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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITA' ROMA TRE 07/2022 – present <i>Assistant Professor</i> , Strategic Studies Department of Political Sciences	Rome, Italy
STARTINSIGHT 07/2021 – present <i>Senior Researcher</i>	Lugano, Switzerland
UNIVERSITA' ROMA TRE 09/2016 – 06/2022 <i>Adjunct Professor</i> , Strategic Studies Department of Political Sciences	Rome, Italy
UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS 09/2015 – 07/2016 <i>Lecturer</i> , Politics and International History School of History	Leeds, UK
STANFORD UNIVERSITY 09/2013 – 07/2015 <i>Post-doctoral Fellow</i> , Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC) Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies	Palo Alto (CA), USA
UNIVERSITA' ROMA TRE 03/2009 – 06/2009 <i>Teaching Fellow</i> Department of Political Sciences 10/2007 – 02/2008 <i>Teaching Fellow</i> Department of Political Sciences	Rome, Italy
CENTER FOR ADVANCED DEFENSE STUDIES 04/2004 – 09/2006 <i>Military Fellow</i> , Military Center for Strategic Studies	Rome, Italy

EDUCATION

ROMA TRE UNIVERSITY 01/2010-06/2013 Ph.D., Political Science and International Studies <i>Dissertation: "Israel's struggle against Hamas: Strategic Culture, Adaptation and War"</i>	Roma, Italy
SOCIETA' ITALIANA PER L'ORGANIZZAZIONE INTERNAZIONALE (SIOI) 11/2004-06/2005 M.Sc., International Relations	Roma, Italy

ROMA TRE UNIVERSITY

07/2003

M.A., Political Science (Laurea quadriennale) Graduated summa cum laude (110/110 e lode).

Roma, Italy**ADDITIONAL TRAINING****COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY – CORNELL UNIVERSITY**

07/2015

Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy
Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies

Ithaca (NY), USA**WILSON CENTER – UNIVERSITA' ROMA TRE**

07/2013

Nuclear History Bootcamp
Department of Political Sciences

Allumiere (RM), Italy**PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES**

“La Cooperazione di *Intelligence* Italia-USA, l’Alleanza Atlantica, e l’Evoluzione dell’Operazione «Gladio»”, *Rivista Italiana di Storia Internazionale*
(<https://www.rivisteweb.it/doi/10.30461/106050>)

“Analytical Innovation in Intelligence Systems: The US National Security Establishment and the Craft of ‘Net Assessment’” *Intelligence & National Security* 37/1 (2022), 1-18.

“Military Innovation and Defence Acquisition: Lessons from the F-35 Programme”, *Istituto Affari Internazionali Papers* (January 2020).

“Nuclear Superiority in the Age of Parity: US Planning, Intelligence Analysis Weapons Innovation and the Search for a Qualitative Edge, 1969-1976”, *The International History Review* 40/5 (2018), 1191-1209 (with Giordana Pulcini).

“Deterring Insurgents: Culture, Adaptation and the Evolution of the Israeli Counterinsurgency”, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, 36/5 (2013), 666-691.

“The Missing Dimension: IDF Special Operations Forces and Strategy in the Second Lebanon War”, *Small Wars & Insurgencies*, 23/1 (2012), 56-73.

BOOKS

Israel Strategic Culture and the Conflict with Hamas: Adaptation and Military Effectiveness (London/New York, Routledge, 2018).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

La Deterrenza nel XXI Secolo (Lugano, StartInsight, 2022).

La Grande Strategia e il Futuro della Competizione USA-Cina (Lugano, StartInsight, 2021).

“NATO, Strategy and Net Assessment”, *NATO Defense College Policy Brief* no. 10 (May 2021).

L’Evoluzione della Teoria della Deterrenza, Undisclosed customer (November 2019) (with Andrea Gilli).

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

“La Dinamica dell’Adattamento nel Conflitto Asimmetrico: Le Forze Armate Israeliane, Hamas, e l’intifada al-Aqsa” in Giorgio Cuzelli & Matteo Bressan (a cura di) *Da Clausewitz a Putin: La Guerra nel XXI Secolo* (Milano: Ledizioni, 2022).

“La Strategia nella Guerra più Lunga” in Andrea Manciuilli e Enrico Casini (a cura di) *2001–2021 Vent’anni di guerra al terrore* (Lugano: StartInsight/Europatlantica, 2022).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Net Assessment and Grand Strategy: Theory for Practice (Book Manuscripts in Progress)

“The Wrong Shortcut? Alliances and Military Innovation in Italy, 1958-2018” (article in progress with Leopoldo Nuti)

“Alle Origini della Guerra: USA, Russia e l’Allargamento dell’Alleanza Atlantica 2000-2014” (chapter in progress with Leopoldo Nuti)

“Technological Innovation, Organizational Adaptation and the Effectiveness of Intelligence Systems” (article in progress)

VISITING and TEMPORARY POSITIONS

NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE *Academic Mentor for Senior Course* **Rome, Italy**
03/2019 – 01/2023

NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE *Eisenhower Defense Fellow* **Rome, Italy**
10/2020 – 12/2020

LIBERA UNIVERSITA’ DEGLI STUDI SOCIALI (LUISS) **Rome, Italy**
04/2020 – 06/2021 *Adjunct Instructor, Executive Course in Strategic Affairs*

SAPIENZA UNIVERSITA’ DI ROMA **Rome, Italy**
05/2018 – 12/2022 *Adjunct Instructor, Master in Geopolitics and International Security*

