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Personal Details

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Education

November 2018-November 2022. **PhD In Political and Social Sciences**, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy. *Thesis' title*: "The EU foreign policy towards the Western Balkans during the Juncker Commission. The cases of Bosnia Herzegovina and Serbia".

- 04/2020-10/2021. *Scholar* at "The Europaeum", Oxford University, Oxford, UK. *Working areas*: EU Policies. Member of the *Winning team* for 2021 with the project: Unmute the Youth!
- 03/02 /2020-May 2020. *Visiting PhD student* at the Brussels School of International Studies-BSIS University of Kent.

September 2015-December 2016. **MSc Middle East Politics**, at the School of Oriental and African Studies-University of London, London, UK. *Final mark*: Distinction. *Final dissertation*: "Reclaiming the Public: Sexual violence, state power and women's responses in the aftermath of the Egyptian revolution".

December 2012-March 2015 **MA in Compared International Relations** -110/110 cum laude, Ca' Foscari University, Venice, Italy. *Final dissertation*: "UNESCO and RIWAQ: reconstructing fragmented realities through cultural heritage. A social-economic tool for the Quasi-State of Palestine."

- 16-24/07/2014 , *Ca' Foscari-Harvard Summer School*, Ca' Foscari University, Venice, Italy.
- 01/02/2013-31/12/2013. *Exchange Student* at the 'Globalisation Programme', Venice International University, Venice. Winner of the Venice-International University grant to carry out Fieldwork/research activities in the autumn-winter 2014. *Outcome*: interviews with officials of the UNESCO Ramallah Office and the Palestinian NGO Riwaq.
- 27/06/2013-06/07/2013. *Venice School of human Rights*, European Inter-University Center for Human Rights and Democratisation, Venice, Italy.

September 2009-November 2012, **BA Languages and Cultures of the Mediterranean and the Middle East**-110/110, Ca' Foscari University, Venice, Italy . *Relevant coursework*: Arabic Language and Literature; Farsi language and Literature;

- 25/09/2011- 26/05/2012. *Erasmus exchange student* at INALCO-Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Paris, France. Relevant coursework: Arabic Language; Egyptian dialect.
- 30/07/2010-30/08/2010. *Exchange student* at the Institut Bourguiba des Langues Vivantes, Tunis, Tunisia. *Relevant coursework*: Modern Standard Arabic-Intensive.

Current Position

- January 2025-present day. **Adjunct Professor in European Security**, Dickinson College, Bologna, Italy.
- September 2024-present day. **Adjunct Professor** in the course "Simulation of negotiation for International Relations", BA in International and Diplomatic Studies, University of Bologna, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Bologna, Italy.

- September 2024-present day. **Academic Tutor** in the course “International Relations”, BA in International and Diplomatic Studies), Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna.
- September 2022-present day **Academic tutor** in the course “Introduction to Politics”, - Bachelor’s degree in European Studies, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna.
- June 2022-present day. **Editor and Author:** “Pandora Rivista” (Paper magazine-ISSN: 2723-9799)

Previous Positions

April 2024-March 2025. **Post-doctoral fellow:** Project PRIN 2022 - Conflict management and resolution in the wider Mediterranean: comparing practices between Western and non-Western actors. *Subsection:* Conflict management and resolution in the wider Mediterranean: the emerging role of the People’s Republic of China. Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna.

May 2022-March 2024. **Post-doctoral Research Fellow:** Horizon 2020 Project “JOINT – Understanding and Strengthening EU Foreign & Security Policy in a Complex and Contested World”. WP7: Public Perception and Political acceptability. University of Siena, Department of Social, Political, and Cognitive Sciences.

- *Joint Researcher in the* “Co-Creational Jam Session in International and Cultural Relations”, (Centre of Excellence in Cultural Relations and Diplomacy, CREDO), with Vana Filipovski. Working areas: international cultural relations as a detente tool in the Serbia-Kosovo frozen conflict.
- *Co-instructor and Teaching Assistant* in the course “International and Cultural Relations”, Master’s degree in Public and Cultural Diplomacy.
- Co-organizer of the *Jean Blondel Tuesday Seminar* series.

