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CURRENT POSITION:

Associate Professor of Political Science, Dept. of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin (IT), since 2020;

Head of Program and Co-Founder, Torino World Affairs Institute (T.wai), since 2009.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS:

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Turin (IT), 2012-2020;

Faculty, Scuola di Studi Superiori Ferdinando Rossi of the University of Turin, since 2014-2019;

Research Fellow, University of Turin (IT), 2008-2012;

Lecturer of Strategic Studies and of Political Science, University of Turin and Army Institute of Military Studies (IT), 2008-2012.

VISITING POSITIONS:

Associate, LSE Ideas, since spring 2019;

Visiting Scholar, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University, 2010.

AFFILIATIONS:

Member, European International Studies Association (EISA), since 2013;

Member, Italian Military History Association (Società Italiana di Storia Militare – SISM), since 2012;

Member, Italian Political Science Association (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica – SISP), since 2010.

EDUCATION:

PhD in Strategic Studies, University of Turin and Army School of Military Studies (IT), 2007;

MA in International Relations, University of Turin (IT), 2003 – *summa cum laude*.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Conflict transformation in Uganda and Myanmar

Myanmar political transition and peace process

Private military and security companies

Non-state armed actors in international relation

RESEARCH NETWORKS

2010-13: member of the research network "The Commercialization of Security: Consequences for Peace and Reconciliation" (COSEPAR), hosted at the **Peace Research Institute Oslo** (PRIO), co-financed by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and directed by Anna Leander (Copenhagen Business School).

2010-14: co-director of the research network "The Emerging Patterns of Insecurity Dialogue" (EPID), co-convened by **Cornell University** (Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies) and **T.wai** - Torino World Affairs Institute.

Since 2014: member of the Myanmar-Europe Research Network (**MYErn**), hosted at the University of Turin.

Since 2015: member of the **Italian Ethnological Mission in Equatorial Africa**, hosted at the University of Turin, co-sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and directed by Cecilia Pennacini (University of Turin).

PUBLICATIONS (selected):

Books and edited volumes:

- **2020**, *Piracy and the Privatisation of Maritime Security: Vessel Protection Policies Compared* (with E. Cusumano), Palgrave Macmillan, Cham;
- **2016**, *Non-State Challenges in a Re-Ordered World: The Jackals of Westphalia* (edited volume, with A. Jakobi e C. Geisler), Routledge, Abingdon and New York;
- **2011**, *Guerra contro terzi. Aziende di sicurezza e privatizzazione della funzione militare* (“Fighting others’ war: Private security firms and military privatization”), Il Mulino, Bologna.

Peer reviewed articles:

- **2019**, “Authoritarian resilience through top-down transformation: making sense of Myanmar’s incomplete transition” (with G. Gabusi and D. Pellegrino), *Italian Review of Political Studies*, 49:2, pp. 193-209;
- **2018**, “The political cost-effectiveness of private vessel protection: The Italian case” (with E. Cusumano), *The International Spectator*, 53:3, pp. 132-48;
- **2018**, “Security privatisation at sea. Piracy and the commercialisation of vessel protection” (with E. Cusumano), *International Relations*, 31:1, pp. 80-103;
- **2015**, “There are two sides to every COIN: Of economic and military means in Myanmar’s comprehensive approach to illiberal peacebuilding”, *European Journal of East Asian Studies*, 14:1, pp. 76-97;
- **2015**, “Contractors as a second best option: The Italian Hybrid Approach to Maritime Security” (with E. Cusumano), *Ocean Development & International Law*, 46:2, pp. 111-122.

Book chapters:

