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Current Position

January 2020 – ongoing

Post Doctoral Research Fellow

Research Group Peace, Conflict and Development (PCAD)

Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)

Oslo, Norway

Education and training

Nov 2015 – June 2019

Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale” - Italy

Department of Asia, Africa and the Mediterranean, Naples

Ph.D. in Asian, African & Mediterranean Studies

Title of the dissertation: *Fear and Floating. The «Boko Haram» conflict in the Lake Chad Basin*

July 2018

Università degli Studi di Cagliari - Italy

Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies (AEGIS) & Centro di Studi Africani in Sardegna (CSAS)

Summer School on *Africa: Connections and Disruptions*

April-June 2018

University of Cape Town – South Africa

Department of Religious Studies

Visiting Doctoral Fellow

Sep 2012-Apr 2015

Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale” - Italy

Department of Social and Human Science, Naples

MA in Relations and Institutions of Asia and Africa, *summa cum laude*

Title of the thesis: *Violenza e politica del terrorismo. Il fenomeno «Boko Haram»*

July 2014

Lisbon University Institute (ISCTE), Lisbon - Portugal

Erasmus Intensive Programme on *Europe/Africa Relations*

Sep 2008-Jul 2012

Università degli Studi Roma III - Italy

Department of Political Science, Rome

BA in Political Science, Cooperation and Development

Title of the thesis: *Il genocidio degli Herero e dei Nama in Africa sud-occidentale, 1904-1905*

Grants

Sep-Dec 2014

Hausa language instruction

Language Study Grant, Department of Asia, Africa and the Mediterranean

University of Naples "L'Orientale"

Work experience

July 2019-Jan 2020

Author & Reviewer

Employer Treccani Institute & Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)

Sector Treccani 2019 Geo-Political Atlas

Occupation Research & Editing – Africa section

Sep-Dec 2018

Fieldwork Research Director

Employer Nexus-CGIL NGO (Bologna, Italy)

Business or Sector International Cooperation

Focus Area Migration, Labour and Mobility in Niamey and Agadez

Occupation Consultancy & Focal Points Capacity-Building

Dec 2014–Apr 2015

Analyst on African Politics

Employer *L'Indro* (Turin, Italy)

Business or sector magazine

Focus Area North Africa, Western Africa, Central Africa

Occupation Reports, analysis and commentaries

Nov 2013–Feb 2014

Cultural-Linguistic Mediator (CLM)

Employer LESS Onlus, (Naples, Italy)

Business or sector NGO Association for the assistance of asylum seekers, refugees and international migrants

Teaching and executive training

November 2019

Training

Seminar cycle “Africa/Afriche/Italia. Raccontare un continente”

Seminar Class “Central Africa. Political Systems, Regional Conflicts, Geopolitical Interests, Major Issues and Challenges”

Research Office Training Course – RAI Radio Televisione Italiana, (Rome, Italy)

May 2019

Executive Training

Seminar Class “Nigeria: Security Situation, Strategic Economic Interests, Criminal Dynamics and Active Islamist Hotbeds”

Italian National School of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, (Rome, Italy)

March 2018

Lectureship

Seminar cycle “Conoscere le migrazioni”

Scuola di Pace (Peace School) – Cidis ONLUS

Università “Federico II”, Ministero dell’Interno e Unione Europea, (Naples, Italy)

February 2018

Training

Seminar cycle on Sub-Saharan Migration

Scuola di giornalismo (Journalism School) – Fondazione Lelio & Lisli Basso, (Rome, Italy)

Field-work trips and research experience

2014 - ongoing *Nigeria, Niger, Tchad, Cameroon*

Publications

Edited Volumes

2020 *Il Niger e le nuove frontiere dell'Europa. Una ricerca su migrazioni e lavoro nell'Africa subsahariana* (co-edited with F. Amato), Bologna: Editrice Socialmente

Academic articles:

2019 (with F. Amato) “Migrazioni e nuove centralità fra le sabbie del Niger” in *Geotema*, Supplemento, Anno XXIII, pp. 116-128

2019 “Revolt, Navigation and Resistance. A Glimpse on the «Boko Haram» conflict in Chad” in *Inter-Disciplinary Political Science*, Vol. 5, no. 1, pp. 23-53

2018 “Economia politica della Guerra al Terrore in Ciad: emergenza securitaria, «profitti di contingenza» e potere militare” in *Afriche e Orientali*, anno XX, no. 3, pp. 158-172

2018 (with A. Brigaglia) “‘Some Advise and Guidelines’: The History of Global Jihad in Nigeria, as Narrated by AQIM (al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb)”, *Annual Review of Islam in*

Africa, no. 14, pp. 27-35

2018 “Space of Refuge, Space of War: Reshaping Territorial Order in the Lake Chad Area” in *Egypte-Monde arabe*, 3eme serie, no. 18, pp. 17-30

2016 “Boko Haram: Trans-National Flows and the Quest for an Economic Space”, in *Annual Review of Islam in Africa*, no. 12/13, pp. 97-105;

2015 “The Boko Haram *franchise* and the War on Terror in Nigeria”, in *Diritto e Questioni Pubbliche*, Vol. 15, no. 2, pp. 203-214

Working Papers:

2018 – (with F. Amato) “Libres de rester, libres de partir. Enquête sur le travail migrant au Niger”, Nexus, CGIL/ER, *Projet régional PROMIG-Friedrich Ebert Stiftung*

2018 - “Le economie del Sahel e il nesso sviluppo-sicurezza: un falso legame?”, *Dossier La nuova Centralità Strategica del Sahel*, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)

