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Current Position

Professor of Political Science (International Relations)

Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna (since February 2024)

Previous Positions

Professor of Political Science (International Relations)

Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento (2015-2024)

Associate Professor of Political Science (International Relations)

Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento (2009-2015)

Lecturer in International Politics

School of Politics, International Studies, and Philosophy, Queens University Belfast (2004-2008)

Post-Doctoral Fellow

Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University (2003-2004)

Pre-Doctoral Fellow

Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University (2002-2003)

Education

Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education Teaching (2006)

Queens University Belfast

PhD in International Studies (2003)

University of Denver

MA in International Studies (1999)

University of Denver

Major Publications

MONOGRAPHS

2026. Belloni, R., *Critical Theory and Peace Processes: Gramsci, Civil Society and the Struggle for Hegemony*. Manchester: Manchester University Press.
2022. Belloni, R. *I Balcani dopo le guerre*. Roma: Carocci.
2020. Belloni, R. *The Rise and Fall of Peacebuilding in the Balkans*. Houndmills: Palgrave. Book series Rethinking Peace and Conflict Studies (paperback edition 2021).
2008. Belloni, R. *State Building and International Intervention in Bosnia*. London and New York: Routledge. Book series Security and Governance (paperback edition 2016).

EDITED WORKS

2026. Belloni, R., Biersteker, T., Giumelli, F., *Global Perspectives on Sanctions: Norm Contestation and its Impact on International Politics*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.
2020. Belloni, R. and Moro, F.N., *Low Expectations: Stabilization as the 'New Normal' in International Interventions*. London: Routledge (reprint of special issue in *Ethnopolitics*, co-author of 2 chapters).
2019. Belloni, R., Della Sala, V. and Viotti, P.R., *Fear and Uncertainty in Europe: the Return to Realism?* Houndmills: Palgrave (co-author of the Introduction and of one chapter).
2014. Belloni, R., Cereghini, M. and Strazzari, F., *Costruire la pace tra Stato e territori: i dilemmi del peacebuilding*. Trento: Centro Studi Erickson (co-author of the Introduction).
2013. R. Belloni, Moschella, M. and Sicurelli, D., *Le organizzazioni internazionali. Struttura, funzioni, impatto*. Bologna: Il Mulino (author of 3 chapters).
2012. Belloni, R. and Jarstad, A.K., *Hybrid Peace Governance*, special issue in *Global Governance: Review of Multilateralism and International Organization*, 18 (1) (co-author of the Introduction and author of one article).

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

2025. Belloni, R. *Marching Backwards? Conservative Civil Society, Freedom of Religion, and the Peace Process in Northern Ireland*, **Journal of Peacebuilding and Development**, 20 (1): 135-149.
2025. Belloni, R. and Costantini, I. *Stabilizing Post-war Iraq: The Practical Antinomies of a Promising Concept*, **Conflict Resolution Quarterly**, 42 (4): 535-541.
2024. Belloni, R. *Serbia between East and West: Ontological Security, Vicarious Identity and the Problem of Sanctions against Russia*, **European Security**, 33 (2): 284-302.
2020. Belloni, R., *Assessing the Rise of Macro-regionalism in Europe: the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)*, **Journal of International Relations and Development**, 23 (4): 814-839.
2020. Belloni, R. and Ramovic, J., *Elites and Everyday Social Contracts in Bosnia-Herzegovina: Pathways to Forging a National Social Contract?* **Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding**, 14 (1): 42-63.
2019. Belloni, R. and Moro, F.N., *Stability and Stability Operations: Definitions, Drivers and Approaches*, **Ethnopolitics**, 18 (5); 445-461.
2019. Belloni, R. and Costantini, I., *From Liberal Peacebuilding to Counterinsurgency and Stabilization: the International Intervention in Iraq*, **Ethnopolitics**, 18 (5): 509 – 525.
2017. Belloni, R. and Brunazzo, M., *After Brexit: the Western Balkans in the European Waiting Room*, **European Review of International Studies**, 4 (1): 21-38.
2016. Belloni, R., *The European Union Blowback? Euroscepticism and its Consequences in the Western Balkans*, **Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding**, 10 (4): 530-547.
2014. Belloni, R. *Civil Society and the Responsibility to Protect*, **Global Society**, 28 (2): 158-179.
2014. Belloni, R. and Strazzari, F., *Corruption in Post-Conflict Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo: a Deal Among Friends*, **Third World Quarterly**, 35 (5): 132-148.
- * Reprinted in Jonas Lindberg and Camilla Orjuela, eds., Corruption in the Aftermath of War, London : Routledge, 2016 (133-149).
2014. Belloni, R., *Building Civil Society in Lao PDR: The Decree on Associations*, **Development in Practice**, 24 (3): 352-364.
2013. Belloni, R. and Moschella, M. *The IMF and Civil Society*, **International Politics**, 50 (4), pp. 532-552, co-author with Manuela Moschella.
2012. Belloni, R. and Jarstad, A. K., *Introducing Hybrid Peace Governance: Impact and Prospects of Liberal Peacebuilding*, **Global Governance: Review of Multilateralism and International Organization**, 18 (1): 1-6.

