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## POSIZIONE LAVORATIVA ATTUALE

**Gennaio 2024** – Professore Ordinario in Scienza Politica, Università di Messina

## POSIZIONI PREGRESSE

**2022-2023** – Professore Associato di Scienza Politica, Università di Messina  
**2020-2022** – Marie Curie Global Fellow, Università Ca' Foscari e Università del Queensland  
**2019-2020** – Jean Monnet Fellow, Istituto Universitario Europeo (EUI)  
**2017-2021** – senior lecturer (ricercatore senior a tempo indeterminato), Università di Leiden  
**2014-2017** – lecturer (ricercatore a tempo indeterminato) in International Relations, Università di Leiden  
**2013- 2014** – ricercatore in Relazioni Internazionali, Baltic Defence College  
**2012-2013** – borsista Fulbright-Schuman, Kortel School of International Studies, Denver  
**2011- 2012** – visiting lecturer, Università di Maastricht

## TITOLI ACCADEMICI ED ESPERIENZE DI STUDIO:

**2023** – Abilitazione unanime a professore di prima fascia in Scienza Politica (SPS/04)  
**2020** – Abilitazione unanime a professore di seconda fascia in Scienza Politica (SPS/04)  
**2008-2012** – PhD In Political and Social Science, European University Institute  
**2008-2009** – Master in Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute  
**2006-2008** – Laurea Specialistica Relazioni Internazionali (110 e lode), Università di Bologna  
**2003-2006** – Laurea Triennale in Scienze Politiche (110 e lode), Università di Messina

## INDICATORI BIBLIOMETRICI (al 24 novembre 2025)

### Citazioni

Google Scholar: 1563  
Scopus: 822

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## PUBBLICAZIONI

### Monografie

1. **2023** – *Dai marò ai contractor. La privatizzazione della sicurezza marittima in Italia*. Carocci (with S. Ruzza)
2. **2023** – *The International Politics of Logos*. Routledge (with M. Casiraghi).
3. **2023** – *Mobilization Constraints and Military Privatization*. Palgrave Macmillan.
4. **2020** – *Piracy and the Privatization of Maritime Security*. Palgrave Macmillan (with S. Ruzza)

### Articoli scientifici con revisione a doppio cieco in riviste di fascia A nel settore SPS/04

1. **2025** – From firearms to facemasks: The visual securitization of migration in Italy, Malta, Libya and Niger, *Ethnicities* (with. D. Caballer-Velez, C. Loschi and L. Rainieri) 10.1177/14687968251364357
2. **2025** – Irregular and Infectious? COVID-19, Ebola, and the Securitization of Migration to Southern Europe, *Journal of Common Market Studies* (with M. Abisso and D. Caballero)
3. **2025** – Bridging Which Gaps? The European Union's Use of Private Military and Security Companies... *Defense&Security Analysis* (with O. Bures)
4. **2024** – Against the Tide. Civil Society Rescue Organizations Counter-Criminalization Strategies. *ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* (with F. Alagna)
5. **2024** – Who is to blame? Stories of European Migration Governance. *European Policy Studies* (with A. Terlizzi and M. Abisso)
6. **2023** – Varieties of Criminalization: Italy's evolving approach to sea rescue NGOs. *Contemporary Italian Politics* (with F. Alagna).
7. **2023** – European Integration and Political Party Logos: a "Visual Europeanization"? *European Union Politics* (with M. Casiraghi and A. Chryssogelos)
8. **2023** – Lethal Brands: Terrorist Groups' Logos and Violence, *Journal of Peace Research* (with M. Casiraghi)

