

Riccardo Gasco

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

Freelancer [01/09/2020 – Current]

City: Istanbul

Country: Turkey

- Collaborating with various professors in the academic article writing process
- Interviewing journalists, experts and business people to maximise research sources and information
- Maintaining the 25+ business relationships established for interviewing purposes
- Systematic academic literature review
- Qualitative and quantitative analysis
- Research planning and management

Research Contractor

Operazione Colomba [01/04/2021 – 01/08/2021]

Country: Italy

- Participated in a Research Project aiming at proposing a peace plan for the Syrian War
- In charge of researching the Turkish role in the Syrian War
- Systematic literature review of the Turkish presence in Syria
- Interviewed experts, professors, civil society members and NGOs.

Political Analyst

Al Sharq Forum [01/09/2020 – 01/09/2021]

City: Istanbul

Country: Turkey

- Writing and publishing articles to set deadlines
- Navigating different sources to extract the relevant information for articles
- Contributing to knowledge production through consistent article publications and commitment to research

Political Risk and Threat Intelligent Analyst (Internship)

Horizon Intelligence [01/11/2021 – 30/01/2022]

City: Brussels (Remote)

Country: Belgium

- Monitor and analyze Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) sources on safety and security issues such as terrorism, crime, civil unrest, and natural disasters with a geographical focus on the MENA region
- Verifying the accuracy of information
- Write concise and accurate operational alerts and reports
- Provide weekly briefings on major security trends and forecast

Visiting Research Fellow

Sehir University [10/01/2020 – 30/04/2020]

City: Istanbul

Country: Turkey

- Produced thesis based on the 2019 local elections in Istanbul
- Carried out library research and interviews to obtain the necessary information for the thesis
- Interacted with researchers and international students to share knowledge and gain further insight into the research
- topic
- Conducted an interview with the Mayor of Turkey for research purposes
- Successfully completed assigned research responsibilities and positively contributed to the program

Head waiter

Caffe Umberto Restaurant and Bistrot [01/01/2016 – 01/01/2019]

City: Alba

Country: Italy

- Welcoming the customers and managing the reservations.
- Organizing the dining areas and handling the bills.
- Wine recommendation.

Summer Camp Educator

Oratorio Duomo di Alba [01/06/2016 – 30/08/2016]

City: Alba

Country: Italy

- Directed the middle-aged group, overseeing their engagement to the learning activities
- Liaised with educators to plan and execute engaging and educational activities for learners

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Master's Degree in International Studies and Diplomacy

School of Oriental and African Studies, SOAS [01/10/2020 – 31/12/2021]

Address: London (United Kingdom)

<https://www.soas.ac.uk/cisd/>

Field(s) of study: International Relations and Diplomacy

Final grade : Merit – Level in EQF: EQF level 7

Number of credits: 120

Thesis: Analyzing Turkey – China Bilateral Relations under the Power Transition Framework

Modules:

1. International Security
2. Global Energy and Climate Policy
3. Dissertation MA in International Studies and Diplomacy
4. Global Public Policy
5. Risk and Policy Analysis
6. Turkey: Continuity and Change II (1945-2023)

Bachelor Degree in International and Diplomatic Science

University of Genoa [01/09/2016 – 07/08/2020]

Address: Genoa (Italy)

<https://corsi.unige.it/corsi/8768/>

Field(s) of study: International Relations and Political Science

Final grade : 100/110 – Level in EQF: EQF level 6

Thesis: Istanbul 2019 Municipal Elections: from Ataturk to Imamoglu

Modules:

1. International Relations
2. Political Science
3. Modern History
4. Contemporary History
5. Public Law
6. Political Economy
7. International Economy

European Erasmus Plus Project

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona [01/09/2017 – 01/08/2018]

Address: Barcelona (Spain)

<https://www.uab.cat/>

Field(s) of study: International Relations and Political Science

Level in EQF: EQF level 6

Modules:

1. Sociology
2. European Institutions
3. Political Science
4. International Law

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **Italian**

Other language(s):

English

LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C2 SPOKEN INTERACTION C2

Spanish

LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING C1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C2 SPOKEN INTERACTION C2

French

LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING B2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION B2 SPOKEN INTERACTION B2

Turkish

LISTENING A2 READING A2 WRITING A2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION A2 SPOKEN INTERACTION A2

DIGITAL SKILLS

Microsoft Word / Microsoft Excel / Outlook / Google Drive / gmail / Decision-making / Active listening / Google Docs / Excellent organizational planning and solving problems in short time / WhatsApp / E-mail use

COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Skills

- Research Management • Writing • Team Management
- Project Management • Publications • Team Collaboration
- Research Planning • Interviewing • Time Management
- Communication • Leadership • Organisation • Field Research
- Middle East Field Research

DRIVING LICENCE

Driving Licence: B

PUBLICATIONS

China-Turkey Relations from the Perspective of Neoclassical Realism

[2021]

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/23477989211062659?journalCode=cmea>

Federico Donelli, Mustafa Cüneyt Özşahin

Turkey in Africa – Turkey's strategic involvement in Sub-Saharan Africa

[2021]

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14782804.2021.1953258>

Turkey in Africa – Turkey's strategic involvement in Sub-Saharan Africa (Book Review)

Where does Italy stand in the Eastern Mediterranean Dispute?

[2020]

<https://research.sharqforum.org/2020/10/07/eastern-mediterranean-dispute/>

Does Italy Still Hope to Play a Core Role in the Libyan Crisis?

[2021]

<http://www.thesquarecentre.org/2021/01/26/does-italy-still-hope-to-play-a-core-role-in-the-libyan-crisis/>

“Da Istanbul dimostro che un'altra Turchia è possibile”

[2020]

<https://www.orizzontipolitici.it/da-istanbul-dimostro-che-unaltra-turchia-e-possibile/>

Guerra in Siria: dalle origini al 2015

[2020]

<https://www.orizzontipolitici.it/guerra-in-siria-dalle-origini-al-2015/>

Guerra in Siria: dal 2015 ad oggi

[2020]

<https://www.orizzontipolitici.it/siria-storia-di-una-guerra-globale-dal-2015-ad-oggi/>

Iraq: nuove offensive militari turche contro il movimento curdo

[2020]

<https://www.orizzontipolitici.it/come-il-movimento-curdo-gioca-un-ruolo-centrale-nel-palcoscenico-internazionale/>

Imamoğlu: chi è il Sindaco che ha sconfitto Erdoğan a Istanbul

[2020]

<https://www.orizzontipolitici.it/imamoglu-chi-e-il-sindaco-che-ha-sconfitto-erdogan-a-istanbul/>

Recep Tayyip Erdogan: chi è il presidente della Turchia

<https://www.orizzontipolitici.it/recep-tayyip-erdogan-chi-e-il-presidente-della-turchia/>

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

The Power of Opposition Parties in a Context of Limited Democracy

[University of Milan, 11/05/2022 – 11/05/2022]

Seminar as part of the module in State and Society in North Africa and the Mediterranean Region within the Bachelor's program in International Politics, Law and Society

The Power of Opposition Parties in a Context of Limited Democracy

[University of Genoa, 12/05/2022 – 12/05/2022]

Seminar as part of the module in Politics of the Middle East

RECOMMENDATIONS

Researcher and Adjunct Professor

Name: Federico Donelli

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Thesis Supervisor and Research Project Supervisor

Professor

Name: Gamon McLellan

Email: gm29@soas.ac.uk

Master's Professor