

Andrea Novellis

Academic Positions

- 06/2025 – **Research Fellow (non-resident)**, *Civil War Paths – Centre for the Comparative Study of Civil Wars*, University of York (UK)
- 10/2024 – **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *University of Naples "L'Orientale"*, Naples (Italy)
- 10/2025 Project: RAP-RISK (Political Risk Measurement: Risks and Opportunities). Research on early warning systems, crisis recognition failures, and political risk analysis. Case studies: Sri Lanka, Israel, Palestine.
- 10/2019 – **Doctoral Researcher**, *University of Milan*, Milan (Italy)
- 05/2024 PhD in Political Science. Research on ethnic conflict, rebel political institutions, and governance in NE Syria, Sri Lanka, and Nepal. Fieldwork in Turkey, KRI-Iraq, Sri Lanka. Training in qualitative and quantitative methods.

Consulting & Professional Experience

- 07/2025 **Consultant**, ACAPS, Switzerland / Remote
Consultant for report on humanitarian risk in Syria.
- 08/2023 – **Consultant**, Arci (NGO), Italy / Remote
05/2025 Country of Origin Information (COI) research; staff training on asylum procedures and socio-political context.
- 11/2024 – **Consultant**, National Peace Council, Colombo (Sri Lanka)
03/2025 Staff training on research methods.
- 02/2021 – **Researcher & Consultant**, Operazione Colombia – Nonviolent Peace Corps, Italy / Remote
07/2022 Research on rebel groups and human rights in North-East Syria.

Education

- 2014 – 2017 **MA in Comparative International Relations**, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy
Final grade: 110/110 *cum laude*. Visiting Graduate Student, University of Toronto (2016–2017). Erasmus+, Bogazici University (2015–2016).

Grants

- 2025 – 2026 **ITALIM: Italy and the International Politics of Food Security**, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAECI), Principal proposal writer; awarded competitive inter-university research grant.

Publications

- Under review “Early Warning Failure in Sri Lanka: Institutional Knowledge Filters and the 2022 Polycrisis”. *Review of International Studies*.
- Under review Novellis, Andrea & Hanau Santini, Ruth. “October 7 and the Institutional Depoliticization of Palestinian Grievance: Policy Paradigms, Misperceptions and the Israeli Intelligence Failure”. *Terrorism and Political Violence*.
- R&R Novellis, Andrea & Corradi, Edoardo. “Earning, Allocating, Providing: The Financial and Budget Management of the DAANES”. *Civil Wars*.
- R&R “A House Divided Against Itself? Ideology, Trust, and the Limits of Kurdish Cooperation in the Syrian Civil War”. *Civil Wars*.
- R&R “The Divided Self: How Ideological Compartmentalization Drives Rebel-to-Party Success in Sri Lanka”. *Democratization*.

- 2025 "Le Relazioni Esterne del DAANES nell'Interregno Siriano" ("The external relations of DAANES in the Syrian Interregnum"). In *La guerra civile siriana*. Rome: Carocci.
- 2025 Novellis, Andrea & Grasso, Davide. "Introduction: Exploring the Kurdish Movement". *Partecipazione e Conflitto* 17(3 bis).
- 2024 *Why fight when you can rule together? Rebel power-sharing during civil wars*. PhD dissertation.
- 2018 "The Rise of Feminism in the PKK". *Zanj: The Journal of Critical Global South Studies*.
- 2018 "An Alternative to Nationalism: The Kurdish Movement in Turkey". *Occhiali. Rivista sul Mediterraneo islamico*.

Editorial Work

- 2026– Co-editor, Special Issue "Informality and Global Political Orders: Mechanisms of Governance Across States, Conflicts, and Diplomacy". *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*.
- 2025– Member, Academic Advisory Board, *Vienna Kurdish Studies Yearbook*.
- 2025 Co-editor, Special Issue "Exploring the Kurdish Movement". *Partecipazione e Conflitto*.

Conference Organization

- 03/2026 **RISC Study Days, Italian Kurdish Studies Network (RISC)**, University of Turin, Italy
International conference on Kurdish studies.

