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### CURRENT POSITION

09/2018 - Present

**Max Weber Fellow**

Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies  
European University Institute | Florence

09/2019 - Present

**Interim Academic Coordinator**

MA Program in European Union Policy Studies (EUPS)  
James Madison University

09/2017- Present

**Adjunct Professor**

MA Program in European Union Policy Studies (EUPS)  
James Madison University

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### EDUCATION

2014-2017: **Ph.D. in Political Science | International Relations**

Scuola Normale Superiore (SNS) – Institute of Humanities and Social Science, Florence

- Supervisor: Professor Sonia Lucarelli (University of Bologna)
- Members of the Jury:
  - Professor Marieke de Goede (University of Amsterdam),
  - Professor Christian Kaunert (University of South Wales),
  - Professor Francesco Strazzari (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna)
- *Cum Laude and recommandation for publication*

2011-2013: **Master in International and Diplomatic Sciences**

University of Bologna (Forli Campus).

- Grade: 100/100 *Cum Laude*

2012-2013: **Master in International Security**, International Erasmus Exchange Student  
Sciences-Po Paris, Paris.

2007-2010: **Bachelor in International Studies**

University of Florence, Florence

- Grade: 100/100

FORMER RESEARCH POSITIONS

- 2017-2018: Post-Doctoral Research Fellow  
Department of Legal Studies University of Florence, Florence.
- 2016: Visiting Research Fellow  
Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique (FRS), Paris.
- 2015-2016: Visiting Research Fellow  
University of Amsterdam (UvA), Department of Political Science, Amsterdam.
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RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2017-2018: Horizon2020, [RESPOND Multilevel Governance of Mass Migration in Europe and Beyond](#)  
• Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, UNIFI TEAM
- 2016: Nazi-fascist Violence in the Italian Civil War'  
• Project coordinated by Prof. Andrea Ruggeri (Oxford University) and Prof. Stefano Costalli (University of Florence).
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Lecturer/ Instructor**

- 2020: [Terrorism and Counterterrorism](#) (40 hours in English)  
MA Programme in International Relations  
University of Bologna
- 2019: [EU Seminar](#) (20 hours in English)  
MA Programme in European Union Policy Studies (EUPS)  
James Madison University, Florence Campus
- [Topics in International Security](#) (20 hours in English)  
MA Programme in International Politics and Markets  
University of Bologna, Forli Campus
- 2017-2019: [Comparative European Politics](#) (40 hours in English)  
MA Programme in European Union Policy Studies (EUPS)  
James Madison University, Florence Campus
- 2017-2019: [Transatlantic Relations & Challenges of Globalization](#) (40 hours in English)  
MA Programme in European Union Policy Studies (EUPS)  
James Madison University, Florence Campus

**Invited Guest Lecturer**

- 2019: [Terrorism & Daesh](#)  
Forum for Peace and War Summer School, Florence
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*Terrorism in Europe*

Punto Europa Forli | Research Seminars, University of Bologna

*Debating Terrorism and Counterterrorism: a Theoretical Perspective*

Ph.D. Programme 'Transnational Governance'

Scuola Sant'Anna Superiore & Scuola Normale Superiore

2018:

*International Terrorism*

BA Programme in International and Diplomatic Science, third year  
University of Bologna, Forli Campus

2017:

*International Terrorism*

BA Programme in International and Diplomatic Science, third year  
University of Bologna, Forli Campus

*Laboratory for Public Speaking and Presentations: Softwares*

BA Programme in International and Diplomatic Science, second year  
University of Bologna, Forli Campus

2016:

*Security/Counterterrorism/Citizenship After the Paris Attacks*

ACCESS Europe seminar  
University of Amsterdam (UvA)

*Security and Terrorist Risk in the European Union*

Introduction to Conflict Studies  
MA Programme in Conflict Studies  
University of Amsterdam (UvA).

2015:

*Counterterrorism in Europe*

Risk and Transatlantic Security After 9/11'  
MA Programme in International Relations  
University of Amsterdam (UvA)

*The Concept and Practices of Security*

BA Programme in International and Diplomatic Science, third year  
University of Bologna, Forli Campus

2014:

*Conflicts, Identity and Citizenship: the Rwandan Civil War*

RISE Guest Seminars: Rwanda 1994-2004: Twenty Years after the Genocide  
University of Florence (UNIFI)

**Teaching Assistant**

2016:

*International Relations*

BA Programme in International and Diplomatic Science  
University of Bologna, Forli Campus

2015:

*The Political System of the European Union*

MA Programme in International Science and Cooperation  
University of Genoa

## PUBLICATIONS

*Book:*

D'Amato, S. (2019). [\*Cultures of Counterterrorism: French and Italian approaches to terrorism after 9/11\*](#). Routledge.

*Editorships (Guest Editor for Special Issue):*

D'Amato, S. & Lucarelli S. (2019) 'Talking Migration: Narratives of Migration and Justice Claims in the European Migration System of Governance', *Special Issue, The International Spectator*, 54:3.

