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RESEARCH INTEREST

International Relations, International Security, Civil-Military Relations.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2026-** *Postdoctoral Researcher*, Institut de Recherche Stratégique de l'École Militaire (Paris).
- 2024 - 2025** *Postdoctoral Researcher*, University of Genoa.
- 2024 - Ongoing** *Junior Associate Fellow*, NATO Defence College.
- 2025 - Ongoing** *Visiting Fellow*, Centre for Military Maritime Studies, Italian Navy.
- 2025** *Adjunct Professor of International Relations*, European School of Economics, Rome.
- 2024** *Adjunct Professor of International Relations*, American University of Rome, Rome.
- 2024** *Visiting PhD Researcher*, Centre de Recherches Internationales, Sciences Po, Paris, France.
- 2021 - 2024** *PhD*, Security and Strategic Studies, University of Genoa
Supervised by Professor Fabrizio Cotichia.
- 2020 - Ongoing** *Research Fellow*, Center for Geopolitical Studies "Geopolitica.info".
- 2013 - 2025** *Italian Army Officer*
2025-ongoing: Reserve Officer
2021-2025: On leave for study purposes
2019-2021: Platoon Commander, Italian Army Military Academy, Modena, Italy
2018-2019: Platoon Commander, 3rd Sappers Engineer Regiment, Udine, Italy
2015-2018: Training Command and Application School of the Army (Cadet Officer), Torino, Italy
2013-2015: Italian Army Military Academy (Officer Cadet), Modena, Italy

EDUCATION

- 2025** PhD in Security and Strategic Studies, University of Genoa, Novembre 2021-May 2025.
Thesis title: "Military Policing in Advanced Democracies: The Case of Italy (1992-2024)"
- 2021** Postgraduate Specialisation and Advanced Professional Training Course in "Economic Security, Geopolitics and Intelligence". Italian Society for International Organization (SIOI).
- 2018** M. Sc., Strategic and Military Studies, *summa cum laude*. Turin University, Turin, Italy.
- 2016** B.A., Strategic Studies, 103/110. Turin University, Turin, Italy.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English: professional knowledge (C1)
French: professional knowledge (C1)
German: intermediate level (B1)

AWARDS

- 2026** Seal of Excellence – European Commission (Horizon Europe, MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2025)
Project *CIMEF – Civil-Military Relations and Military Effectiveness* (score: 96.2/100), recognised as a high-quality proposal in a highly competitive international evaluation process.
- 2025** 'Charles Moskos Prize' for the *Armed Forces & Society* article "The Impact of Military Policing on Armed Forces: The Case of Italy" (2024).
This prize is designed to recognize, promote and reward the best article published by an emerging scholar in *Armed Forces and Society*.

PUBLICATIONS

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Coticchia, F., Mazziotti di Celso, M. (2024). Still on the same path? Italian foreign and defence policy in the Enlarged Mediterranean. *Mediterranean Politics*, 30(3), 650–659.

ONLINE PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Mazziotti di Celso, M. (2024, February 19). Is Italy needed in the Indo-Pacific? *War on the Rocks*.

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Mazziotti di Celso, M., Tosti di Stefano, E. (eds.) (2023). *Oltre il Trattato del Quirinale. Le relazioni italo-francesi alla prova dei mutamenti politico-strategici in Europa [Beyond the Quirinal Treaty: Italian-French relations amidst political-strategic shifts in Europe]*. Roma: Edizioni Nuova Cultura.

Mazziotti di Celso, M., Termine, L. (eds.) (2022). *L'America di Biden. Come cambia la politica estera statunitense dopo Trump [Biden's America: How US foreign policy changes after Trump]*. Roma: Edizioni Nuova Cultura.

