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EDUCATION

PhD in Politics and International Relations

September 2019 - present

School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin

- PhD thesis title: *The rules of the game: How to bargain and win at the EU negotiation table Understanding negotiation effectiveness in EU foreign policy*. Thesis supervisor: Professor Ben Tonra.
- Research interests: Common Foreign and Security Policy, Common Defense and Security Policy, Europeanization of foreign policy, Italian and French foreign policies.
- Methodological training: Statistics, Econometrics, Quantitative Text Analysis, Qualitative Methods, Research Design.

1st ECPR Virtual Methods School

27 July - 8 August 2020

Central European University, Vienna

- Survey Design (Dr Kathrin Thomas) and Interviews for Qualitative Data Generation (Dr Alenka Jelen-Sanchez).

MPhil in European Politics and Society

October 2017 - July 2019

Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford

- MPhil thesis title: *Italy in the EU: the weight of domestic constraints - Asylum and monetary policies compared (2008-2016)*. Thesis supervisor: Professor Jan Zielonka. **The thesis was awarded distinction.**
- Methodological training: Statistics, Qualitative Methods, Research Design, Case Study Research.

51st Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis

8 - 21 July 2018

University of Essex

- Game Theory (Dr Marius Radean) and Qualitative Text Analysis (Professor Lea Sgier).

Exchange Program (as part of B.A. degree)

August 2016 - May 2017

School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University

- Pursued a year-long exchange program following a competitive selection process among the entire undergraduate student body of SciencesPo Paris. Granted 1 of the 4 spots available.
- Relevant courses: Russian Foreign Policy, History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict, History of Peace-Making in the Middle East.
- **GPA: 3.934.**

B.A. in Political Science

August 2014 - July 2017

Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (SciencesPo Paris), Reims Campus

- Relevant courses: Geopolitics, World Politics, International Law, EU Policy-Making.
- Passed the first two years of undergraduate studies with the award *Summa Cum Laude*.
- **Graduated with distinction (*Cum Laude*).**

ACADEMIC TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research assistant

January 2021 - present

School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin

- Participating as research assistant to the Horizon 2020 project OPTED (referent: Dr Martijn Schoonvelde).

Teaching case study writer

November 2020 - February 2021

NORTIA EU Foreign Affairs Network

- I am designing a case study to be used for undergraduate and graduate level courses on EU foreign policy, under the supervision of Associate Professor Federica Bicchi.
- The case study is focused on the COREU network and its role for Common Foreign Security Policy/Common Security and Defense Policy decision-making (Available here).
- Project financed by the European Commission's Erasmus+ program, through the NORTIA Jean Monnet Network (grant agreement 587725-EPP-1-2017-1-NL-EPPJMO-NETWORK).

Undergraduate tutor

October 2019 - present

School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin

- Spring 2021 and 2020: tutor for second year undergraduate course in Comparative Politics (four tutorial groups of 15-20 students each). Module coordinator: Dr Martijn Schoonvelde.
- Fall 2020: tutor for second year undergraduate course in International Relations Theory (four tutorial groups of 15-20 students each). Module coordinator: Dr Tobias Theiler.
- Fall 2019: tutor for first year undergraduate course in Foundations of Political Theory and International Relations (three tutorial groups of 15-20 students each). Module coordinator: Dr Tobias Theiler.

Research assistant

February 2019 - present

European Studies Centre, St Antony's College (University of Oxford)

- Participating as research assistant to the project *Europe's Stories*, led by Prof. Timothy Garton Ash (project website).

Intern at the United States Senate

February 2017 - April 2017

U.S. Senator Gary C. Peters, Hart Senate Office Building, Washington D.C.

- Processed correspondence, performed data entry and general office duties.
- Attended hearings and briefings on behalf of staff members.
- Conducted legislative research on behalf of legislative aids.
- Drafted memos and constituent letters, led tours of the U.S. Capitol building with constituents.

PUBLICATIONS

In preparation:

Getting Your House in Order for EU Negotiations: When Domestic Constraints Condition Italys Performance at the EU level, *Journal of Common Market Studies*: revise and resubmit.

