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## CURRENT POSITION

January 24 – Full professor, University of Messina

## OTHER ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND PROJECTS

March 2022 – Associate professor, University of Messina

September 2020 – March 2022: Marie Curie Global Fellow, Universities of Queensland and Venice

October 2014 – September 2023: senior lecturer (UD1), Leiden University

2015 – 2020: research fellow, NATO Centre on Civil Military Coordination (CCOE)

Head of research project ‘Projecting Resilience across the Mediterranean’

Head of research project ‘A Civil-Military Response to Hybrid Threats’

September 2019 – August 2020: Jean Monnet Fellow, European University Institute (EUI)

2013 – 2014: lecturer in International Relations, Baltic Defence College

2012 – 2014: participant in EU H2020 ‘TransWorld’ research project

2012 – 2013: Fulbright-Schuman Scholar, Korbel School of International Studies, Denver

2011 – 2012: visiting lecturer, University of Maastricht

2009 – 2011: participant in EU H2020 ‘Priv-War’ research project

## EDUCATION

2008 – 2012: PhD In Political and Social Science, European University Institute

2008 – 2009: Master of Research in Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute

2007 - 2008: MA in International Relations, University of Bologna (grade 110/100 *cum laude*)

## RESEARCH IMPACT METRICS (as of 8 January 2024)

### Citations:

Google Scholar: 1190

Scopus: 520

### H Index:

Google Scholar: 18

Scopus: 12

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

2023 – Varieties of Criminalization: Italy’s evolving approach to sea rescue NGOs. *Contemporary Italian Politics* (with F. Alagna).

2023 – European Integration and Political Party Logos: a ‘Visual Europeanization’? *European Union Politics* (with M. Casiraghi and A. Chryssogelos)

2023 – Lethal Brands: Terrorist Groups’ Logos and Violence, *Journal of Peace Research* (with M. Casiraghi)

2023 – Failing Through: European Migration Governance Across the Central Mediterranean, *Journal of Ethnic & Migration Studies* (with M. Riddervold)

2023 – Is Someone’s Mercenary Someone Else’s Contractor? Private Security Companies in Parliamentary Debates, *International Relations* (with M. Casiraghi)

2022 – United to Rescue? Humanitarian Role Conceptions and NGO-NGO Interactions in the Mediterranean Sea, *European Security*

2022 – Defend(ing) Europe? Border Control and Identitarian Activism off the Libyan Coast, *International Politics*

2022– The Colours of Ideology: Chromatic Isomorphism and Political Party Logos, *Party Politics* (with M. Casiraghi and L. Curini)

2021– Advancing Private Security Studies: an Introduction to the Special Issue, *Small Wars and Insurgencies* (with C. Kinsey)

2021– Concluding Remarks, *Small Wars and Insurgencies* (with C. Kinsey)

- 2021 – Varieties of Organised Hypocrisy: Security Privatisation in UN, EU, and NATO Crisis Management Operations, *European Security* (with O. Bures)
- 2021 – Guilt by Association? The Criminalization of Sea Rescue NGOs in Italian Media, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*
- 2021 – The Anti-Mercenary Norm and United Nations’ Use of Private Companies: From Norm Entrepreneurship to Organized Hypocrisy. *International Peacekeeping* (with O. Bures)
- 2020 – From “Angels” to “Vice Smugglers”: the Criminalization of Sea Rescue NGOs in Italy. *European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research* (with M. Villa)
- 2020 – Private Military and Security Companies’ Logos: between Camouflaging and Corporate Socialization, *Security Dialogue*
- 2020 – In Deep Waters. The Legal, Ethical and Political Implications of Closing Italian Ports to Migrant Rescuers, *Mediterranean Politics* (with K. Gombeer)
- 2019 – Humanitarians at Sea. Selective Emulation Across Migrant Rescue NGOs, *Contemporary Security Policy*
- 2019 – Migrant Rescue as Organized Hypocrisy? EU Maritime Missions Offshore Libya between Humanitarianism and Law Enforcement, *Cooperation & Conflict* (selected as 2019 editors’ pick)
- 2019 – Straightjacketing migrant rescuers? The code of conduct on maritime NGOs, *Mediterranean Politics*
- 2018 – Morally Evaluating Human Smuggling: The Case of Migration to Europe, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* (with E. Aloyo)
- 2018 – The Non-governmental Provision of Search and Rescue in the Mediterranean and the Abdication of State Responsibility, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, (with James Pattison)
- 2018 – The Political Cost-Effectiveness of Private Vessel Protection: the Italian case, *The International Spectator* (with S. Ruzza)
- 2017 – The Sea as Humanitarian Space. Non-governmental Search and Rescue Dilemmas on the Central Mediterranean Migratory Route, *Mediterranean Politics*
- 2017 – Emptying the Sea With a Spoon? Non-governmental Providers of Migrants Search and Rescue in the Mediterranean, *Marine Policy*
- 2017– Security Privatisation at Sea. Piracy and the Commercialisation of Vessel Protection, *International Relations* (with S. Ruzza)
- 2016 – Diplomatic Security for Hire? The Causes and Implications of Outsourcing Diplomatic Security, *Hague Journal of Diplomacy*
- 2016 – Bridging the Gap. Mobilisation Constraints and Contractor Support to US and UK Military Operations, *Journal of Strategic Studies*
- 2015 – Contractors as a Second Best Option: The Italian Hybrid Approach to Maritime Security, *Ocean Development & International Law* (with S. Ruzza)
- 2015 – The Scope of Military Privatization. Military Role Conceptions and Contractor Support in the United States and the United Kingdom, *International Relations*
- 2015 – Bureaucratic Interests and the Outsourcing of Security. The Privatization of Diplomatic Protection, in the US and the UK, *Armed Forces & Society* (with C. Kinsey)
- 2014 – Normative Power Under Contract? Commercial Support to European Crisis Management Operations, *International Peacekeeping* (with F. Giumelli)
- 2013 – La Démocratie Diminuee et le Nouvel Art Americain de la guerre, *Gouvernement & Action publique* (with P. Vennesson).