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- Coticchia, F., Mazziotti di Celso, M. (2023). 'Verso l'elaborazione della prima strategia nazionale di sicurezza italiana: un'analisi comparata' [Toward the development of the first Italian national security strategy: a comparative analysis]. In Quagli, A. (ed.), *L'interesse nazionale nell'economia delle aziende [National interest in the economy of companies]*. FrancoAngeli Editore, pp. 257-286.
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- Mazziotti di Celso, M. (2024). Reluctant Remilitarisation: Transforming the Armed Forces in Germany, Italy and Japan after the Cold War. *International Journal of Military History and Historiography*, 44 (2024), 166-168.
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- Mazziotti di Celso M. (2022). Land Warfare since 1860: A Global History of Boots on the Ground. *Nuova Antologia Militare*, 3(12), 695-700.
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- Editor of the Report “La politica energetica delle grandi potenze nel Mediterraneo” [The energy policy of the great powers in the Mediterranean], 2025, Geopolitical Brief n. 3. *Centro Studi Geopolitica.info* for the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, <https://doi.org/10.60981/GI.R.Com.3>
- Editor of the Report “Gli interessi delle grandi potenze nel Mediterraneo” [The interests of the great powers in the Mediterranean], 2025, Geopolitical Brief n. 2. *Centro Studi Geopolitica.info* for the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, <https://doi.org/10.60981/GI.R.Com.2>
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- Editor of the Report “La dimensione militare della competizione” [The military dimension of the competition]. Geopolitical Brief n. 1. *Centro Studi Geopolitica.info* for the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation,, <https://doi.org/10.60981/GI.R.Com.1>

- Editor of the Report n. 48. “La guerra in Ucraina nel 2024” (the war in Ukraine in 2024), *Centro Studi Geopolitica.info*, <https://doi.org/10.60981/GR.R.48> (with Lorenzo Avesani)
- Editor of the Report n. 47. “L’ascesa della Destra in Europa” (the rise of the right in Europe), *Centro Studi Geopolitica.info*, <https://doi.org/10.60981/GL.R.47> (with Lorenzo Avesani)
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- “Una forza di riserva per l’Italia” (“A reserve force for Italy”). in Italian Parliament Observatory on International Politics Study Series n. 111, 2024 (with Francesco Diella).
- Mazziotti di Celso, M., Natalizia, G., Termine, L. (2024). Italy and the Indo-Pacific: The Strategic Dilemma of a Mediterranean Middle Power. *Strategic Leadership Journal*.
- Editor of the Italian Parliament Observatory on International Politics Study Series no. 213, “NATO in the Enlarged Mediterranean” (with Gabriele Natalizia), 2024
- “La Politica Estera Italiana tra Baricentro Euro-Mediterraneo e Ambizioni Indo-Pacifiche” (with Gabriele Natalizia), Progetto ITAsia, “Driver e Ostacoli di un Ribilanciamento Asiatico dell’Italia”, UNINT, <https://doi.org/10.60981/GL.R.ITA.1>
- “Cosa c’è dietro la tentazione italiana di proiettarsi in Oriente” (with Gabriele Natalizia), *Formiche*, February 17, 2024.
- “Limiti e ambizioni della Difesa italiana nell’Indo-Pacifico”, in Italian Parliament Observatory on International Politics Study Series n. 210, Termine, L., Dell’Era, A. (eds.), 2024.
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- “Tra budget e produzione. Le sfide dell’industria della Difesa europea” (with Antonio Calcara), *Formiche*, November 8, 2023.
- Editor of the Italian Parliament Observatory on International Politics Study Series no. 206 on the concept of Strategic Autonomy, 2023.
- “L’Italia dopo la guerra: sola e male armata”, in *L’Italia nel Disordine Mediterraneo*, Aliseo, November 2023.
- “Come l’operazione “Strade Sicure” indebolisce le Forze armate”, *Affari Internazionali*, September 7, 2023.
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- “Verso la prima strategia di sicurezza nazionale? Scrivono Mazziotti e Cotichia (UniGe)”, *Formiche*, July 19, 2023.
- “Il riscatto delle scelte miopi dell’Italia nell’area”, *Scenari (Domani)*, May 26, 2023.
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- Mazziotti di Celso, M. (2022). L’impiego dei droni da parte delle forze armate non statuali [The use of drones by non-state actors]. *Rivista Marittima*, gennaio 2022, 40-49.
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- “La Guerra più lunga. I vent'anni degli Stati Uniti in Afghanistan”, (with Elisa Maria Brusca), Geopolitical Brief #31, 2021;
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- English and Italian newspapers and media outlets (as author or interviewee)*: Scenari (Domani), Formiche, Il Giornale, AffarInternazionali, Domani, Airpress.
- TV*: TgCom24, Cusano Italia Tv, Rainews.
- Radio*: Giornale Radio, TeleRadiostereo

**NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCES AS PAPER GIVER**

- “Understanding armed forces’ attitudes towards military policing: a resource dependence perspective”. Paper presented at the 2025 conference organized by the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society, 24 October 2025, Reston, Virginia, USA.
- “The North American Treaty Organization” (with Gabriele Natalizia). Chapter presented for the Handbook on Peace and Security Governance Workshop, Jagiellonian University, 29-30 September 2025, Kraków, Poland
- “Comfortably numb? Political Alignment and Military Innovation: The Italian Armed Forces in the Post–Cold War Era”. Paper presented in the panel “East, South and Up: New Frontiers for Italian Foreign Policy”, 2025 edition of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP) annual conference, Naples, 6 September 2025,
- “Comfortably numb? Political Alignment and Military Innovation: The Italian Armed Forces in the Post–Cold War Era” (co-authored with Fabrizio Coticchia). Workshop held at the University of Genoa within the project “Lessons Learned? The Past and Future of Italian Defence Policy”, Genoa, 07 July 2025.
- “Adapting Through Experience? Thirty Years of Lessons Learned in the Italian Armed Forces” (co-authored with Fabrizio Coticchia), 2025 edition of the Italian Standing Group of International Relations annual conference, Milano, Italy, 13 June 2025.
- “Civil-Military Relations and democratic backsliding: the case of Italy”, 2024 edition of the Italian Society of Political Science (SISP) annual conference, Trieste, Italy, 13 September 2024.
- “The shadow of power? Drivers of Italian military engagement: a review” (co-authored with Fabrizio Coticchia and Jean-Marie Reure), 2024 edition of the Italian Society of Political Science (SISP) annual conference, Trieste, Italy, 12 September 2024.
- “L’impiego delle forze armate italiane in funzione di pubblica sicurezza. Una prospettiva istituzionale” [The employment of the Italian armed forces in public security function. An institutional perspective], Military History School, 2nd edition, Faenza, Italy.
- “The expansion of the role of the Italian military into policing”, 17th Biennial Conference of ERGOMAS, Stockholm, Sweden, Södertörn University, 1 – 5 July 2024.
- “The expansion of the role of the Italian military into policing”. Conference of the International Relations Standing Group (SGRI), Parma, June 21, 2024.
- “The expansion of the role of the Italian military into policing”. PhD Workshop of the International Relations Standing Group (SGRI), Parma, June 19, 2024.

- “Parliaments, Academics, and Defence Policies. A comparative analysis” (co-authored with Andrea Ruggeri and Fabrizio Coticchia). EPRA Hub Seminar Series, Milan, June 10, 2024.
- “Assisting Putschists? The impact of Security Force Assistance on recipient states’ civil-military relations” (co-authored with Jean-Marie Reure). Workshop "Conflict Management and resolution in the wider Mediterranean, University of Florence, Florence, February 23, 2024.
- “Governing through security: why democracies militarize law enforcement”. Convegno annuale della Società Italiana di Scienza Politica, Genova, September 14-16, 2023.
- “A military for what? Explaining variation in the internal security deployments of the military”. Conference of the International Relations Standing Group (SGRI), Catania, June 15, 2023.
- “Iron Chirps. A Topic Analysis of the Italian Army Narrative on Twitter” (co-authored with Mattia Sguazzini). ‘Beyond Digital Political Communication’, Conference of the Italian Association of Political Communication (AssoComPol), Turin, June 8-10, 2023.
- “Normalizing the exception: why democracies use soldiers as cops”. ‘Security in a time of Polycrisis’. Conference organized by the Centre for Global Security Challenges and European Journal of International Security, Leeds (UK), May 19, 2023
- “A dual use Army? Italy and the limits of military’s role expansion”. King’s Doctoral Workshop on Military Innovation and Defence Reform, King’s College, London, May 4, 2023
- “A multitasking Army? Operation “Strade Sicure” and the limits of military’s role expansion”. Journé d’études « Démocraties et relations civilo-militaires. Approches comparées et interdisciplinaires», Faculté de Droit et de science politique, Aix-en-Provence (France), September 29-30, 2022.
- “A multitasking Army? Operation “Strade Sicure” and the limits of military’s role expansion”. Convegno Annuale della Società Italiana di Scienza Politica, Roma, September 8-10, 2022
- “Domestic Operations and Outsourcing of Security. What Implications for the Military?” Berlin, EISS annual conference, June 30, 2022.

