

# RICCARDO GASCO

## PHD CANDIDATE

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## EDUCATION

<b>Phd Candidate in International Relations</b> / University of Bologna Supervisor: Professor Massimiliano Trentin Provisional Research Title: <i>Assessing Turkey's Foreign Policy Behavior as a Middle Power</i>	2022 - ongoing
<b>Master of Arts in International Studies and Diplomacy</b> / School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) Thesis: <i>Analyzing Turkey – China Bilateral Relations under the Power Transition Framework</i> Supervisor: Professor Hadi Enayat	2020 - 2021
<b>Turkish Politics and International Relations</b> / Sehir University, Istanbul <i>Visiting Research Fellow</i> / Turkish Foreign and Domestic Politics Supervisor: Professor Muzaffer Senel	2020 - 2021
<b>International and Diplomatic Sciences</b> / University of Genoa, Italy Thesis: <i>La Turchia tra passato e futuro: da Atatürk ad Ekrem Imamoglu</i> Supervisor: Professor Giampiero Cama / Professor Federico Donelli	2017 - 2020
<b>International and Diplomatic Sciences</b> / Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain <i>European Erasmus Plus Project</i>	2017 - 2018
<b>Applied Sciences</b> / Scientific High School “Giolitti – Gandino”, Italy	2012 - 2017

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<b>Research Contractor</b> / University of Bologna Project “ <i>Rethinking arts for cohesion, trust and inclusion (REACTIN)</i> ” funded by the European Commission <b>Supervisors: Professor Pina Lalli, Professor Elena Baracani</b> Analysing quantitative and qualitative data on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Syrian refugees in Turkey, Lebanon, and Jordan from 2011 to 2022</li><li>• Refugee legislation in Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan</li><li>• Carry out field research in Turkey, Lebanon, and Jordan</li><li>• Carry out semi-structured interviews with Syrian refugees, young people from the host communities, civil society staff members, and representatives of local communities</li><li>• National and international assistance programmes, with a focus on EU-funded programmes</li><li>• Production of final report</li></ul>	July 2022 – April 2023
<b>Political Risk and Threat Intelligent Analyst</b> / Hozint, Horizon Intelligence / Brussel, Belgium <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monitor and analyze Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) sources on safety and security issues such as terrorism, crime, civil unrest, and natural disasters with a geographical focus on the MENA region</li><li>• Verifying the accuracy of information</li><li>• Write concise and accurate operational alerts and reports</li><li>• Provide weekly briefings on major security trends and forecast</li></ul>	Nov 2021 – Jan 2022
<b>Freelance Contributor</b> / Al Sharq Strategic Research / Istanbul, Turkey <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Writing and publishing articles to set deadlines</li><li>• Navigating different sources to extract the relevant information for articles</li><li>• Contributing to knowledge production through consistent article publications and commitment to research</li></ul>	2020 – 2021

- Research Associate / Research Collaboration / Istanbul, Turkey** 2020 – ongoing
- Collaborating with Italian professor in the academic article writing process
  - Interviewing journalists, experts and business people to maximise research sources and information
  - Maintaining the 25+ business relationships established for interviewing purposes
- Visiting Research Fellow / Sehir University, The Center for Modern Turkish Studies / Istanbul, Turkey** 2020 - 2021
- Produced thesis based on the 2019 local elections in Istanbul
  - Carried out library research and interviews to obtain the necessary information for the thesis
  - Interacted with researchers and international students to share knowledge and gain further insight into the research topic
  - Conducted an interview with the Mayor of Turkey for research purposes
  - Successfully completed assigned research responsibilities and positively contributed to the program

## PUBLICATIONS

- Book Review “*Le monarchie arabe del Golfo. Nuovo centro di gravità in Medio Oriente*” in International Affairs, Riccardo **Gasco** Forthcoming
- Double Book Review “*Turkey in Africa*” and “*Turkey in Africa, a New Emerging Power?*” in Afriche & Orienti, Riccardo **Gasco** Forthcoming
- “*New Securitization Waves of the Kurdish Question. A Two-Level Game Analysis of Turkish Foreign Policy*” in Partecipazione e Conflitto, Samuele Carlo Ayrton Abrami, Riccardo **Gasco**, Baser Bahar Forthcoming
- “*Beyond the Cold War and between East-West dynamics. Analyzing PKK's Role in Shaping Turkey's Domestic and Foreign Policy*” in The Palgrave Handbook of Non-State Actors in East-West Relations, Riccardo **Gasco**, Samuele Carlo Ayrton Abrami Forthcoming
- “*L’evoluzione dei rapporti sino-turchi: fattori determinanti e implicazioni*” in Rivista di Politica, ISSN: 2037-495X, Federico Donelli, Riccardo **Gasco** 2023
- “*China-Turkey Relations from the Perspective of Neo-Classical Realism*” in Contemporary Review of the Middle East, doi: 10.1177/23477989211062659, M. Cüneyt Özşahin, Federico Donelli, Riccardo **Gasco** 2021
- Book Review “*Turkey in Africa*”, in Journal of Contemporary European Studies, doi: 10.1080/14782804.2021.1953258, Riccardo **Gasco** 2021

## ARTICLES

- Does Italy Still Hope to Play a Core Role in the Libyan Crisis? 2021  
<http://www.thesquarecentre.org/2021/01/26/does-italy-still-hope-to-play-a-core-role-in-the-libyan-crisis/>
- Where Does Italy Stand in the Eastern Mediterranean Dispute? 2020  
<https://research.sharqforum.org/2020/10/07/where-does-italy-stand-in-the-eastern-mediterranean-dispute/>
- Turkish Domestic Politics, The Syrian War, Israel Palestinian Conflict and Middle East Politics 2020  
*Italian Think Tank, Orizzonti Politici*

## CONFERENCES

- 60th Conflict Research Society Annual Conference, King’s College, London Sept 2023  
 Return of the Interstate War or New Hybrid Reality? *The Impact of the Russian Invasion of Ukraine on Conflict Research and Practice*  
 Presenter: *Assessing Turkey’s Credibility as an External Mediator in the Ukrainian Conflict*
- SISP, Italian Political Science Association Annual Conference, University of Genova, Genova Sept 2023  
 Presenter: *Assessing Turkey’s Credibility as an External Mediator in the Ukrainian Conflict*

## MEMBERSHIPS

SeSaMO, *The Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies*

SISP, *Italian Association of Political Science* – Forthcoming

UACES, *University Association for Contemporary European Studies*

ECPR, *The European Consortium for Political Research*

## REFERENCES

Professor Federico Donelli, University of Trieste  
[federico.donelli@dispes.units.it](mailto:federico.donelli@dispes.units.it)

Journalist Filippo Cicciu, ANSA Correspondent from Turkey  
[filippo.cicciu@gmail.com](mailto:filippo.cicciu@gmail.com)

Professor Massimiliano Trentin, University of Bologna  
[massimiliano.trentin@unibo.it](mailto:massimiliano.trentin@unibo.it)

## LANGUAGES

English, Spanish, Catalan

*Advanced Level*

Turkish

*A2 Level*

French

*B2 DELF certification*