August 2017-July 2019. **Columnist.** Weekly column “Oltreconfine” (Beyond the border), BRESCIAOGGI, Brescia, Italy.

October 2017-December 2017. **Junior Research Fellow**, Department of Culture and Civil Society. Areas: Culture and civil society resilience in the Middle East and Northern Africa region. European Institute of the Mediterranean, Barcelona, Spain.

March 2017-31 July 2017, **Blue Book Trainee** in General Criminal Law and Judicial Training.. European Commission, DG Justice and Consumers, Brussels, Belgium
Main themes: rule of law; judicial training for the Western Balkans.

May 2015-July 2015. **Research Assistant.** Euro-Mediterranean Resources Network, Brighton, UK. Areas: migrants’ and refugees’ integration schemes in the UK. (ERASMUS + for Traineeship).

Fellowships and Scholarships

- October 2023-March 2024. *Research Fellow* at the Center of Excellence for Cultural Relations and Diplomacy-CREDO, University of Siena, Italy.
- April 2020-October 2021. *Scholar* at “The Europaeum”, Oxford University, Oxford, UK. Member of the Winning team for 2021 with the project: Unmute the Youth!
- February 2020-May 2020. *Visiting PhD Student* at the Brussels School of International Studies-BSIS, University of Kent, Brussels, Belgium.

- October 2017-December 2017. *Junior Research Fellow*, Department of Culture and Civil Society-European Institute for the Mediterranean-IemED, Barcelona, Spain.

Research Grants

- October 2021, *EUROPEAUM Scholars Award* for the cycle 2020-2021 for the best team-project, ‘Unmute the Youth’. Amount: 5000 (with the colleagues Alessandro Ambrosino, Simon Birk Cecchin, George Nikolou, Lukas Spielberger, Elodie Thevenin, and Alice Trinkle).
- January 2014, *Venice International University’s grant* for conducting research activities abroad in preparation to the Master’s thesis in International Relations. *Outcome*: fieldwork in Jerusalem and Ramallah, November 2014.

Participation in National Research Groups

- *Post-Doctoral research fellow* in the PRIN 2022 - Conflict management and resolution in the wider Mediterranean: comparing practices between Western and non-Western actors. *Subsection*: Conflict management and resolution in the wider Mediterranean: the emerging role of the People's Republic of China. University of Bologna.

Participation in International Research Groups

- *Post-doctoral research fellow* in the Horizon 2020 project “JOINT - A joined up Union, a stronger Europe. Understanding and strengthening EU foreign and security policy in a complex and contested world” University of Siena research unit. Grant agreement No 959143.
- *Joint Researcher* within the “Co-Creational Jam Session”, Centre of Excellence in Cultural Relations and Diplomacy (CREDO), University of Siena. Partnered with the visiting fellow Vana Filipovski: “Cultivating Agonistic Dialogue: Exploring Mutual Understanding between the Radical Right Youth and Civil Society Organizations in Serbia on the question of Kosovo”.

Organization of National Conferences, Workshops and Other Research Meetings

- 13-14 December 2024. *Giornate di Studi* “La Democrazia alla Prova. Trasformazioni, Sfide Teoriche e Scenari Globali”, Bologna. Organised by Pandora Rivista and Tempora APS, in cooperation with Alta Scuola di Economia e Relazioni Internazionali (Università Cattolica, Milan), Centro per lo Studio della Democrazia e dei Mutamenti Politici (Università Cattolica, Milan), sponsored by (among others) Università di Bologna-Alma Mater, Società Italiana di Scienza Politica-SISP.
- 12-14 September 2024. *Co-Chair of the Panel*: “Weaving the threads in post-Conflict Societies. Analysing the Balkans”. With Dr. Angelica Vascotto. Panel 8, Section 14-Democratic Backsliding, Autocracy Promotion and World Disorder, 37th Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP), Trieste, Italy.
- September 2022-March 2024. *Jean Blondel Tuesday Seminars*, University of Siena.
- 31 January 2019-2 February 2019, *Co-Chair* of the Panel: “Resisting through art: aesthetic forms of defiance in the Middle East and Northern Africa” at the XV SeSaMO’s International Conference. , Turin, Italy.

