# SIMONE BENAZZO





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#### **EDUCATION**

- PhD in **POLITICAL SCIENCE** @ULB (Université libre de Bruxelles), since Oct 2021

# - M.A. in EUROPEAN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

@College of Europe (Warsaw, PL), 2016 - 2017;

major: EU Neighbours and

European Neighbourhood Policy

grade: excellent

- M.A. in **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**@University of Turin (IT), 2013 2016;
  grade: 110 cum laude/110
  (subject: Western Balkans)
- BACHELOR in **COMMUNICATION SCIENCES** @University of Bologna (IT), 2010 2013; grade: 110 cum laude/110

(subject: social media)

- "Thessaloniki International Media Summer Academy", online workhsop, Aug – Sept 2020
- "10 lessons on online journalism"@II Post, online workshop, Apr-May 2020
- "Investigative journalism to watch and to read"@Internazionale (Ferrara, IT), Oct 2019
- Engaging Conflict Summer School @University of Turin (IT), July 2016
- Summer School on Nationalism,
   Religion & Violence @Charles
   University (Prague, CZ), June 2016

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**TEACHING ASSISTANT & PHD STUDENT** @ULB (Université libre de Bruxelles), since Oct 2021

PODCAST-MAKER @Bulle Media (Brussels, BE), Apr-Dec 2021

**FOREIGN POLICY ANALYST (WESTERN BALKANS & CENTRAL EUROPE)** @Eastwest (22 contributions, since Sep 2017), @Linkiesta (67 contributions, Apr 2020 – Jul 2021), @Trieste.News (36 contributions, Oct 2020 – May 2021), @Limes (58 contributions, Sep 2017 – Apr 2021)

**VIDEOMAKER & REPORTER** @Rsi (21 video reportages, since Aug 2018), @Euronews (4 video reportages, Jun 2018 - Jan 2019),

**EXPERT on the WESTERN BALKANS** @Rai Friuli, since Dec 2019 (collaboration with TV broadcasting Estovest)

**CONTRIBUTOR** @II Tascabile (13 contributions, since Mar 2017), @Valigia Blu (4 contributions, July 2020 – Aug 2021), @Aspenia (3 contributions, Feb – Nov 2020), @Balkan Insight (4 contributions, Nov 2017 – Aug 2019)

TRAINEE @Limes, Nov 2018 - Apr 2019

**BLUEBOOK TRAINEE** @European Commission (Brussels), Mar – Jul 2018

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- "Which reconciliation do "new museums contribute to? Insights from Sarajevo", in Dennis Dierks, Stefan Berger and Chantal Kesteloot, Public History on the Battlefields of Europe Experiences of Dealing with Painful Pasts in Former Yugoslavia, **De Gruyter**, [forthcoming in Feb 2024]
- "Allargamento UE: come ripartire?" (EU enlargement: how to restart it?), **Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso**, 30 Dec 2021
- "Il futuro della Bosnia è nero. C'è troppo carbone nell'aria" (Bosnia's future is black. There's too much coal in the air), **Altreconomia**. Feb 2020
- "Book review: Memories on the Move: Experiencing Mobility, Rethinking the Past", **Memory Studies** 12 (1), 2019, 101-103
- "North Macedonia might have a name but does it have a national identity?", **Euronews**, 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019

#### LANGUAGES

- Italian (native speaker)
- English (C1)
- French (B2)
- Croatian (A2)
- German (A2)

#### INTERESTS

# Theatre and improv

- Member of Improbrussels since Feb 2022
- Founded and led the Natolin theatre group, Warsaw, 2016-2017
- Studied and performed @ll Monello (Cosio Valtellino, IT), 2005-2010

**Contemporary literature** (historical romance & dystopia; Russian, Eastern European, Yiddish literature), **post-rock music** 

## Football, trekking

- "Il Futuro dopo Lenin. Viaggio in Transnistria" (The Future After Lenin. A Journey To Transnistria), **DOTS Edizioni**, 2018, with Marco Carlone and Martina Napolitano (ISBN: 9788894328806)
- "Il reportage fotografico del collettivo Volna Mare" (The photoreportage of volna mare collective), **La Stampa**,  $17^{\text{TH}}$  Sept 2018
- "L'Albanie, nouvel eldorado des italiens?" (Albania: a new safe haven for Italians?), **Le courrier des Balkans**, 31 Jul 2018
- "Not All the Past Needs To Be Used: Features of Fidesz's Politics of Memory", **Journal of Nationalism Memory & Language Politics** 11(2), 2018, 198-221
- "Western Balkan memory games", **New Eastern Europe** 3, 2017

#### SKILLS

**Communication**: public speaking and social interaction (lecturing, researching, teaching)

- Presented at **5 academic conferences** (Cluj, Nov 2022; Rome, Sept 2022; Corinth, Jun 2018; London, Feb 2018; Jena, Nov 2017;)
- Organized and performed the "Socialism is in the Air" tour, a series of public conferences about Eastern Europe (Italy; <u>42</u> <u>events</u> between Oct 2017 and Feb 2018)
- Gave **5 public lectures** on Balkan Islam and nationalism in Central Europe (Northern Italy), 2016
- Conducted a **3-month fieldwork research** on Bosnian Islamic community (Sarajevo, BA), 2015-2016
- Volunteering: taught Italian to refugees, (Turin, IT), 2015

## Team-building and organization skills

- Organizer of "Una strategia per Trieste" (a class on geopolitics) @Limes Club Trieste, since Sep 2020
- Co-founded the **volna mare** collective (reportages on Eastern Europe for major European media outlets)
- Organized <u>52</u> events as President of the **Arci Demos** social centre (Talamona, IT), 2012-2014
- Volunteering: organized games and learning activities for children for **Comitato Girotondo** (Yurovichi, By, Jul-Aug 2015)
- Volunteering: co-founded and led the **#lavalleéreale** cultural association, (Morbegno, IT) 2012-2014