime*, 5:1, 36-59.
10. Coticchia, F. & D'Amato, S. (2018) Can you hear me Major Tom? News, narratives and contemporary military operations: the case of the Italian mission in Afghanistan, *European Security*, 27:2, 224-244, doi: [10.1080/09662839.2018.1484729](https://doi.org/10.1080/09662839.2018.1484729)
11. D'Amato, S. (2018) From BR to ISIS. The Italian domestic and international response to terrorism, *European Politics and Society*, 19:4, 416-434, doi: [10.1080/23745118.2018.1447763](https://doi.org/10.1080/23745118.2018.1447763)
12. D'Amato, S. (2017) Terrorists going transnational: rethinking the role of states in the case of AQIM and Boko Haram. *Critical Studies on Terrorism*. 11:1, 151-172, doi: [10.1080/17539153.2017.1347238](https://doi.org/10.1080/17539153.2017.1347238)
13. D'Amato, S. and G. Del Panta (2017) Does Rentierism Have a Conditional Effect on Violence? Regime Oil Dependency and Civil War in Algeria. *The Extractive Industries and Society*, 4 (2): 361-370, doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.exis.2017.01.002>

Book Chapters:

1. D'Amato, S. (forthcoming), Terrorism, in Lucarelli, S. & Sperling, J. (eds), *Handbook of Governance of the European Union*, Edward Edgar Publishing.
2. Wright, J.N. & D'Amato, S. (2023) 'Transnational Terrorism as a Cross-border Threat', in Fytopoulos, A. Balomenos, K. Pardalos, P (eds.) *Handbook for Management of Threats - Security and defense, resilience and optimal strategies*. Springer.
3. D'Amato S. & Omenma T. (2022) 'Changing Threats and Challenges in International Relations: Debating (in)Securities and Ways to Manage Them' In: Gill M. (Ed.) *Handbook of Security*:. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. 101–122.
4. D'Amato, S. (2022), In the Brussel's Net? The patchwork of counterterrorism in Sahel and the security cooperation governance, in Baldaro, E. & Rainer L. (eds) *Jihad in Africa. Terrorismo e controterrorismo nel Sahel*, Il Mulino (in Italian).

Popular & Policy- Relevant Publications:

1. Andersin E. & D'Amato S. (2023), *Security Tensions: national and international dilemmas in the relationship between law and security*. *Leiden Security and- Global Affairs Blog* (Leiden University).
2. D'Amato S. (2023), *Italy in the Sahel: national priorities and European policies*, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI).
3. D'Amato S. (2023), *Sahel: the engagement, challenges and open questions for Europe* (Sahel: gli impegni, le sfide e le questioni aperte per l'Europa), Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI).
4. D'Amato S. (2022), *A widening rift between Europe and the Sahel*. *Political Violence at a Glance*.
5. D'Amato S. & Baldaro E. (2022), *Counter-Terrorism in the Sahel: Increased Instability and Political Tensions*, International Center for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT).
6. D'Amato S. & Baldaro E. (2020), *Jihadi paranoia: why we (still) need to rethink the debate on terrorism and political violence*, Open Democracy.
7. Federico, V., D'Amato, S., Terlizzi, A. & Pannia, P. (2018). First Results: Politicization and a Complex, Fragmented Legal Milieu in RESPOND Countries: <http://responders.crs.uu.se/2018/07/13/first-results-politicization-and-a-complex-fragmented-legal-milieu-in-respond-countries/>
8. Baldaro E. & D'Amato, S. (2015). The Islamization of (in)security in France. *Limes*, 11: 207-17 [in Italian].

Working Papers & Other Publications:

1. D'Amato S. & Giuliani G.A. (2020), *When opposites attract? : the relationship between foreign policy and the migration-terrorism nexus in the French radical right and radical left discourse*, MWP Working Paper, European University Institute.
2. D'Amato, S. (2019). *Converging and conflicting dynamics of cooperation: European counterterrorism efforts in Sahel*, MWP Working Paper, European University Institute.
3. D'Amato, S., Terlizzi, A. & Federico, V. (2018). *Comparative Database on Migration (RESPOND)*, <http://www.diva-portal.org/smash/record.jsf?pid=diva2%3A1274674&dswid=2927>
4. D'Amato, S., Pannia, P. & Federico, V. (2018). *National Country Report: Italy*. Working Paper, RESPOND: <http://www.crs.uu.se/respond/working-paper-series/>

5. D'Amato, S., Pannia, P., Terlizzi, A. & Federico, V. (2018). Comparative Report: Legal and Policy Framework of Migration Governance. Working Paper, RESPOND: <http://www.crs.uu.se/respond/working-paper-series/>
6. D'Amato, S. (2017). European Counterterrorism Cooperation: Where are we?, James Madison University Newsletter, Fall 2017.
7. D'Amato, S. (2016). Italy in Afghanistan. Approaches and Public Narratives (2001-2014) (with F. Coticchia), Special Research Report, Universität der Bundeswehr München.