Organization of International Conferences, Workshops and Other Research Meetings

- 28 June 2022. *Panel* “Participatory Democracy: Patterns, Practices and Perspectives for the Future”, Jagiellonian University, Kraków. Organised in cooperation with The Europeum, Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Institute of European Studies, and Erasmus Mundus Master of Arts ‘EUROCULTURE’.
- 10 November 2023. *Webinar* “Standing the Heath of war: Public Opinion, the EU and the war in Ukraine”, organised within the framework of the H2020 Project *JOINT - A joined-up Union, a Stronger Europe* in cooperation with Istituto Affari Internazionali and the National University of Kyiv.

Participation in National Conferences and Workshops

- 27 November 2024. Paper Presenter. "Thinking and Talking about War. How the Public in Six European Countries Discusses the War in Ukraine". *Royal Rumble on Ukraine, Trump and Transatlantic Relations*, University of Siena, Italy.
- 12-14 September 2024. Paper presenter. "Contesting elites. Geopolitical competition and Serbia's foreign policy positioning before and after the war in Ukraine". *37th Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP)*, Trieste, Italy.
- 20-21 June 2024. Paper Presenter. "Contesting elites. Geopolitical competition and foreign policy positioning in Serbia", *SGRI 2024 Conference*, Parma, Italy.
- 09 May 2024. Speaker, "Frozen conflicts: what role for international cultural relations?", *Cultural Practices and Engagement Seminar, Intercultural Relations and Sustainability*, University of Siena, Italy.
- 14 November 2023. Paper Presenter (with Riccardo Nanni). "Von der Leyen's Geopolitical Commission: a shift in discourse? The case of EU-Africa Relations in the African Continent", *Jean Blondel Tuesday Seminars*, University of Siena, Italy
- 12-14 September 2023. Paper Presenter. "Beneficial to whom? Narrating Serbia's misalignment in foreign policy in times of crises", Panel 7.21. Paper Presenter. "Thinking and Talking about War. How the Public in Six European Countries Discusses the War in Ukraine", Panel 8.1. *36th Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP)*, University of Genoa, Italy.
- 14-16 June 2023. Paper presenter. "Von der Leyen's Geopolitical Commission: shift in discourse, shift in image? The case of EU-Africa Relations in the African Continent", *Standing Group on International Relations Conference 2023*, University of Catania, Italy.
- 19 April 2023. Speaker. "La Serbia di Vučić. Tendenze e sfide per l'allargamento e la politica estera UE", *Il futuro delle democrazie (illiberali)*. Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy.
- 27-28 October 2022. Paper Presenter. "Gambling with the East, Challenging the Liberal Order. Hungary and Serbia Contesting European Union Normativity" (co-authored with Riccardo Nanni), *B4PEACE, Explaining, Exploring and Expanding the EU peace, Final Conference of the Jean Monnet Module B4Peace (2019-2022)*, University of Parma, Italy.
- 28th June 2021. Paper presenter. "Pluralism or Disorder? The International Order and the "decline" of the West". SGRI-SISP-Early Scholars Careers Conference (Online conference).
- 12-14 September 2019. Paper Presenter. *33th Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP)*, Università del Salento, Lecce, Italy.
- 31 January 2019-2 February 2019, Co-Chair XV SeSaMO's International Conference. Panel: "Resisting through art: aesthetic forms of defiance in the Middle East and Northern Africa", Turin, Italy.

Forthcoming:

- 12-13 June 2025. Paper Presenter at the Annual Conference of the Standing Group in International Relations.SGRI, Società italiana di Scienza Politica, Milan, Italy.

