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CURRENT POSITION

2021- *Ph.D. Candidate in Political and Social Sciences*

University of Bologna

- Thesis working title: *Power dynamics, Bargaining and Decision-making: The Politics of Civilian Protection at the United Nations Security Council, 1990-2019* (supervisor: Prof. Francesco N. Moro)

EDUCATION

2021 *MA in International Relations – Crime, Justice and Security*

University of Bologna (110L/110)

- Erasmus+ traineeship at the European Region in Brussels (2020)

2019 *BA in Communication Sciences*

University of Bologna (108/110)

- Erasmus+ mobility at Corvinus University of Budapest (2017)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Decision-making, innovation and learning in international organizations (particularly NATO and United Nations)
- Peacekeeping, conflict resolution, foreign intervention, protection of civilians
- Norm theory (particularly contestation)
- Automated text analysis, quantitative methods (R, Stata)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed articles (Fascia A)

- Knapp, A. (2024). "Speaking of Civilians: Automated Text Analysis of the United Nations' Framing of Complex Humanitarian Emergencies". *International Interactions*, 1-32. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03050629.2024.2318559>
- Knapp, A. "Protection trinity: Assessing the three-tier framework in United Nations resolutions" (forthcoming 2024 in *International Peacekeeping*).

Book chapters

- Knapp, A. & J. Fritzler. "Soft contestation of the Responsibility to Protect? Assessing Canada and Sweden's norm diplomacy" in *Norms in Prism. Patterns of Norm*

Evolution, Consolidation and Decay (edited by C. Ducci, F. Lucenti, C. Wunderlich and J. Lantis), Cham: Springer (forthcoming 2024).

Blogs and public engagement

- Knapp, A. 2023. “Definitions matter: Navigating gray areas in the United Nations’ protection of civilians”, E-IR, <https://www.e-ir.info/2023/03/12/definitions-matter-navigating-gray-areas-in-united-nations-civilian-protection/>.

CURRENT WORKING PAPERS

- Knapp, A. “Negotiating protection: Who determines the language of United Nations Security Council resolutions (1990-2019)?” (working paper).
- Carrara, P., A. Knapp, L. Pinto & F.N. Moro. “The politics of banditry: Political change and criminal violence in post-unification Italy (1861-1865)” (working paper).
- Costantini, I., M. Dian, A. Knapp & F.N. Moro. “(Il)Liberal peace: Western and non-Western approaches to interventions” (working paper).

RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCY

- 2024- ***NATO Stability Policing Centre of Excellence***
Vincenza
Project: “Stability policing as a NATO capability to foster readiness and resilience against hybrid and irregular warfare”
- 2023- ***PRIN (Projects of Significant National Relevance)***
Bologna-Florence-Naples
Project: “Conflict management and resolution in the wider Mediterranean:
Comparing practices between Western and non-Western actors”
- 2022- ***University of Bologna***
Bologna
Project: “Crime and state-making in Europe”

TEACHING

- 2024 Collaboration in “***Technology and Change in Global Politics***” (100 hours)
University of Bologna (Dep. of Electronical Engineering), MA level
- 2023- Teaching assistant in “***Political Behavior and Institutions***” (40 hours)
University of Bologna (Dep. of Economics), BA level
- 2023- Teaching assistant in “***Introduction to International Relations***” (20 hours)
University of Bologna (Dep. of Political and Social Sciences), BA level

INVITED LECTURES

- 2023 ***University of Bologna***: “Explaining (and understanding) the Israel-Hamas war”
- 2023 ***Johns Hopkins University*** (SAIS - Europe Campus, Bologna): “Learning from atrocities: Past, present and future of the Responsibility to Protect (R2P)”

