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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

PhD Candidate in History of Europe

Sapienza University of Rome [11/2020 – Current]

Address: Rome (Italy)

- **PhD project:** "In quest of a "Mediterranean equilibrium". The Euro-Arab Dialogue and Italy (1973-1989)"

Master's Degree in European Affairs

Sciences Po Paris, School of Public Affairs [09/2016 – 06/2018]

Address: Paris (France)

Final grade : Cum Laude

- **Area of specialisation:** External Action of the European Union.
- **List of selected subjects:** EU Law, EU Market Regulation, The Making of the CFSP, Migration and Asylum in the EU, The European Neighbourhood Policy, Advanced Arabic.
- **Master's thesis:** "Moving beyond the democratisation-stability dilemma? Analysing the emergence of the EU's Resilience paradigm and its application to the Southern Neighbourhood. The cases of Tunisia and Egypt" – Supervised by Prof. Jacques Rupnik.

Bachelor's Exchange Program

American University of Beirut (AUB) [09/2015 – 06/2016]

Address: Beirut (Lebanon)

- **List of selected subjects:** History of Lebanon, Human Rights Law, Migration Law, Conflict Management and Regulation, Advanced Standard Arabic, Arabic-Levantine dialect.

Bachelor's Degree in Political Science

Sciences Po Paris – Middle Eastern and Mediterranean Campus [09/2013 – 06/2016]

Address: Menton (France)

- In conjunction with the multidisciplinary programme in social sciences common to the Sciences Po's Undergraduate College, the Menton Campus focuses on the political, geopolitical and economic issues of North Africa, Middle Eastern and Gulf countries.
- **List of selected subjects:** Contemporary History, Macroeconomics, French Law, International Relations, Ancient and Modern Arab Thought, Euro-Mediterranean relations, Modern Standard Arabic.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Blue Book Trainee

European Commission – DG NEAR, Unit Regional Programmes Neighbourhood South [03/2020 – 07/2020]

City: Brussels (Belgium)

- Preparation of background analysis of policy documents in the areas of climate action and energy.
- Drafting of thematic policy papers on EU security-related issues.
- Contribution to the daily management of the project Clima-Med – “Acting for Climate in South Mediterranean”, i.e. drafting of talking points and meeting minutes.
- Drafting of the terms of reference of a socio-economic impact assessment study on the possible designation of the Mediterranean Sea as an Emission Control Area (ECA).

Research Collaborator

Sapienza University of Rome – CEMAS Research Centre [10/2019 – 02/2020]

City: Rome (Italy)

- Research activities related to the projects EQuAM-M – "Enhancing Quality Assurance Management in Morocco" and SAGESSE – "Improving Governance in the Higher Education System in Tunisia", funded under the Erasmus+ programme.
- Project development and monitoring in the framework of the initiative "30 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall", co-funded by the Europe for Citizens programme of the EU.

MENA and Gulf Analyst

NATO Defense College Foundation (NDCF) [09/2019 – 12/2019]

City: Rome (Italy)

- Drafting of weekly reviews of the Arabic-language press about the latest developments in the MENA and Gulf countries, published on the Foundation's website and social media.

Intern

NATO Defense College Foundation (NDCF) [02/2019 – 08/2019]

City: Rome (Italy)

- Organisation of international conferences on major NATO and global outreach issues: “Balkan Perspectives. Adapting the partnership and integration paths” (Rome, May 2019); “NATO at 70 - Refocusing at the age of maturity” (Washington, June 2019).
- Drafting of weekly articles of the Arabic-language press, published on the Foundation's website and social media.

Communication Intern

Agilium Worldwide – Executive Search Group [06/2016 – 07/2016]

City: Rome (Italy)

- Development of back-office competences related to Human Resource selection process.
- Collaboration with the management board in the area of business communication with European partners.

Project Development Intern

Italian Ministry for Education, Universities and Research (MIUR) [07/2015 – 08/2015]

City: Rome - Milan (Italy)

- Organisation of scholar projects against discrimination and promoting equal opportunities, in collaboration with the Italian Council of Ministers.
- Monitoring of the project "Tutti ad Expo" at the Universal Exposition of Milan (EXPO 2015).