Invited lecturer:

- 02 May 2024. Lecturer: "The EU foreign policy towards the 'Balkans'. The cases of Bosnia Herzegovina and Serbia", University of Trieste, Italy.
- 14 March 2024. Lectio "The Balkan Route. EU external action and Human Rights Challenges at the Borders of Europe". *Master in Conflict Management and Humanitarian Action final Ceremony*, Siena, Italy.
- 27 November 2023. Lecturer. "A chi giova? Analisi delle sfide di Politica Estera UE nei Balcani Occidentali", *Open Lecture, course of Strategic Studies*, Catholic University of Milan, Milan.

Forthcoming:

- 22/5/2025. Lecturer “Russia, China and the Balkans”, open lecture within Prof Fasola's module on China-Russia Relations, University of Bologna.

Participation in International Conferences and Workshops

- 27-31 August 2024. Paper Presenter. “Reliable partners or ‘gatekeepers’? The impact of ‘border management’ cooperation on EU-Western Balkans relations”, 17th *Pan-European Conference on International Relations(EISA)*, University of Lille, France.
- 13-15 May 2024. Presenter. “JOINT Mass Survey results and analysis”, *Joint Final Plenary Conference*, Brussels. Belgium.
- 4-8 September 2023. Paper presenter. “Thinking and Talking about War. How the Public in Six European Countries Discusses the War in Ukraine”, *ECPR General Conference*, Prague, Czechia.
- 6-9 July 2022. Paper Presenter. “The Franco-German leaders’ ideas on enlargement and their influence on shaping the Commission’s policy change towards the region of the Western Balkans: an ideational assessment”, *Workshop: “Change in EU-Russia relations: integrating new approaches, EISA, 9th European Workshop in International Studies 2022*, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece.
- 29 September-3 October 2021. Participant. Europeum Scholars Programme’s Final Conference “Crisis as an Opportunity for Europe”, Toledo, Spain.
- 13 July 2021. Paper Presenter. “The EU foreign policy towards the Western Balkans during the Juncker Commission”, Annual Conference of the International Political Science Association University of Lisbon, Portugal.
- 7-10 July 2016. *Paper Presenter* at the World Conference Crossing Borders, Lesvos, Greece.

Forthcoming:

- 12-16 July, 2025. *Paper presenter* at the International Political Science Association-IPSA,Seul, South Korea

Participation in the Editorial Board of National or International Scientific Journals

N/A

Attended Summer/Winter Schools

Methodological

- 31 January-22 February 2023, “Research Methods for Social Sciences and Humanities / Quantitative Methods”, PhD Programme in Social Sciences and Humanities”, Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences, University of Siena.
- 27-29 June 2022, *RECMS-Summer Methods School*, Barcelona, Spain (online mode). Classes attended: Introduction to R; Introduction to Regression analysis.
- 10 August 2020-14 August 2020. *Process Tracing Methods- ECPR Virtual Methods School*. Prof. Derek Beach, Aarhus University, Denmark.

Others

- 15 May 2017- 9 July 2017. *Gender-based violence in the context of migration*, EIUC Global Campus of Human Rights (online course). *Relevant coursework*: international humanitarian law; introduction to intersectionality; gender and political violence.
- November 2016-7 February 2017. *Human Rights: The Rights of Refugees*, Amnesty International (MOOC Certificate, score: 100/100). *Relevant coursework*: international humanitarian law and right of non-refoulement.

Career Breaks

N/A

Publications

Monograph

- (Under review) Book Proposal: “The return of EU Enlargement. Challenges and lessons from the Western Balkans”. *Series Routledge Studies on European Foreign Policy*, Routledge.

Chapter or essay

- *Chapter*: Mingardi, C (2024). “Aleksandar Vucic’s Serbia: from ‘Frontrunner’ to Regional Troublemaker? The EU Challenges in the Western Balkans Twenty Years after Thessaloniki”, in *lliberal trends. Democracies under 16 pressure*, (ed. Antonio Campati), Polidemos-Centro per lo Studio della Democrazia e dei Mutamenti Politici, Unicatt, Milano.
- *Chapter*: (2023) Ambrosino, A., Birk Cecchin S., Nikolou G., **Mingardi C.**, Spielberger L., Thevenin E., Trinkle A, “Youth and Democracy: Digital Opportunities for the Future of Participation”. In: Rouet, G., Côme, T. (eds) *Participatory and Digital Democracy at the Local Level*. “Contributions to Political Science”. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-20943-7_5

