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## Research Interests

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PhD Candidate in Politics with professional experience in academic research, teaching and university administration, seeking to make a contribution to the fields of feminist research and gender equality policies. My research interests lie at the intersection of gender, parliaments and diplomacy, with a keen focus on feminist approaches to international parliamentary assemblies as gendered institutions. My PhD project, titled *'Gendering European Parliament Diplomacy: Rules, Discourses and Practices in Global Context'*, explores how discourses on gender, race and LGBTI+ identities shape European Parliament's diplomatic relations with the United States, Canada, NATO and the ACP States.

## Education

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- 2022 – 2026    **Luiss University, Rome (Italy)**  
PhD Candidate, Politics  
Thesis: *'Gendering European Parliament Diplomacy: Rules, Discourses and Practices in Global Context'*  
Supervisors: Prof. Thomas Christiansen; Prof. Cristina Fasone
- 2020            **University of Bologna 'Alma Mater Studiorum', Bologna (Italy)**  
M.A., International Affairs (*cum laude*)  
Thesis in Europe in World Politics: *'Actorness or Arcticness of the European Union's Foreign Policy in the Arctic Region?'*  
Supervisor: Prof. Elena Baracani
- 2017            **University of Rome 'La Sapienza', Rome (Italy)**  
B.A., Political Science and International Relations (*cum laude*)  
Thesis in International Law: *'The Sentence of the International Court of Justice on the Whaling Case in the Antarctic'*  
Supervisor: Prof. Raffaele Cadin
- 2016 – 2017    **University of Bath, Bath (United Kingdom)**  
Erasmus+, Department of Politics, Languages and International Studies

## Employment

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### Administration

- Luiss University, Rome (Italy)**
- 2024 Academic Mentor for Future17 Project (QS, University of Exeter and Oxfam Brazil)
- 2024 Academic Mentor for GAP2 Activities “Be a Social Activist”
- 2022 – 2022 – 2023 Coordinator of Post-Graduate Master’s Program in ‘*Data and Public Policies*’
- 2022 – 2023 Coordinator of Post-Graduate Master’s Program in ‘*European Banking, Economic and Insurance Sciences*’
- 2022 Learning and Instructional Designer
- 2021 – 2022 Academic Tutor, Department of Political Sciences (B.A. & M.A.)
- 2021 – 2022 Consultant for Creative Learning Projects
- Resident Coordinator of the Luiss Language Café
- Niccolò Cusano University, Rome (Italy)**
- 2021 Admission Officer, Under- and Postgraduate’s Programs
- University of Bologna, Bologna (Italy)**
- 2018 – 2020 Administrative Assistant, International Relations Office

### Policy

- Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vienna (Austria)**
- 2019 Policy intern, Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations (UNIDO, IAEA, CTBTO)

### Research

- Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels (Belgium)**
- 2025 Visiting Researcher at the Centre d’Étude de la Vie Politique (CEVIPOL), supervision of Prof. Amandine Crespy.
- European Parliament, Brussels (Belgium)**
- 2025 Visiting Researcher at the Secretariat-General, Directorate-General for External Policies of the Union, Unit for African, Caribbean and Pacific States, supervision of Dr. Djamila Chikhi.
- University of Bologna ‘Alma Mater Studiorum’**
- 2020 – 2023 Research Assistant, project on EU-Turkey relations between 2014 and 2020, supervision of Prof. Elena Baracani.

## Conferences, Presentations and Talks

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### Conference Organizations

2025 Co-Convenor of the Gender & Sexuality Track, *55th UACES Annual Conference 2025*, Liverpool, United Kingdom, 2025.

### Conference and Seminar Presentations

[CP6] Miller, C.M., Santini, L. Gender, Power and Parliamentary Leadership in the European Parliament's External Delegations. *ECPR Joint Session of Workshops 2025*, Prague, Czech Republic, 2025.

[CP5] Santini, L. Exploring Intersections of Gender and Race in Parliamentary Diplomacy: The Cases of EP Relations with NATO and ACP. *European Conference on Politics and Gender 2024*, Ghent, Belgium, 2024.

[CP4] Santini, L. Gendering European Parliament's Diplomacy: Rules, Discourses and Practices in Global Context. *Gen+ParlNet Online Seminars*, Remote, 2024.

[CP3] Santini, L. Gendering Parliamentary Diplomacy in the European Parliament: A Feminist Institutional Analysis of EP Relations with NATO Parliamentary Assembly and OACPS-EU JPA. *12th Biennial Conference of the Standing Group of the European Union*, Lisbon, Portugal, 2024.

