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CURRENT POSITION

2025/11 - **Università di Bologna** – Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche e Sociali
Associate Professor

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

International Organizations – Comparative Regionalism – Transnational Governance – Design of International Institutions – Global Health Governance – Latin American International Relations – Qualitative Methodology/Mixed methods

EDUCATION

2013-2016 **SciencesPo**, Paris (FRA) and **IMT School for Advanced Studies**, Lucca (ITA)
PhD in Political Science – Double Degree

2009-2010 **University of Oxford** (UK)
MSc in Latin American Studies

2006-2009 **Università di Bologna** (ITA)
Mphil in International Relations and Diplomatic Affairs

2003-2006 **Università di Bologna** (ITA)
Bachelor in International Relations and Diplomatic Affairs

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS HELD

2022-2025 **Università di Bologna** – Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche e Sociali
Assistant Professor

2017-2022 **Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile** – Instituto de Ciencia Política
Assistant Professor

2016- **SciencesPo - Centre de recherches internationales** (Paris)
Associate Researcher

2015 **SciencesPo** (Poitiers)
Teaching Assistant

2014 **German Institute of Global and Area Studies** (Hamburg)
DAAD Visiting Scholar

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Articles in WoS journals

2026 Agostinis, G. (2026). When do regional organisations shame? Non-Western responses to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* (forthcoming). DOI: 10.1177/13691481261420603.

2025 Agostinis, G., & Brumat, L. (2025). The Ambivalent Relationships between South America and the Liberal International Order: Regional Counter-institutionalization in the Fields of Migration and Election Monitoring. *Latin American Politics and Society* (FirstView). 1-24. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/lap.2025.1>

- 2024 Agostinis, G., & Brumat, L. (2024). Implementing Regional Policies in the Global South: The Agency and Strategies of Street-Level Bureaucrats in Argentina and Brazil. *Rivista Italiana di Politiche Pubbliche* 2/2024: 189-218. <https://rivisteweb.it/doi/10.1483/114306>.
- 2023 Agostinis, G., & Nolte, D. (2023). Resilience to Crisis and Resistance to Change: A Comparative Analysis of the Determinants of Crisis Outcomes in Latin American Regional Organisations. *International Relations* 37(1): 117-43. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00471178211067366>.
- 2022 Agostinis, G., & Closa, C. (2022). Democracies' support for illiberal regimes through sovereignty-protective regional institutions: The case of UNASUR's electoral accompaniment missions. *European Journal of International Relations* 28(2): 417-443. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13540661221084871>.
- 2022 Agostinis, G., & Urdinez, F. (2022). The Nexus between Authoritarian and Environmental Regionalism: An Analysis of China's Driving Role in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. *Problems of Post-Communism* 69(4-5): 330-344. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10758216.2021.1974887>.
- 2021 Agostinis, G., & Parthenay, K. (2021). Exploring the Determinants of Regional Health Governance Modes in the Global South: A Comparative Analysis of Central and South America. *Review of International Studies* 47(4): 399-421. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0260210521000206>.
- 2021 Agostinis, G. (2021). COVID-19, the Crisis of South American Regionalism, and the Role of Regional Institutions in Global Health. FORUM: COVID-19 and IR Scholarship: One Profession, Many Voices, Agostinis, G. et al., *International Studies Review* 23(2): 316-322. <https://doi.org/10.1093/isr/viab004>.
- 2020 Agostinis, G., & Palestini, S. (2020). Transnational governance in motion: Regional development banks, power politics, and the rise and fall of South America's infrastructure integration. *Governance* 34(3): 765–85. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/gove.12529>.
- 2019 Agostinis, G. (2019). Regional Intergovernmental Organizations as Catalysts for Transnational Policy Diffusion: The Case of UNASUR Health. *JCMS. Journal of Common Market Studies* 57(5): 1111-1129. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jcms.12875>.
- 2018 Palestini, S., & Agostinis, G. (2018). Constructing regionalism in South America: the cases of sectoral cooperation on transport infrastructure and energy. *Journal of International Relations and Development* 21(1): 46–74. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/jird.2015.15>.

Articles in non-peer-reviewed journals

- 2016 Agostinis, G. (2016). Il naufragio dell'esperienza bolivariana in Venezuela: radiografia di una crisi e il ruolo della diplomazia regionale. *Il Mulino* 6(16): 1021-1030.
- 2013 Agostinis, G. (2013). La revolución ciudadana di Rafael Correa. *Il Mulino* 3(13): 504-513.