9. **2023** – Failing Through: European Migration Governance Across the Central Mediterranean, *Journal of Ethnic & Migration Studies* (with M. Riddervold)
10. **2023** – Is Someone’s Mercenary Someone Else’s Contractor? Private Security Companies in Parliamentary Debates, *International Relations* (with M. Casiraghi)
11. **2022** – United to Rescue? Humanitarian Role Conceptions and NGO-NGO Interactions in the Mediterranean Sea, *European Security*
12. **2022** – Defend(ing) Europe? Border Control and Identitarian Activism off the Libyan Coast, *International Politics*
13. **2022** – The Colours of Ideology: Chromatic Isomorphism and Political Party Logos, *Party Politics* (with M. Casiraghi and L. Curini)
14. **2021** – Advancing Private Security Studies: an Introduction to the Special Issue, *Small Wars and Insurgencies* (with C. Kinsey)
15. **2021** – Concluding Remarks, *Small Wars and Insurgencies* (with C. Kinsey)
16. **2021** – Varieties of Organised Hypocrisy: Security Privatisation in UN, EU, and NATO Crisis Management Operations, *European Security* (with O. Bures)
17. **2021** – Guilt by Association? The Criminalization of Sea Rescue NGOs in Italian Media, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*
18. **2021** – The Anti-Mercenary Norm and United Nations’ Use of Private Companies: From Norm Entrepreneurship to Organized Hypocrisy. *International Peacekeeping* (with O. Bures)
19. **2020** – From “Angels” to “Vice Smugglers”: the Criminalization of Sea Rescue NGOs in Italy. *European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research* (with M. Villa)
20. **2020** – Private Military and Security Companies’ Logos: between Camouflaging and Corporate Socialization, *Security Dialogue*
21. **2020** – In Deep Waters. The Legal, Ethical and Political Implications of Closing Italian Ports to Migrant Rescuers, *Mediterranean Politics* (with K. Gombeer)
22. **2019** – Humanitarians at Sea. Selective Emulation Across Maritime Rescue NGOs, *Contemporary Security Policy*
23. **2019** – Migrant Rescue as Organized Hypocrisy? EU Maritime Missions Offshore Libya between Humanitarianism and Law Enforcement, *Cooperation & Conflict* (selected as 2019 editors’ pick)
24. **2019** – Straightjacketing migrant rescuers? The code of conduct on maritime non-governmental organizations, *Mediterranean Politics*
25. **2018** – Morally Evaluating Human Smuggling: The Case of Migration to Europe, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* (with E. Aloyo)
26. **2018** – The Non-governmental Provision of Search and Rescue in the Mediterranean and the Abdication of State Responsibility, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, (with James Pattison)
27. **2018** – The Political Cost-Effectiveness of Private Vessel Protection: the Italian case, *The International Spectator* (with S. Ruzza)
28. **2017** – The Sea as Humanitarian Space. Non-governmental Search and Rescue Dilemmas on the Central Mediterranean Migratory Route, *Mediterranean Politics*
29. **2017** – Emptying the Sea With a Spoon? Non-governmental Providers of Migrants Search and Rescue in the Mediterranean, *Marine Policy*
30. **2017** – Security Privatisation at Sea. Piracy and the Commercialisation of Vessel Protection, *International Relations* (with S. Ruzza)
31. **2016** – Diplomatic Security for Hire? The Causes and Implications of Outsourcing Diplomatic Security, *Hague Journal of Diplomacy*
32. **2016** – Bridging the Gap. Mobilisation Constraints and Contractor Support to US and UK Military Operations, *Journal of Strategic Studies*
33. **2015** – Contractors as a Second Best Option: The Italian Hybrid Approach to Maritime Security, *Ocean Development & International Law* (with S. Ruzza)
34. **2015** – The Scope of Military Privatization. Military Role Conceptions and Contractor Support in the United States and the United Kingdom, *International Relations*
35. **2015** – Bureaucratic Interests and the Outsourcing of Security. The Privatization of Diplomatic Protection, in the US and the UK, *Armed Forces & Society* (with C. Kinsey)
36. **2014** – Normative Power Under Contract? Commercial Support to European Crisis Management Operations, *International Peacekeeping* (with F. Giumelli)
37. **2013** – La Démocratie Diminuée et le Nouvel Art Americain de la guerre, *Gouvernement & Action publique* (with P. Vennesson)

1. **2026** – Varieties of Securitization. Governing Migration Along the Central Mediterranean Route. Cham: Palgrave
2. **2019** – *Projecting Resilience Across the Mediterranean*. Basingstoke: Palgrave (con Stefan Hofmaier)
3. **2019** – *Diplomatic Security. A Comparative Analysis*. Stanford: Stanford University Press (con Christopher Kinsey).
4. **2018** – *A Civil-Military Response to Hybrid Threats*. Basingstoke: Palgrave (con Marian Corbe)

