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Top Skills

Research

International Relations

Political History

Publications

Building Europe in New York
From the Munich Conference
to the European Coal and Steel
Community (1938–1952)

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Summary

I am a researcher keen on history and social sciences. I am indeed driven by my lifelong passion for international relations in setting myself the goal of reaching a deeper awareness of the role played by European and American think tanks in shaping the process of European integration during the 1990s. These groups operated on the fringes of politics, law, diplomacy, business remaining independent from them all. Studying them requires a multidisciplinary and comparative approach, which I think is necessary in working on this topic. Looking back at my personal first steps in this direction, I believe they were prompted by my fascination and interest for international relations, history of European integration, political science, macroeconomics, political geography and sociology, developed while studying philosophy at the University of Florence and Milan. My multidisciplinary cross-borders approach is at the core of the academic journals I collaborate with: *Glocalism* and *Suite française*. This activity has helped me to broaden my comprehension of scientific divulgation and to keep me updated on the most recent discoveries in the sociopolitical sciences.

Experience

Luiss Guido Carli University

Research Fellow

May 2022 - Present (2 years 10 months)

Rome, Latium, Italy

My project is aimed at offering new interpretations on European integration history of the 1990s from the perspective of transatlantic public diplomacy and high-level political debate. In particular, this study gives prominence to the role of the experts of EU and transatlantic affairs in framing the idea of Europe and in influencing the mentality of American public opinion toward the European system. The hypothesis is that think tanks like CEPS, the Council on Foreign Relations, Chatham House and IFRI have assisted policy-makers in defining their foreign policies and therefore influenced the major turning

points in European and transatlantic history of the decade. By reconstructing the exchanges of ideas between US and EU private and public organizations, this project highlights informal policy networks' political and cultural power linked to European and NATO institutions. US and EU think tanks entered the political debate of the 1990s by proposing to public opinion and policymakers alternative solutions for the main issues of European geopolitics. Among the topics taken into account, we can find the external action of European institutions, the effects of globalization, the management of borders and migrants, the harmonization of NATO and EU enlargement, the security policies concerning the Balkan Wars, and the accommodation of national and supranational identities composing the European social mosaic. Their public and confidential activities offer insight into the geopolitics of European identity, that is, the idea of Europe as an international actor, a system of governance and a cultural whole. This in-depth study of spatial matters might reinforce the idea of the European Union as a plural, 'glocal' political and cultural arena with flexible boundaries linked to the transatlantic system.

Virginia Tech

Non-resident research fellow

May 2024 - Present (10 months)

Virginia, United States

Suite française, the journal of French Culture and Politics

Editor and Founding Board Member

July 2018 - Present (6 years 8 months)

Pisa Area, Italy

Editor in chief of the last issue and permanent member of editorial committee of SF, journal of French culture and politics

University of Pavia

PHD Scholar

October 2018 - July 2022 (3 years 10 months)

Pavia Area, Italy

My research aims at exploring and testing the meaning and depth of the role played by American think tanks, such as the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), in shaping the course of European integration in the 1940s and 1950s. The starting point of this project is that the roots of the post-war integration of Europe can be traced back in those strategies and plans elaborated since the early stages of WWII by the War and Peace Project of the CFR and Advisory Committee on Postwar Foreign Policy of the Department of State.

Plans became known to Jean Monnet in the course of his collaboration with CFR leaders and the Roosevelt administration.

Università di Pavia

PHD

October 2018 - July 2022 (3 years 10 months)

Pavia, Lombardy, Italy

As PhD scholar, my first ambition is to pursue my research by achieving a better understanding of European and transatlantic political history in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s. My project, entitled Building Europe in New York: Jean Monnet and the Council on Foreign Relations (1938-1952) is aimed at reconstructing for the first time the partnership between the most authoritative US foreign-policy think tanks working for Roosevelt and Truman and the so-called father of Europe. By comparing new European and US primary sources, it has been possible to demonstrate that there is a direct connection between the US wartime planning provided by CFR experts and the European integration policies carried out by Monnet and other European policy-makers in the late 1940s and in the 1950s. In this perspective, the origins of the European Coal and Steel Community, namely the first supranational European institution, can be traced back to the confidential plans elaborated by the CFR as the main strategical think center of the federal governments of the 1940s.

Globus et Locus

Web designer and peer-review secretary for Glocalism, Journal of culture, politics and innovation

February 2018 - April 2022 (4 years 3 months)

Milan Area, Italy

Schola Italica

Web Designer

September 2018 - October 2018 (2 months)

Milan Area, Italy

Campus Innovazione

Back Office Assistant

October 2017 - September 2018 (1 year)

Florence Area, Italy

As assistant coordinator for Innovative business projects, my work was aimed at reaching the following goals:

- foster the development of Tuscan startups;
- implement Open Innovation projects;

-organize national conference in collaboration with Italian and International small and medium enterprises (SME), startups and spinoffs

Education

Università degli Studi di Milano

Master's degree, History and Philosophy of Science and Technology · (2014 - 2016)