

# VERONICA BARFUCCI

## EDUCATION

<b>PhD</b>	University of Warwick Politics and International Studies Working title: <i>'Normalisation' as a source of ontological (in)security: deconstructing the Japanese conservatives' 'proactive contribution to peace' narrative</i> Supervisors: Prof. Christopher W. Hughes Dr. Christopher S. Browning	Oct 2021-ongoing
<b>MA</b>	University of Bologna, International Relations Master's Degree <i>cum laude</i> (Italian system) Dissertation title: <i>A Red Dragon and a Blossoming Chrysanthemum An Analysis of Sino-Japanese Rivalry in the African Continent</i> Supervisor: Associate Professor Antonio Fiori	Dec 2019
<b>BA</b>	University of Bologna, East Asian Languages, Cultures and Markets Bachelor's Degree <i>cum laude</i> (Italian system) Dissertation title: <i>Il Giappone dopo l'occupazione - Analisi della politica estera di un Paese in cammino verso la propria autonomia (Japan's foreign policy after the Occupation)</i> Supervisor: Adjunct Professor Giovanni Bernardini	July 2017

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & INTERNSHIPS

<b>Senior GTA, University of Warwick</b> Coventry, United Kingdom Teaching seminars for PO131: World Politics	Sept 2022-ongoing
<b>Research assistant, Asia Institute</b> Bologna, Italy (remote, volunteer work) Organisation of events Designing the website and managing social media (up to July 21) Organisation of the opening event of the Asia Institute	Dec 2020-ongoing
<b>Vice-Director &amp; Asia-Pacific Chief Editor, Lo Spiegone</b> <i>Previously Asia-Pacific Editor (Nov 2020-Sept 2021)</i> <i>Previously Asia-Pacific Author (Jan 2020-Nov 2020)</i> Rome, Italy (remote, volunteer work) Writing and editing contributions East Asia, South-East Asia, and the Asia-Pacific area Managing the Asia-Pacific editorial board	Jan 2020-ongoing

**External Collaborator, *University of Bologna***

May 2021

Bologna, Italy (remote, part-time work)

Organisation of the Student Conference '*The impact of Covid-19 in the field of EU-Asia Relations, higher education & AI*' as part of the project '*EU-Asia Market Studies Platform*'

**Junior Expert, *AS&P Advisor – Bridge to impact***

Dec 2020-July 2021

Rome, Italy (remote, part-time work)

European project planning and project management

Drafting funding applications for private and non-profit entities

Drafting funding applications EU and national level

Outreach to current and potential clients

**Freelance Contributor, *AffarInternazionali***

Nov 2020-Feb 2021

Rome, Italy (remote, volunteer work)

Writing articles about Japan's security policy

**Intern, *Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU***

May 2019-Aug 2019

Brussels, Belgium (in person, full-time)

Intern in the Education, Youth, Culture and Sports (EYCS) sectors

Intern in the Human Rights and United Nations division

Writing dossiers, reports, informative briefs, institutional messages

Preparation of meetings (Working Groups, Ambassador, Ministerial level)

**PUBLICATIONS****Edited volume**

Barfucci, Veronica & Scaldaferrì, Lorenza, *La nuova era di Xi Jinping. Assertività e contraddizioni della politica estera cinese*. (Edifir - Edizioni Firenze, 2022).

**ACADEMIC AWARDS**

Chancellor's International Scholarship, awarded by the  
Doctoral College of the University of Warwick

Oct 2021-Mar 2025

University of Bologna Merit Award for Deserving Student

June 2015, 2017, 2019

Study grant for the Winter School "*Dealing with Japan:  
legal and cultural framework*"

April 2018

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian: mother-tongue

English: IELTS Band 8.5 (C2) 2020

Japanese: JLPT N3 (B1) 2017

French: DELF B2 2014

Spanish: DELE B2 2013

## OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

### **EASG Social Events Coordinator**

Jan 2023-ongoing

Organisation of the 'EASG Current Affairs Refresh'

Informal discussion & outreach for UG, PGT, PGR and staff

### **Co-chair of CRIPS - Critical International and Political Studies**

Jan 2022-Dec 2022

Working Group of the University of Warwick

Organisation of events for PhD students in Politics and International Studies

### **Panel member of the MA Thesis Review Panel**

January 2022

organised by the East Asia Study Group (EASG)

Advice on MA Thesis projects about Japan's security policy and East Asian regional order

### **Expert speaker for "*Gamin' & Talks*"**

October 2021

organised by Istituto Affari Internazionali, YouTrend, WillMedia and Visionary Genova

Presentation about East Asian countries in the G20

### **Expert speaker for "*Una finestra sul mondo*"**

September 2021

organised by Lo Spiegone and AUSER

Presentation about Japan's domestic politics and economic outlook