**CONFERENCES AND OTHER
EVENTS AS SPEAKER, DISCUSSANT
OR MODERATOR**

- Horizon-Scanning Workshop, NATO Defence College, Rome, 15 and 16 December 2025, Speaker.
- Session II – Understanding our vulnerabilities and building resilience. Panel within a two-days workshop titled “Beyond the battlefield” organized by the Swedish Institute of International Affairs, in partnership with the Stockholm Centre for Eastern European Studies and Government offices of Sweden, Stockholm, 9 and 10 December 2025, Speaker.
- Panel II – Europe’s Defence and Italy between NATO and the EU*, Seminar “Europe’s Defence in a Multipolar International System” (IV Edition) Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome, 17 July 2025, Speaker.
- Presentation of Report No. 51 by the Geopolitica.info Research Center, Sapienza University, Rome, 16 June 2025, Moderator.
- “Rethinking Security: Italy and Europe in the Age of Rearmament” (Spoke in place of Pietro Serino), Roundtable organized within the 2025 edition of the Italian Standing Group of International Relations annual conference, Milano, Italy, 12 June 2025, Speaker.
- “Navigare l’incertezza: imprese italiane e scenari internazionali” [Navigating Uncertainty: Italian Businesses and International Scenarios]. Incontro conclusivo della Scuola di Economia, Relazioni Internazionali e Diplomazia di UNINT. Senato della Repubblica, 6 giugno 2025. Moderatore. [Final event of the School of Economics, International Relations and Diplomacy at UNINT. Italian Senate, 6 June 2025. Moderator.]

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- “Turkey’s Foreign Policy Behavior Between NATO and Russia: the case of Syria”, by Riccardo Gasco. University of Genoa, May 13, 2025. Discussant
- “Europa: un sogno infranto!?” , Tavola Rotonda organizzata presso Lumsa Università, Roma, 7 maggio 2025, Speaker [“Europe: A Broken Dream!?” , Roundtable organized at LUMSA University, Rome, May 7, 2025, Speaker]
- “La difesa europea dopo il disimpegno statunitense” [European Defence after U.S. Disengagement], Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Roma, 07.04.2025. Moderator.
- “Il conflitto russo-ucraino”. Ciclo di seminari organizzati da Energhéia. Borgo San Lorenzo, Firenze. 25.03.2025. Moderator.
- “La difesa europea nella seconda era Trump”. Dibattito a partire da “L’ autonomia strategica europea. Ambizioni politiche e vincoli capacitivi”, a cura di A. Ercolani, M. Mazziotti di Celso, L. Termine (Milano: McGraw-Hill, 2024). Roma, Centro Studi Americani. 13.03.2025. Speaker
- “Global Leadership. Visioni e sfide nell’era della globalizzazione”. Circolo degli Affari Esteri, Rome, December 13th, 2024. Presentation of the book “Leadership in the Globalization Era”, by S. Vlahovic and A. De Nisco. Moderator.
- “The lessons learned of the Italian armed forces”. Presentation delivered at the workshop titled 'Military Interventions Abroad: What Lessons Learned for the Italian Armed Forces' held at the Center for Higher Defence Studies (CASD) on December 10, 2024. Speaker.
- “A partnership of values: Italy and NATO at 75”. A lecture and panel discussion with Fabrizio Luciolli, president of the Italian Atlantic Committee, and AUR IR Professors. Discussant.
- “Beyond limits? Assessing the costs and benefits of Italy’s foreign policy expansion in the East”. Roundtable organized within the Conference of the International Relations Standing Group (SGRI), Parma, June 21, 2024. Moderator.
- “Geopolitica della transizione energetica e della sostenibilità”. Tavola rotonda organizzata all’interno degli Stati generali dell’innovazione sostenibile di Università degli Studi Internazionali di Roma - UNINT in collaborazione con MADEINT - Centro di ricerca sul Made in Italy, e Geopolitica.info. Moderator.
- “Fare meno per fare meglio: riflessioni critiche sulla politica di impiego dello strumento militare italiano”, ciclo di seminari intitolato “Rivolte, rivoluzioni, small wars a misure di counterinsurgency: prospettive diacroniche di storia militare e riflessioni metodologiche”, 26/03/2024. Speaker.
- “Due anni dopo l’invasione dell’Ucraina, società e forze armate di fronte alla guerra estesa”, i Lunedì del Grand Continent, Luiss University, Rome, February 19, 2024. Speaker.
- ‘Robert Elgie’ Brown Bag Seminars on Politics. La Sapienza University, Rome, December 6, 2023. Presentation of the paper “The (geo)politics of paramilitary actors in Ukraine”, by Alessandra Russo. Discussant
- ‘Robert Elgie’ Brown Bag Seminars on Politics. La Sapienza University, Rome, March 24, 2023. Presentation of the book “Conflitti consensuali. I partiti italiani e gli interventi militari”, by Valerio Vignoli. Discussant
- “Oltre Brasilia. Le relazioni tra civili e militari in America Latina”. Ciclo di seminari su Violenza, politica, istituzioni e crimine organizzato in America Latina, Università di Genova, March 7, 2023. Discussant
- “Covid-19 and the mobilization of the Italian military”, Colloquium "Armies in the sanitary battle", IRSEM/Sciences Po Paris (CEVIPOF)/National Research Agency, June 20, 2022. Discussant.