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **Italian**

Other language(s):

French

LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C2 SPOKEN INTERACTION C2

English

LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C1 SPOKEN INTERACTION C1

Arabic

LISTENING B2 READING C1 WRITING C1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION B2 SPOKEN INTERACTION B2

Spanish

LISTENING B2 READING B2 WRITING B1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION B1 SPOKEN INTERACTION B1

Russian

LISTENING A2 READING A2 WRITING A2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION A2 SPOKEN INTERACTION A2

DIGITAL SKILLS

Excellent knowledge of Microsoft Office / Excellent knowledge of Mac OS X / Good knowledge of Adobe InDesign, Photoshop and Illustrator / Basic knowledge of STATA and R

COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Excellent communication and writing skills in Italian, French and English

Ability to adapt to diverse and multi-cultural contexts

Problem-solving aptitude and capacity to meet time-sensitive deadlines

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Intensive training course on Migration Management – Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

[11/2018 – 12/2018]

- **Subjects:** Data analytics for the study of migration flows around and in the Mediterranean region; The institutional setting of migration and asylum governance at the national, European and international levels; The role of NGOs and civil society actors.
- **Final exam:** 30/30.

Autumn School "Terrorism after Raqqa: Disarticulating the Jihad of the word" – Società Italiana per l'Organizzazione Internazionale (SIOI), Rome

[11/2018]

- **Subjects:** Geopolitical observatory of crisis areas: from Maghreb to Asia; The new forms of terror financing: laundering and cryptovalues; Cybersecurity e cyberterrorism; The relation between terrorism and media in the fake news era; EU-NATO cooperation in the fight against terrorism.

Spring School "Terrorism: Analysis and Methods of Prevention and Contrast" – Società Italiana per l'Organizzazione Internazionale (SIOI), Rome

[05/2018]

- **Subjects:** Overview of the global terror threat; The role of intelligence in the fight against terrorism; The Italian counterterrorism policy; International mechanisms to prevent and counter radicalism and extremism; De-radicalisation and social rehabilitation.

Academy of European Law Summer School – European University Institute, Fiesole

[07/2017]

- **Subject:** "The New Legal Approaches to Studying the European Court of Justice".

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Festival of Geopolitics and International Relations "Equilibrium"

[Online, 25/05/2021]

- Initiative promoted by UNINT and Centro Studi Geopolitica.info in collaboration with CEMAS Sapienza and Centro Studi Italia-Canada.
- **Role:** Moderator of the panel "European or Global? The International Role of the Union".

XV Winter School in Geopolitics and International Relations "Il mondo dopo Trump. I dilemmi americani, il revisionismo sino-russo e l'incertezza europea"

[Online, 15/05/2021]

Initiative promoted by Centro Studi Geopolitica.info in collaboration with CEMAS Sapienza, Unitelma Sapienza, Fondazione Roma Sapienza, Centro Studi Americani, Università Roma Tor Vergata, BAICR.

Presentation title: "Una finestra su Israele, Libano, Siria e Iraq"/"An insight into Israel, Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq".

Training course "Il Medio Oriente post-americano"

[Online, 05/2021]

- Training course organised by Centro Studi Geopolitica.info in collaboration with CEMAS Sapienza and University of Rome Tor Vergata.
- **Presentations title:**
 - "La guerra senza direzione. Il conflitto in Yemen tra crisi locale ed equilibri regionali"/"A war without direction. The Yemeni conflict between local crisis and regional balances".
 - "Dalla caduta di Saddam ad un Iraq post-americano: sfide e prospettive"/"From the fall of Saddam to a post-American Iraq: Challenges and prospects".

Workshop "International Career Days"

[Online, 27/04/2021]

- Initiative organised by European University College Association (EucA).
- Career coaching session for 40 university students on European institutions.

Webinar "Obiettivi e strategia delle grandi potenze nel conflitto del Nagorno Karabakh"

[Online, 10/03/2021]

- Event organised by Centro Studi Geopolitica.info.
- **Presentation title:** "Il ruolo dell'UE nel conflitto in Nagorno Karabakh: un'ambiguità costruttiva?"/"The EU's role in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. A constructive ambiguity?".

International Conference "The Rise of Asia. 60 years after Belgrade: What non-alignment in a multipolar world and for a global future?"

[Online, 12/02/2021]

- Event organised by Université Le Havre Normandie and Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.
- **Presentation title:** "Navigating through competitive multipolarity. The long-standing quest for a comprehensive EU approach in the Southern Mediterranean".

Webinar "20 Sigarette. In ricordo della strage di Nassiriya. Incontro con Aureliano Amadei"

[Centro Studi Geopolitica.info, 12/11/2020]

- **Presentation title:** "L'Iraq post-2003 nel mutamento dell'ordine internazionale"/"Post-2003 Iraq in a changing international order".

Classroom seminar in the frame of the course "Storia delle relazioni euro-asiatiche" (Prof. A. Carteny)

[Sapienza University of Rome , 15/10/2020]

- **Presentation title:** "Le radici ottomane della Turchia moderna"/"The Ottoman roots of modern Turkey".

International conference "30 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall"

[Municipality of Bijelo Polje (Montenegro), 12/12/2019]

- Event organised by the Centar za Demokratsku Tranziciju (CDT) in the framework of the project "30 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall", co-funded by the Europe for Citizens programme of the EU.
- **Presentation title:** "The Western Balkans and European integration: Keep the door open".