Scientific articles and reviews

- 2024. Mingardi C. “The European Union’s engagement with the Southern Mediterranean. Integrating the European neighbourhood policy: by Maria Giulia Amadio Viceré and Giulio Venneri”, Palgrave Macmillan, 2023, 259 pp., € 124.79 (Hardcover), ISBN (Hardcover) 9783031312045. *Contemporary Italian Politics*, 1–2. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23248823.2024.2373625>
- 2022. Mingardi C., Nanni R., "Gambling with the East, Challenging the Liberal Order. Hungary and Serbia Contesting European Union Normativity", *Interdisciplinary Political Studies*, Vol. 8 (2), (December) <http://siba-ese.unisalento.it/index.php/idps/article/view/25163>
- 2022. Mingardi C., “From Yugoslavia to the Western Balkans: tracing the evolutions of relations between the EU Institutions and the region in the 1990s”, *Instituta. Rivista di Storia delle Istituzioni Europee e Internazionali- Journal of history of European and International Institutions*, Issue 1/2022, (May) pp. 57-70. Available at <https://www.instituta.it/archivio-rivista-it.php>

Forthcoming:

- Filipovski, V., Mingardi C. (2025) “Cultivating Agonistic Dialogue: Exploring Mutual Understanding between the Radical Right Youth and Civil Society Organizations in Serbia on the question of Kosovo”, *Working Paper Series in Public and Cultural Diplomacy*.

Currently under review:

- Mingardi, C., “A case of “liberal mimicry”? Serbia’s strategic discourse in foreign policy during the war in Ukraine (2022-)”
- Mingardi C., Cozzi Fucile C., Isernia P., Olmastroni F., “Thinking and Talking about War. How the Public in Six European Countries Discusses the War in Ukraine”.
- Mingardi C., Nanni R., “Geopolitical’ Commission: Old wine in a new bottle? Observing shifts in discourse and policy practice”.

Work in progress:

- Mingardi, C., “Reliable partners or ‘gatekeepers’? The impact of ‘border management’ cooperation on EU-Western Balkans relations. *Article*
- “China and the Israel/Palestine Conflict: A Chinese alternative to conflict management?” *Article*, with Matteo Dian)

Editorship

N/A

Research papers

- 2024. Angelucci D., Isernia P., Mingardi C., Olmastroni F., “Public Opinion and the European Foreign and Security Policy: Is there a Risk of Politicisation?”, JOINT Research Papers, n.25 (April 2024), available at: <https://www.jointproject.eu/2024/04/16/public-opinion-and-the-european-foreign-and-security-policy-is-there-a-risk-of-politicisation/>
- 2024. Borri, R., Isernia P., Mingardi C., Olmastroni, F., “European Public Opinion on the challenges and the future of EU foreign and security Policy”, in JOINT Research Papers (January 2024), <https://www.jointproject.eu/2024/01/29/european-public-opinion-eu-foreign-and-security-policy/>
- 2022. Mingardi C., Borri R., Isernia P., Olmastroni F., “Framing Public Perception of the Challenges to the EU Foreign Security and Defence Policy. Focus Groups as a Method of Investigation” JOINT Research Papers, (October) available at: <https://www.iai.it/en/publicazioni/framing-public-perception-challenges-eu-foreign-security-and-defence-policy>
- 2022. Isernia P., Olmastroni F., Borri R., Mingardi C. “Inventory of EUFSP-related Public and Elite Opinion Surveys”, JOINT Research Papers, n.10 (June). Available at: <https://www.iai.it/en/publicazioni/inventory-eufsp-related-public-and-elite-opinion-surveys>