“Russia-Ucraina. Origini e sviluppo della guerra”. Festival of Geopolitics and International Relations “Equilibrium” promoted by UNINT and Centro Studi Geopolitica.info, March 4, 2022. Discussant

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (*selected*)

European School of Economics

2025: Adjunct Professor of International Relations

American University of Rome

2024: Adjunct Professor of International Relations

Center of Higher Studies for Defense (CASD)

2025: Lecture in favor of the 76th Study session of IASD (Center for Higher Defence Studies) on the topic "European defence, challenges and prospects" (February 20th, Rome, Italy).

2024: Lecture for the 16th intermediate level module of the 5+5 defence college (25-28 June 2024, Rome, Italy)

- Cross-border challenges and illegal trafficking in the Mediterranean area

2023-2024: Lectures in the Corso dell’Istituto di Stato Maggiore Interforze:

- European Defence,
- The geopolitics of Morocco.

University of Tor Vergata (Rome)

2025-2026: Adjunct Lecturer (contract) in Geopolitics and Environmental Politics.

University of Genoa

2025-2026: Adjunct Lecturer (contract) in Security Studies (Department of Political and International Sciences).

2022-2025: Assistant to Prof. Fabrizio Cotichia (Department of Political and International Sciences).

Classes: Security Studies, Strategic Studies.

Lectures on: Civil-Military Relations

Tasks: roles in lectures and exams.

2023: Lecture in the course of International Relations (Professor Giampiero Cama) on the subject of civil-military relations;

2023: Lectures in the course UniGe Senior:

- Trump’s and Biden’s foreign policy,
- Securitisation Theory.

Sapienza University of Rome

2024: Lecture in the course of Security and International Politics (Professor Gabriele Natalizia, Sapienza University of Rome):

- Italian Military Policy: the transformation of the Italian armed forces (1990-2024);

2023: Lectures in the seminar “Strategy between politics and the military instrument” (dr. Lorenzo Termine):

- Liddell Hart and the indirect approach;
- Wargame: China attacks Taiwan;

2023: Lecture in the course of Security and International Politics (Professor Gabriele Natalizia, Sapienza University of Rome) on the subject of Security in International Relations;

2022: Lectures (2) in the course of International Relations (Professor Gabriele Natalizia, Sapienza University of Rome)

- Security in International Relations,
- Alliances in International Relations;

2022: Lectures (2) in the course of Security and International Politics (Professor Gabriele Natalizia, Sapienza University of Rome)

- Security in International Relations;
- Alliances in International Relations;

2022: Lecture in the master “Master Cerimoniale di Università Sapienza di Roma” on the subject: The International Liberal Order;

UNINT – Università degli Studi Internazionali di Roma

2025-2026: Adjunct Lecturer (contract) in Strategic HR management in security and cybersecurity

2023-2024; 2024-2025: Assistant to Prof. Antonella Ercolani.