2012. Belloni, R. and Jarstad, A. K., *Hybrid Peace Governance: Its Emergence and Significance*, **Global Governance: Review of Multilateralism and International Organization**, 18 (1): 21-38.

* Reprinted in Vincent Chetail and Oliver Jütersonke, eds., Peacebuilding: Critical Concepts in Political Science. Volume 4: The Implementation of Peacebuilding: Reconciling International Standards and Local Dynamics, New York: Routledge, 2015 (344-361).

2011. Belloni, R. *The Birth of South Sudan and the Challenges of Statebuilding*, **Ethnopolitics**, 10 (3-4): 411-429. Selected as one of the 15 best papers to celebrate the journal's 15th anniversary in 2016.

2009. Belloni, R., *Bosnia: Dayton is Dead! Long Live Dayton!* **Nationalism and Ethnic Politics**, 15 (3-4): 355-375.

* Reprinted in John Coakley, ed., Pathways from Ethnic Conflict: Institutional Redesign in Divided Societies, London: Routledge, 2010, (95-115).

2009. Belloni, R. *The Western Balkans and European Integration: Lessons, Prospects, and Obstacles*, **Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies**, 11 (3): 313-331.

2009. Belloni, R., 'Meditration' and 'Arbidiation' in Intractable Conflicts, **Ethnopolitics**, 8 (2): 247-250

2008. Belloni, R., *Role-Playing International Intervention in Conflict Areas: Lessons from Bosnia for Northern Ireland Education*, **International Studies Perspectives**, 9 (2): 227-241.

2008. Belloni, R. and Morozzo Della Rocca, R., *Italy and the Balkans: The Rise of a Reluctant Middle Power*, **Modern Italy**, 13 (2): 169-185.

2007. Belloni, R., *The Trouble with Humanitarianism*, **Review of International Studies**, 33 (3): 451-474.

2007. Belloni, R., *Rethinking 'Nation-Building: The Limits of the Wilsonian Approach at Democracy Promotion*, **The Whitehead Journal of Diplomacy and International Relations**, 7 (1): 97-109.

2006. Belloni, R., *The Tragedy of Darfur and the Limits of the 'Responsibility to Protect'*, **Ethnopolitics**, 5 (4): 327-346.

2005. Belloni, R. and Deane, S., *From Belfast to Bosnia: Piecemeal Peacemaking and the Role of Institutional Learning*, **Civil Wars**, 7 (3): 219-243.

*Reprinted in Stefan Wolff, ed., Ethnic Conflict: Critical Concepts in Political Science, Volume 4, London and New York: Routledge, 2019 (37-63).

