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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Sept 2016 – Present **Ph.D. candidate, NASP Consortium (University of Milan)**
Dissertation title: *'Tweeting the Caliphate. The Ideology of IS in the Arabic-Speaking Twitter Sphere'* (Supervisor: Luigi Curini.
Committee members: Olivier Roy, Ken Benoit, Fabio Franchino.
Defence date: May 22nd 2020 – postponed to June 2020)

Jan 2017 – Present **Associate Research Fellow, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)**

WORK EXPERIENCE

Sept 2015 – Dec 2016 **Research Assistant, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)**

June 2014 – Aug 2015 **Research Trainee, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)**

July 2013 – Aug 2013 **Journalist, European Forum Alpbach**

Nov 2011 – Jun 2012 **Reporter, Mediaset**

Jan 2011 – Oct 2017 **Freelance journalist for Panorama, Rivista Studio, The Post Internazionale**

EDUCATION

2012 – 2014 **M.A. Journalism**
IULM University, Milan

2009 – 2010 **M.Sc. Middle East Politics**
School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London

2008 – 2009 **M.A. International Relations**
Oxford Brookes University

2005 – 2008 **B.A. Philosophy**
Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

December 2016 Matteo Colombo and Arturo Varvelli, '**The Regeni case and Italy's Mediterranean policy: A turning point?**' *Contemporary Italian Politics* 8.3 (2016): 277-288

BOOK CHAPTER

November 2019 Matteo Colombo, '**The Islamic State (IS) and the others. A topic analysis of pro-IS and anti-IS discourse on Arabic-speaking Twitter**' In Francesco Marone (ed.) '*Digital Jihad: Online Communication and Violent Extremism*'

WORK IN PREPARATION

Book proposal under review Matteo Colombo and Luigi Curini, '**Tweeting the Caliphate. An analysis of the social discussion about IS in the Arabic-speaking community**', Palgrave Macmillan

To be submitted by June 2020 Matteo Colombo and Valerio Vignoli, '**The Politics of Change: Domestic Agents and Italy's U-turn during the Libyan Crisis**'

To be submitted by August 2020 Matteo Colombo, '**Warlords on Twitter: Competing with the state among pro-government militias in Syria and Iraq**'

POLICY BRIEF

February 2016 Matteo Colombo, '**Turkey and the EU: a new path toward shared security**', *EuroMeSCo*

ITALIAN PARLIAMENT PUBLICATIONS

February 2020 Matteo Colombo and Giuseppe Dentice, '**Approfondimento: l'accordo Turchia-GNA sui confine marittimi**', *Mediterraneo Allargato N. 12*

December 2014 Matteo Colombo, Paolo Maggiolini, Andrea Plebani and Valeria Talbot '**Turchia: evoluzione politica interna e dinamiche regionali**', *Osservatorio di Politica Internazionale N. 103*

HORIZON 2020 PROJECT

Sept 2016 Matteo Colombo, '**Country report – Egypt**', *The Arab Transformation Project - Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) of the European Commission*

Sept 2016 Matteo Colombo, '**Country report – Morocco**', *The Arab Transformation Project - Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) of the European Commission*

THINK TANK COMMENTARIES (ENGLISH)

- June 2018 Matteo Colombo and Sevgi Seçen, **‘Turkey in Tweets: Comparing the candidates’ communication strategies’**, *ISPI Commentary*
- March 2018 Matteo Colombo, **‘In His Words. A thematic analysis of Al-Sisi’s Twitter account’**, *ISPI Commentary*

THINK TANK COMMENTARIES AND FOCUS ARTICLES (ITALIAN)

- March 2020 Matteo Colombo, **‘Il matrimonio d’interesse tra Turchia e Libia’**, *ISPI Commentary*
- February 2020 Matteo Colombo, **‘Siria: le conseguenze dell’uccisione dei soldati turchi’**, *ISPI Commentary*
- January 2020 Matteo Colombo and Eugenio Dacrema, **‘Il futuro della Libia passa da Berlino’**, *ISPI Focus*
- January 2020 Matteo Colombo, **‘Libia, cosa può (ancora) fare l’Italia’**, *ISPI Commentary*
- October 2019 Matteo Colombo, **‘Cosa vuole ottenere la Turchia dall’intervento in Siria’**, *ISPI Commentary*
- June 2019 Matteo Colombo, **‘Da Fratellanza a ‘Fratellanze’: Morsi e la crisi dell’Islam politico egiziano’**, *ISPI Commentary*
- January 2018 Matteo Colombo and Eugenio Dacrema, **‘Siria: La strana convergenza tra Ankara e Assad’**, *ISPI Commentary*
- January 2017 Matteo Colombo, **‘Un anno dopo Regeni. Come cambia la politica estera italiana nel Mediterraneo’**, *ISPI Commentary*
- July 2016 Matteo Colombo, **‘Turchia: Errori e conseguenze di un golpe mancato’**, *ISPI Commentary*
- April 2016 Matteo Colombo and Giuseppe Dentice, **‘Accordi Egitto-Francia: una vittoria per l’Arabia Saudita’**, *ISPI Commentary*
- February 2016 Matteo Colombo, **‘Egitto: che fine ha fatto la rivoluzione?’**, *ISPI Commentary*
- February 2016 Matteo Colombo, **‘Siria, le bombe su Sayeda Zeinab e la logica dello scontro sciiti-sunniti’**, *ISPI Commentary*
- June 2015 Matteo Colombo, **‘Siria: Assad è in crisi? La strategia militare di Damasco’**, *ISPI Commentary*