SOCIETA’ ITALIANA PER L’ORGANIZZAZIONE INTERNAZIONALE (SIOI)
Rome, Italy
04/2020 – 04/2022 *Adjunct Instructor, Spring School: Terrorismo e Guerre Ibride*

MILITARY CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES **Rome, Italy**
04/2017 – 12/2017 *Adjunct Researcher*

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR COUNTERTERRORISM **Herzliya, Israel**
10/2011 – 03/2012 *Visiting Scholar*

GRANTS and AWARDS

MINISTRY OF UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATION **Rome, ITA**
2022 *PRIN Research Grant*

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS **Rome, ITA**

2021	Research Grant	
NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE		Rome, ITA
2020	Eisenhower Grant	
SMITH RICHARDSON FOUNDATION		Westport (CT), USA
2015	SWAMOS Summer Grant	
CARNEGIE CORPORATION		New York, USA
2013	Nuclear History Boot Camp Summer Grant	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Roma Tre University		Rome, Italy
Fall 2016-Present	<i>Strategic Studies</i> (MA Level)	
Roma Tre University		Rome, Italy
Spring 2021-Present,	<i>Technology and International Security</i> (MA Level)	
UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS		Palo Alto (CA), USA
Fall 2015-Spring 2016	<i>The Israeli-Arab-Palestinian Conflict</i> <i>History of Transnational War Volunteers</i> <i>Covert Operations and Foreign Policy during the Cold War</i> (MA level) School of History and Politics	
STANFORD UNIVERSITY		Palo Alto (CA), USA
Spring 2015	<i>Security in a Changing World (Mentor)</i> Department of Political Science	

PRESENTATIONS and TALKS

- *“Italy’s European Security Policy and Nuclear Sharing”*, Institut Français des Relations Internationales, Paris June, 23-24, 2022.
- *“Technological Innovation, Organizational and Operational Adaptation and the Future of Military Intelligence: An Interim Assessment of the Revolution in Intelligence”*, Universität der Bundeswehr München, Center for Intelligence and Security Studies, September, 10, 2021.
- *“NATO Strategy and Net Assessment”*, NATO Communication and Information Agency, September, 7, 2021.
- *“Innovation: The F-35 and Multinational Capabilities”*, NATO Defense College, March, 22, 2021.
- *“Net Assessment and Strategy”*, NATO Defense College, March, 19 2021.
- *“Covid 19: NATO in the Age of Pandemics”*, Festival della Diplomazia, October, 26 2020.
- *“Multinational Capabilities: Risks and Opportunities”*, NATO Defense College, September, 30, 2020.
- *“Military Technology, Procurement and the Future of Transatlantic Defense Industrial Cooperation”*, Istituto Affari Internazionali, February, 28 2020.
- *“Strategy in Complex Environments as Heuristics: Lessons from Systemic Operational Design and Net Assessment”*, Royal Danish Defense College, December, 11, 2019.
- *“The Wrong Shortcut? Alliances and Military Innovation”*, European Initiative on Security Studies Annual Conference, June 28 2019.
- *“Searching for the Right Place: The Transformation of the US Net Assessment System”*,

SHAFR Annual Conference, June 21 2019.

- *“NATO and the Concept of Deterrence in a Great Power Competition Era”*, Italian Parliament, Chamber of Deputies, May 7 2019.
- *“Keeping the Pace: Technology and Military Innovation in the Italian Armed Forces”*, University of St. Andrews, School of International Relations, December, 4, 2018.
- *“Netting the Balance: Organization, Analysis and US Nuclear Strategy”*, The Jerusalem Workshop on Nuclear Affairs, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, July, 3, 2018.
- *“Le Riflessioni Strategiche della Diplomazia Italiana”*, Convegno ‘L’Italia a il Potere Nucleare’, Istituto Luigi Sturzo, April, 12, 2018.
- *“Net Assessment, Competitive Intelligence Analysis and US National Strategy”*, ISA Annual Convention, San Francisco, April, 5, 2018.
- *“Towards a Paradigm Shift in Military Operational Thinking? From Conventional to Unconventional Warfare”*, AEGES Annual Convention, Science Po, Paris, December, 15, 2017.
- *“Reverse-engineering Strategy? Albert Wohlstetter, RAND’s Systems Analysis and the Transformation of Strategic Thought in the Nuclear Age, 1946-1959”*, SHAFR Annual Convention, June, 22, 2016.
- *“Technology, Counter-Terrorism and Third-Party Interventions in Civil Wars: Lessons from 14 Years of War”*, CERI, Science Po, Paris, January, 20, 2016.
- *“Making US Defense Strategy in the Cold War: The Evolution of Systems Analysis, 1959-1970”*, London School of Economics Cold War Conference, September, 19, 2015.
- *“Making Strategy in the Nuclear Age: The Craft and Transformation of Systems Analysis, 1946-1959”*, Nuclear Studies Research Initiative (NSRI) annual workshop, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), May, 2, 2015.
- *“Classic Counterinsurgency: A Conceptual Analysis”*, CISAC Social Science Seminar, Stanford University, March, 12, 2015.
- *“The Development of Counterinsurgency Theory: An Assessment”*, CISAC Social Science Seminar, Stanford University, October, 31, 2015.
- *“The Evolution of Israeli Counterinsurgency, 1950-2005”*, Second Annual Conference on Terrorism, Insurgency and Asymmetric Conflict, West Point Military Academy, March, 26, 2012.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Languages: Italian (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Hebrew (basic).

MEDIA

Occasional contributor for *Huffington Post*; *Aspenia*, *EuropaAtlantica*, *Formiche*, *Med-Or*.