Book reviews in peer-reviewed journals

- 2017 Agostinis, G. (2017). Review of the book *Comparative Regional Integration. Governance and Legal Models*. By C. Closa & L. Casini (eds.) *Revista de Estudios Políticos* 175: 424-430.

Book chapters and selected working papers

- 2026 Agostinis, G. & Brumat, L. (2026). "Constructing Transnational Governance from the Regional Level: The Role of Regional Institutions in the Areas of Health and Migration." In A. Acharya, P. De Lombaerde, B. Futák-Campbell, L. Chinenye, J. Peixoto (Eds.) *Essays on Global Regionalism II*. United Nations University Series on Regionalism, vol 31. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-032-13646-6_17.
- 2024 Agostinis, G. & Palestini, S. (2024). "Infrastructure: Explaining the Divergent Experiences of Central and South America." In L. Armijo, M. Fraundorfer, and Rhodes, S. (Eds.). *South American Policy Regionalism*. Routledge: London, pp. 107-123. DOI: 10.4324/9781003519577-7.
- 2024 Agostinis, G. & Urdinez, F. (2024). "The Nexus between Authoritarian Powers and Environmental Regionalism: China's Driving Role in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization." In A. Obydenkova (ed.)

Sustainable Development, Regional Governance, and International Organizations: Implications for Post-Communism. Routledge: London, pp. 38-52. ISBN: 978-1-032-74380-6.

- 2022 Agostinis, G. (2022). The Rise and Fall of IIRSA and the Prospects for Regional Infrastructure Integration in the Post-Pandemic. In M. Deciancio & C. Quiliconi (Eds.) *Regional and International Cooperation in South America After COVID. Challenges and Opportunities Post-pandemic*. Routledge: London. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003230403>. ISBN: 9781032129457, pp. 166-180.
- 2022 Agostinis, G. "La risposta latinoamericana". In Giuliano Amato e Paolo Vineis (Eds.) *Pandemia: Il Mondo Sospeso*. Edizioni Treccani. ISBN: 978-88-12-01046-2.
- 2021 Agostinis, G. (2021). L'impatto della pandemia in America Latina e la risposta della governance sanitaria regionale. *Atlante Geopolitico Treccani 2021*, pp. 16–19. ISBN: 9788812009664.
- 2016 Agostinis, G. (2016). "El surgimiento, la evolución institucional y los resultados de la integración de la infraestructura de transporte vial en Suramérica: un caso exitoso de cooperación sectorial." In N. Comini & I. Stola (Eds.) *Políticas Públicas Regionales. Un abordaje sectorial de la integración latinoamericana*, Buenos Aires: UNTREF Editorial, pp. 77-102. ISBN: 9789871889822.
- 2016 Agostinis, G. (2016). The role of Ecuador in South American regionalism under Correa. Note d'analyse n°3, Observatoire Politique de l'Amérique latine et des Caraïbes, Sciences Po.
- 2014 Agostinis, G., & Palestini, S. (2014). Constructing South America through cooperation: the cases of infrastructure and energy within UNASUR. *EUI Working Paper Series RSCAS - 2014/73*.

Books under contract

- Agostinis, G. *Regional Health Governance in Latin America* – Routledge Latin American Politics Series (**contract signed**).

Online publications

- 2021 Agostinis, G. "What comes after protests in Chile?" - The World in 2020: Annual Report, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI). <https://www.ispionline.it/en/publication/what-comes-after-protests-chile-24668>.
- 2019 Agostinis, G. "La crisi cilena e la fragilità delle nostre democrazie". Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI). <https://www.ispionline.it/it/pubblicazione/la-crisi-cilena-e-la-fragilita-delle-nostre-democrazie-24242>.

Work in progress

- Agostinis, G. and Weiffen, B. "Contestation over democracy protection in regional organizations". Chapter in the edited volume *Contestations of the Liberal Script in Latin America* (accepted by Oxford University Press). Edited by Tanja Börzel, Thomas Risse, Ana Covarubias and Cristiane Lucena.
- Agostinis, G., & Parthenay, K. "Orchestrating the regional-global nexus in public health: the role of technical supranational bodies in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic". Special Issue proposal "Managing shocks: connecting regional and global responses" (accepted by *Global Governance*) edited by Louise Fawcett, Philippe De Lombaerde and Andrew Hurrell.
- Agostinis, G., & Closa, C. "What is there for me? Explaining diverging domestic implementation of direct elections in Parlasur."
- Agostinis, G., Nolte, D., and Weiffen, B. "Drivers and modes of contestation of the international norm of democracy protection: The case of Venezuela".
- Agostinis, G., Freytes, A., Telias, D., and Urdinez, F. "The role of China in South America's energy transition: Goods substitution and US-China hegemonic competition".