2005. Belloni, R. *Peacebuilding at the Local Level: Refugee Return to Prijedor*, **International Peacekeeping**, 12 (3): 434-447.

* Reprinted in David Chandler, ed., Peace Without Politics? Ten Years of International State-Building in Bosnia, London: Routledge, 2006 (128-141).

2004. Belloni, R. *Peacebuilding and Consociational Electoral Engineering in Bosnia and Herzegovina*, **International Peacekeeping**, 11 (2): 334-353.

2003. Belloni, R. *Blaming the Victims? The Challenge of Minority Return in Bosnia-Herzegovina*, **East European Human Rights Review**, 9 (2): 217-261.

2002. Belloni, R. *Kosovo and Beyond: Is Humanitarian Intervention Transforming International Society?* **Human Rights and Human Welfare**, 2 (1): 35-43.

2001. Belloni, R. *Civil Society and Peacebuilding in Bosnia-Herzegovina*, **Journal of Peace Research**, 38 (2): 163-180.

* Reprinted in Roger MacGinty, ed., Peacebuilding: Actors, London: Sage, 2014, (259-280).

* Reprinted in Jean Grugel, ed., The Global Politics and Globalization of Democratization, London: Sage, 2012, (263-286).

BOOK CHAPTERS

2026. R. Belloni, J. Ramović, "Serbia and the Contestation of Sanctions against Russia", in R. Belloni, T. Biersteker, F. Giumelli, (eds.) ***Global Perspectives on Sanctions: Norm Contestation and its Impact on International Politics***. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press (231-252).

2026. "Introduction", in R. Belloni, T. Biersteker, F. Giumelli, (eds.) ***Global Perspectives on Sanctions: Norm Contestation and its Impact on International Politics***. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press (1-12).

2026. "Conclusions", in R. Belloni, T. Biersteker, F. Giumelli, (eds.) ***Global Perspectives on Sanctions: Norm Contestation and its Impact on International Politics***. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press (275-295).

2026. Belloni, R., "The Western Balkans on the (Slow) Train to Europe", in G. M. Easter, (ed.) ***De Gruyter Handbook of Eastern European Politics, Society and Culture***. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter (135-147).

2025. R. Belloni, A. Zdeb, "Consociationalism in Bosnia-Herzegovina: How to Build an Illiberal State," in H. Preljević, M. Mulalić, E. Hadzipadunić, M. Krupaljia, (eds.) ***Shifting Paradigm: Three Decades After the Signing of the Dayton Peace Agreement***, Houndmills: Palgrave (23-43).

