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WORK EXPERIENCE

2023	NATO ACT Internship Program, Norfolk (VA, US): Strategic Plans & Policy Branch - expected
2019 - present	University of Central Florida, Orlando (FL, US): Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) - (SPSIA) Workflow organization, creation of students' assignments and exams, interaction with students from different background, provision of constructive feedback and grading of up to 200 students at a time
2019	WAREG, European Water Regulators (Milan, Italy) guided by ARERA : Secretariat Junior Analyst support in research and analysis on water sector governance in the EU; support in keeping working relations with WAREG Members and Observers, European Institutions, International Organizations and stakeholders; support in the logistical organization of internal and external meetings and events; support in social media communication
2019	CEMAS- Research Center for cooperation with Eurasia, Mediterranean and North Africa (Italy) Editing support in material related to geopolitics and the energy field
2018	DPG, Delhi Policy Group (New Delhi, India): Visiting Research Assistant Research and publication of policy briefs on the Indo-Pacific security challenges, the US role, and the EU
2018	Yezer, first political Italian Start-Up (Milan, Italy): Advisor on Italian policy issues
2015 - 2018	Invictus Gymnastics S. s. d. a. r. l. Milan (Milan, Italy): Regional Artistic Gymnastics Coach
2015 - 2018	Private Tutor: Offered tutoring in English and French to High School students
2015	ENEL (Energy Distribution Company) at EXPO Italy: Group Tutor and Organisational Service

EDUCATION

2019 - expected by 2023	University of Central Florida (UCF), Orlando (FL, US) – GPA: 3.893 Security Studies Ph.D. Candidate - School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs (SPSIA) <i>Dissertation topic:</i> Domestic extremism: investigating the micro-decisions that lead people to, or away from, groups that engage in political violence and the influence on sentencing for convicted terrorists in the Red Brigades case <i>Committee:</i> Dr. Thomas Dolan (Chair), Dr. Günes Tezcür, Dr. Jacopo Baggio, Dr. Kelsey Larsen <i>Research Interests:</i> Terrorism, Domestic Extremism, Political Violence, Gender Roles
2014 – 2017	Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (UCSC), Milan (Italy) MA Political and Social Sciences, European and International Policies <i>Thesis:</i> ‘The United States of America and the war on terrorism from Bush to Obama’ <i>Advisor:</i> Dr. Massimo De Leonardis <i>Final Grade:</i> 110/110 <i>cum laude</i>
2011 – 2015	Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (UCSC), Milan (Italy) BA Linguistic Sciences, International Relations <i>Thesis:</i> ‘Iran and its nuclear program: between negotiation and conflict risks’ <i>Advisor:</i> Dr. Riccardo Redaelli <i>Final grade</i> 110/110 <i>cum laude</i>

PUBLICATIONS

2022	Ricci, E. Can the Rise of Far-Right Parties Spark Extremist Violence? <i>Political Violence at a Glance</i> https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2022/11/22/can-the-rise-of-far-right-parties-spark-extremist-violence/
2019	Ricci, E. (2019). The 16+1 Initiative. <i>Geopolitica.info: Policy Brief on China Section</i> https://www.geopolitica.info/the-161-initiative/
2018	Ricci, E. (2018). Assessing the Trump-Kim Summit. <i>Delhi Policy Group, Policy Brief, III</i> (10) https://www.delhipolicygroup.org/publication/policy-briefs/assessing-the-trump-kim-summit.html
2018	Ricci, E. (2018). The European Union World. <i>Delhi Policy Group, Policy Brief, III</i> (11) https://www.delhipolicygroup.org/publication/policy-briefs/the-european-union-challenges-and-prospects.html

WORK IN PROGRESS

2023	Ricci, E. Joining and pulling back: what pushes individuals to enter or stay away from armed groups <i>Working Paper</i>
2022	Ricci, E. The Internal Heterogeneity of Terrorist organizations <i>Working Paper</i>
2022	Ricci, E. Women's participation in Violent Political Organizations (VPOs) <i>Working Paper</i>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (UCF SPSIA)