RESEARCH PROJECTS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2025-2028 “United in Knowledge: EU-Latin America Academic Synergies” (EULAS) – Jean Monnet Network in Higher Education (Erasmus +) – grant number: 101177067 – role: Head of Unit - SPS is one of the nodes of the network, which is coordinated by the Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) ⇒ € 35.000 (budget UNIBO).
- 2023-2025 “Political Polarization, Regional Governance and Challenges for the Liberal Script in Latin America” – Cluster of Excellence “Contestations of the Liberal Script” (SCRIPTS) – Freie Universität Berlin.
- 2020-2023 “Exploring the Drivers, Modes, and Effects of Regional Health Governance: A Cross-Regional Comparison of Latin America and Europe” (Fondecyt Iniciación: Grant #11200118) ⇒ role: leading researcher ⇒ research project financed by the Agencia Nacional de Investigación y Desarrollo (ANID), Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación de Chile ⇒ \$ 70.000.000 (€ 90.000).
- 2018-2019 “Regional Intergovernmental Organisations as Catalysts for Transnational Policy Diffusion: The case of UNASUR” (Fondo Inicio: Grant #002/2018) ⇒ role: leading researcher ⇒ research project financed by the Dirección de Investigación de la Vicerrectoría de Investigación, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile ⇒ \$ 8.000.000 (€ 10.000)
- 2016-2019 “Institutional Design in Comparative Regional Integration (InDeCRI)” (Grant #CSO2016-76130-P) ⇒ role: researcher; principal investigator: Professor Carlos Closa (CSIC & EUI) ⇒ research project supported by Spain’s Agencia Estatal de Investigación ⇒ € 86.000
- 2014 DAAD Visiting Scholar Fellowship – Latin American Institute of the GIGA (Hamburg, GER)

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 “Areas Perspectives: The Contribution to the Theory of International Relations” – Semi-Plenary Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP) – Annual Conference, Napoli
- 2025 “Indirect governance of health emergencies in the Caribbean: The orchestration strategies of regional technically oriented institutions” – International Studies Association (ISA) – Chicago, USA
- 2024 “Under what conditions do international organizations shame? The response of non-Western organizations to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine” – Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP) – Annual Conference, Trieste
- 2024 “The Ambivalent Relationships between South America and the Liberal International Order: Regional Counter-institutionalization in the Fields of Migration and Election Monitoring” (best paper award) – Standing Group di Relazioni Internazionali (SGRI) – Annual Conference, Parma
- 2024 “Orchestration and Indirect Regional Governance” – International Research Seminar – Authority and Latin American Regionalism (REPOL-ALA Project – grant number: ANR-22-CE53-0005) – Tours, France
- 2023 “Regional governance in the Global South: drivers and modes” – Exploratory Symposia – European International Studies Association – Rapallo, Italy
- 2022 “Regional Indirect Governance of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Latin America: An Analysis of the Driving Role of Technical Supranational Institutions in CARICOM and SICA” – Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP) – Annual Conference, Rome
- 2021 “COVID-19 and Regionalism: A Comparative Analysis of the Regional Health Governance Responses in Central and South America” – International Studies Association (ISA), Online
- 2019 “The logics of crises of Latin American regional organizations” – Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Boston
- 2019 “Exploring the Determinants of Regional health governance in the Global South: A Comparative Analysis of Central and South America” – International Studies Association (ISA), Toronto
- 2018 “Transnational Networks Meet Intergovernmental Decision-Making: The Institutional Design of the UNASUR Electoral Council” – International Political Science Association (IPSA), Brisbane
- 2018 “Transnational Networks Meet Intergovernmental Decision-Making: The Institutional Design of the UNASURE Electoral Council” – Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Barcelona

- 2017 “Tracing Southamericanisation: An analysis of the regionalisation effects of South American health cooperation in UNASUR Health” – Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Lima
- 2016 “The crisis of Mercosur” – European University Institute – Global Governance Programme - Training Seminar “Reassessing Latin American Integration: Entering a new stage?”, Florence
- 2014 “Constructing Regionalism in South America through Sectoral Cooperation: The Cases of Transport Infrastructure and Energy” – ECPR General Conference, Glasgow