- **2020**, “Piracy and the privatisation of vessel protection. Isomorphic convergence in maritime security” (with E. Cusumano), in E.R. Lucas, T. Crosbie, S. Rivera-Paez, and F. Jensen (eds.), *Maritime Security: Counter-Terrorism Lessons from Maritime Piracy and Narcotics Interdiction*, IOS Press - NATO Science for Peace and Security Series: Amsterdam;
- **2020**, “The Horn of Africa: NATO and the EU as Partners against Pirates”, in E. Cusumano and S. Hofmaier (eds.), *Projecting Resilience Across the Mediterranean*, Palgrave Macmillan, Cham;
- **2019**, “Myanmar”, in A. Ozerdem and R. Mac Ginty (eds.), *Comparing Peace Processes*, Routledge, Abingdon and New York;
- **2018**, “Myanmar” (with G. Gabusi), in H.J. Giessmann and R. Mac Ginty (eds.), *The Elgar Companion to Post-Conflict Transition*, Edward Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham;
- **2018**, “United States anti-piracy policies: between military missions and private sector responsabilization” (with E. Cusumano), in M. Clementi, M. Dian e B. Pisciotta (eds.), *US Foreign Policy in a Challenging World. Building Order on Shifting Foundations*, Springer, New York;
- **2016**, “Regardless of Clausewitz? Classical strategic theory in a hybrid world” (with G. Giacomello) in S. Ruzza, A. Jakobi e C. Geisler (eds.), *Non-State Challenges in a Re-Ordered World: The Jackals of Westphalia*, Routledge, Abingdon and New York;
- **2013**, “Keeping or selling stocks? The Italian way of commercializing security”, in A. Leander (ed.), *The Commercialization of Security in Europe: Consequences for Peace and Reconciliation*, PRIO New Security Studies, Routledge, Abingdon and New York.

Other publications (selected):

- **2016**, “Dawn of a Thousand Suns: Or How a Letter Made the Bomb Unavoidable”, *Quaderno SISM 2016*, Società Italiana di Storia Militare, Acies Edizioni, Milano, pp. 487-496;
- **2016**, “The emergence of war in human societies” (with G.L.F. Berruti), in F. Coimbra and D. Delfino (eds.) *The Emergence of warrior societies and its economic, social and environmental consequences*, British Archaeological Reports, International Series, Archeopress Publishing, Oxford, pp. 27-38.

Book reviews (selected):

- **2017**, Review of G. Millar, *An Ethnographic Approach to Peacebuilding: Understanding Local Experiences in Transitional States* (Abingdon and New York: Routledge, 2014), *European Journal of International Studies*, 1/2017, pp. 110-112.

Opinion-editorials (selected):

- **2017**, “Identity manipulation and spontaneous mobilization: the persistence of low-intensity conflict in the Rwenzori region”, T.note N° 33, 27 June, www.twai.it;
- **2016**, “(Un)democracy and security in the African Great Lakes Region”, T.note N° 6, 6 February, www.twai.it;
- **2015**, "Military Spending in East Asia: A Growing Concern?", T.note N° 3, 10 November, www.twai.it.

My op-eds (in Italian) have been published, *inter alia*, on “**La Stampa**” and “**Il Sole 24 Ore**” (national newspapers) and on “**Informazioni della Difesa**” (MoD monthly journal). I also have been a guest on **Radio 3** (public national radio) and on **TV2000** (Episcopal Conference of Italy TV).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Co-founder and Head of Program, Torino World Affairs Institute (T.wai), since 2009. T.wai is a non-profit, independent research institute based in Turin, operating in the fields of area studies, global politics and security studies.

Director, Human Security (HS). HS is a monographic periodical issued every four months, and focuses on violent conflict, adopting mainly a human security perspective. It aims to provide the best research produced at national and international level to the Italian readers, with rigour and in a clear, dry and accurate style. Publication started in 2016. HS can be downloaded for free at: <https://www.twai.it/journals/human-security/>

Director, Summer school "Engaging Conflict: Prevention, Management and Resolution", University of Turin and T.wai (IT), since 2012. Engaging Conflict is an intensive peace and conflict studies 2-week course.

Supervision of the Italian translation of the **SIPRI Yearbook Booklet**, since 2011. The booklet is published in Italian by T.wai.

Commission research for the **Italian MOD Military Center for Strategic Studies** (CEMISS - Centro Militare di Studi Strategici), "L'impiego delle compagnie di sicurezza private quali team di protezione a bordo dei mercantili: scomoda concorrenza o opportunità per future sinergie nella lotta alla pirateria?" (*The use of private security companies as protection teams on board merchant vessels: uncomfortable competition or opportunities for future synergies in the fight against piracy?*), published in 2017.

Cooperation with the **Italian Army - Post-Conflict Operations Study Centre (PCOSC)**, since 2006, pertaining the development and the delivery of joint educational activities.

CONFERENCES (selected):

International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Atlanta (USA), March 2016. Paper presented: “Piracy and the commercialisation of vessel protection. A comparative analysis” (with E. Cusumano, Leiden University).

