

STEFANO CHESSA ALTIERI

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

01/09/2025-present: *Affiliated Researcher* **Centre d'Histoire, Sciences Po** (Paris, FR) and **Fondazione Gramsci** (Bologna, IT)

EDUCATION and RESEARCH

- 2020-25** *Ph.D. in Global History and Governance*
- **Scuola Superiore Meridionale SSM (Università Federico II)**, Napoli, Italy
 - **Centre d'Histoire de Sciences Po**, Paris, France
- Ph.D. Project: *“A Middle Way for the Middle Kingdom.” America’s Struggles to Come to Terms with Post-Tiananmen China (June 1989 – June 1994)* [supervised by Prof. Mario Del Pero] – Awarded in March 2025.
- Ph.D. Research Visits:
- August 2024 – May 2025: **Yale University**, New Haven CT, United States [supervised by Prof. Arne Westad]
 - January – May 2023: **Columbia University**, New York City NY, United States [supervised by Prof. Anders Stephanson]
 - August – December 2022: **American University**, Washington DC, United States [supervised by Prof. Sarah B. Snyder]
 - June 2022: **Texas A&M University**, College Station TX, United States [supervised by Dr. Aileen Teague]
- 2019-20** *MSc History of International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science*, London, UK
Thesis: *Balancing Human Rights defence and PRC diplomatic recognition under Carter’s Presidency* [supervised by Prof. Steven Casey]
- 2013-15** *Master’s Double Degree Europe and Asia in Global Affairs*
- **Institut d’Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)** – Master in European Affairs
 - **Fudan University Shanghai** – LL.M. in International Politics
- Thesis: *Historical Memory in Public Discourse: A Comparative Study of Chinese and Italian National Identity and External Relations* [supervised by Prof. Liu Yongtao]
- 2010-13** *BSc International Relations and Diplomatic Affairs, Università di Bologna*, Forlì, Italy
- 2005-10** *Diploma di Maturità Classica, Liceo Ginnasio Domenico Alberto Azuni*, Sassari, Italy
- American High School Degree, Arts and Technology High School*, Marysville, WA, USA
- Awards:
- President’s Award for Educational Excellence by the President of the United States Barack Obama
 - Overall Academic Excellence for Senior Class 2008-2009 at Marysville Arts and Technology High School

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2024** *Fox International Fellowship – MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies* (Yale University, New Haven CT, United States)
- 2023** *Doctoral Mobility Grant – Columbia Alliance Program* (Columbia University, New York City NY, United States)
- 2022** *Korea/Asia Grant Program – Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs* (Texas A&M University, College Station TX, United States)
- 2020** *Co-tutoring PhD Programs Mobility Grant – Vinci Program* (Università Italo Francese)
- Four-year PhD Research Grant – Scuola Superiore Meridionale SSM/Università Federico II* (Napoli, Italy)

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

- 2026** *The Silk Curtain. The History of of U.S.-China Relation from the 1970s until Today* (under contract with Carocci Editore, Roma)
- Final manuscript due by **December 2025**.

Journal Articles

- 2025** “The Best and Loudest. The Rise (and Fall) of the Independent Federation of Chinese Students and Scholars (1989-1992),” *Diplomatic History* (**forthcoming, Fall 2025**).
- 2024** “‘We Will Speak Loudly Where the President Would Only Whisper.’ The Protection of Chinese Students in the post-Tiananmen Clash Between the Bush Administration and the Democrat-led Congress (1989-1992),” *Contemporanea XIXth and XXth Century History Journal* (**forthcoming, October 2025**).
- “Resettling China Policy Game Rules. A Confidential Memorandum from Brent Scowcroft to President Bush Sr.,” *RSA Journal – Rivista di Studi Americani*, Vol. 35 (2024).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2025-26** **Bologna University, Ravenna Campus** – *Communist China and the Mediterranean Area* (Lecturer – 50 hours x ~20 students)
- 2024-25** **Sciences Po, Reims Campus** – *Winter School: Transatlantic Relations from 1945 to Present* (Discussion Seminars Convener – 3 hours x 3 groups)
- 2023-24** **Sciences Po – Bocconi University** – *The Making Of The Present – A global history of globalization* (CIVICA Joint Course: Teaching Assistant – 16 hours)
- 2021-22** **Sciences Po, Reims Campus** – *Winter School: Transatlantic Relations from 1945 to Present* (Discussion Seminars Convener – 3 hours x 3 groups)
- Sciences Po, Le Havre Campus** – *History of the Modern World, XX-XXI Century* (Discussion Seminars Convener – 24 hours x 4 groups)

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR CO-CONVENER EXPERIENCE

- 2022-23** **CIVICA Workshop and Conference** [A collaborative network with Sciences Po, Bocconi University, European University Institute, and CEU Budapest] Cluster: “Democracy and Its Discontents. A Historical Examination of the Current Predicament of Democracy” [team leader Mario Del Pero]
- 2021-23** **LSE – Sciences Po Seminar in Contemporary International History** [Sciences Po Center for History, LSE Int. History Dept., LSE Ideas]
- 2022-23: co-convended with Mario Del Pero, Elizabeth Ingleson, and Fionntán O’Hara
 - 2021-22: co-convended with Mario Del Pero, Tanya Harmer, Grant Golub, and Tom Meinderts