Classroom seminar in the frame of the course "History, Cultures, Identities" (Prof. A. Carteny)

[Sapienza University of Roma, 20/11/2019]

- **Presentation title:** "Framing Yemen's Civil War: historical background and conflict narratives".

2° International Conference on Euro-Mediterranean Security

[Sapienza University of Rome, 01/10/2019]

- Event organised by Sapienza University of Rome in collaboration with Observatório de Relações Exteriores (OBSERVARE), Osservatorio sul Radicalismo e il Contrasto al Terrorismo (ReaCT) and Centro Studi Geopolitica.info.
- **Presentation title:** "The quest for *Resilience* in the EU's Southern Neighbourhood".

Classroom-taught lesson in the frame of the EsaBac programme

[Liceo Galileo Galilei, Civitavecchia (Rome), 01/05/2018]

- **Presentation title:** "L'Orientalisme: L'Orient créé par l'Occident. Débat autour de l'oeuvre d'Edward Saïd"/"The Western invention of the 'Orient'. The debate around Edward Saïd's theory of 'Orientalism'".

PUBLICATIONS

Carteny, A. & Tosti Di Stefano, E., "The Reception of Hungarian Refugees in Italy", in Kecskés, G. D., Scheibner, T. (Eds.), *The Handbook of the 1956 Hungarian Refugees. From Crisis to Impact* (forthcoming).

[2022]

Carteny, A. & Tosti Di Stefano, E., "The EU and Indo-Pacific: The Path Towards a Comprehensive Strategy", in *Handbook of Indo-Pacific Studies* (forthcoming).

[2022]

- The chapter was written in the framework of the Erasmus+ project EISIPS - "Eurasian Insights: Strengthening Indo-Pacific Studies in Europe" (<http://eisips.eu/>).

Tosti Di Stefano, E., "Dal «consenso permissivo» al «dissenso vincolante». La parabola delle élite nel processo di integrazione europea", in Motta, G. (Ed.), *Raccontare il cambiamento. Cultura politica, contesti economici e sociali, temi di moda*, Soveria Mannelli: Rubbettino (forthcoming). [2021]

Carteny, A. & Tosti Di Stefano, E., "L'autonomia strategica europea nel settore della difesa tra competizione geopolitica e pandemia", Centro Studi Geopolitica.info. [2020]
<https://bit.ly/2UcrAzZ>

Tosti Di Stefano, E. & Leali, G., "L'emergenza Coronavirus e i nodi irrisolti del progetto di integrazione europea". In G. Motta (Ed.). *Pandemie. Nell'immaginario e nella realtà, fra suggestioni, storie, significati simbolici*, Rome: Fondazione Matteotti, pp. 285-302. [2020]
<https://rb.gy/kugaxz>

Tosti Di Stefano, E. "Cronologia", in A. Biagini (Ed.). *Tripoli, Italia. La politica di potenza nel Mediterraneo e la crisi dell'ordine internazionale*, Rome: Castelvecchi, pp. 159-175. [2020]
<https://rb.gy/ot5ghe>

I was also responsible of the coordination and editing of the book.

Tosti Di Stefano, E., "The Eastern Partnership at 10: achievements, challenges and prospects", *Rivista EuroStudium*. [2020]
<https://rb.gy/cdjmtn>

Series of 31 articles published in the framework of the project "Arab Dispatch" of the NATO Defense College Foundation. [2019]
<https://rb.gy/admqrq>

I was responsible of the section "Arab Insight", providing weekly commentaries of contents appeared on Arabic-language newspapers and media.

NATO Defense College Foundation, *Balkan Perspectives. Adapting the partnership and integration paths*, A.G.R.A Editore, Edited by A. Minuto-Rizzo, A. Politi, F. Lollo, S. Mastrostefano, E. Tosti Di Stefano. [2019]
<https://rb.gy/kmbp60>

PROJECTS

Co-Principal Investigator of the project "People-to-People (P2P): la dimensione socio-economica e culturale degli accordi di Abramo"

[10/2021 – 06/2022]

- Research project funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

<https://bit.ly/3wwmzka>

Mediterranean Model United Nations Conference (MEDMUN)

[03/2015]

- Simulation of UN conferences on development policies in the MENA area.

"Your Europe, Your Say" & "Opportunità per i giovani"

[2012 – 2013]

- Projects promoted by the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), aimed at enhancing the role of European youth in the formulation of the EU's policies.

VOLUNTEERING

Sciences Po Refugee Help

[2016 – 2017]

- Organisation of cultural and social activities in refugee centers.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Literary excellence award for the study of French language

Association des Membres de l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques (AMOPA) [05/2012]