Interviews:

1. Interview for The New Arab (2023): Italy's cautious approach towards Niger's political crisis, Available at: <https://www.newarab.com/analysis/italys-cautious-approach-towards-nigers-political-crisis>
2. Expert Interview for Coursera 'EU counterterrorism strategy; Terrorism and Counterterrorism: Comparing Theory and Practice, available at <https://www.coursera.org/lecture/terrorism/expert-interview-silvia-d-amato-on-eu-counterterrorism-strategy-POTif>
3. Interview for Viactiva (2017): 'Terrorism and Terrorists, who, what, why'. Available at: <https://www.vitactiva.it/terrorismo-terroristi-cosa-perche/> [in Italian]

CONFERENCES

Conferences & Workshop Organisation (Selected)

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| 2023 | Co-Organiser of the <i>Orchid Initiative</i> , Research Seminar Series, Institute of Security & Global Affairs, Leiden University (with Matthew Hoyer). |
| 2020-present | European Initiative for Security Studies (EISS) Annual Conference (Lisbon, Berlin, Barcelona, Prague). |
| 2019 | EUI JUNE Conference, Panel Organiser & Chair, European University Institute.
SISP Conference, Panel, 13-15 September.
Max Weber Multidisciplinary Workshop, Co-Organiser, European University Institute.
JMU-MWP 12 th Graduate Symposium, Co-Organiser, European University Institute. |
| 2018 | ECPR General Conference, Panel Organiser & Chair, University of Hamburg
ESE Conference, Panel Organiser & Chair, James Madison University, Florence. |

Invited Talks & Paper presentation (Selected)

- 2023 Invitation as Speaker for the PREVEX Conference, "Governing through Counterterrorism in the Arab world", Sciences Po Paris, June.
- 2022 Invitation as Speaker for the European International Studies Association (EISA), online event for the Early Career Development Group (ECD).
- EIW Workshop Security knowledge production through 'North-South' coalitions and negotiations, 'Co-producing counterterrorism: translocal entanglements in Prevention and Countering Violent Extremism in Mali', paper presenter with E. Baldaro, July.
- GTGC Conference, Explaining Changes in Counterterrorism Practices: Motivations and Timing, Leiden University, paper presenter with R. van der Haer, G. Klein & E. van der Maat, June 2022.
- 2021 Invited Talk on Cyber Terrorism, for the Nova Law School, Lisbon, Portugal.
- Global Counterterrorism Workshop, 'On Blowback Terrorism', paper presenter with S., Martini A. Bolanos, Leiden University, December.
- Invitation as Speaker for the British International Studies Association (BISA)/ Critical Terrorism Studies (CTS) online event on 'Methods in Critical Terrorism Studies'.
- 2020 EUCTER Conference, Patchwork of counterterrorism: varieties of cooperation in Sahel', paper presenter, December.
- 2019 EISS Conference 'Converging and conflicting dynamics of cooperation: European counterterrorism efforts in Sahel'. paper presenter, 27-28 June, Paris.
- Invited Talk for the Forum for Peace and War, July, Florence.
- Invited Presentation for the event Terrorism in Europe Punto Europa Forli, University of Bologna, May.
- Invited Talk for the Ph.D. Programme 'Transnational Governance', Scuola Sant'Anna Superiore & Scuola Normale Superiore, February, Florence.
- 2017 King's College London Workshop, 'Who are they? Enemy's Construction in Counterterrorism Policy-Formulation in France', paper presenter for Understanding European Jihadists: Criminals, Extremists or Both?, 5 September, London.
- 2016 Invited Talk for the Event Security/Counterterrorism/Citizenship After the Paris Attacks, ACCESS Europe seminar, University of Amsterdam (UvA), Netherlands
- BISA Critical Studies on Terrorism Working Group Conference 'France against Terrorism: What can Strategic Culture tell us?', paper presenter, 15-16 August, Newcastle.
- 2015 The ECPR General Conference, 'A Different Perspective on Rentierism: Regime Oil Dependency and Political Violence in Algeria', paper presenter with G. Del Panta, 29 August, Montreal.
- EPSA General Conference, 'Terrorist Going Transnational: the Search for a Pattern. The case of AQIM and Boko Haram'. 2015, 26-27 June, Vienna.