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

ECPR General Conference

31 August-3 September 2021

“Setting the CFSP agenda: between cooperation, co-optation and contestation” (panel: *The Common Foreign and Security Policy at 30: Moving Past Contestation?*, section: *The Contestation of EU Foreign Policy*). **Online conference.**

British International Studies Association 2021 Conference

21-23 June 2021

Co-author: Dr Federica Bicchì, “Tracking the demise of multilateralism? The evolution of the COREU network and communications in the EU foreign policy system” (panel: *Changing patterns of representation and digitalization in European diplomatic practices*). **Online conference.**

Small states in EU policymaking, University of Luxembourg

17-18 June 2021

Co-author: Dr Heidi Maurer, “Small in practice? Austrian and Irish Strategies in shaping EU foreign and trade policy” (panel: *Trade and Economic Policy*). **Online conference.**

PSAI Annual Conference, University College Dublin

9-10 October 2020

“Italy’s Negotiation Success in EU Monetary and Asylum Policies” (panel: *Conflict and Cooperation in International Relations*). **Online conference.**

UACES 50th Annual Conference, Queen’s University, Belfast

7-11 September 2020

“Italy in the EU: When Domestic Constraints Weigh You Down” (panel: *The EU and the Refugee Crisis*). **Online conference.**

ECPR Standing Group on the European Union, Luiss Guido Carli, Rome

4-6 June 2020

“The Price of Domestic Constraints: Italy’s Performance in EU Negotiations” (panel: *The Dynamics of Inter-Institutional Relations*, section: *Institutional and Procedural Dynamics in EU Decision-making*). **Conference postponed due to Covid-19.**

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

NORTIA research day

7-8 December 2020

Online event dedicated to academic feedback, NORTIA (EU Foreign Affairs Network)

- Co-organized the event – attended by 30+ participants from European and non-European universities – with Dr Heidi Maurer in the context of the NORTIA Jean Monnet Network. The program is available [here](#).

INVITED GUEST SPEAKER

Foreign Policy Research in Times of Covid-19 Restrictions

19 May 2020

Professional exchange, NORTIA (EU Foreign Affairs Network)

- Invited speaker for an online exchange on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on qualitative research. Event organized by Dr Heidi Maurer in the context of the NORTIA Jean Monnet Network. The recording is available [here](#).

NORTIA Masterclass on data gathering and elite interviews

28 May 2019

Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford

- Invited speaker in the masterclass *Challenges in EU (foreign) policy research: data gathering and interviews*, organized by Dr Heidi Maurer in the context of the NORTIA Jean Monnet Network. The event was attended by graduate students from Oxford and other UK universities.

- Held a short talk on best practices for elite interviewing in EU (foreign) policy research, based on the fieldwork experience of my MPhil thesis.

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

ECPR Funding, ECPR Virtual Methods Summer School

July 2020

Awarded a grant (930 euros) to attend the two-week ECPR Virtual Methods Summer School (27/07-08/08/2020).

Short Term Scientific Mission, BSIS, University of Kent

8 March 2020 - 21 March 2020

Awarded funding covering travel, meal and accommodation costs for a two-week research trip at the Brussels School of International Studies (University of Kent), under the supervision of Dr Tom Casier. The funding was offered by the ENTER COST project EU Foreign Policy Facing New Realities. **Here** is a short summary.

Iseult Honohan PhD Scholarship

September 2019 - September 2023

Awarded a 4-year PhD scholarship by the School of Politics and International Relations (UCD), following a competitive selection process.

Mansfield Student of the Year Award

June 2019

Awarded the **Mansfield Student of the Year Award** for special services to Mansfield College (University of Oxford).

Mansfield College Graduate Award

March 2018

Awarded the **Mansfield College Graduate Award** for outstanding academic achievements (Mansfield College, University of Oxford).

PROGRAMMING SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Programming Language Languages

R Studio (familiar with quanteda package), LaTeX, SurveyCTO.
Italian (native), French (C2), English (C2), German (B2).

June 2017 - July 2017: five-week intensive German language program at Universität Trier.

12 June 2018: awarded a Certificate of Achievement (with distinction) of the German Language Course (B2 level) by the Oxford University Language Centre.