Independent Teaching INR2002: IR Theory and Practice (2023) - **expected**

Teaching Assistant

PUP3204: Sustainability (2022)	POS3273: Voting and Elections (2021)
INR4102: American Foreign Policy (2022, 2021)	CPO4303: Comparative Latin American Politics (2020)
INR4363/4364: The Intelligence Community (2021)	POS3233: Public Opinion (2020)
INR4084: Politics of International Terrorism (2021)	POS2041: American National Government (2020, 2019)
INR4008: Global Perspectives (2021, 2020)	POS4412: Presidential Campaigning (2020, 2019)
POS4284: Judicial Process and Politics (2021)	POS3703: Scope and Methods of Political Science (2019)
POS3413: The American Presidency (2021)	INR2002: IR Theory and Practice (2019)

SKILLS & TRAINING

Languages: Italian (Native Speaker); English (Fluent); French (Intermediate); Spanish (Basic)
Computational: Microsoft and Mac OS Operating systems, Microsoft Word/ Excel/ PowerPoint
Methodology: Archival Research, Interviews, and Statistical Training with STATA
American Political Science Association Course (2021): Managing and Sharing Qualitative Data

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

2023	Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference - expected <i>Panelist on Political Violence, Terrorism & Resistance</i>
2023	International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference - expected <i>Discussant and Panelist on New Research on Terrorist Tactics: Where, Why, and How</i>
2022	UCF Guest Lecturer, Research Presentation for INR 4084: Politics of International Terrorism
2022	Clements Center for National Security, Seminar in History and Statecraft
2022	International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference <i>Discussant and Panelist on Terrorism and Extremism</i>
2022	Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference <i>Panelist on Political Violence, Terrorism & Resistance</i>
2022-2021	UCF Political Science Department Brown Bag Seminar Series
2021	UCF Scholar Symposium, Poster Presentation
2018	European Generation, European Youth Debate, Common Defence and Anti-terrorism field Supported by the European Parliament Information Office and ISPI
2018	Forum for Strategic Initiatives with Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and The Centre for Land Warfare Studies: India and Security Challenges in the Indo-Pacific in the New Era (Attendee)
2018	Delhi Policy Group (New Delhi) Roundtable with French Ambassador to India Alexander Ziegler
2016	Geopolitica.info: Centro Studi di Geopolitica e Relazioni Internazionali IX Winter School on <i>Geopolitics and International Relations</i>
2016	UCSC, Milan (Italy) & Martin-Luther Universität Halle-Wittemberg Seminar Iludus: <i>The Business Strategy Simulation Game</i>
2015	UCSC, Milan (Italy), 1st Place Paper Presentation: Russia & Syria Friends with Benefits

ACADEMIC AND EXTRA-ACADEMIC AWARDS

2022	APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$7, 020)
2022	APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant Conference Expense Funds (up to \$1,000)
2022	UCF Grant, SPSIA Doctoral Research Support Award (\$1,000)
2022	UCF Scholarship, Arnold Haverlee Exploration Award Endowed Fund Scholarship (\$500)
2022	UCF Grant, SPSIA Doctoral Research Support Award (\$2,500)
2022	UCF Fellowship, College of Graduate Studies Presentation Fellowship (\$150)
2021	UCF Scholarship, Student Government International Students Scholarship Award (750\$)
2017	LSE Certificate, London School of English, Academic English, London (UK)
2016	National Sports Federation FGI (recognized by CONI): Academy Coach Artistic Gymnastics
2000-2015	FGI Élite Artistic Gymnastics - Professional Activity: National and International Competitions

SERVICE TO UCF

2022	Ph.D. Liaison Student: SPSIA Departmental Community Builder
2022	Ph.D. Student's Mentor: Advising for incoming Ph.D. students
2021	Hiring Search Committee Member for the position of "Director of SPSIA" at UCF

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Studies Association (ISA); Italian Scientists & Scholars in North America Foundation (ISSNAF)
 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA); <https://www.womenalsoknowstuff.com/profile/erika-ricci>

REFERENCES

Dr. Thomas Dolan (*Chair*)

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