2014 Invited Talk Conflicts, Identity and Citizenship: the Rwandan Civil War, RISE Guest Seminars: Rwanda: Twenty Years after the Genocide University of Florence.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer/ Instructor

2020-2023 *Security & Rule of Law*, MA Crisis and Security Management, Leiden University (ISGA).
2020-2023 *Law & Security*, Bachelor Security Studies, Leiden University (ISGA).
2020-2022 *Topics of Law & Security*, Minor Safety, Security & Justice, Leiden University (ISGA).
2020 *Terrorism & Counterterrorism*, MA International and Diplomatic Science, University of Bologna.
2020 *EU Seminars*, MA EUPS, James Madison University.
2018-2020 *Transatlantic Relations & Challenges of Globalisation*, MA EUPS, James Madison University.
2017-2018 *Topics of International Security*, MA International and Diplomatic Science, University of Bologna.
2017-2019 *Comparative European Politics*, MA EUPS, James Madison University.
2017-2018 *International Relations*, BA International and Diplomatic Science, University of Bologna
2016 *Political System of the European Union*, MA International Studies, Genoa University (Tutor).

Teaching Qualifications & Certificates

2023 Ph.D. Supervision Training & Certificate, European Network for Teaching Excellence (E-NOTE)
2021 University Teaching Qualification | Advanced Lecturer Certificate (Basis Kwalificatie Onderwijs, BKO)
2019-2020 Interim Academic Coordinator for James Madison University, European Union Policy Studies, Master Programme
2019 Max Weber Programme Teaching Training & Certificate.

Students Supervision

Ph.D Co-Supervision (n.1, ongoing), Ph.D. Defence Committees' Member (n.4), MA thesis supervisor (n.5), BA thesis supervisor (n.4), Organiser of the ISGA PhD research seminars (2022-23).

ACADEMIC SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

2022-Present Chair of the Institute Council, Institute of Security & Global Affairs (ISGA), Leiden University.
2021-Present Secretary General of the *European Initiative on Security Studies* (EISS).

2020-Present	Editorial Board Member of International Center for Counterterrorism (ICCT) Netherlands.
2020-2021	Executive Board Member of the <i>European Initiative on Security Studies</i> (EISS).
20018-2022	Member of the Ph.D. Board of the Ph.D School 'Security, Risk and Vulnerability', University of Genoa & University of Milan.
2018-2019	RSCAD Max Weber Fellows Representative.
2017-Present	Member of the 'Observatory on Conflicts', University of Genoa.
2017-2020	Member of the 'Forum on the Problems of Peace and War', Florence.

CONSULTANCY ACTIVITIES & EXECUTIVE TRAININGS

2023	Consultancy support for United Nations (UN) Special Procedure: ' <i>Priorities 2024-2026 for the UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism</i> ', November. Consultancy for the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs – FARNESINA, Crisis Unit, December.
2022-2023	Executive trainings for Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale (ISPI), 'Sahel: Jihadist insurrections, political crisis and international interventionism'.
2020-2023	Executive trainings on 'Media & Terrorism' for the NATO accredited Centre of Excellence Defence Against Terrorism, Ankara.
2022	Consultancy for the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs – FARNESINA, Crisis Unit, February & June.
2020	Consultancy for NATO Strategic Direction-South HUB (NSD-S HUB), March.
2019	Forum for Peace and War Summer School, 'Terrorism & Daesh', June.

GRANTS

2024-2028	Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs (FGGA) - Starter Grant, 'Intelligence in the Global South (GLOBALINT)', Co-PI with Dr. Zakia Shiraz (tot. 300.000 euro).
2023	Defensie Ondersteuning scommando (DOSCO) , 'European Security: fostering research and network in Europe', Co-Applicant with Dr. Hugo Meijer (tot. 50.000).
2023	Dutch Research Council (NWO) SGW Open Competition 'Borderless Counterterrorism', PI, (tot. 50.000 euro).
2022-2025	GTGC Seed Grant 'Explaining Changes in Counterterrorism Practices' Leiden University, Co-PI, (tot.10.000 euro).
2017	Special Research Scholarship Scuola Normale Superiore, (tot. 8.000).
2016	Research Support Grant <i>Strategic Narratives to frame Military Engagement in Afghanistan 2001-2014</i> , M/HSB 1/GW 018 – 'Strategic narratives in

Afghanistan' | University of the Bundeswehr: Munchen & University of Genoa (DISPO), (tot. 10.000).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

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| 2013-2014 | Research Internship at the International Affairs Bureau DG Presidency of the Regione Toscana, Florence Italy. |
| 2011 | Trainee researcher European Association for the Defence of Human Rights (AEDH), Brussels Belgium. |