2022. Belloni, R., "Stabilization Operations and their Relationship to Liberal Peacebuilding Missions", in O.P. Richmond and G. Visoka, (eds.), *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Peace and Conflict Studies*, Houndmills: Palgrave (1420-1432).
2019. R. Belloni, V. Della Sala, "Introduction", in R. Belloni, V. Della Sala, P.R. Viotti (eds.), *Fear and Uncertainty in Europe: The Return to Realism?*, Houndmills: Palgrave (1-10).
2019. R. Belloni, V. Della Sala, "Realism in the EU: Can a Trans-national Actor be Strategic?", in R. Belloni, V. Della Sala, P.R. Viotti (eds.), *Fear and Uncertainty in Europe: The Return to Realism?*, Houndmills: Palgrave (241-263).
2019. R. Belloni, S. Deane, "From Belfast to Bosnia: Piecemeal Peacemaking and the Role of Institutional Learning", in S. Wolff (eds.), *Ethnic Conflict: Critical Concepts in Political Science, Volume 4*, London/New York: Routledge (37-63).
2019. R. Belloni, "The Multi-level Dimensions of Peace: The New Macro Regionalism in Europe", in C. Atieno, C. Robinson (eds.), *Post-Conflict Security, Peace and Development*, Cham: Springer (55-68).
2017. R. Belloni, "Stabilization: Rethinking Intervention in Weak and Fragile States", in S. Lucarelli, A. Morrone, F.N. Moro (eds.), *Projecting Stability in an Unstable World*, Brussels/Bologna/Roma: NATO, Università di Bologna, Istituto Affari Internazionali (12-24).
2016. R. Belloni, S. Kappler, J. Ramović "Bosnia-Herzegovina: Domestic Agency and the Inadequacy of the Liberal Peace", in S. Pogodda and O.P. Richmond (eds.), *Post-Liberal Peace Transitions*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press (47-64).
2016. R. Belloni, "A Deal Among Friends: Corruption in Post-Conflict Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo", in J. Lindberg and C. Orjuela (eds.), *Corruption in the Aftermath of War*, London: Routledge (133-149).
2016. R. Belloni, "Peace in Europe", in S. Pogodda, O. Richmond, J. Ramovic (eds.), *The Palgrave Handbook of Disciplinary and Regional Approaches to Peace*. Houndmills: Palgrave (411-423).
2016. R. Belloni, "The Geopolitics of the Adriatic Ionian Macroregion", in A. Caligiuri (ed.), *Governance of the Adriatic Ionian Marine Space*, Napoli: Editoriale Scientifica (49-57).
2015. R. Belloni, "The Growing Euroscepticism of the Western Balkans", in N.P. Ostojić (ed.), *The New Balkans and the European Union: Peace, Development, Integration*, Belgrade: European Centre for Peace and Development – UN Mandated University for Peace (104-113).
2015. R. Belloni, "Hybrid Peace Governance: Its Emergence and Significance", in V. Chetail, O. Jütersonke (eds.), *Peacebuilding: Critical Concepts in Political Science. Volume 4: The*

Implementation of Peacebuilding: Reconciling International Standards and Local Dynamics, New York: Routledge (344-361).

2014. R. Belloni, M. Cereghini, F. Strazzari, "Introduzione", in R. Belloni, M. Cereghini, F. Strazzari (eds.), ***Costruire la pace tra Stato e territori: i dilemmi del peacebuilding***, Trento: Centro Studi Erickson (11-21).

2014. R. Belloni, "Civil Society and Peacebuilding in Bosnia-Herzegovina", in R. MacGinty (ed.), ***Peacebuilding Actors***, London: Sage (259-280).

2013. R. Belloni, "Bosnia. Building States without Societies: Civil Society and NGOs", in D. Chandler, T.D. Sisk (eds.), ***Routledge Handbook of International Statebuilding***, London: Routledge (281-292).

2013. R. Belloni, "Le organizzazioni internazionali", in R. Belloni, M. Moschella, D. Sicurelli (eds.), ***Le organizzazioni internazionali. Struttura, funzioni, impatto***, Bologna: il Mulino (11-27).

2013. R. Belloni, "L'Alto Commissariato per i Rifugiati e la protezione internazionale", in R. Belloni, M. Moschella, D. Sicurelli (eds.), ***Le organizzazioni internazionali. Struttura, funzioni, impatto***. Bologna: il Mulino (207-225).

2013. R. Belloni, "La Corte penale internazionale e la repressione dei crimini internazionali", in R. Belloni, M. Moschella, D. Sicurelli (eds.), ***Le organizzazioni internazionali. Struttura, funzioni, impatto***. Bologna: il Mulino (227-245).

2011. R. Belloni, "Part of the Problem or Part of the Solution? Civil Society and Corruption in Post-Conflict States", in D. Zaum e Ch. Cheng (eds.), ***Selling the Peace: Post-Conflict Peacebuilding and Corruption***, London: Routledge (220-238).

2011. R. Belloni, "Italy in the Balkans: An Emerging Actor in Its Neighbourhood", in M. Carbone (eds.), ***Italy in the Post-Cold War Order: Adaptation, Bipartisanship, Visibility***, Lanham: Lexington Books (215-237).