#### **Capitoli in volumi collettanei**

1. **2025** – Hierarchies, Exclusion and Solidarity in the Maritime Humanitarian Space, in C. Egger (ed.) *Hierarchies and Exclusion in Humanitarianism* (Manchester University Press).
2. **2025** – Right-Wing Ethnopolitism and migration policy (with D. Caballero), in Chyssogelos, Cadier, and Destradi (eds.), *Handbook on Populism and Foreign Policy* (London: Routledge).
3. **2025** – Introduction, in Cusumano, Kinsey and Parr, *The Past and Future of Private Force*
4. **2025** – Varieties of maritime private security: commercial vessel protection off the Horn of Africa and in the Gulf of Guinea, in Cusumano, Kinsey & Parr (eds). *The Past and Future of Private Force*
5. **2022** – ‘The Privatization of Maritime Security: Open Registries’ Vessel Protection Policies’ (with S. Ruzza), in R. Bosilca, S. Ferreira, and B. Ryan (eds), *Routledge Handbook of Maritime Security*
6. **2020** – ‘Over Troubled Waters. Maritime rescue operations in the Central Mediterranean’, (with M. Villa), in International Organization for Migration (ed.), *Migration in the Central Mediterranean Route and Beyond: Safety, Support and Solutions* (Geneva: International Organization for Migration).
7. **2020** – ‘Piracy and the Privatization of Maritime Security: Isomorphic Convergence in Vessel Protection’, (with S. Ruzza), in E. Lucas, S. Rivera, and T. Crosbie, *Maritime Security: Counter-Terrorism Lessons from Maritime Piracy and Narcotics Interdiction* (Amsterdam: IOS Press, NATO Science for Peace and Security Series).
8. **2020** – ‘NATO in a Changing World’ (with R. Totsbotn), in Madeleine Hosli and Joren Selleslaghs, *The Changing Global Order Challenges and Prospects* (Basis: Springer)
9. **2019** – ‘Introduction’ (with S. Hofmaier), in Eugenio Cusumano and Stefan Hofmaier (eds.) *Projecting Resilience Across the Mediterranean*
10. **2019** – ‘Enhancing Resilience. The Way Ahead’ (with N. Cooper), in Cusumano and Hofmaier (eds.) *‘Projecting Resilience across the Mediterranean’*
11. **2019** – ‘The History, Effectiveness, and Implications of Diplomatic Security: a Conclusion’, in Eugenio Cusumano and Christopher Kinsey (eds.), *Diplomatic Security*
12. **2019** – ‘Introduction’ (with C. Kinsey), in Eugenio Cusumano and Christopher Kinsey (eds.), *Diplomatic Security*
13. **2018** – ‘Resilience for Hire? NATO Contractor Support in Afghanistan Examined’, in Eugenio Cusumano and Marian Corbe, *A Civil-Military Response to Hybrid Threats* (Basingstoke: Palgrave).
14. **2018** – ‘From Strategic Communication to Sanctions: the European Union’s Approach to Hybrid Threats’ (co-authored with F. Giumelli and M. Besana), in Eugenio Cusumano and Marian Corbe, *A Civil-Military Response to Hybrid Threats*
15. **2018** – ‘Introduction’ (with M. Corbe), in Eugenio Cusumano and Marian Corbe, *A Civil-Military Response to Hybrid Threats* (Basingstoke: Palgrave).
16. **2018** – ‘Conclusions’ (co-authored with M. Corbe), in Eugenio Cusumano and Marian Corbe, *A Civil-Military Response to Hybrid Threats*
17. **2017** – ‘United States anti-piracy policies: between military missions and private sector responsabilization’ (with S. Ruzza), in Marco Clementi and Matteo Dian, *US Foreign Policy in a Challenging World. Building Order on Shifting Foundations* (Basel: Springer)
18. **2016** – ‘Money for Nothing? Contractor Support to Military Operations from an Economic Perspective’, in Christopher Kinsey and Joakim Berndsson, *Routledge Companion to Security Outsourcing*
19. **2016** – ‘The Drivers of Outsourcing Diplomatic Security’ (with C. Kinsey), in Christopher Kinsey and Joakim Berndsson, *Routledge Companion to Security Outsourcing*
20. **2016** – ‘The Regulation of Private Military and Security Companies in the UK’ (with C. Kinsey), in and Gary Schaub and Ryan Kelty, *Controlling the Corporate Warrior*, (New York: Rowman & Littlefield)
21. **2014** – ‘Handing over Leadership: the Drivers and Future of Transatlantic Environmental Governance’, in Christine Bakker and Francesco Francioni (eds.), *The EU, the US and Global Climate Governance* (Ashgate)
22. **2011** – ‘Policy Prospects for Regulating Private Military and Security Companies’, in F. Francioni and N. Ronzitti (eds.) *War by Contract* (Oxford University Press)