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- 20/02/2025:** ‘Coming to Terms with Post-Tiananmen China - America’s Struggles to Rebalance Policy Imperatives toward the PRC (June 1989 – June 1994),’ discussed by Rachel Myrick (Duke University), First Panel: Perspectives on China, *2025 Young Scholars Conference: “Navigating Escalation—America’s Strategic Role in Key Global Regions”* hosted by the [America in the World Consortium and the Clements Center for National Security, University of Texas at Austin](#) (Austin, USA). In presence participation.
- 19/11/2024:** ‘Retaining China Policy Control. President Bush’s Preoccupation with China, from the MFN Debate to the First Gulf War,’ discussed by Arne Westad (Yale University), *2024/25 Colloquium in International Security Studies* hosted by the [Jackson School of Global Affairs, Yale University](#) (New Haven, USA). In presence participation.
- 18/11/2024:** “‘Speaking Loudly Where the President Only Whispered.’ Protecting Chinese Students and Scholars in the United States,’ discussed by Bastien Charaudeau Santomauro and Emily Erikson (Yale University), *2024/25 Fox International Fellowship Seminar* hosted by the [Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University](#) (New Haven, USA). In presence participation.
- 11/10/2024:** “‘A Middle Way for the Middle Kingdom’ America’s Struggles to Come to Terms with Post-Tiananmen China June 1989 – June 1994,’ discussed by Jeremy Adelman and Andrew Preston (Cambridge University), *2024/2025 CamPo Research Cluster – Global Transitions: Towards an International History of 1980s and 1990s* hosted by [Cambridge University](#) (Cambridge, UK). In presence participation.
- 26/06/2024:** ‘*The Awakening of the Congress: Protecting Chinese Students in the U.S.:1989-1992,*’ discussed by Anne L. Foster (Indiana State University), *2024 Spring RIAS International PhD Workshop* hosted by the [Roosevelt Institute for America Studies/Leiden University](#) (Middelburg, NL). In presence participation.
- 18/10/2023:** ‘*The Awakening of the Congress: Protecting Chinese Students in the U.S.:1989-1992,*’ discussed by Arunabh Ghosh (Harvard University), *LSE-TUFTS Seminar in Contemporary International History* hosted by the [Department of International History, London School of Economics](#) (London, UK) and the [Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University](#) (Boston, USA). Online Participation.
- 06/06/2023:** ‘Rethinking Beijing: What Role for U.S.-Sponsored Human Rights? (1989–1994),’ discussed by Péter Marton, (Corvinus University of Budapest), *13th Annual Cold War History Conference* hosted by the [Cold War History Research Center, Corvinus University](#) (Budapest, HU) in collaboration with [Columbia University, Woodrow Wilson Center, and London School of Economics](#). In presence participation.
- 30/05/2023:** ‘Ripensare Pechino. I diritti umani nel dibattito politico americano del post-Tienanmen (1989-1994),’ discussed by Federico Romero (European University Institute), *SISSCO Storie in Corso – XVII Ph.D. Student National Seminar* hosted by [Scuola Normale Superiore / Università di Pisa](#) (Pisa, IT). In presence participation.
- 29/11/2022:** ‘U.S. Policy-making after Tiananmen. The Institutional Clash between the White House and Capitol Hill,’ discussed by Sarah B. Snyder (American University), *SIS Historical International Studies Faculty Research Cluster* hosted by the [School of International Service, American University](#) (Washington D.C., USA). In presence participation.
- 15/12/2021:** ‘The Human Rights Breakthrough. Tiananmen in U.S.-China Relations after 1989,’ discussed by Mario Del Pero (Sciences Po Paris), *CHSP Séminaire Doctorale* hosted by the [Centre d’Histoire de Sciences Po](#) (Paris, FR). In presence participation.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2024** **ISPI Italian Institute for International Political Studies (Milan, Italy)**
I collaborated with ISPI to provide insights on the 2024 European and American elections for the development of a special series of “Globally,” a podcast on geopolitical current affairs produced in partnership with the media company *Will*.
- 2015-19**
(4 years) **Bocconi University – Markets and External Affairs Division (Milan, Italy) – Global Alliances Office**
Fostered relations with 33 partner universities aimed at creating and consolidating joint degree agreements within the area of Policy Analysis and Management of Government and International Organizations; managed outbound students selection process, study tour programs (China & HK; Israel) and work/study abroad fairs (Australia, France, and UK); conducted counselling activities and workshops for students.
- 2015**
(6 months) **Shanghai Metal Corporation (Shanghai, China) – Sales, Marketing and Communication Strategist Intern**
Promoted the marketing/sales of the company products and services in Europe, developing sales and marketing strategies through social media platforms, pursuing business development and negotiation.
- 2014**
(2 months) **NGO Οικογένεια και Παιδί – Family and Child (Thessaloniki, Greece) – Intern**
Worked at expanding the NGO’s network abroad and the cooperation with other NGOs around the world.

WORKSHOPS AND EXTRACURRICULAR COURSES

- 2024** **Yale University Fox Communication Workshop** [Dr William Vance, Yale University]
- 2019** **Virginia Tech Project: The American Soldiers in WWII Transcription Activity** [Professor Steven Casey, LSE]
- 2015-19** **Continuous Learning Courses – Bocconi University (Milan, Italy)**
- Data Organization and Analysis [Professor Renata Trinca Colonel, SDA Bocconi School of Management]
 - Project Management [Professor Marco Sampietro, SDA Bocconi School of Management]
 - Social Media Relations [Professor Sergio Curadi Naumann, SEDIN Bocconi]
 - Team Coaching [Maria Cecchin, PerformanSE professional and team coach]
- 2015** **Globalization and Regional Transformation Pilgrim Workshop** (Fudan University, Yonsei University and Keio University)

LANGUAGES

Italian (mother tongue) | **English** (fluent) | **French** (full professional capacity) | **Chinese** (lower-intermediate/HSK 3) | **German** (beginners’ level).