2011. R. Belloni, "Western Balkan Transitions and the Role of the European Union", in F. Labarre, M. Tzankova (eds.), ***Theoretical and Technical Perspectives on Security Sector Governance from the Adriatic to the Caspian Sea***, Amsterdam: IOS Press/NATO Science for Peace and Security Series (45-59).

2010. R. Belloni, "Northern Ireland: Civil Society and the Slow Building of Peace", in T. Paffenholz (ed.), ***Civil Society and Peacebuilding; A Critical Assessment***, Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner (105-128).

2010. R. Belloni, B. Hemmer, "Bosnia-Herzegovina: Constructing Civil Society Under a Semi-Protectorate", in T. Paffenholz (ed.), ***Civil Society and Peacebuilding: A Critical Assessment***, Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner (129-152).

2010. R. Belloni, T. Paffenholz, C. Spurk, S. Kurtenbach, C. Orjuela, "Enabling and Disabling Factors for Civil Society Peacebuilding", in T. Paffenholz (ed.), ***Civil Society and Peacebuilding: A Critical Assessment***, Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner (405-424).
2010. R. Belloni, "Bosnia: Dayton is Dead! Long Live Dayton!", in J. Coakley (ed.), ***Pathways from Ethnic Conflict: Institutional Redesign in Divided Societies***, London: Routledge (95-115).
2009. R. Belloni, "Friends and Foes", in G. Watson, B.G. Renzi, E. Viggiani, M. Collins (eds.), ***Friends and Foes Volume II: Friendship and Conflict from Social and Political Perspectives***, Cambridge: Scholars Press (111-115).
2009. R. Belloni, "Shades of Orange and Green: Civil Society and the Peace Process in Northern Ireland", in M. Cox (ed.), ***Social Capital and Peacebuilding: Creating and Resolving Conflict with Trust and Social Networks***, London/New York: Routledge (5-21).
2009. R. Belloni, "Civil Society, the State and Peacebuilding", in L. Rychler, J. Funk Deckard, K.H.R. Villanueva (eds.), ***Building Sustainable Futures: Enacting Peace and Development***, Bilbao: University of Duesto Press/HumanitarianNet (185-194).
2008. R. Belloni, "Civil Society in War-to-Democracy Transitions", in A.K. Jarstad e T. Sisk (eds.), ***From War to Democracy: Dilemmas of Peacebuilding***, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (182-210).
2008. R. Belloni, "I costi delle emergenze umanitarie e il ruolo dell'aiuto internazionale", in Caritas Italiana (ed.), ***Nell'occhio del ciclone: rapporto di ricerca su ambiente e povertà, emergenze e conflitti dimenticati***, Bologna: il Mulino (119-141).
2006. R. Belloni, "Peacebuilding at the Local Level," in D. Chandler (ed.), ***Peace Without Politics? Ten Years of International State-Building in Bosnia***, London: Routledge (128-141).
2004. R. Belloni, "The Albanian Community in Kosovo", in K. Cordell e S. Wolff (eds.), ***Ethno-Political Encyclopaedia of Europe***, Houndsmill: Palgrave (574-586).
2001. R. Belloni, "Why Bosnians are not Going Back Home? The Role of International Actors", in G. De Vergottini e R.H. Evans (eds.), ***Strategies for the Future of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia***, Torino: Giappichelli (127-141).
2000. R. Belloni, "Faccia a faccia con la realtà: Gli Stati Uniti in Kosovo" in F. Strazzari (ed.), ***La pace intrattabile. Kosovo 1999/2000: radiografia del dopo bombe***, Trieste: Asterios (207-211).

Teaching @UNIBO

2024- Course “Peacekeeping, Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution,” (MA in International Relations).

2024- Course “The Balkans: from War to European Integration,” (MA in East European and Eurasian Studies, Forlì Campus).

2024 – Course “Politica della sicurezza internazionale,” (MA in Scienze Internazionali e Diplomatiche, Forlì Campus).

