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Current position

Professor of Political Science & Head of Department

Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna

Adjunct Professor of International Relations

School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Europe Campus (Bologna)

Previous positions

Associate Professor of Political Science

Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna (2019-2023)

Assistant Professor of Political Science

Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna (2016-2019)

Research Fellow

Department of Sociology and Social Research - University of Milan-Bicocca (2014-16)

Research Fellow

Department of Political and Social Sciences - University of Florence (2011-2014; 2008)

Post-Doctoral Fellow

Italian Institute of Human Sciences – SUM, Florence (2009-2010)

Education

PhD in Political Science (2008)

University of Florence

MA in International Relations (2006)

Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University

Master's Degree (Laurea) in Politics (2003)

University of Florence

Major Publications

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

2026. Costantini, I., Dian, M., Knapp, A., & Moro, F. N. (II) Liberal peace? P5 approaches to conflict management and resolution. **The British Journal of Politics and International Relations**

Fouquet, S., Baydag, R. M., Brummer, K., Schirm, S. A., Oktay, S., Moro, F. N., ... & Wehner, L. E. Dialogue instead of mutual neglect? International political economy meets foreign policy analysis. **Cooperation and Conflict**

2025. Coletti, P., Ducci, C., & Moro, F. N. (2025). Digital Sovereignty and the EU's Identity Between Technological Innovation and European Values. **JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies**

2025. Moro, F. N., & Paparo, A. Parasites, Colluders, and Adversaries: Explaining Mafia Strategies Toward Public Institutions in Italy. **Political Studies**
- Fasola, N., Lucarelli, S., & Moro, F. N. (2025). Cyber Diplomacy and the Russia–Ukraine War: The European Union’s Response. **The Hague Journal of Diplomacy**, 20(4), 749-764
2023. Coticchia, F., & Moro, F.N. The Italian armed forces and the new conflicts in Europe. **Contemporary Italian Politics**, 15(2), 219-236
2022. Rinaldi, S., Gragnani, A., Moro, F. N., & Della Rossa, F. A theoretical analysis of complex armed conflicts. **PloS One**, 17(3)
2020. Costalli, S., Moro, F.N. and Ruggeri, A. The Logic of Vulnerability and Civilian Victimization: Shifting Front Lines in Italy (1943-1945), **World Politics**, 72, 4
2020. Coticchia, F. and Moro, F.N. Peaceful legislatures? Parliaments and military interventions after the Cold War: Insights from Germany and Italy (w. F.Coticchia), **International Relations**, 34, 4
2019. Belloni, R. and Moro, F.N, Stability and Stability operations: Definitions, Drivers, Approaches, **Ethnopolitics**, 18, 5
2019. Costalli, S. and Moro, F.N, Political Transitions and Macro-level Foundations of Political Stability, **Ethnopolitics**, 18, 5
2019. Hanau Santini, R. and Moro, F.N., *Between hierarchy and heterarchy: post-Arab uprisings’ civil-military relations and the Arab state*, **Mediterranean Politics**, 24, 2
2018. Moro, F.N. and Sberna, S., *Transferring violence? Mafia killings in non-traditional areas: Evidence from Italy*, **Journal of Conflict Resolution**, 62, 7
2018. Moro F. N., Cicchi e F. Coticchia), *Through military lenses. Perception of security threats and jointness in the Italian Air Force*, **Defence Studies**, 18, 2
2017. Moro, F.N. and Villa, M., *The New Geography of Mafia Activity. The Case of a Northern Italian Region*, **European Sociological Review**, 33, 1
2017. Moro, F.N., *Organizing Emotions and Ideology in Collective Armed Mobilization*, **PS: Political Science and Politics**, 50, 4
2016. Coticchia, F. and Moro, F.N., *Learning from Others? Emulation and Transformation in the Italian Armed Forces since 2001*, **Armed Forces & Society**, 42, 4
2016. Moro, F.N., Petrella, A. and Sberna, S., *The Politics of Mafia Violence. Explaining Variation in Mafia Killings in Southern Italy (1983–2008)*, **Terrorism and Political Violence**, 28, 1
2016. Di Giulio, M., Galanti, M.T., Moro, F.N., *Political coalitions, Local Leaders and the Internationalization of Local Public Services in Italy*, **Utilities Policy**, 40
2016. Di Giulio, M. and Moro, F.N, *The internationalization of network industries: A comparison among Italian former public enterprises*, **Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis**, 18, 1
2014. Coticchia, F. and Moro, F.N., *Transforming the Italian Armed Forces, 2001-13*, **The International Spectator**, 49, 1
2014. Galanti, M.T. and Moro, F.N., *Faux amis? The Industrialization of Water Services in Italy and France*, **Rivista Italiana di Politiche Pubbliche/Italian Journal of Public Policy**, 9, 1
2012. Costalli, S. and Moro, F.N., *Ethnicity, Strategy and Civil War: The Severity of Violence in Bosnian Municipalities*, **Journal of Peace Research**, 49, 6
2011. Costalli, S. and Moro, F.N., *The patterns of ethnic settlement and violence. A local-level quantitative analysis of the Bosnian War*, **Ethnic and Racial Studies**, 34, 12
- in Italian
- 2020 Di Giulio, M. and Moro, F.N., Ridefinire l’interesse economico nazionale. La regolazione dei diritti di proprietà industriale come politica pubblica, **Stato e Mercato**, 40, 2
2016. Moro, F.N. and Catino, M. *La protezione mafiosa nei mercati legali: un framework analitico ed evidenze empiriche dalla Lombardia*, **Stato e Mercato**, 36, 3
2011. Costalli, S. and Moro, F.N., *La violenza nelle guerre civili: un’analisi quantitative della violenza in Bosnia-Herzegovina*, **Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica**, 41, 1