Classes: History of International Relations.

Lectures on: The Iraq and Afghanistan War, The politics of George W. Bush

Tasks: roles in lectures and exams

2024-2025: Assistant to Prof. Sanja Vlahovic

Classes: *Strategic HR management in security and cybersecurity*

Lectures on: Daniel Goleman and the concept of emotional intelligence: Application to the military domain

2022: Lecture in the course of International Relations, Prof. Antonella Ercolani (Università degli Studi Internazionali di Roma) on the subject of The US wars in the Middle East.

Other selected teaching in masters and courses

2024: Lectures in the master “Geopolitics and Global Security” (UniPegaso) on the evolution of warfare since the end of the Cold War.

2023, 2024: Lectures in the course Contemporary international problems (Florida International University) on the subject of European Defence Policy.

2023. Lecturer in the Sole24Ore Business School Master in Corporate Communication Lobbying and Public Affairs for the subject: Geopolitics.

Center for Geopolitical Studies “Geopolitica.info”

Numerous lessons on military issues, civil-military relations, European defense, and NATO for the Center for Geopolitical Studies “Geopolitica.info” in presence and online courses catalogue. See the websites geopolitica.info and onlineducation.it for more

RELEVANT SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Coordinator of the staff managing the wargame "Mediterranean – Science and Defence Industry" employed at the Center for Higher Defence Studies (CASD) for participants of the 76th IAS Study Session, December 2-5, 2024.

External collaborator, "Executive Course in Strategic Leadership & Digital Innovation" at the Center for Higher Defence Studies (CASD), Italy, Rome - Member of the White Cell that managed wargame activities.

Member of the Italian delegation of the Initiative “5+5 Défense” held in School of Advanced Defence Studies (CASD) in Rome, Italy, on June 25th, 2024, and contributor of the final report.

Didactic Coordinator, School of Economy, International Relations and Diplomacy (SERID) of the Faculty of Economics, UNINT – University of International Studies of Rome [Second edition: 2023-2024, Third edition: 2024-2025, Fourth Edition 2025-2026]

- Lecture planning and organization;
- Coordination of lecturers;
- Management of and relations with students;
- Reviewer of assignments and test.

External collaborator, January 2024 - present. Institute of the Italian Encyclopedia “Treccani”. Author of several chapters of the Annual Geopolitical Atlas of the Institute. Assigned topics: European countries

Research Fellow, November 2020 - present. Center for Geopolitical Studies “Geopolitica.info”. Coordination and direction activities and roles in:

- Reports and studies commissioned by the Italian Parliament and Italian MOFA’s “Observatory on International Politics (OPI) (2023);
- Projects for the Italian MOFA’s grant for research centers (2022-);
- Organization of scientific conferences and webinars (2022-);
- Editor-in-chief of the research center's reports;
- Online and in-presence training courses on international affairs and geopolitics (2021-).

- Head of the desk “Italy and Europe”.