Teaching elsewhere (selection)

2017-2023 Course “The European Union and its Neighbors” (undergraduate), University of Trento

2009-2023 Course “Relazioni e organizzazioni internazionali” (undergraduate), University of Trento

2006-2008 Course “Conflict Management” (MA), School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Europe Campus (Bologna).

2004-2008 Module “The Politics of Ethnic Conflict Management” (MA), School of Politics and International Studies, Queens University Belfast.

Visiting

2026 *Visiting Professor*, Jagiellonian University Krakow (May)

2022-2024 *Visiting Scholar*, Queens University Belfast

2022-2023 *Visiting Fellow*, Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies, European University Institute

2022-2023 *Visiting Scholar*, University of Sarajevo

2023 *Visiting Fellow*, Uppsala University (August)

2014 *Visiting Professor*, Abkhazian State University, Sukhumi (September)

2008 *Visiting Professor*, Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy, Baku (December)

2004 *Visiting Assistant Professor*, Dartmouth College (January – May)

2001-2002 *Part-time Lecturer*, University of Colorado at Denver

Professional Activities

REFEREE

Funding agencies: Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences (IRCHSS), Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), The Leverhulme Trust, Fondation maison des sciences de l'homme; Dahlem Research School (Freie Universität Berlin); National Science Foundation; Research Foundation - Flanders (Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek - Vlaanderen, FWO).

Italian Ministry of Higher Education: Research Assessment Exercise 2011-14; 2015-19; 2020-24.

Publishers: Oxford University Press, Brill, Pearson Publishing, Routledge, Palgrave, Rowman & Littlefield, Utet.

External PhD Examiner: Oxford University (2011); University of St. Andrews (2012); Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa (2012, 2015, 2018, 2019); London School of Economics & Political Science (2013); Istituto Italiano di Scienze Umane (SUM) (2013); Scuola Normale Superiore (2015); Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies - Geneva (2015); University of Kent (2015); University of Catania (2016); University of Melbourne (2016); LUISS/Université Libre de Bruxelles (2017); LUISS (2019); Università di Milano (2020); University of Otago (2020); University of Bologna (2022); Università di Genova (2023); University of Buckingham/Sarajevo School of Science and Technology (2026).

External program examiner: MPhil in Peace Studies, Trinity College Dublin, 2016-19.

External Promotion Committees: Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa (2018); University of Otago (2020); Bilkent University (2021); University of Bologna (2021); University of Durham (2021); University L'Orientale Napoli (2021); Doha Institute for Graduate Studies (Qatar) (2021); University of Bologna (2022).

Jury member: "Pietro Grilli di Cortona Prize", Italian Society of Political Science (2020).

Service (selection)

Member Committee on the of Quality of Academic Research (CQR), University of Bologna (since 2024)

Member of Scientific Committee, Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso / Transeuropa, Trento (since 2015)

Editorial Member, Peacebuilding (since 2013); Comparative Southeast European Studies (2026-2029); Democracy, Human Rights and Education (2026-)

Director BA Degree in International Studies, University of Trento (2012-2015)

Grants and Fellowships

2026-2029 Coordinator of a Research unit of *Creative Interfaith and Restorative Peacebuilding in Artful Learning Spaces and Places* (CIRCLE), Horizon-CL2-2025-01-HERITAGE-07

2018-2022 European Commission, Jean Monnet Chair Holder (<https://cjm.unitn.it/euweber>)

2015-18 European Commission, Jean Monnet Module Holder

2011 International Studies Association (workshop grant)

2003-2004 Harvard University, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Post-doctoral Fellowship

2003-2004 Center for International Studies, University of Missouri, St. Louis, Post-doctoral Fellowship, (declined)

2002-2003 Harvard University, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Pre-doctoral Fellowship

2001 American Political Science Association (travel grant)

1999 Paterson International Fellowship (field research)