*Peer-Reviewed Articles:*

D'Amato, S. & Lucarelli S. (eds.) (2019) [Introduction 'Talking Migration: Narratives of Migration and Justice Claims in the European Migration System of Governance'](#), *The International Spectator*, 54:3, 1-17.

D'Amato, S. & Lavizzari, A. (2019) [The Migration Triangle: Narratives, Justice and the Politics of Migration in France](#), *The International Spectator*, 54:3, 37-53

Baldaro, E., D'Amato, S. & Giurati, T. (2019) [The CorsAfrica: The Corsican milieu in Africa, between business and raison d'Etat](#). *European Review of Organized Crime*, 5:1, 36-59.

D'Amato, S. (2019) [Islamisation of criminal behaviour: the path to terrorism? Terrorist threat and crime in French counterterrorism policy-formulation'](#). Special Issue 'Jihadism and Crime in Europe', *European Journal of Criminology*, 16(3), 332–350

Coticchia, F. & D'Amato, S. (2018) [Can you hear me Major Tom? News, narratives and contemporary military operations: the case of the Italian mission in Afghanistan](#), *European Security*, 27:2, 224-244.

D'Amato, S. (2018) [From BR to ISIS. The Italian domestic and international response to terrorism](#), *European Politics and Society*, 19:4, 416-434.

D'Amato, S. (2017) [Terrorists going transnational: rethinking the role of states in the case of AQIM and Boko Haram](#). *Critical Studies on Terrorism*. 11:1, 151-172.

D'Amato, S. and G. Del Panta (2017) [Does Rentierism Have a Conditional Effect on Violence? Regime Oil Dependency and Civil War in Algeria](#). *The Extractive Industries and Society*, 4 (2): 361-370.

*Works under review:*

D'Amato, S. & Sachoulidou, A. (under review) 'European Transnationalism between Successes and Shortcomings', Special Issue, *The Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, 30:2.

D'Amato, S. (under review) Patchwork of Counterterrorism. Analysing European varieties of cooperation in Sahel, *Cooperation and Conflict*.

*Other Publications:*

- D'Amato, S. (2019). Converging and conflicting dynamics of cooperation: European counterterrorism efforts in Sahel, MWP Working Paper, Red Series, European University Institute, May.
- D'Amato, S., Terlizzi, A. & Federico, V. (2018). [Comparative Database on Migration \(RESPOND\)](#),
- D'Amato, S., Pannia, P. & Federico, V. (2018). [National Country Report: Italy](#). Working Paper, RESPOND.
- D'Amato, S., Pannia, P., Terlizzi, A. & Federico, V. (2018). [Comparative Report: Legal and Policy Framework of Migration Governance](#). Working Paper, RESPOND.
- D'Amato, S. (2017). [European Counterterrorism Cooperation: Where are we?](#), James Madison University Newsletter, Fall 2017.
- D'Amato, S. (2016). Italy in Afghanistan. Approaches and Public Narratives (2001-2014) (with F. Coticchia), Special Research Report, Universität der Bundeswehr München.
- D'Amato, S. (2015). [The Islamization of \(in\)security in France](#). *Limes*, 11: 207-17 (with E. Baldaro) [in Italian].

*Interviews and blog contributions:*

- Federico, V., D'Amato, S., Terlizzi, A. & Pannia, P. (2018). [First Results: Politicization and a Complex, Fragmented Legal Milieu in RESPOND Countries](#).
- D'Amato, S. (2017). [‘Terrorism and Terrorists, who, what, why’](#) [in Italian].

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CONFERENCES

*Paper Presenter (selected)*

- D'Amato, S. ‘Converging and conflicting dynamics of cooperation: European counterterrorism efforts in Sahel’. EISS Conference, 27-28 June 2019, Paris.
- D'Amato, S. & G. Giuliani, When the opposites attract? The relationship between foreign policy and the migration-terrorism nexus in the French far right and radical discourse, Globus Workshop ‘Between rights and fears: exploring the migration-terrorism nexus from a justice perspective’, University of Bologna, 4-6 June 2018
- D'Amato, S., ‘Who are they? Enemy’s Construction in Counterterrorism Policy-Formulation in France’, Understanding European Jihadists: Criminals, Extremists or Both?, King’s College London, 5 September 2017, London | UK.
- D'Amato, S. & F. Coticchia, ‘Can You Hear Me Major Tom? Media, Narratives and Contemporary Military Operations: the Case of the Italian Mission in Afghanistan’, EISS Conference, 13-14 January 2017, Paris | France.
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D'Amato, S., 'Transnational Terrorism and Strategic Culture: A New Understanding of State Counterterrorism Response', EISS Conference, 13-14 January 2017, Paris | France

D'Amato, S., 'Terrorist Transnationalism: Rethinking the Role of States', 2016 Annual SISP Conference, 15-17 September 2016, Milan | Italy.

