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## RESEARCH INTERESTS/EXPERTISE

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Political Violence, Conflict and Conflict Resolution, Radicalisation Processes, Extremism, Peace, Restorative Justice, Socio- and Cognitive Psychology, AI and Conflict, AI and democracy, Qualitative Methodology, Interpretive Methodology.

## EDUCATION

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- 09/2018 – 09/2023      **PhD in International Conflict Analysis, University of Kent, UK**
- Thesis Title: “Psychological Perspectives on Radicalisation Processes. Stories from the Italian Far Left” (submitted 5 July 2023). Viva Passed with minor corrections. Examiners: Dr Raquel Belez da Silva and Prof. Neophytos Loizides.
- Keywords: Political violence, radicalisation process, psychology, cognitive psychology, Gestalt psychology, interpretivism, narrative analysis, far left, Italy.
- 01/2019 – 06/2020      **Assistant Fellowship Scheme, University of Kent, UK**  
*Achievement of the Status of Associate Fellow*
- UK Professional Standards Framework for teaching and learning support in higher education. Fellowship attained 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
- 09/2015 – 09/2017      **Master of Arts in International Security and the Politics of Terror, University of Kent, UK**  
*Distinction*
- Dissertation Title: “Legal Approach to Counter-Terrorism: Lessons Learnt from the Italian Experience”.
- 09/2012 – 06/2015      **Bachelor of Arts with Honours in History and Politics, University of Kent, UK**  
*Upper Second Class*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 01/09/2023 -      **Associate Lecturer in International Relations, University College London UCL), UK.**
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- POLS0001 International Conflict and Cooperation
  - POLS0019 International Security
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- 10/07/2023 – 28/07/2023      **Summer School Class Teacher, The London School of Economics and Political Science**
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- IR105 Understanding Foreign Policy: The Diplomacy of War, Profit and Justice
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- 01/2023 – Present      **Associate Instructor, 2U/London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE, Online)**
- IR2214 Foreign Policy Analysis

- 09/2021 – Present      **Graduate Teaching Assistant, The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London, UK**
- IR202 Foreign Policy Analysis 1
  - IR349 Conflict and Peacebuilding
- 09/2021 – Present      **(Senior) Post Graduate Teaching Assistant, University College London (UCL), London, UK**
- Department of Political Science: POLS0001/ESPS0004 International Conflict and Cooperation
  - Department of Political Science: POLS0065 Wars and Violence
  - School of Slavonic and East European Studies (SSEES): SESS0082 Introduction to International Relations – Concepts and Ideas
  - School of Slavonic and East European Studies (SSEES): SESS0083 Introduction to International Relations – Themes and Issues
- 04/2022 – 07/2022      **Research Assistant, University of Kent, UK**
- Support Dr Kuziwakwashe Zigomo with organising a conference on the project “(EN-)Gendering Citizen and Subject in An Age of Migration and Digital Media: Cases in Sub-Saharan Africa and Beyond”.
- 02/2022 – 07/2022      **Research Associate, HSS Operations- Research and Innovation, University of Kent, UK**
- Support the University of Kent’s Division of Human and Social Sciences in two internal research projects.
  - The first investigates ‘deprivation’ in East Kent, particularly whether and how living in ‘deprived’ areas affect people’s socio-political engagement with the community. My task was to conduct interviews in the local communities.
  - The second project is a desk analysis on how the Departments within HSS Division can further improve the impact on the wider society through their invaluable research. Particularly, my task was to analyse the evaluation of the Research Excellence Framework (REF) Committees and produce a report.
- 11/2021 – 06/2022      **Assistant Lecturer, University of Kent, UK**
- POLI3250 Introduction to Conflict Analysis and Resolution
  - POLI6900 Contending Approaches to World Politics: Concepts and Themes
- 09/2021 – 04/2022      **Research Assistant, University of Kent, UK**
- Support Dr Frank Grundig with developing the project “Integration of Work-Based Learning in Conflict, Peace and Security Studies”.
- 09/2018 – 09/2021      **Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Kent, UK**
- PO660 International Conflict and Cooperation
  - PO661 Facts, Evidence, Knowledge and Power (Research Design and Methodology)
- 02/2019 – 02/2019      **Research Assistant, University of Lausanne, Switzerland**
- Support Dr Paolo Dardanelli (University of Kent, UK) and Professor Oscar Mazzoleni (University of Lausanne) with translating four chapters of their edited book from English into Italian – Mazzoleni, Oscar, Paolo Dardanelli. (2019). *Svizzera – UE: un rapporto irrisolto*, Mazzoleni and Dardanelli eds., Armando Dadò Editor.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