Conference Panel Chair

- Panel: "Turkey Between the Past and Today's World. Who's and How's the Other?" SeSaMO Conference, University of Cagliari, 26 Sep 2024.
- Panel: "New Directions in Kurdish Studies: Tracing Political, Social, and Cultural Transformations", SeSaMO Conference, University of Cagliari, 26 Sep 2024.
- Panel: "The Politics of Stabilisation and State Building", Conflict Research Society Conference, University of Edinburgh, 4–6 Sep 2024.
- Panel: "Kurdish Rojava, Autonomous Administration of North East Syria: propaganda or successful institutional experiment?", SeSaMO Conference, University of Naples L'Orientale, 22–24 Jun 2022.
- Webinar: "Reflectivity and Research Ethics in Conflict Areas. Field Experiences from Kurdistan", SeSaMO Webinar Series "Research and the Middle East", 14 Dec 2022.

Selected Conference Presentations

- 2025 Evaluating Early Warning Systems in Policy-Driven Crises, *IPSA World Congress*, Seoul (South Korea)
- 2025 Earning, Allocating, Providing: The Financial and Budget Management of the DAANES, *2nd International Kurdish Studies Conference*, LSE, London (UK)
- 2025 A House Divided Against Itself? Ideology, Trust, and the Limits of Kurdish Cooperation in the Syrian Civil War, *4th International Kurdish Studies Conference*, University of Kurdistan Hewler, Hewler (Iraq)
- 2025 The Gaza Crisis and the Limitations of Predictive Systems in Protracted Conflict, *Conflict Research Society Conference*, University of Kent (UK)
- 2025 The Failure of Israeli Early Warning on October 7: What Lies Behind It?, *SISP Conference*, Università Federico II, Naples (Italy)
- 2024 Syrian Kurdish Alliance Politics: Examining the PYD–KNC Wartime Negotiations Through a Multi-Actor Lens, *SISP Conference*, University of Trieste (Italy)

- 2024 From Rebellion to Realpolitik: The JVP's Role in Post-Conflict Sri Lanka, *Conflict Research Society Conference*, University of Edinburgh (UK)
- 2024 A Community Reimagined: The Sri Lanka Muslim Congress and the Shaping of Muslim Identity, *Maydan–SeSaMO Conference*, Sapienza University of Rome (Italy)
- 2023 Beyond the Battlefield: Alliance Formation and Governance Strategies in the Syrian Civil War, *SISP Conference*, University of Genoa (Italy)
- 2023 Displacement in the Shadow of Conflict: The Case of Shaqlawa's Christians in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, *Conflict Research Society Conference*, King's College London (UK)
- 2023 Alliance Formation and Rebel Co-Governance in North-East Syria: The Case of the PYD and the Syriac Union Party, *ECPR General Conference*, Charles University, Prague (Czechia)
- 2022 Do Rebel Groups Create Power-Sharing Institutions During Civil Wars?, *Statehood, Sovereignty and Conflict Standing Group Workshop (ECPR)*, Online
- 2022 Why Fight When You Can Rule Together? Explaining Hybrid Power-Sharing During Civil Wars, *Political Studies Association (PSA) General Conference*, University of York (UK)
- 2021 Ruling with Minorities: Rebel Governance and Hybrid Power-Sharing, *ECPR General Conference*, Online
- 2021 Ruling with Minorities: Rebel Governance and Hybrid Power-Sharing, *Conflict Dynamics Workshop*, Nuffield College, Oxford (Online)

Policy & Public Writing

- 2025 "The Paradox of Syria's New Peace". *The Loop* (ECPR).
- 2024 "AI and the Erosion of Humanity". *Groundviews*.
- 2024 "The JVP and Ethnic Relations: Walking a Tightrope to 2024" (Parts 1–3). *Groundviews*.

Teaching

- 2022–2023 Tutor for MA course "Global Geopolitics", University of Milan (grading and exam evaluation).
- 2019–2023 Lectures on Kurdish politics for MA programmes at University of Genoa and University of Milan.

Additional Training

- 2022 NASP Summer School, Research Strategies in Policy Studies (Milan).
- 2021 ECPR/KU Leuven Winter Schools: Python for Social Scientists; Online Qualitative Data Collection; Case Study Research.
- 2019 EU Projects Writing, Venice International University.

Academic Memberships

ISA; IPSA; BISA; EISS; SISP; SeSaMO; EISA; ECPR; CRS; RISC; BASAS.

Languages

- Italian Native speaker.
- English C2 CEFR.
- Turkish A2 CEFR.

Digital Skills

Basic Python, R, and Stata; proficient use of Zotero; MS Office suite.