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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Foreign and Security Policy | International Organizations | Far-Right in International Politics | Political Parties | Multilateralism | EU (CFSP, CSDP), NATO, OSCE

EDUCATION

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| 2021 - ongoing | European University Institute (Florence, Italy)
PhD in Political and Social Sciences (2021 – Ongoing)
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Stephanie Hofmann |
| 2020 – 2021 | College of Europe , Natolin Campus (Warsaw, Poland)
Postgraduate MA in European Interdisciplinary Studies (Very Good)
Supervisor: Prof. Tobias Schumacher |
| 2017 – 2019 | University of Bologna , Forlì Campus (Forlì, Italy)
MA in Interdisciplinary Research and Studies on Eastern Europe (MIREES),
Joint Degree with Saint Petersburg State University and Vytautas Magnus
University (cum laude)
Supervisor: Prof. Sonia Lucarelli |
| 2012-2016 | University of Florence (Florence, Italy)
BA in Languages, Literatures, and Intercultural Studies (107/110)
Supervisor: Prof. Marcello Garzaniti |

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed articles

Under Review: “Defying the Threat: Political Entrepreneurs and Security Policy”

- 2024 Mastrorocco, R. (2024) "What kind of vision(s)? The far-right and European security," *International Politics*.

Work in progress

“Ad Hoc Coalitions in Global Governance”, with Stephanie Hofmann and Anastasia Prokhorova

“Far-Right Strategies in Security Organizations: the Case of Italy in the EU and NATO”

“Realigning Threat Perceptions: Party Competition Changes and National Security in Italy”

Book chapters

- 2020 Mastrorocco, R. (2020) “OSCE and Civil Society in the Western Balkans: The Road to Reconciliation.” In: Mihr, A. (eds) Transformation and Development. Springer, Cham.

Policy papers, blog posts, newspaper articles

- 2024 Mastrorocco R. (2024), Italy in the EU and NATO: Muddling through the changing European security landscape, **inResponse Blog Series**.
<https://projectinresponse.com/index.php/2024/12/09/italy-in-the-eu-and-nato-muddling-through-the-changing-european-security-landscape/>
- 2024 Mastrorocco R., Bonomi M. (2024), Reforming by Hope, Will or Necessity? EU Integration in Times of Enlargement, **IAI Commentary** (24 | 64), Istituto Affari Internazionali. <https://www.iai.it/it/pubblicazioni/c05/reforming-hope-will-or-necessity>

- 2024 Mastrorocco R., Bonomi M. (2024), Negotiating EU Enlargement: Scenarios for Future Integration, **IAI Papers**, Istituto Affari Internazionali.
<https://www.iai.it/it/pubblicazioni/c09/negotiating-eu-enlargement-scenarios-future-integration>
- 2020 Mastrorocco R. (2020), "Allargamento dell'UE: un'opportunità di riscatto per l'Italia", Policy Commentary, **European Council on Foreign Relations**.
https://ecfr.eu/it/article/allargamento_dellue_unopportunita_di_riscatto_per_litalia/

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2023-2025 **Research Assistant** - Archival research and analysis
 Research Project: ADHOCISM - Ad hoc crisis response and international organisations. Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute (Italy)
 Coordinator: Stephanie Hofmann

FIELDWORK

- Brussels (2024, 3 months), Rome (2023, 3 months), Sofia (2019, 3 months)

RESEARCH SKILLS

- (Elite) Interviews, Content Analysis, R, Stata, NVivo, Archival Research

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2025 **Elite Interviews in Fieldwork: Techniques, Tools, and Practices, PhD Seminar (SPS-WS-HOF-EL-24)**
European University Institute, SPS Department (Florence, Italy)
 with Nina Lopez Uroz, Pablo Canete, Nele Kortendiek, and Mariam Salehi.
- Spring 2025 **Theories of International Relations (SA.100.202.20.SP25)**
Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe (Bologna, Italy)
 Teaching Assistant to Prof. Nina Hall
- Fall 2025 **Theories of International Relations (SA.100.202.20.FA24)**
Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe, (Bologna, Poland)
 Teaching Assistant to Prof. Nina Hall
- Fall 2022 **Global security politics in transformation (STG-MA-ECR-GST)**
School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute (Florence, Italy)
 Teaching Assistant to Prof. Teija Tiilikainen

GUEST LECTURES AND INVITED TALKS

- 25 March 2025 "Political Entrepreneurs, Security Policy, and Domestic Political Changes in Bulgaria", Guest Lecture as part of the 'Workshop on Eastern Europe and Eurasia'
 MIREES, University of Bologna, Forlì Campus (Italy)
- 27 November 2023 "Are the Eurosceptics taking over?", Roundtable participant.
 Deutsches Historisches Institut in Rom
- 28 June 2024 "Inclusion and Security Studies", Roundtable participant.
 European Initiative for Security Studies 2024 Conference, Charles University, Prague.

