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Current positions

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna

Assistant to the PhD Coordinator, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna

Early Career Development Group member, European International Studies Association

Education

University of Bologna, Ph.D., Political and Social Sciences Ongoing

- Research Project: Dealing with the increasing complexity of the international development finance regime: the cases of the AIIB and the NDB

University of Bologna, MA in International Politics and Economics February 2023

- Thesis: Is the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank promoting a new and alternative model of governance?
- Final grade: 110/110 cum laude

University of Bologna, BA in International and Diplomatic Sciences July 2020

- Final grade: 107/110

Research Visits

King's College London, Visiting PhD Researcher Sept - Dec 2025

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political and Social Sciences Spring Semester 2025

- Undergraduate course in "Foundations of Politics"; Total hours taught: 12

Work Experience

Assistant to the PhD Program Coordinator, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna December 2024 – ongoing

- Organisation of seminars and events, creation of the PhD course calendar, participation in PhD council meetings

Multilateralism and International Economy Program Trainee, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) September 2022 – December 2022

- Conducted desk research, analysis, and drafted working papers

Economic and Commercial Office Trainee, Permanent Representation of Italy to the UN and International Organizations in Geneva May 2022 – August 2022

- Prepared reports and summaries relating to the activities of the Italian Representation

Trainee, Emilia-Romagna Delegation to the European Union November 2021 – December 2021

- Monitored European policies and funding programs 2014-2020, oversaw negotiations for the approval of the 2021-2027 programs

Publications

Technology Policy in an Economic Security Era: Recommendations for a G7 FDI Screening Toolkit 2024

Benson, E., *Cianforlini, M.*, Iotti, R. M. P., Lizzi, F. G., Tajoli, L., Think 7 Italy.

Gli italiani e gli aiuti pubblici allo sviluppo

2022

Angelucci, D., Piccolino, G., Fattibene, D., Paviotti, I., *Cianforlini, M.*
Istituto Affari Internazionali.

Conferences and presentations

International Political Economy Group Workshop of the British International Studies Association (BISA) Brighton, 12 September 2025

- Picking favourites? Unpacking the AIIB's Lending Patterns

European International Studies Association (EISA) Pan-European Conference (PEC) Bologna, 26-29 August 2025

- Picking favourites? Unpacking the AIIB's Lending Patterns
- Shaping Sustainable Finance? European Engagement with the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's Energy Strategy

Standing Group di Relazioni Internazionali (SGRI) Milano, 11-12 June 2025

- Shaping Sustainable Finance? European Engagement with the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's Energy Strategy

PhD Workshop Standing Group di Relazioni Internazionali (SGRI) Milano, 10 June 2025

- Picking favourites? Unpacking the AIIB's Lending Patterns

European Union in International Affairs Conference (EUIA) Brussels, 21-23 May 2025

- Shaping Sustainable Finance? European Engagement with the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's Energy Strategy

Europaem Spring School, Oxford, 17-20 March 2025

- Shaping Sustainable Finance? European Engagement with the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's Energy Strategy

ReConnect China - Horizon Europe Research Consortium Tartu, 23-27 October 2024

- Keeping Tabs on the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank: The EU States' Influence on the Chinese Financial Initiative.

Standing Group di Relazioni Internazionali (SGRI) Parma, 20-21 June 2024

- Dealing with the Increasing Complexity of International Development Finance: The Cases of the AIIB and NDB.

Professional activities

Early Career Development (ECD) Group membership, European International Studies Association (EISA) July 2025 – current

Head of the Communication Team for the Hikma Student Association November 2020 – August 2021

Affiliations

Connect Research Center, University of Bologna Since September 2024

European International Studies Association (EISA) Since February 2025

Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP) Since February 2025

International Political Science Association (IPSA) Since May 2025

British International Studies Association (BISA) Since July 2025

Skills and Languages

Software: R, MAXQDA

Languages: Native Italian; Fluent in English, French, and Spanish