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## EDUCATION

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**PhD Candidate**, University of Milan - Political Studies (NASP) Sept. 2022 - ongoing

- Thesis: *Assessing the Effectiveness of the European Union as a Militant Democracy Agent: Promoting and Defending Democracy in Post-Socialist Countries and Member States.*
- Core modules: Applied Multivariate Analysis for Social Scientists; Qualitative Comparative Analysis; Research Methods in Social and Political Sciences; Statistics for the Social Sciences; Qualitative Research Methods; Empirical Political Theory; Game Theory.

**Master's degree in International Relations and Diplomatic Affairs**, University of Bologna 2019 - 2022

*Final grade: 110 cum laude*

- Quarter Abroad at the **University of California Santa Barbara** (UCSB). Jan. - March 2020
- Publication: Chun, Emma, Iacopo Taddia, Joshua Ee and Kira Lazzarini. "Localizing the PISA Initiative to Tackle Educational Inequity - Case Study on UCSB Students." *URCA Journal, Volume II* (Spring 2020): 64-81.
- Core modules: Governance and Policies of the EU; Global Economic Development; Statistics; French; Comparative Politics; International Protection of Human Rights, Post-Socialist Transition and EU Enlargement.

**Bachelor's degree in International Relations and Diplomatic Affairs** 2016 - 2019

*Final grade: 110/110*

- Semester Abroad at the **University of Wrocław** (PL). Jan. - June 2019

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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**Researcher - Western Europe Desk** Nov. 2022 - ongoing

Armed Conflict Location Event Data Project (ACLED)

*Wisconsin, US*

- Collect real-time data on the locations, dates, actors, fatalities, and types of all reported political violence and protest events around France.

**Teaching Assistant**

Vassar College

Aug. 2021 - Jun. 2022

*Poughkeepsie, NY*

- Faculty member of the Italian Department: taught Italian politics, history, and culture to Bachelor students.
- Held tutoring and office hours and managed the monthly journal and Departments' events.

**Tutor** Feb. 2021 - Mar. 2022

University of Bologna - International Relations and Internships Office

*Bologna, IT*

**Research Assistant**

Roskilde University

Sept. 2020 - Jun. 2021

*Roskilde, DK*

- Contributed to the international research project [Populism and Democratic Defence in Europe](#) (Central and Eastern European Team, working at the Module II).
- Researched, coded and annualized Initiatives Opposing Populism deployed by the EU institutions.

**Assistant** May - Jun. 2021

Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU

*Brussels, BE*

- Relations with the European Parliament, the European Committee of Regions (CoR) and the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC).
- General Affairs - ANTICI team (focus Rule of Law).

## CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND INTENSIVE COURSES

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- Konstanz Methods Excellence Workshops** Feb. 2024  
Introduction to Qualitative Comparative Analysis. Professors: Barbora Valik; Ioana-Elena Oana.
- Comparative Politics Workshop - CUNY Graduate Center (NY)** Feb. 2024  
Paper giver: *Assessing the EU as a Militant Democracy Agent Before the 2024 European Elections*.  
Discussant: Julie George
- Vassar College, Poughkeepsie (NY)** Feb. 2024  
Conference speaker: *Right Turns in Europe? Decoding the 2024 EU Elections*.
- CNDSS 2023 Conference** Dec. 2023  
Paper giver: *Neoliberalism as Deconstruction of Liberalism: A Comparative Analysis of Viktor Orbán and the European Commission Use of Semantic Inversion*.  
Chair: Danilo Di Mauro
- SISP 2023 Conference** Sept. 2023  
Paper giver: *EU Militant Democracy: Remapping the European Parliament Agenda-Setting and Veto Power Prerogatives*. Panel: 1.1 - "Defending democracy against autocratization: the role of external (f)actors".  
Chair: Tiziana Corda
- ECPR Summer School - European Consortium for Political Research** Aug. 2023  
Case Study Research: Method and Practice. Professor: Ingo Rohlfing
- ECPR Summer School - European Consortium for Political Research** Jun. 2023  
Introduction to Qualitative Comparative Analysis. Professor: Seweryn Krupnik
- Workshop: Yet they persist: Democracies in an age of autocratization** Jun. 2023  
Univeristy of Milan. Chairs: Andrea Cassani, Luca Tomini
- NASP-CCA Days - Participant: *Frontiers of Methods in Social and Political Science*** Jun. 2023
- Peace Action New York State Talks** Jan. 2023  
Speaker: *How Did a Stronghold of Human Rights Become a Nest for Illiberal Democracies? The case of Hungary and Poland in the EU*.

## SKILLS

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- Languages** Italian (Native), English (C1-IELTS), Spanish (C1-Unibo), French (C1-TCF)
- IT Skills** STATA; R; Typo3; MailChimp; Ableton Live; Microsoft Office Pack; REAPER.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Democratic backsliding in the EU; Liberalism and Democracy; Migration; Capitalism and democracy in CEE, Washington Consensus; EU enlargement eastwards; Neoliberalism; Rule of Law defense.