

# MATTEO COLOMBO

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EMPLOYMENT

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Sept 2016 – Present	<b>Ph.D. candidate, NASP Consortium (University of Milan)</b> The title for my doctoral thesis is ' <i>Tweeting the Caliphate. The Ideology of IS in the Arabic-Speaking Twitter Sphere</i> ' under the supervision of Luigi Curini. The expected date for Ph.D. defence is 22 May 2020.
Jan 2017 – Present	<b>Associate Research Fellow, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)</b> Tasks include contributing to analysis, commentaries and infographics. I also took part in the organisation of various editions of Rome MED, an international conference on the Mediterranean region that has been held in Rome under the patronage of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. My key responsibility has been to coordinate the Media coverage of the event and maintain the event website.

## EDUCATION

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2012 – 2014	<b>M.A. Journalism</b> IULM University, Milan
2009 – 2010	<b>M.Sc. Middle East Politics</b> School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London
2008 – 2009	<b>M.A. International Relations</b> Oxford Brookes University
2005 – 2008	<b>B.A. Philosophy</b> Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan
2000 – 2005	<b>High School Diploma</b> Sant'Ambrogio, Milan

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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| Sept 2015 – Dec 2016 | <b>Research Assistant, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)</b><br>Held university lessons on the media strategy of IS, and took part in the organisation of Rome MED. Contributed to the selection of contributors and to the organisation of discussion panels. Wrote country reports on Treccani Encyclopaedia for ISPI. |
| June 2014 – Aug 2015 | <b>Research Trainee, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)</b><br>Worked as a research trainee in the Middle East department – daily tasks included writing analyses and commentaries on current events in Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and Turkey.   |
| July 2013 – Aug 2013 | <b>Journalist, European Forum Alpbach</b><br>Selected to report on the European Forum of Alpbach (EFA), as a member of a group of young European journalists, edited videos and wrote articles on the ongoing sessions based on the interviews we conducted with several opinion leaders, including Nobel Prize Laureates.                          |
| Nov 2011 – June 2012 | <b>Reporter, Mediaset</b><br>Worked in Cairo as a reporter dealing with Egyptian politics for Tgcom24, Tg4, and Studio Aperto during the post-revolutionary period.   |
| Jan 2011 – Present   | <b>Writer for Panorama, Rivista Studio, The Post Internazionale</b><br>Writing articles on a regular basis about the Middle East and North Africa, mostly focusing on Egypt, Syria, and Turkey.   |

## ACHIEVEMENTS

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| April 2015    | <b>Certificate in Professional Journalism</b>  |
| February 2015 | <b>Merit Scholarship for M.A. Journalism</b><br>Scholarship awarded based on my grade point average.   |
| March 2013    | <b>Third prize in a national journalism competition</b><br>Winner of the third prize of the competition <i>Formazione per l'Informazione</i> (online section), organised by the Italian Order of Journalists, with an article on Italy's reception system for refugees from Libya. |
| January 2013  | <b>Merit Scholarship for M.A. Journalism</b><br>Scholarship awarded based on my results in the admission exam.   |

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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| December 2016 | Colombo, Matteo, and Varvelli, Arturo. "The Regeni case and Italy's Mediterranean policy: a turning point?." <i>Contemporary Italian Politics</i> 8.3 (2016): 277-288. |
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## HORIZON 2020 PROJECT

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| Sept 2016 | <b>The Arab Transformation Project</b><br>Wrote two country reports (Egypt and Morocco) for <i>the Arab Transformation Project</i> , an international research project conducted within the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) of the European Commission, which aiming at comparing beliefs, values, and behaviours in seven Arab countries. |
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## E BOOKS

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| November 2019 | <b>ISPI eBook</b><br>Wrote a chapter entitled ' <i>The Islamic State (IS) and the others. A topic analysis of pro-IS and anti-IS discourse on Arabic-speaking Twitter</i> ' for the eBook ' <i>Digital Jihad: Online Communication and Violent Extremism</i> '. |
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## THINK TANK PUBLICATIONS

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| Sept 2014 – Present | <b>ISPI commentaries</b><br>Wrote several articles on current issues in the Middle East for the ISPI website.   |
| February 2016       | <b>Policy Brief – EuroMeSCo</b><br>Wrote a policy brief titled <i>Turkey and the EU: a new path toward shared security</i> , which focused on the possible avenues of collaboration between Ankara and the European Union in the field of shared security in the MENA region. |

## CONFERENCES

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| June 2018 | <b>EISA Academic Conference on Foreign Policy Change</b><br>Presented a paper on the change in the Italian foreign policy in 2011. The paper included interviews with the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Defence.   |
| July 2016 | <b>EUMEF Think Tank Network "Turkey and Egypt in 2025"</b><br>Selected for the EUMEF Capacity Building Workshop <i>Turkey and Egypt in 2025</i> , together with a group of young researchers from other think tanks from Europe and the MENA region. On this occasion, I presented a research study on the risk of the increasing sectarian polarization in Turkish politics. |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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20 June 2019	<b>University of Milan</b> 'Discussing and structuring your research projects and dissertations'
13 June 2019	<b>University of Milan</b> 'Working in IOs, NGOs and think tanks'
6 June 2019	<b>University of Milan</b> 'Data visualization, maps and infographics'
30 May 2019	<b>University of Milan</b> 'Critical approaches and discourse analysis'
2 Feb and 27 June 2019	<b>ISPI Summer and Winter School</b> 'The terrorist threat in the Near East. The Egyptian case'
2 Feb and 27 June 2019	<b>ISPI Summer and Winter School</b> 'IS communication strategy'
12 Jan 2017	<b>Polytechnic University of Milan</b> 'IS communication strategy'
26 April 2016	<b>Palermo University, IMESI</b> Libya and the wider Mediterranean region
3 May 2016	<b>Pavia University, Master in International Cooperation</b> IS communication strategy
30 Nov 2016	<b>IULM University, Master in Communication for International Relations</b> IS communication strategy

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Italian	(Native)
English	(C2 – Fluent)
Arabic	(B2 – Upper Intermediate)
Turkish	(B1 – Lower Intermediate)
Dutch	(A2/B1 – Lower Intermediate)

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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Illustrator (Graphics)	Advanced
R (Data analysis)	Intermediate
Premiere (Video editing)	Intermediate