TEACHING

- 2025 - **Foundations of Politics** – Università di Bologna (BIS-Forlì)
- 2025 **Politica e istituzioni dell’America Latina nel XXI secolo** (Modulo – L’America Latina nel XXI Secolo: Politica e Istituzioni, Memoria e Diritto) – Università di Bologna (Collegio Superiore)
- 2024 - **Politica Europea Contemporanea** – Università di Bologna (Master Relazioni Europa – America Latina)
- 2023 **Sistema Economico Globale** (Modulo – Economia Politica Internazionale) – Università di Bologna (SID Magistrale – Forlì)
- 2023 - **Introduction to Politics** – Università di Bologna (DIS-Forlì)
- 2023 - **Regional and Global Governance** – Università di Bologna (SID Magistrale – Forlì)
- 2018 - **Global Governance** – Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
- 2019 - **Introduction to International Relations** – Pontificia Universidad Católica Chile
- 2017 - **Comparative Regionalism** – Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
- 2017 - 2019 **Regional Integration in Latin America** – Pontificia Universidad Católica Chile
- 2018 - 2019 **Regional Integration in Latin America** – Università di Bologna
- 2015 **History and Politics of Contemporary Latin America** – SciencesPo (Poitiers)

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2026 Membro della Giunta di Dottorato – Political and Social Sciences SPS-UNIBO.
- 2025 Membro della Commissione di ammissione al dottorato in Political and Social Sciences – ciclo 41°.
- 2024- Membro del Comitato parti sociali e orientamento in uscita.
- 2024- Coordinatore degli scambi Erasmus Tampere University, University of Turku, Universität Siegen, University of Ader, The Arctic University of Norway, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.
- 2024 Commissario nella selezione degli assegni Ruffilli 2024.
- 2024- Coordinatore della CONNECT Seminars Series.
- 2024- Membro del Comitato Esecutivo del Centro CONNECT – Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna. <https://centri.unibo.it/connect/en>.
- 2023-2025 Membro del comitato organizzativo della 2025 Pan-European Conference (PEC) of the European International Studies Association – Università di Bologna.
- 2019– Member of the Coordinating Committee of the PhD Programme in Political Science, Instituto de Ciencia Política, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
- 2019– Member of the Coordinating Committee of the Bachelor Programme in Political Science, Instituto de Ciencia Política, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
- 2017–2019 Member of the Coordinating Committee of the Master Programme in Comparative Politics and IR, Instituto de Ciencia Política, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

ORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC EVENTS

- 2025 “18th Pan-European Conference – European International Studies Association (EISA)” – University of Bologna, 25-29 August 2025 – Local organizer
- 2025 “Against the Tide: The Resilience of Liberal Norms in Regional Organizations” – Professor Tobias Lenz (University of Lüneburg) – PhD Research Seminar.

2024 “The Future of BRICS” – International workshop with the participation of Vitaly Kozyrev (Endicott College), Elisa Gambino (University of Manchester), Padraig Carmody (Trinity College Dublin), Britta Weiffen (Open University), Diego Maiorano (Università Orientale di Napoli) – Campus di Forlì.

ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS

2018- Member of the editorial board of the journal *Revista de Ciencia Política*.

2016- Reviewer for *International Affairs*; *International Political Science Review*; *Journal of International Relations and Development*; *Journal of Common Market Studies*; *Latin American Politics and Society*; *Journal of Latin American Studies*; *Revista de Estudios Políticos*; *Revista de Ciencia Política*, *Contexto Internacional*.

2018-2020 Proposal evaluator for Fondecyt Iniciación/Regular (Chile’s National Science Foundation) and Marie Curie Individual Fellowship.

2016- Enciclopedia Treccani – Latin American and Caribbean countries, and the Atlante Geopolitico Treccani.

2019- Analyst of South American politics for the Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale (ISPI) and Radio3 Mondo (Rai Radio 3).

2016-2018 Instructor for the Executive Training Seminars Series of the European University Institute (EUI), *Comparing Regional Integration Institutions: Latin America, Africa, and Asia*

MEMBERSHIP OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIETIES

International Studies Association (ISA)
European International Studies Association (EISA)
International Political Science Association (IPSA)
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP)
Global Platform of International Public Policies (GPIPP)

SOFTWARE

Atlas.ti; fs/QCA; R.

LANGUAGES

Italian (Native), **English** (Fluent), **Spanish** (Fluent), **French** (Fluent).