#### **Books:**

- 2023 – *Dai marò ai contractor. La privatizzazione della sicurezza marittima in Italia*. Carocci (with S. Ruzza)
- 2023 – *The International Politics of Logos*. Routledge (with M. Casiraghi).
- 2022 – *Mobilization Constraints and Military Privatization*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2020 – *Piracy and the Privatization of Maritime Security*. Palgrave Macmillan (with S. Ruzza)

#### **Edited Volumes and Special Issues:**

- From Condottieri to Cyber-mercenaries: The Past, Present and Future of Private Security Forces. *Small Wars and Insurgencies* (with C. Kinsey).
- 2019 – *Projecting Resilience Across the Mediterranean*. Basingstoke: Palgrave (with S. Hofmaier)
- 2019 – *Diplomatic Security. A Comparative Analysis*. Stanford: Stanford University Press (with C. Kinsey).
- 2018 – *A Civil-Military Response to Hybrid Threats*. Basingstoke: Palgrave (with M. Corbe).

#### **Book Chapters:**

- 2022 – ‘The Privatization of Maritime Security: Open Registries’ Vessel Protection Policies’ (with S. Ruzza), in R. Bosilca, S. Ferreira, and B. Ryan, *Routledge Handbook of Maritime Security*

- 2020 – ‘Over Troubled Waters. Maritime rescue operations in the Central Mediterranean’, (with M. Villa), in International Organization for Migration (ed.), *Migration in the Central Mediterranean Route and Beyond: Safety, Support and Solutions* (Geneva: International Organization for Migration).
- 2020 – ‘Piracy and the Privatization of Maritime Security: Isomorphic Convergence in Vessel Protection’, (with S. Ruzza), in E. Lucas, S. Rivera, and T. Crosbie, *Maritime Security: Counter-Terrorism Lessons from Maritime Piracy and Narcotics Interdiction* (Amsterdam: IOS Press, NATO Science for Peace and Security Series).
- 2020 – ‘NATO in a Changing World’ (with R. Totsbotn), in Madeleine Hosli and Joren Selleslaghs, *The Changing Global Order Challenges and Prospects* (Basil: Springer)
- 2019 – ‘Introduction’ (with S. Hofmaier), in Eugenio Cusumano and Stefan Hofmaier (eds.) *Projecting Resilience Across the Mediterranean*
- 2019 – ‘Enhancing Resilience. The Way Ahead’ (with N. Cooper), in Cusumano and Hofmaier (eds.) *Projecting Resilience across the Mediterranean*
- 2019 – ‘The History, Effectiveness, and Implications of Diplomatic Security: a Conclusion’, in Eugenio Cusumano and Christopher Kinsey (eds.), *Diplomatic Security*
- 2019 – ‘Introduction’ (with C. Kinsey), in Eugenio Cusumano and Christopher Kinsey (eds.), *Diplomatic Security*
- 2018 – ‘Resilience for Hire? NATO Contractor Support in Afghanistan Examined’, in Eugenio Cusumano and Marian Corbe, *A Civil-Military Response to Hybrid Threats* (Basingstoke: Palgrave).
- 2018 – ‘From Strategic Communication to Sanctions: the European Union’s Approach to Hybrid Threats’ (co-authored with F. Giumelli and M. Besana), in Eugenio Cusumano and Marian Corbe, *A Civil-Military Response to Hybrid Threats*
- 2018 – ‘Introduction’ (with M. Corbe), in Eugenio Cusumano and Marian Corbe, *A Civil-Military Response to Hybrid Threats* (Basingstoke: Palgrave).
- 2018 – ‘Conclusions’ (co-authored with M. Corbe), in Eugenio Cusumano and Marian Corbe, *A Civil-Military Response to Hybrid Threats*
- 2017 – ‘United States anti-piracy policies: between military missions and private sector responsabilization’ (with S. Ruzza), in Marco Clementi and Matteo Dian, *US Foreign Policy in a Challenging World. Building Order on Shifting Foundations* (Basel: Springer)
- 2016 – ‘Money for Nothing? Contractor Support to Military Operations from an Economic Perspective’, in Christopher Kinsey and Joakim Berndsson, *Routledge Companion to Security Outsourcing*
- 2016 – ‘The Drivers of Outsourcing Diplomatic Security’ (with C. Kinsey), in Christopher Kinsey and Joakim Berndsson, *Routledge Companion to Security Outsourcing*.
- 2016 – ‘The Regulation of Private Military and Security Companies in the UK’ (with C. Kinsey), in and Gary Schaub and Ryan Kelty, *Controlling the Corporate Warrior*, (New York: Rowman & Littlefield)
- 2014 – ‘Handing over Leadership: the Drivers and Future of Transatlantic Environmental Governance’, in Christine Bakker and Francesco Francioni (eds.), *The EU, the US and Global Climate Governance* (Ashgate)
- 2011 – ‘Policy Prospects for Regulating Private Military and Security Companies’, in F. Francioni and N. Ronzitti (eds.) *War by Contract* (Oxford University Press)