ORGANIZATION OF PANEL/CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

- “Italy and the Transformation of European Security”, Roundtable organized for the Italian Political Science Association’s annual conference, Naples, 04 September 2025.
- “Interventi Militari all’Estero: Quali Lezioni Apprese?” (Military Interventions Abroad: Which Lessons Learned?) Workshop organized at Center for Higher Defence Studies (CASD), Rome, December 10, 2024.
- “Beyond limits? Assessing the costs and benefits of Italy’s foreign policy expansion in the East”. Roundtable organized within the Conference of the International Relations Standing Group (SGRI), Parma, June 21, 2024.
- “Security Studies after the Russian-Ukraine war”. Conference of the International Relations Standing Group (SGRI), Parma, June 21, 2024 (Panel Chair).
- “Reimagining Military Power: Transformative Dynamics and Challenges”, Panel within the 2023 Conference of the Standing Group International Relations SISIP, June 15-16, 2023. University of Catania.
- “PhD Seminars”, Cycle of Seminars organized within all the PhD programs of the University of Genoa (September 2022-March 2023). Principal Organizer.
- “Scuola di Economia, Relazioni Internazionali e Diplomazia (SERID)”, UNINT – Università degli Studi Internazionali di Roma. October 2023 – June 2024.

GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIP/AWARDS

- (Member) Progetto SHIELD “Sicurezza, Instabilità e Leve di Difesa nel Medio Oriente e Nord Africa – Criticità interne, minacce esterne e il ruolo dell’Europa nella stabilizzazione dell’area” [Security, Instability, and Defense Levers in the Middle East and North Africa – Internal Challenges, External Threats, and Europe’s Role in Stabilizing the Region]. 2025-2026. Research Centers Grant, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- (Member) Progetto COMPIT – Competizione tra Stati Uniti, Cina e Russia. Le conseguenze nel perimetro euro-mediterraneo e le politiche per l’Italia [Competition between the United States, China, and Russia. The consequences in the Euro-Mediterranean region and the policies for Italy]. 2024-2025. Research Centers Grant, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- (Member) Project PRIN 2022 – “Lessons Learned? The Past and Future of Italian Defense Policy”. Research grant, Italian Ministry of Education.
- (Member) Progetto ITAsia – driver e ostacoli di un ribilanciamento asiatico dell’Italia [Drivers and obstacles of an Asian rebalancing of Italy]; 2023-2024. Research Centers Grant, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- (Member) Progetto MEDAL – Italian foreign policy in the Enlarged Mediterranean; 2023-2024. Research Centers Grant, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- (Member) Dopo il nuovo Concetto Strategico NATO: continuità e discontinuità dell’approccio americano alle relazioni transatlantiche verso il 2030 (COMDOL+) – 2022. Research Centers Grant, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- (Member) Come difendere l’ordine liberale (COMDOL): comparare le scelte dell’Amministrazione Biden con le politiche dei suoi predecessori nel post-Guerra fredda – 2021. Research Centers Grant, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND SERVICE

- Didactic Coordinator of the third edition of the School on Economy, International Relations and Diplomacy of the Faculty of Economics, UNINT – Università degli Studi Internazionali di Roma, 2024-present.
- Didactic Coordinator of the second edition of the School on Economy, International Relations and Diplomacy of the Faculty of Economics, UNINT – Università degli Studi Internazionali di Roma, 2023-2024.

Teaching Assistant (*Cultore della Materia*) in *Strategic HR Management nella security and nella cybersecurity*. 2024-2025. Department of international humanities and social sciences, Università degli Studi Internazionali di Roma (UNINT).

Teaching Assistant (*Cultore della Materia*) in Security Studies, 2021-2023; Department of Political and International Sciences (DISPI), University of Genoa.

Teaching Assistant (*Cultore della Materia*) in Storia delle Relazioni Internazionali [History of International Relations], 2023-present; Department of international humanities and social sciences, Università degli Studi Internazionali di Roma (UNINT).

Teaching Assistant (*Cultore della Materia*) in Relazioni internazionali, nuove frontiere, new players ["International Relations, New Frontiers, New Players], 2023-present; Department of international humanities and social sciences, Università degli Studi Internazionali di Roma (UNINT).

ACADEMIC RESEARCH CENTRE AFFILIATION

Italian Political Science Association (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica – SISP)

Italian Society for Military History

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Nuova Cultura, Collana *Sicurezza e politica internazionale (SPI)*.

MEMBERSHIP OF SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATIONS

SISP – Italian Political Science Association

VISITING AND INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES

2024. January – April. Visiting Researcher, Centre de recherches internationales, Sciences Po, Paris, France

2024. April – August. Internship. Centro Alti Studi Difesa (Centre for Defense Higher Studies – CASD). Rome.