BOOKS

2023. Coticchia, F., Dian, M. and Moro, F.N., *Reluctant Remilitarisation: Transforming Defence and the Armed Forces in Germany, Italy and Japan After the Cold War*, forthcoming with Edinburgh University Press
2020. Belloni, R. and Moro, F.N. (Editors), *Stabilization as the New Normal in International Interventions* Abingdon: Routledge
2015. Coticchia, F. and Moro, F.N., *The Transformation of Italian Armed Forces in Comparative Perspective. Adapt, Improve, Overcome?*, Abingdon: Routledge

in Italian

2012. Moro, F.N., *Il buon ribelle. Organizzazioni armate e violenza sui civili nei conflitti intrastatali*, Milan: Vita e Pensiero
2010. Costalli, S. and Moro, F.N., (Edited by) *La Guerra nello stato. Forme della violenza nei conflitti intra-statali contemporanei*, Milan: Vita e Pensiero
2009. Moro, F.N., *Transizioni pericolose. Forme e logiche della violenza nelle fasi di liberalizzazione politica*, Rome-Acireale: Bonanno Editore

REPORTS (SELECTED)

2017. Co-author. *Political Affairs and Technological Transformation: Evolution and Relevance for NATO Strategy (PATTERNS)*, NATO – Allied Command Transformation & University of Bologna.
2016. *Protecting Industrial Property and Technological Innovation*, University of Florence.
2015. Co-author. *Projections And Relevant Effects Of Demographic Implications, Changes, and Trends (PREDICT)*, NATO – Allied Command Transformation & University of Bologna.
2010. Co-author. *Strategies of Counter-Insurgency: Responses to 4th Generation Warfare* (in Italian: Strategie di contro-insurrezione. Quali risposte alla guerra di quarta generazione?) CEMISS - Italian Ministry of Defence, Military Centre for Strategic Studies.

Teaching @ UNIBO

- Ongoing "Politics, Violence and Crime" (MA in International Relations)
"Analisi e Risoluzione dei Conflitti" (MA in Sviluppo Globale e Locale)
- 2023 "Political Behavior and Institutions" (BA in Economics, Politics and Social Sciences)
- 2021-2022 "Evolution of the International System" (MA in International Relations)
- 2022 "Conflitti e Sviluppo Politico" (MA in Sviluppo Globale e Locale)
- 2020-2021 "Geopolitica dei conflitti" (MA in Sviluppo Globale e Locale)
- 2019 "Geopolitica dei Sistemi Internazionali" (MA in Relazioni Internazionali)
- 2016-2020 "Technology and International Relations" (MA in International Relations)

Teaching (elsewhere)

- Ongoing "Civil Wars and Interventions", School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Europe Campus (Bologna)
- 2015-2023 "Transatlantic Relations" (undergraduate), Dickinson College, Robert Nilsson Center for European Studies (Bologna)
- 2016-2020 "Principles and Practices of Conflict Management", School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Europe Campus (Bologna)

- 2006-2019 "International Relations" (professional military education), Institute of Military Aeronautical Sciences, Italian Air Force (Florence) (not taught 2013-2014)
- 2016 "Conflict and Development (undergraduate), LUISS Guido Carli, Rome
- 2012-2015 "Comparative Politics (undergraduate), University of Florence
- 2011 "Theories of International Relations", School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Europe Campus (Bologna)
- 2008-2009 "Strategic Studies" (undergraduate) "Security Studies" (graduate), University of Florence

Visiting

- 2022-23 Visiting Professor, Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Warwick
- 2020 *Short term Visiting Scholar*, Ca' Foscari University, Venice (February)
- 2015 *Short term Visiting Scholar*, Department of Sociology, Oxford University (August)
- 2014 *Visiting Fellow*, Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Trento (May-July)
- 2013 *Short term Visiting Researcher*, AgroParisTech, Paris (March)
- 2011-2013 *Associate Fellow*, SAIS Europe, Johns Hopkins University
- 2010 *Visiting Scholar*, Center for International Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Spring)
- 2007 *Visiting PhD student*, Dept. of Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Spring)

Professional Activities

REFEREE

American Journal of Political Science, Conflict Management and Peace Science, European Political Science Review, Foreign Policy Analysis, Government & Opposition, Journal of Peace Research, Nationalities Papers, Political Geography, PS: Political Science and Politics, Quaderni di Scienza Politica, Stato e Mercato.

Service - selected

Member of the Academic Senate, University of Bologna (since December 2024-2027)

Head of Teaching, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna (since December 2021)

Member, UNIBO Learning and Teaching Center (April 2020-2024).

Grants, Awards and Fellowships

Head of Research Unit, PRIN PNRR 2022 "Recasting the national interest in Europe. Institutions, politics and policies for the defense of critical infrastructures and supply chains. Funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research – (2023-2025)

Head of Unit, CyDiplo, "European Cyberdiplomacy", Jean Monnet Network 2020.

Principal Investigator, "Protagonisti riluttanti. La trasformazione delle forze armate in Italia, Giappone e Germania dopo la fine della Guerra Fredda", funded by Almaldea, University of Bologna

Principal Investigator, "Projecting Stability in an Unstable World", Grant received by the Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna by the Italian Institute for International Affairs (IAI), 2017

Carlo Maria Santoro Award, best paper of a young scholar (co-author), Italian Political Science Association Annual Conference (2009)

Istituto Italiano di Scienze Umane, Post-doc fellowship (2009-2010)

University of Florence, PhD Fellowship (2005-2007)

Altiero Spinelli fellowship, Bologna Center of the Johns Hopkins University (2004)