VISITING OR MOBILITY PERIODS ABROAD

- 2019 (April – July) **New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria**
 MA thesis research period
- 2018 (September) – 2019 (January) **Saint Petersburg State University, Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation** MA mobility period
- 2014 (August) – 2015 (June) **Tallinn University, Tallinn, Estonia**
 BA period abroad, Erasmus+

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2025
- ECPR General Conference (26-29 August)**, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece. *Panel organizer and Paper presenter.*
Papers presented: “European Security at the Extreme: Domestic Political Changes and Regional Security Cooperation”; “The Politics of Extremism: Far-Right Strategies in European Security Cooperation”
Panel organized: “International Politics and the Far-Right”
- ECPR Joint Sessions (20-23 May)**, Charles University, Prague. *Workshop Convenor.*
Workshop: “The Far-Right in International Politics”
Paper presented: “European Security at the Extreme: Domestic Political Changes and Regional Security Cooperation”
- Workshop “Transnationalization of the Far-Right” (8 April)**, Johns Hopkins University SAIS Europe, Bologna. *Workshop organizer.*
EUI-IHEID Joint PhD Workshop (27-28 March), European University Institute, Fiesole. *Paper presenter.*
Paper presented: Thesis Chapter
- BISA European Security Working Group 8th annual workshop: European security cooperation in times of European and global elections (17 January)**, Online participation. *Paper presenter.*
Paper presenter: “Far-Right Politics and European Security: ideologies and strategies in regional security organizations”
- 2024
- SISP Conference (12-14 September)**, University of Trieste. *Paper presenter.*
Paper presented: “Whither contestation? The effects of far-right parties on the EU’s CFSP/CSDP”
- UACES 54th Annual Conference (4-9 September)**, University of Trento. *Paper presenter.*
Paper presented: “Contesting European Security? Anti-establishment Parties, Multilateralism, and Italian foreign and security policy”
- EISA Pan-European Conference (27-31 August)**, Université catholique de Lille (UCL). *Paper presenter.*
Paper presented: “Contesting European Security? Anti-establishment Parties, Multilateralism, and Italy’s Foreign and Security Policy”
- International Studies PhD Workshop (19 June)**, SGRI (SISP), University of Parma. *Paper presenter.*
Paper presented: “Issue Entrepreneurs, Foreign Policy, and Party Competition”
- International Studies Association (ISA) 2024 Annual Convention (3-6 April)**, San Francisco. *Paper presenter.*
Paper presented: “Ad Hoc Coalitions in Global Governance: Fragmenting or Strengthening Multilateralism?” with Anastasia Prokhorova
- ECPR Joint Sessions (25-28 March)**, Leuphana University, Luneburg. *Paper presenter.*
Paper presented: “Unpolitical European Security: Party Competition changes and Italy's effects on the EU CFSP/CSDP”
- EUI-Stockholm University Graduate Workshop (8-9 February)**, European University Institute, Fiesole. *Paper presenter.*

Paper presented: “What kind of politics? Italian positions on European security and anti-establishment parties”

2023 **FARRIO Kick-off Workshop (20-21 November)**, Goethe University Frankfurt. *Paper presenter.*

Paper presented: “Party competition changes on multilateral security cooperation in Italy”

Europe in the World Annual Workshop: European security architectures and their implications: the past, present and future (12-13 October), European University Institute, Fiesole. Paper presenter.

Paper presented: “Anti-establishment parties and European security cooperation”.

ECPR General Conference (4-8 September), Charles University, Prague. *Paper presenter.*

Paper presented: “Party politics, Issue entrepreneurs, and Foreign Policy: Explaining Bulgaria's relations with Russia”

EWIS (EISA), 10th European Workshops in International Studies (12-14), University of Amsterdam. *Paper presenter.*

Paper presented: “Ad Hoc Coalitions in Global Governance: Fragmenting or Strengthening Multilateralism?” with Stephanie Hofmann and Anastasia Prokhorova

2022 **EGPP Seminar Series (2 March)**, European University Institute, Fiesole. *Paper presenter.*

Paper presented: “Populism and practices of IOs: the case of EU’s Common Foreign and Security Policy”

2019 **CEPSA, 24th Annual Conference of Central European political science association (26-27 September)**, University of Pécs, Hungary. *Paper presenter.*

Paper presented: “European Integration at stake: The case of Bulgaria’s foreign policy”

Fourth Annual Tartu Conference on Russian and East European Studies (9-11 June), University of Tartu. *Paper presenter and panel organizer.*

Panel organized: “Central and Eastern European National Identities at a Crossroad: The Post-Transition Period as Catalyst for Change”. Chaired by Prof. Stefano Braghiroli

Paper presented: “The external dimension of the Self-Other contrast: the case of Bulgaria’s foreign policy”

EDITORSHIP AND REVIEWING

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:

British Journal of Politics and International Relations; Democracy and Security

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICES

Co-convenor International Relations Working Group (2022-2025)

Selection Committees Search Committee Member Student Representative (2023), SPS Department.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019 (6 months) European Council on Foreign Relations, Rome Office (Italy). *Intern.*

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2024	SPS Departmental Funding for Fieldwork, EUI
2023	EUI Mission Funding for Fieldwork, EUI
2020	ENP Partial Scholarship, College of Europe
	Special Mention for MA Thesis at University of Bologna, Jo Cox Prize for Studies on Europe
2019	Research Abroad for MA Thesis Scholarship, University of Bologna, 2019

LANGUAGES

Italian: native | Bulgarian: native | English: fluent | Russian: B2 | French: B1

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