Articles on not scientific journals

- 2020. “L’Asse Franco-Tedesco nel nuovo ciclo dell’Unione Europea”, *Aggiornamenti Sociali*, 2/71, (February), pp. 112-121, with Baracani, E. Also available at: <https://www.aggiornamentisociali.it/articoli/lassefranco-tedesco-nel-nuovo-ciclo-politico-dellunione-europea/>
- 19/05/2024, “Raccontare le migrazioni al Local EYE di Forlì”, *Euroactiv Italia*, available at: <https://euractiv.it/section/societa/news/raccontare-le-migrazioni-attraverso-un-gioco-di-ruolo-europa-forzezza-a-forli/>
- May 2024, “Back to Ventotene. Immaginare l’Utopia a partire dal presente”, *Euroactiv Italia*, available at: <https://euractiv.it/section/societa/news/back-to-ventotene-immaginare-lutopia-a-partire-dalle-sfide-del-presente/>.
- May 2024, “Il potere dell’informazione: fare scelte più consapevoli con l’aiuto dei dati accessibili e delle pubblicazioni dell’UE”, *Euroactiv Italia*, available at: <https://euractiv.it/section/societa/news/il-potere-dellinformazione-fare-scelte-piu-consapevoli-con-laiuto-dei-dati-accessibili-e-delle-pubblicazioni-dellue/>.
- 2023. “La lunga strada delle proteste in Iran. Intervista a Paola Rivetti”, *Pandora Rivista*, 1/2023 (May), p. 200-207. Also available at: <https://www.pandorarivista.it/articoli/la-lunga-strada-delle-proteste-in-iran-intervista-a-paola-rivetti/>
- 2023. “Democrazie e autocrazie di fronte al ritorno della Guerra. Intervista a Vittorio Emanuele Parsi”, *Pandora Rivista*, 1/2023, p. 176-189. Also available at: <https://www.pandorarivista.it/pandora-piu/democrazie-e-autocrazie-di-fronte-al-ritorno-della-guerra-intervista-a-vittorio-emanuele-parsi/>
- 2022. “L’Unione Europea nella crisi dell’ordine liberale. Intervista a Sonia Lucarelli”, *Pandora Rivista*, 1/2022 (June). (Con Andrea Pareschi). Available at: <https://www.pandorarivista.it/pandora-piu/l-unione-europea-nella-crisi-dellordine-liberale-intervista-a-sonia-lucarelli/>.
- 2021. “Il Mondo di Putin. Intervista a Mara Morini”, *Pandora Rivista* 1/2021, pp 272-279. With Chiara Lovotti.
- 2016. “Justice for Giulio still not won, say activists”. *Middle East Solidarity*, Issue 4, p.8.
- 2016. Reportage from Calais. Bresciaoggi. Available at <http://www.bresciaoggi.it/territori/citt%C3%A0/io-volontaria-bresciana-fra-i-profughi-di-calais-1.473751>

Reviews on not-scientific journals

- 2022. Book review. ‘Titanic. Cambio di rotta o naufragio per l’ordine liberale’ di Vittorio Emanuele Parsi. In *Democrazia*, Pandora Rivista-2/2022 (December 2022) Available at: <https://www.pandorarivista.it/articoli/titanic-naufragio-o-cambio-di-rotta-per-l-ordine-liberale-di-vittorio-emanuele-parsi/>.
- 2021. Book Review. “La Russia di Putin” by Mara Morini. *Pandora Rivista*, 4 January 2021. Available at: <https://www.pandorarivista.it/articoli/la-russia-di-putin-di-mara-morini/?fbclid=IwAR3OaVBC6oChYKyJ95kgsByfSQli4KjvK1AR5sgo8ORYb1hM3eBYjF9Dw2c>
- 2020. Book review. “Orbán. Un despota in Europa” by Stefano Bottoni. *Pandora Rivista*, 20th April 2020. Available at: <https://www.pandorarivista.it/articoli/orban-un-despota-in-europa-di-stefano-bottoni/>
- 2019. Book review. “Le due Sponde del Mar Rosso. La politica estera degli Stati mediorientali nel Corno d’Africa by Federico Donelli”. *Pandora Rivista*, 26th June 2019. Available at: <https://www.pandorarivista.it/articoli/mar-rosso-corno-africa-federico-donelli/>