2018 – (with C. Casola) “Lake Chad”, *Dossier Crisi Umanitarie in Africa*, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)

Non-peer reviewed articles, commentaries and analyses:

2019 - “Niger: Behind the Islamic State Attack”, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), December

2018 – “In Camerun il cambiamento non passa dalle urne” in *Limes*, 12/2018

2017 – “Dalla Nigeria all’Italia: la «pipeline» che trasporta migranti” in *Limes*, 11/2017

Conferences, international meetings and panels

Panels organized:

2017

- Institute for African Studies – Russian Academy of Sciences, October, *Moscow, Russia* – 14th Congress: “Violent Extremism and Social (Dis)order in Africa: Africa and Global Terror: Dimensions of Terrorism across the Sahel”

2016

- Associazione Studi Africani in Italia (ASAI), September, *Catania, Italy* – 4th Congress: “Africa in the Age of Terror: Conflicts, Transnationalism and Global Jihad”

Presentations:

2019

- “Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism on Lake Chad: Life Trajectories and the “Boko Haram” crisis”, Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP), September, *Lecce, Italy* – 33rd Congress

- “Being There: Migrant Networks and Collective Mobilization in Niger”, Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP), September, *Lecce, Italy* – 33rd Congress
- “Thinking Beyond Boundaries: Terrorism, Territory, Agency and the «Boko Haram» Case”, International Workshop on Marking out boundaries and thinking politics: what do we mean when we say “Africa”, “MENA region” and “Islam”?, June, *Turin, Italy*

2018

- “Radicalization, State Violence and Life Trajectories. Governing the «State of Exception» in Lake Chad”, European International Studies Association (EISA), September, *Prague, Czech Republic* – 12th Congress
- “State fragility e agency africana: i casi di Mali e Ciad”, Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP), September, *Turin, Italy* – 32nd Congress
- “The re-making of a region: the Lake Chad Basin from cosmopolitanism to a new security order”, Associazione Studi Africani in Italia (ASAI), September, *Bologna, Italy* – 5th Congress

2017

- “Visions of War, State and Humanitarian Aid in the Lake Chad Region: Outcomes of a Frontless War”, Institute for African Studies – Russian Academy of Sciences, October, *Moscow, Russia* – 14th Congress (Panel Organized)
- “Security challenges in the Lake Chad Basin: A narrowing narrative, a broad issue”, Centre for African Studies (CAS), School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS), July, *London, UK* - SOAS Africa Conference
- “Visions of State and humanitarian aid in the Lake Chad region: the Boko Haram crisis, patterns of displacement and the outcomes of a frontless war”, European Conference on African Studies (ECAS), June-July, *Basel, Switzerland* – 7th Congress
- “The Ngueli bridge as a space of insecurity: a case of militarized governance in Chad”, Réseau Méga-Tchad, June, *Nice, France* – 17th Congress
- “Navigating the boundary. Informal economy, armed violence and regulatory authority at the Chad-Cameroon border”, Workshop on “Deconstructing Unitary Statehood”, May, *Procida, Italy*
- “Space of refuge, space of war: reshaping territorial order in the Lake Chad area”, Centre d’Etudes et de Documentation Economiques, Juridiques et sociales (CEDEJ), January, *Aswan, Egypt* – 1st Congress on Borders

2014-2016

- “Staging War in the ‘lawless swaths’: Boko Haram against the World in the Lake Chad Basin”, Associazione Studi Africani in Italia (ASAI), September 2016, *Catania, Italy* – 4th Congress
- “The Boko Haram franchise and the War On Terror in Nigeria”, Centro Interdipartimentale di Ricerca sull’Africa, October 2015, *Macerata, Italy*
- “A techno-political analysis of the Kano Metropolitan Area”, Hausa Studies Conference, November 2014, *Kano, Nigeria*

Discussant:

2018

- Università di Napoli “L’Orientale” – Centro Studi Africa Contemporanea (CeSAC), 21 March – *Naples, Italy*
“*Altre Afriche* by Andrea de Georgio: Book Launch”

2017

- National Society of Science, Arts and Letters. Università di Napoli Federico II, Fondation Maison des sciences de l’homme (FMSH), Centro Studi Africa Contemporanea (CeSAC), 18-19 December – *Naples, Italy*
“*African Studies and its Contemporary Aspects Between History and Anthropology. A Seminar in Memory of Georges Balandier*”
- Università di Napoli “L’Orientale”, Department of Asia, Africa and the Mediterranean – Centro Studi Africa Contemporanea (CeSAC), 15 May – *Naples, Italy*
“*Annual Review of Islam in Africa: Journal Launch*”

2015

- Università di Palermo, Department of Juridical Studies, 20 July – *Palermo, Italy*
“*Beyond Boko Haram: Armed Groups, Terrorism and Geopolitics in Central Africa*”

Academic affiliations:

Research Associate at:

- *Centro di Elaborazione Culturale su Mobilità e Migrazioni Internazionali* (MoMI), Department of Human and Social Science, Università di Napoli “L’Orientale”;
- *Centro Studi Africa Contemporanea* (CeSAC), Department of Asia, Africa and the Mediterranean, Università di Napoli “L’Orientale”

Memberships:

Member of the *European International Studies Association* (EISA)

Member of the *Associazione Studi Africani in Italia* (ASAI)

Member of the *Società Italiana di Scienza Politica* (SISP)

Languages:

Italian (native)

English (fluent)

French (fluent)

Spanish (intermediate)

Hausa (basic)

Chadian Arabic (basic)