### Policy Papers

- 2020 – ‘Civil Military Cooperation and Societal Resilience During Hybrid Crises’, Hybrid COE Cyber power in hybrid crisis symposium
- 2020 – ‘The Future of Irregular Migration to Europe’, Italian Institute for International Political Studies
- 2019 – ‘Sea Rescue NGOs: A Pull Factor of Irregular Migration?’. *European University Institute*
- 2015 – ‘Cassandra Vindicated: Baltic Perceptions of NATO’s “New Deterrence” of Russia’, *RUSI Newsbrief*
- 2014 – ‘Handing Over Leadership: Transatlantic Environmental Governance as a Functional Relationship’, *Italian Institute of International Affairs*
- 2010 – ‘Regulating Private Military and Security Companies: A Multifaceted and Multilayered Approach’, *European Academy of Law Working Paper*

### GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Dates	Funding Type	Amount
September 2023 – August 2025	Italian Research Ministry Projects of National Interest (PRIN)	150,000 EUR
September 2020- August 2023	Marie Curie Global Fellowship	257,000 EUR
May 2019	Gerda Henkel Special Programme on Security and the State	50,000 EUR

September 2019 – August 2020	Jean Monnet Fellowship, European University Institute	36,000 EUR
May 2019	NATO Defense College Eisenhower Fellowship	15,000 EUR (declined)
December 2017	Sprint-FAPESP Grant, Leiden University	5,000 EUR
May 2017	Global Interactions Breed Grant	25,000 EUR
September 2012- June 2013	Fulbright-Schuman Research Fellowship	32,000 EUR
September 2008 – June 2012	PhD scholarship, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs	65,000 EUR

## SELECTED MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

**Cited or interviewed by:** *The New York Times*, the BBC, *the Guardian*, *The Independent*, *the Daily Mail*, *Euronews*, *Liberation*, *France 24*, *Le Parisien*, *De Spiegel*, *Die Zeit*, *Die Welt*, *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, *La Repubblica*, *Internazionale*, *Il Post*, *Radio Radicale*, NPO 01, *De Volkskrant*, *Trouw*, *De Morgen*, *La Información*, ETC, and others

## SELECTED INVITED TALKS:

*EU Institute for Security Studies*, *EU Hybrid Centre of Excellence*, *International Organization for Migration*, *NATO Defense College*, *US School of Foreign Service*, *UK Royal United Service Institute*

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:

Italian Political Science Association Conference, Genoa 2023  
Italian Political Science Association Standing Group in International Relations, Catania 2023  
Italian Political Science Association Conference, Rome 2022  
International Studies Association (ISA), online 2021  
Trento, Jean Monnet “Resilience conference, 2021  
Italian Political Science Association Conference, online 2021  
European International Studies Association, online 2021  
“NGO-NGO Interactions in Global Politics”, Centre for Global Cooperation Research, online 2020  
European Union Centre for Hybrid Threats, Workshop “hybrid threats in the cyber domain”, Helsinki 2019  
European International Studies Association exploratory symposium, Rapallo 2019  
European International Studies Association exploratory symposium, Rapallo 2019  
European International Studies Association (EISA), Sophia 2019  
European Initiative for Security Studies (EISS), Paris 2019  
International Studies Association (ISA), Toronto 2019  
European International Studies Association workshop, Groningen 2018  
European International Studies Association exploratory symposium, Rapallo 2018  
European International Studies Association (EISA), Prague 2018  
International Political Science Association (IPSA), Brisbane 2018  
European Initiative for Security Studies (EISS), Paris 2018  
European Union in International Affairs (EUIA), Brussels 2018  
European Initiative for Security Studies (EISS), Paris 2017  
European International Studies Association (EISA), Barcelona 2017  
NATO Centre for Civil-Military Cooperation conference “Projecting Resilience”, Rome 2017  
International Sociology Association Committee on Armed Forces & Conflict Resolution, Rio de Janeiro 2016  
Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP), Milan 2016  
International Studies Association (ISA), Atlanta 2016  
Oceans Governance Conference, Hague Institute for Global Justice, 2016  
Reconsidering Democracy and the Nation State, Leiden University 2016  
European International Relations Association Conference (EISA), Giardini Naxos 2015  
European Research Group on Militaries and Societies (ERGOMAS), Tel Aviv 2015  
International Studies Association Conference (ISA) New Orleans 2015  
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Glasgow 2014  
International Studies Association Conference (ISA), Toronto 2014  
Standing Group di Relazioni Internazionali (SGRI), Trento 2013  
International Studies Association (ISA), San Francisco 2013  
Standing Group di Relazioni Internazionali, (SGRI), Trento 2012  
International Studies Association (ISA), San Diego 2012

Harvard University Conference on “Soldiering: the Afterlife of a Modern Experience”, Harvard 2012  
Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society (IUSAFS), Chicago 2011  
International Studies Association Conference (ISA), Montreal 2011  
European Standing Group of International Relations, Stockholm 2010

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### 2021 – University of Messina

**MA Courses:** Public Policy Analysis (8 CFU)

**BA Courses:** Political Science and International Relations (in English), Political Science and International Relations (in Italian), Political Theory (in English)

**Thesis Supervision:** 6 BA Thesis, 1 PhD Thesis

### 2020-2023 – University of Genoa, PhD programme in Security, Risk and Vulnerability

Maritime Security and Migration module

### 2014-2020 – Leiden University

**MA Courses:** Methods in International Relations; Deadly Borders: Theories, Actors, Cases; War By Contract; International Security; Global Conflict in the Modern Era; European Union External Relations

**BA Courses:** International Security, European Security; The EU Today; The Privatization of Security

**Thesis Supervision:** 41 MA theses; 14 BA theses

**Basic Teaching Qualification (BKO)** obtained in 2015

### Baltic Defence College:

**Higher Command Studies Course:** Strategy in the Contemporary World

**Joint Staff Course:** International Security; Research, Critical Thinking and the Military Profession;

**Civil Servants Course:** Civil-Military Relations

### University of Denver:

**MA Courses:** Civil-Military Relations

**BA Courses:** The Privatization of Security

## PHD EXAMINATIONS

May 2020 – Jonathan Cottam, Macquarie University Sydney

March 2020 – Matteo Casiraghi, University of Milan

May 2019 – Alessandro D’Errico, Catholic University of Milan

## EDITORIAL COMMITTEES

February 2023 – Profile editor, *Mediterranean Politics*

January 2023 – Editorial Committee Member, *Quaderni di Scienza Politica*

November 2022 – Advisory committee, Routledge Private Security Studies book series

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

### Administrative duties:

Director of Leiden University MA International Relations Teaching Committee, 2015-2019

### Advisory boards:

University of Messina PhD Programme in Political Sciences

University of Genoa, PhD programme in Security, Risk and Vulnerability

ERC project Global Justice and Migrant Remittances (JUSTREMIT)

### Member of:

*International Studies Association, European International Studies Association, Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society, European Consortium for Political Research*

### Reviewer for:

*Oxford University Press, Routledge, Palgrave Macmillan, American Political Science Review, Armed Forces & Society, Contemporary Italian Politics, Cooperation & Conflict, Defence Studies, Disasters, European Journal of International Relations, European Journal of Political Theory, European Security, Foreign Policy Analysis, Geopolitics, Identities, International Affairs, International Migration, Journal of Common Market Studies, Journal Conflict*

*Resolution, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of European Public Policy, Journal of European Integration, Journal of Global Security Studies, Journal of Strategic Studies, Migration Studies, Millennium, Mediterranean Politics, Regulation & Governance, Security Studies, Small Wars & Insurgencies, European History Review*

## **LANGUAGES**

**Italian:** Native

**English:** Fluent (C2)

**Spanish:** Fluent (C1)

**French:** Basic (A2)

**Dutch:** Basic (A1)

**Danish:** Basic (A1)