[CP2] Santini, L. Gendering Parliamentary Diplomacy in the European Parliament: The Role of Political Groups Through Feminist Discursive Institutionalism. *IDEAS 2024, Inequality and the European Union. New Frontiers in European Studies*, Brussels, Belgium, 2024.

[CP1] Santini, L. Gendering Parliamentary Diplomacy in the European Parliament. *Italian Political Science Society (SISP) Conference 2023*, Genova, Italy, 2023.

### Talks and Events

[TE3] Moderator, Roundtable on Feminist Care and Deconstruction: Femicides.. *Luiss University*, 28 February 2024.

[TE2] Presenter, UNtold: Interactive Game on Diversity and Inclusion. *Luiss University and ENGAGE.EU*, 22 September 2023.

[TE1] Presenter, UNexpected: Interactive Game on Diversity and Inclusion. *Luiss University and ENGAGE.EU*, 3 May 2023.

## Teaching

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### Courses Taught

- 2024 – 2025 *International Relations and Human Rights*, Luiss University (1° Semester)  
2023 – 2024 *Diversity & Inclusion in Political and Social Sciences*, Luiss University (2° Semester)  
2022 – 2023 *'Meet Me in the Metaverse': Policy Approaches to Digital Spaces in the EU*, Luiss University (2° Semester)

### Teaching Assistantships

- 2024 – 2025 Sociology, Luiss University (1° Semester)  
Methods of Social Research, Luiss University (1° Semester)  
Grand Challenge Research Module (1° Semester)  
2023 – 2024 Intensive Professional Development Workshop, Luiss University (2° Semester)  
Political Sociology, Luiss University (1° Semester)  
Sociology, Luiss University (1° Semester)  
2022 – 2023 Intensive Professional Development Workshop, Luiss University (2° Semester)  
2021 – 2022 Intensive Professional Development Workshop, Luiss University (2° Semester)  
Advanced English for Management, Luiss University in partnership with AS Roma (2° Semester)  
2020 – 2021 Workshop on EU Foreign Policy, University of Bologna (2° Semester)

## Training

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- 2024 ECPR Method School, *'Political Ethnography: Method, Sensibility, Writing'*. Fully funded, Remote, July 2024.  
2022 University College London, *'Blended and Online Learning Design'*. Fully funded, Remote, March 2022.

## Other Activities and Volunteering

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- 2024 **CCO Mario Mieli, Rome (Italy)**  
Volunteer for the Roma Pride  
**Orizzonte Italia Network, Rome (Italy)**  
2021 Assistant Communication Officer  
**Key NGO, Limassol (Cyprus)**  
2020 European Solidarity Corps Volunteer  
**National Model United Nations, New York City (United States)**  
2016 Delegate, Spain (UNHCR)

## Language and Digital Skills

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### Language Skills

Italian	Native speaker
English	Advanced (IELTS Academic, 8.0/9.0, August 2018)
French	Intermediate
Spanish	Intermediate
German	Basic
Neo-Greek	Basic

### Digital Skills

MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)	Social Media (Instagram, TikTok, YouTube)
Graphic Design and Video Editing (Canva, Adobe Illustrator, InDesign)	Quantitative and Qualitative Data Softwares (SPSS, STATA, Nvivo)
Web Design (WordPress)	Reference Manager
Joint Calendar and Email Management	

## Publications

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### Journal Articles

Baracani, E. and **Santini, L.** (2023). The European Parliament's Political Leadership: The Case of EU Foreign Policy Towards Turkey. *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 61:5, 1377–1393, <https://doi.org/10.1111/jcms.13469>.

### Working Papers

Santini, L. (2025). 'Moving on Thin Tiles': Gendering European Parliament Diplomacy with the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States. [Unpublished manuscript].

### Online Contributions

Miller, C. and **Santini, L.** (2024). Women's Leadership in the European Parliament's External Delegations. *ECPR The Loop*, 4 November 2024.

**Santini, L.** and Baratta, A. (2021). La Politica Artica dell'UE. *Lo Spiegone*, 7 April 2021.

Baracani, E. and **Santini, L.** (2020). UE-Turchia: Una Partita Sempre più Complessa. *EURACTIV Italia*, 4 September 2020.

**Santini, L.** (2019). L'Affare Huawei e lo Stallo tra Stati Uniti, Cina e Canada. *Il Caffè Geopolitico*, 9 January 2019.

**Santini, L.** (2018). La Scomparsa del Presidente dell'Interpol e il Coinvolgimento della Cina. *Il Caffè Geopolitico*, 11 October 2018.

**Santini, L.** (2018). Vladivostok 2018: Il Rafforzamento della Cooperazione Regionale Asiatica. *Il Caffè Geopolitico*, 4 October 2018.