D'Amato, S., 'France against Terrorism: What can Strategic Culture tell us?.' 2016 BISA Critical Studies on Terrorism Working Group Conference, 15-16 August 2016, Newcastle | UK.

D'Amato, S., 'On Blowback Terrorism: France facing Transnational Islamist Terrorism'. The 9th Pan European Conference on International Relations (EISA), 23-26 September 2015, Giardini Naxos, Sicily | Italy.

### *Scientific Coordinator & Workshop Organiser*

2019: Max Weber Multidisciplinary Workshop ['European transnationalism between successes and shortcomings: Threats, strategies and actors under the microscope'](#), with Athina Sachoulidou, European University Institute | Florence

[JMU-MWP 12<sup>th</sup> Graduate Symposium](#), with Caterina Paolucci  
European University Institute | Florence

### *Panel Chair*

2019: EUI JUNE Conference, European University Institute  
Panel ['The Politics of Security and Securitization'](#), 12-14 June

SISP Conference, University of Salento, Panel: ['Reaching for allies? The dialectics and overlaps between International Relations and Area Studies in the study of politics, security and conflicts'](#), 13-15 September.

2018: ECPR General Conference, University of Hamburg,  
Panel: ['The EU's Security Policy and its Member States'](#) 22-25 August.

ESE Conference, Addressing Diplomatic, Economic, and Migration Challenges in Southeastern Europe, James Madison University, Florence, Panel: ['Emerging Security Threats in the Western Balkans'](#), 23-27 April.

### *Discussant*

2019: SISP Conference, University of Salento,  
Panel ['Terrorism & Counterterrorism'](#), 13-15 September.

2018: SISP Conference, University of Turin,  
Panel: ['Assisting them at their home? Italian and European security policies in Sahel and North Africa'](#), 6-8 September.

NASP Workshop, University of Genoa, Panel: ['Conflicts and Institutions'](#), 26 June.

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OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- 2013-2014: Internship at the International Affairs Bureau  
DG Presidency of the Regione Toscana, Florence | Italy.
- 2011: Trainee researcher  
European Association for the Defence of Human Rights (AEDH), Brussels | Belgium.

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RESEARCH & METHOD SCHOOLS

- 2016: *Advanced Qualitative Data Analysis*  
Instructor: Marie-Hélène Paré  
ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques; Bamberg | Germany
- 2015: *Process Tracing Methodology II : Evidence & Empirical Testing in Practice.*  
Instructor: Derek Beach  
ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques; Ljubljana | Slovenia
- International Studies Dissertation Workshop.*  
FBK-CERPIC, University of Bologna, Ca' Foscari University and University of Oxford  
University; Trento | Italy
- Europe in the World \_ Executive Seminar Training.*  
Academic Academy of Global Governance, European University Institute
- 2014: *Case Study and Comparative Research Design (Process-Tracing).*  
Instructors: Andrew Bennet  
Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences (DISPOC); Siena | Italy.
- 2013: *Africa between Conflicts and Development.*  
Geneva International Peace Research Institute, Geneva | Switzerland.
- 2011: *Micro-finance Tools and Mediation and Negotiation for Humanitarian Crises.*  
Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale (ISPI), Milan | Italy.
- 2009: *Contemporary and International Conflict Management.*  
Utrecht University, Utrecht | Netherlands.

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FELLOWSHIP AND AWARDS

- 2018-2019: Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowship, European University Institute
- 2016: Research Support Grant 'Italian Strategic Narratives to frame Military Engagement in Afghanistan 2001-2014', M/HSB 1/GW 018  
University of the Bundeswehr & University of Genoa (DISPO)
- 2015-2016: ACCESS Europe | Visiting Ph.D. Fellowship, Amsterdam | The Netherlands
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- 2014-2017: Scuola Normale Superiore  
Full Ph.D. Scholarship
- 2013: ‘Outstanding Student Certificate’  
University of Bologna
- 2012-2013: European Commission – Lifelong Learning Programme  
International Exchange ‘Erasmus’ Scholarship

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IT SKILLS

Data Analysis and Statistical Software

MaxQda (Mac and Windows advanced)  
NVivo (Mac and Windows advanced)  
STATA (basic)  
WordSmith (advanced)

Writing, Typesetting and Presentation Systems

Prezi (advanced)  
Lyx (advanced)  
MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint (advanced)

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LANGUAGES

ITALIAN	Mother tongue	FRENCH	Full proficiency
ENGLISH	Full proficiency	SPANISH	Good proficiency

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EXTRA | SOCIAL & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- RSCAD Max Weber Fellow Representative
- Member of the [ECPR Standing Groups](#) on ‘Political Violence’, ‘International Relations’ and ‘Identity’.
- Member of the ‘[Forum on the Problems of Peace and War](#)’, Florence
- Member of the ‘[Observatory on Conflicts](#)’, University of Genoa

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REFERENCES

**Professor Ulrich Krotz**

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