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 **PRIN workshop** (Florence): “(Il)Liberal peace: Western and non-Western approach to interventions”
- 2023 **Junior IO Scholars Workshop** (online): “Negotiating civilian protection: Who shapes the language of UNSC resolutions? (1990-2019)”
- 2023 **SISP Conference** (Genoa): “Negotiating civilian protection: Who shapes the language of United Nations Security Council resolutions? (1990-2019)” and “The politics of banditry: Political change and criminal violence in post-unification Italy (1861-1865)”
- 2023 **ECPR General Conference** (Prague, supported with 900€): “Speeches are silver, but resolutions are gold: Reassessing member state agency in United Nations decision-making (1990-2019)”
- 2023 **NEPS Conference** (Bologna): “What’s in a name: Deconstructing ambiguity in the United Nations’ protection of civilians” (Bologna)
- 2022 **IR2P Conference** (Leeds, supported with 150£): “Contesting the Responsibility to Protect in the UNSC: Insights from computational text analysis”
- 2022 **B4Peace Conference** (Parma): “Speaking of conflict: An automated text analysis on the United Nations’ framing of war”
- 2022 **EISA-PEC Conference** (Athens, supported with 300€): “When practice does (not) make perfect: Contestation of R2P inside the Security Council”
- 2022 **ECPR General Conference** (Innsbruck): “To protect or not to protect: Analysis of the United Nations’ language in peacekeeping mandates”
- 2022 **SGRI Conference** (Perugia): “Words on war matter: On the potentials of automated text analysis in research on the United Nations”

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2023 NATO training in Counter-terrorism (Brussels)
- 2023 NATO training in Children and armed conflict (Brussels)
- 2023 NATO training in Women, Peace and Security (Brussels)
- 2023 NATO training in Counter-intelligence (Brussels)
- 2022 Summer school in Computational Social Sciences (Bologna)
- 2022 Summer school in Ethics and Fieldwork (Bologna)
- 2022 Summer school in Mass Atrocity Prevention (Dubrovnik)
- 2021 Winter school in Leaders and Agenda-Setters in the EU (Brussels)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023 **NATO Defence Policy and Planning Unit, Enablement and Resilience**
Brussels
- Policy drafting on civilian preparedness, resilience, critical infrastructure
 - Attendance of bilateral meetings (including Swedish accession negotiation)

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- Coverage of the Defence Minister’s Meeting and Vilnius Summit
 - Notes for Secretary-General and Deputy-Secretary General
 - Data analysis and reporting on defence spending
 - Collaboration with EU, OCHA, IRC

2021- ***Autonomous Province of Bolzano, Presidential Department***

2022 Bolzano

- Elaboration of public orders and provincial decrees
- Correspondence of the President (memoranda, research notes, letters)
- Organization of political high-stakeholder event (500+ participants)

2021 ***Market research for Rubner Group***

Bolzano

- Market analysis in two languages (German/Italian)
- Elaboration of survey (200+ participants)
- Statistical analysis and reporting of results

2020 ***European Region “Euregio” (South Tyrol-North Tyrol-Trentino)***

Brussels

- Networking with European institutions (mainly EP and EC), regional/national representations, associations and stakeholders
- Weekly press release (www.alpeuregio.org)
- Reporting of EU developments (German/Italian/English/French)

2020 ***South Tyrolean People’s Party (SVP)***

Bolzano

- Consultancy and organization on communal elections
- Management of electoral campaign (slogans, social media, training of candidates, press conferences)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2021 Full Ph.D. scholarship (4 years) by the Italian Ministry of Education (64,972€)
- 2020 Grant for meritorious students by the University of Bologna (1,500€)
- 2020 Grant for meritorious students by the Province of South Tyrol (1,160€)
- 2020 Erasmus+ Traineeship grant (1,200€)
- 2017 Erasmus+ Study grant (1,470€)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2024- Referee: Journal of Peace Research
- 2023- Organizer of the IR seminars at the University of Bologna
- 2022- Organizer of the IR graduate roundtables at the University of Bologna

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German: native	Italian: bilingual/C2 (PLIDA certified)	English: C1 (IELTS certified)	French: B2 (Unibo certified)
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