June 2015	Matteo Colombo, ' Economia al centro: la strategia delle opposizioni per fermare l'AKP ', <i>ISPI Commentary</i>
March 2015	Matteo Colombo, ' Intervento saudita in Yemen, ragioni e conseguenze regionali ', <i>ISPI Commentary</i>
March 2015	Matteo Colombo, ' Dopo Sharm el-Sheikh, la strategia economica di al-Sisi ', <i>ISPI Commentary</i>
February 2015	Matteo Colombo and Paolo Maggiolini, ' IS, Giordania e la logica della violenza ', <i>ISPI Commentary</i>
November 2014	Matteo Colombo, ' Italia-Egitto. Rischi e opportunità di una relazione strategica ', <i>ISPI Commentary</i>
April 2013	Matteo Colombo, ' Chi sono veramente i salafiti? ', <i>ISPI Commentary</i>
December 2012	Matteo Colombo, ' La nuova Costituzione egiziana: cosa cambia? ', <i>ISPI Commentary</i>

OTHER ARTICLES (ENGLISH)

October 2017	Matteo Colombo, Luigi Curini Luigi, Andrea Ceron, and Stefano M. Iacus, ' A Marriage of convenience: Surprising popularity of Trump on Arab Social Media ', <i>The Globe Post</i>
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SELECTION OF OTHER ARTICLES (ITALIAN)

September 2017	Matteo Colombo, Luigi Curini, Andrea Ceron, and Stefano M. Iacus, ' Il mondo arabo e la guerra a Isis: in rete Trump più popolare di Obama grazie all'Iran ', <i>Corriere della Sera</i>
February 2016	Matteo Colombo, ' Essere un freelance al Cairo ', <i>Rivista Studio</i>
February 2015	Matteo Colombo, ' Libia e ISIS: facciamo chiarezza ', <i>Rivista Studio</i>
January 2015	Matteo Colombo, ' Dieci cose che ho letto, dopo Charlie Hebdo ', <i>Rivista Studio</i>
July 2014	Matteo Colombo, ' Che cos'è il nuovo "Califfato" dell'ISIS? ', <i>Rivista Studio</i>
October 2012	Matteo Colombo, ' Quali sono gli interessi della Turchia in Siria ', <i>Panorama</i>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (ITALIAN AND ENGLISH)

- June 2020 (Forthcoming) **Course coordinator and instructor, ‘Terrorism, ideology, communication and counteractions’, ISPI School**
‘Terrorism, history and contact points’
‘The communication strategy of Jihadist groups’
- May 2020 **Instructor, ‘Democracy and regime changes in Arab, African and Asian countries’, ISPI School**
‘A new "Arab Spring"? Protests, transitions and power restorations from North Africa to the Middle East’
‘Political Islam in the Middle East and North Africa: institutionalisation and repression’
‘Egypt between square protests, elections and the military’
- May 2020 **Course coordinator and instructor, ‘Politics and energy in the enlarged Mediterranean region’, ISPI School**
‘The energy dependence relationship between the two shores of the Mediterranean’
‘The gas quest in the Eastern Mediterranean’
‘Geopolitics of oil and gas pipelines’
- April 2020 **Course coordinator and instructor, ‘Terrorism in its many forms’, ISPI School**
‘What is terrorism? Definition and general overview’
‘Jihadism from al-Qa’ida to the Islamic State’
- March 2020 **Instructor, ‘Politics of the Middle East’, ISPI School**
‘Iraq: Researching an impossible stability’
‘Syria: The catalyser of Middle Eastern politics’
- May 2019 – June 2019 **Course coordinator and instructor, ‘Design your research: Skills and methodologies in IR’, University of Milan**
‘Automated content and social media analysis’
‘Discussing and structuring your research projects and dissertations’
‘Working in IOs, NGOs and think tanks’
‘Data visualisation, maps and infographics’
- February and June 2019 **Instructor, ‘ISIS and the other forms of Terrorism’, ISPI School**
‘The terrorist threat in the Near East. The Egyptian case’
‘IS communication strategy’
- January 2017 **Guest Instructor, ‘Anthropology of communication’, Polytechnic University of Milan**
‘IS communication strategy’

April 2016 **Instructor, ‘Master in communication for international relations’, Palermo University – IMESI**
‘Libya and the wider Mediterranean region’

May 2016 **Instructor, ‘Master in international relations’, Pavia University**
‘IS communication strategy’

November 2015 **Instructor, ‘Master in communication for international relations’, IULM University**
‘IS communication strategy’

CONFERENCE PAPERS

August 2020 (forthcoming) **‘Warlords on Twitter: Competing with the state among pro-government militias in Syria and Iraq’** at ECPR General Conference 2020

June 2020 (postponed) **‘Pro-IS and anti-IS: A three-year-long analysis of the discourse about the Islamic State in the Arabic-speaking community’** at OWRI-IMEIS Conference on Discursive Challenges: Power, State Legitimacy and Counter-narratives in the Arab World

June 2018 **‘Change in policy, continuity in goals? Italy’s U-turn during the Libyan crisis’** at EISA Academic Conference on Foreign Policy Change

June 2018 **‘Warlords on Twitter: Competing with the state among pro-government militias in Syria and Iraq’** at NASP International Workshop on Conflict and Institutions

WORKSHOP

July 2016 **EUMEF Think Tank Network ‘Turkey and Egypt in 2025’**

ACHIEVEMENTS

April 2015 **Certificate in Professional Journalism**

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian	Native
English	C2 – Fluent
Arabic	B2 – Upper Intermediate
Turkish	B1 – Lower Intermediate
Dutch	B1 – Lower Intermediate

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Illustrator (Graphics)	Advanced
R (Data analysis)	Intermediate
Premiere (Video editing)	Intermediate