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- 09/2021 – Present      **Deputy-Director and Co-Founder of Kent’s Consortium for World Affairs (KCWA),**  
*University of Kent, UK - <https://research.kent.ac.uk/kcwa/about-us/>*
- 03/2019 – Present      **Research Fellow**  
*Conflict Analysis Research Centre, University of Kent, Canterbury*

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- 24/06/2022      **Chair:** “(EN-)Gendering Citizen and Subject in An Age of Migration and Digital Media”
- 01/2022 – Present      **Reviewer:** International Social Science Journal (ISSJ)
- 03/2021 – Present      **Reviewer:** Sentio Journal: An Interdisciplinary Social Science Journal

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Grillo, Giulia. “Archbishop Desmond Tutu: Why is his legacy still relevant today?”. Kent’s Consortium for World Affairs (KCWA). University of Kent. January 2022, <https://research.kent.ac.uk/kcwa/writing/politics-and-society/>.
- Grillo, Giulia. ““We will listen to and work with youth’: How can the international community and youth interact together?”. Kent’s Consortium for World Affairs (KCWA). University of Kent. March 2023, <https://research.kent.ac.uk/kcwa/we-will-listen-to-and-work-with-youth-how-can-the-international-community-and-youth-interact-together/>.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- “Radicalisation Stories from the Italian Far Left: Understanding the Choice of Violence in the Years of Lead”, Thesis manuscript.
- “Italy’s far left and the ‘years of lead’: how Gestalt psychology helps make sense of individuals’ radicalisation processes”.
- “Social categorisation and political violence: experiences of radicalisation from the Italian far left”.
- With Anna-Marie-Louise Tiessen, PhD Candidate, “How social categories facilitate protraction of conflict and prevent long-term peace”.

## CONFERENCES

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- 25/08/2022      ECPR General Conference (Paper), Innsbruck, Austria
- 16/06/2022      BISA Conference (Paper), Newcastle, United Kingdom.
- 27/05/2022      PhD Conference on Conflicts, Political Violence, and Human Rights (Paper), Royal Holloway, United Kingdom
- 01/04/2022      ISA Annual Convention (Paper), Nashville, USA.
- 09/09/2021      CRS Annual Conference (Paper), Virtual.

02/09/2021	ECPR General Conference (Paper), Virtual.
13/07/2021	ISPP Annual Meeting (Paper), Virtual.
22/06/2021	BISA Conference (Paper), Virtual.
12/05/2021	BISA Postgraduate Conference (Paper), Virtual.
06/04/2021	ISA Annual Convention (Poster), Virtual.

## **LANGUAGES & ADDITIONAL SKILLS**

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**English:** Fluent/Native

**Italian:** Native

**Spanish:** Fluent

**French:** Intermediate: Speaking (B1), Writing (B1), Listening (B1), Reading (B1/B2)

**German:** Beginner: Speaking (A1), Writing (A1), Listening (A1), Reading (A1).

## **AWARDS & GRANTS**

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02/2023	Postgraduate Bursary Award – British International Studies Association (BISA)
06/2022	Royal Holloway - Best Paper Award.
02/2022	Postgraduate Bursary Award – British International Studies Association (BISA)
09/2021	ISA Travel Grant
07/2018	University of Kent Vice Chancellor Research Scholarship (PhD)

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

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11/2022 – Present	Association of Italian Scientists in the UK (AISUK)
10/2020 – Present	British International Studies Association (BISA)
10/2020 – Present	American Political Science Association (APSA)
10/2020 – Present	International Studies Association (ISA)
10/2020 – Present	European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
09/2020 – Present	International Studies of Political Psychology (ISPP)

## **WEBSITES**

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[Deputy-Director of Kent's Consortium for World Affair \(KCWA\)](#)

[Personal Website](#)

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