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## CURRENT POSITION

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

University of Bologna

- Thesis title: *Beyond the vote: State influence and the politics of decision-making at the United Nations Security Council, 1990-2019* (supervisor: Prof. Francesco N. Moro)

## EDUCATION

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***Visiting Researcher*** 2024

Uppsala University, Department of Peace and Conflict Research

- Supervised by Prof. Lisa Hultman

***MA in International Relations – Crime, Justice and Security*** 2019-21

University of Bologna

***BA in Communication Sciences*** 2016-19

University of Bologna

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Decision-making, innovation and learning in International Organizations (NATO and UN)
- Peacekeeping, conflict resolution and foreign intervention
- Norm theory (particularly contestation)
- Automated text analysis and quantitative methods (R and Stata)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### ***Peer-reviewed articles***

- Knapp, A. (2025). “Introducing the UNSCRA dataset: Authoring Security Council resolutions, 1990-2023”. *Journal of Peace Research*, 1-15.
- Knapp, A. (2024). “Speaking of civilians: Automated text analysis of the United Nations’ framing of complex humanitarian emergencies”. *International Interactions*, 50(2), 300-331.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/03050629.2024.2318559>
- Knapp, A. (2024). “Protection trinity: Assessing the three-tier framework in United Nations resolutions”. *International Peacekeeping*, 30(4), 415-441.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13533312.2024.2333740>

### ***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 2025).

- Fernandes-Neto, A., A. Knapp & E. Morbin (2024). "Latin American migrants as offenders and victims. Rethinking the binomial" in *Ideal and Real Victims. Political Discourse and Media Representation in Contemporary Societies* (edited by S. Vezzadini), Bologna University Press.

### **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**

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- Knapp, A. "Speech is silver, resolutions are gold: State influence on UNSC resolutions (1990-2019)?" (under review).
- Costantini, I., M. Dian, A. Knapp & F.N. Moro. "(Il)Liberal peace: Western and non-Western approaches to conflict management and resolutions" (under review).
- Knapp, A. "Twin diplomacy: Strategic authorship selection and resolution outcomes at the UNSC" (under review).
- 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).
- Knapp, A., D. Masciandaro & M. Moschella. "Policy diffusion and Green Central Banking" (working paper).
- Knapp, A., F. Maina, F. Salvati & V. Vignoli. "The Alliance is speaking. The role of NATO Secretaries-General" (working paper).
- Knapp, A. & M. Sguazzini. "Il conflitto siriano nelle risoluzioni del Consiglio di Sicurezza dell'ONU" (working chapter).
- Knapp, A., F.N. Moro, C. Passalacqua & M. Sguazzini. "Divergent stars: a machine-learning enhanced text analysis of European Cybersecurity Strategies" (working paper).

## **CONSULTANCY**

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**NATO Stability Policing Centre of Excellence (NATO SP CoE)** 2024-25  
 "Stability policing as a NATO capability to foster readiness and resilience against hybrid and irregular warfare. New perspectives for NATO missions"

## **INVOLVEMENT IN NATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS**

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**University of Bologna-University of Genoa-University of Rome (PRIN)** 2024-  
 "Recasting the national interest in Europe. Institutions, politics and policies for the defence of critical infrastructures and supply chains"

**University of Bologna-University of Florence-University of Naples (PRIN)** 2023-  
 "Conflict management and resolution in the wider Mediterranean: Comparing practices between Western and non-Western actors"

## **TEACHING ASSISTANCE**

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Collaboration in "**Technology and Change in Global Politics**" (100 hours) 2024-25  
 University of Bologna (Dep. of Electronical Engineering), MA level

Teaching assistant in “ <b><i>Introduction to International Relations</i></b> ” (50 hours) University of Bologna (Dep. of Political and Social Sciences), BA level	2023-25
Teaching assistant in “ <b><i>Political Behavior and Institutions</i></b> ” (40 hours) University of Bologna (Dep. of Economics), BA level	2023-24

## INVITED LECTURES

<b><i>University of Bologna</i></b> : “The Israel-Hamas war one year in: The role of the United Nations and the International Criminal Court”	2024
<b><i>American University of Florence</i></b> : “United Nations missions: Making, keeping and enforcing peace”	2024
<b><i>NATO SP CoE Diamond Event</i></b> (Vicenza): “Stability policing as a tool to foster readiness against hybrid warfare maneuvers”	2024
<b><i>Johns Hopkins University</i></b> (SAIS - Europe Campus, Bologna): “A Responsibility to Protect (R2P) civilians: Success, failure and current relevance”	2024
<b><i>University of Bologna</i></b> : “Explaining (and understanding) the Israel-Hamas war”	2023
<b><i>Johns Hopkins University</i></b> (SAIS - Europe Campus, Bologna): “Learning from atrocities: Past, present and future of the Responsibility to Protect (R2P)”	2023

## CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

<b><i>ISA Conference</i></b> (Chicago, supported with 800\$): “Twin diplomacy: Strategic authorship selection and resolution outcomes at the UNSC”, “(Il)Liberal peace: Western and non-Western approaches to conflict management and resolutions”	2025
<b><i>SISP Conference</i></b> (Trieste): “Twin diplomacy: Explaining state collaboration based on co-authorship data”	2024
<b><i>ECPR General Conference</i></b> (Dublin): “Sponsoring UNSC resolutions? Role, motivation and agency of initial drafters”	2024
<b><i>International Studies Workshop</i></b> (Parma): “State influence on Security Council decision-making (1990-2019)”	2024
<b><i>SGRI Conference</i></b> (Parma): “Introducing the UNSCRA dataset: Authors of United Nations Security Council resolutions, 1990-2023”	2024
<b><i>PRIN Workshop</i></b> (Florence): “(Il)Liberal peace: Western and non-Western approach to conflict interventions”	2024
<b><i>Junior IO Scholars Workshop</i></b> (online): “Negotiating civilian protection: Who shapes the language of UNSC resolutions? (1990-2019)”	2023
<b><i>SISP Conference</i></b> (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
<b><i>ECPR General Conference</i></b> (Prague, supported with 900€): “Speeches are silver, but resolutions are gold: Reassessing member state agency in United Nations decision-making (1990-2019)”	2023
<b><i>NEPS Conference</i></b> (Bologna): “What’s in a name: Deconstructing ambiguity in the United Nations’ protection of civilians” (Bologna)	2023

<b>IR2P Conference</b> (Leeds, supported with 150£): “Contesting the Responsibility to Protect in the UNSC: Insights from computational text analysis”	2022
<b>B4Peace Conference</b> (Parma): “Speaking of conflict: An automated text analysis on the United Nations’ framing of war”	2022
<b>EISA-PEC Conference</b> (Athens, supported with 300€): “When practice does (not) make perfect: Contestation of R2P inside the Security Council”	2022
<b>ECPR General Conference</b> (Innsbruck): “To protect or not to protect: Analysis of the United Nations’ language in peacekeeping mandates”	2022
<b>SGRI Conference</b> (Perugia): “Words on war matter: On the potentials of automated text analysis in research on the United Nations”	2022

## ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES AND PANELS

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<b>Panel chair SISIP conference</b> (Trieste): “Text-as-data in International Relations” (with Valerio Vignoli)	2024
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## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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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)	2023
Summer school in Computational Social Sciences (Bologna)	2022
Summer school in Ethics and Fieldwork (Bologna)	2022
Summer school in Mass Atrocity Prevention (Dubrovnik)	2022
Winter school in Leaders and Agenda-Setters in the EU (Brussels)	2021

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>NATO Defense Policy and Planning Unit (DPP), Enablement and Resilience</b> Brussels	2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Policy drafting on civilian preparedness, resilience, critical infrastructure</li> <li>▪ Attendance of bilateral meetings (including Swedish accession negotiation)</li> <li>▪ Coverage of the Defense Minister’s Meeting and Vilnius Summit</li> <li>▪ Notes for Secretary-General and Deputy-Secretary General</li> <li>▪ Data analysis and reporting on defense spending</li> <li>▪ Collaboration with EU, OCHA, IRC</li> </ul>	
<b>Autonomous Province of Bolzano, Presidential Department</b> Bolzano	2021-22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Elaboration of public orders and provincial decrees</li> <li>▪ Correspondence of the President (memoranda, research notes, letters)</li> <li>▪ Organization of political high-stakeholder event (500+ participants)</li> </ul>	
<b>Market research for Rubner Group</b> Bolzano	2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Market analysis in two languages (German/Italian)</li> <li>▪ Elaboration of survey (200+ participants)</li> <li>▪ Statistical analysis and reporting of results</li> </ul>	

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

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

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

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

## **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

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Short-listed for the SISP Elinor Ostrom Prize for early career scholars	2023
Full Ph.D. scholarship (4 years) by the Italian Ministry of Education (64,972€)	2021
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€)	2020
Erasmus+ Study grant (1,470€)	2017

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

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Referee: Journal of Peace Research (2x)	2024-
Organizer of the IR seminars at the University of Bologna	2023-
Organizer of the IR graduate roundtables at the University of Bologna	2022-

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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