NATO Academic Conference “What NATO for what threats? Warsaw and beyond”, Bertinoro (Italy), October 2015. Conference co-convened by NATO Allied Command Transformation (ACT), University of Bologna and Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI). Discussant.

“Peacebuilding in Asia Scholars Forum”, Yangon (Myanmar), June 2015. Convened by **Australian National University, London School of Economics, and York University**. Paper presented: “There are two sides to every COIN: of economic and military means in Myanmar's approach to illiberal peacebuilding”.

17th Congress of the **Union Internationale des Sciences Préhistoriques et Protohistoriques (UISPP)**, Burgos (Spain), September 2014. Paper presented: “The emergence of war in human societies” (with G.L.F. Berruti, University of Ferrara).

International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Toronto (Canada), March 2014. Panel proposed, organized and chaired: “Wars, Smugglers and Victims: New Perspectives on Non-State Violence and Crime”,

with Peter Andreas (Brown University), Gustavo Flores-Macias (Cornell University), Giampiero Giacomello (Università di Bologna), Anja P. Jakobi (Royal Holloway, London). Paper presented: “Regardless of Clausewitz? Fitting Non-State Actors in the Vom Kriege” (with G. Giacomello, University of Bologna).

BISA-ISA International Conference, Edinburgh (UK), June 2012. Speaker in the roundtable “State-making and Non-State armed actors: Lesson from History”, with Fabio Armao (Università di Torino), Deborah Avant (University of Denver) and Kimberly Marten (Columbia University).

Workshop “The Transnational Governance of Violence and Crime”, **Peace Research Institute Frankfurt** (PRIF), Frankfurt (Germany), November 2011. Discussant.

I also take part regularly in the general conference of the **Italian Political Science Association** (SISP - Società Italiana di Scienza Politica).

GUEST LECTURES and PRESENTATIONS (selected):

Since 2006: involvement on a regular basis in several education and training programs run by the **Italian Army**: Staff Courses; OMLT (Operational Mentor and Liason Team), MAT (Military Advisor Team) and PAT (Police Advisor Team) Courses, Post-Conflict Rebuilding Management Courses (at both Junior and Senior levels), SSR and DDR Courses.

International Seminar “ASEAN and the world @ 50th anniversary of ASEAN and beyond”, **Center for Strategic Studies, Royal Thai Armed Forces**, Bangsaen, Thailand, August 2017. Paper presented: “The Fight Against Piracy: Lessons Learned from the Struggle in the Gulf of Aden” (with E. Cusumano, Leiden University).

Lecturer, “Cornell in Turin” Summer School, **Cornell University**, Turin, Italy, 2012-2014. Lectures delivered: “From Machiavelli to Afghanistan: Italy and its armed forces”; “From Piedmont to Unified Italy: Armed Forces and State-Building”; “War of the Nation: Italy in WWI”.

Presentation “China and the West: what could we learn from each other in the promotion of peace and stability”, Annual Roundtable, **Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (SASS) and Italian General Consulate of Shanghai**, Shanghai (RPC), November 2012.

Lecture, “The evolution of China's peacekeeping”, **Zhejiang University**, Hangzhou (PRC), November 2012.

Lecture, “Non-state armed actors” (included in the course “Global Conflict and Terrorism”) and seminar “Private military contractors and armed NGOs: What’s the world coming to?”, **Cornell University**, Ithaca - NY (USA), March 2012.

Seminar, “Researching security between academia and the armed forces: an Italian perspective”, **Cornell University**, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Ithaca - NY (USA), December 2010.

I have also been a guest lecturer or panellist in several Italian universities: Catholic University of the Sacred Heart (Milan), Roma Tre University, University of Bologna, University of Pavia.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION:

I have provided blind reviews for: ***Defence Studies, Interdisciplinary Political Studies, International Journal, Modern Asia Studies, Peacebuilding, Politics and Governance, Regulations and Governance.***

GRANTS AND AWARDS:

German Marshall Fund grant (\$25.000) awarded for starting up a research network focused on the study of non-state armed actors (the *Emerging Patterns of Insecurity Dialogue – EPID*), 2010-2015;

Progetto Alfieri grant awarded for conducting a research on private military/security companies, 2007;

Italian MoD scholarship granted through the complete duration of Ph.D studies, 2003-2007;

Full public scholarship granted for the complete duration of college studies, 1998-2003.