#### **Policy Papers**

1. **2020** – ‘Civil Military Cooperation and Societal Resilience During Hybrid Crises’, Hybrid COE Cyber power in hybrid crisis symposium
2. **2020** – ‘The Future of Irregular Migration to Europe’, Italian Institute for International Political Studies
3. **2019** – ‘Sea Rescue NGOs: A Pull Factor of Irregular Migration?’. *European University Institute*

4. **2015** –‘Cassandra Vindicated’, *RUSI Newsbrief*
5. **2014** – ‘Handing Over Leadership: Transatlantic Environmental Governance as a Functional Relationship’, *Italian Institute of International Affairs*
6. **2010** – ‘Regulating Private Military and Security Companies: A Multifaceted and Multilayered Approach’, *European Academy of Law Working Paper*

## FINANZIAMENTI E BORSE DI RICERCA

Date	Ente Erogante	Finanziamento
2023- 2025	PRIN-COFIN, Ministero dell’Università e della Ricerca (Principal Investigator)	135.000 EUR
2020- 2022	Marie Curie Global Fellowship	257.000 EUR
2019- 2020	Gerda Henkel Stiftung, Special Programme Security, Society, and the State	50.000 EUR
2019-2020	Jean Monnet Fellowship, European University Institute	36.000 EUR
2019	NATO Defense College Eisenhower Fellowship	15.000 EUR (rifiutata)
2017- 2019	Direttore del Progetto “Projecting Resilience across the Mediterranean”, NATO NATO Centre for Civil-Military Cooperation	30.0000 EUR
2017	Sprint-FAPESP Grant, Università di Leiden	5.000 EUR
2017	Global Interactions Breed Grant	25.000 EUR
2015– 2017	Direttore del Progetto “A Civil-Military Response to Hybrid Threats”, NATO Centre for Civil-Military Cooperation	30.0000 EUR
2012- 2013	Borsa di Ricerca Fulbright-Schuman Research	32.000 EUR
2008 –2012	Borsa di dottorato del Ministero degli Esteri, EUI	65.000 EUR

## DISSEMINAZIONE

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## ESPERIENZA DI INSEGNAMENTO

### 2021 – Università di Messina

#### Corsi di laurea specialistica:

Politiche pubbliche e governo locale, LM63 (8 CFU)

#### Corsi di laurea triennale:

Scienza Politica e Relazioni Internazionali, L36 (8 CFU)

Political Science and International Relations, L36 (8 CFU)

Political Theory (5 CFU)

### 2014- 2020 –Università di Leiden

#### Corsi di laurea specialistica:

Methods in International Relations

Deadly Borders: Theories, Actors, Cases

War By Contract

International Security

Global Conflict in the Modern Era

European Union External Relations

#### Corsi di laurea triennale:

International Security

European Security

The EU Today

### 2013-2014 – Baltic Defence College

**Higher Command Studies Course**

Strategy in the Contemporary World

**Joint Staff Course**

International Security

Research, Critical Thinking and the Military Profession

**Civil Servants Course**

Civil-Military Relations

**2012-2013 – Università di Denver****Corsi di Laurea Specialistica**

Civil-Military Relations

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The Privatization of Security

**2011-2012 – Università di Maastricht****Corsi di Laurea Specialistica**

European Union External Economic Relations

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Editor della sezione profili della rivista di Fascia A “Mediterranean Politics”

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Membro del comitato scientifico della collana “Private Security Studies” edita da Routledge

Membro dell’advisory board del Progetto ERC Global Justice and Migrant Remittances (JUSTREMIT)

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Oxford University Press, Routledge, Palgrave Macmillan, *American Political Science Review, Armed Forces & Society, Contemporary Italian Politics, Cooperation & Conflict, Defence Studies, Disasters, European Journal of International Relations, European Journal of International Security, European Journal of Political Theory, European Security, Foreign Policy Analysis, Geopolitics, International Affairs, International Migration, Journal of Common Market Studies, Journal Conflict Resolution, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of European Public Policy, Journal of European Integration, Journal of Global Security Studies, Journal of Strategic Studies, International Studies Review, Migration Studies, Millennium, Regulation & Governance, Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica, Rivista Italiana di Politiche Pubbliche, Security Dialogue, Security Studies, Small Wars & Insurgencies, European History Review*

**LINGUE:**

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