

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Sex Male | Date of birth 18 Sep 1992 | Nationality Italian

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

14 Sep 2015–30 Jun 2017

Master (120 ECTS)

Final academic grading: "Grande Distinction" (magna cum laude)

Université Catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium)

Master in "Political Science: International Relations, professional focus Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution".

Main courses: International Strategy and Security; Current issues of International Security; Introduction to International Relations; Geostrategy in the Asia-Pacific; Analyses of Contemporary Societies (Japanese, Chinese, Indian); European Common Foreign, Security and Defence Policy; Geoeconomy; International Economic Relationships; International Organisations; International Negotiations; Geopolitics of the Rising Powers; Foreign Policy Analysis.

Occupational skills: analytical thinking, report writing, public speaking, making PowerPoint presentations.

Outside the regular study program: Japanese language (elementary and intermediate level).

I graduated with a thesis titled "Japan's Maritime Security Strategy in Response to Chinese Military Power: The Protection of the SLOC".

Sep 2012–13 Jul 2015

Bachelor's degree (180 ECTS)

Final mark 110/110

University of Parma (Università degli Studi di Parma), Parma (Italy)

Bachelor's degree in "Political Science and International Relations".

Main courses: International Law; History of the International Relations; Contemporary History; European Union Law; Principles of (Italian) Public Law; Political Economy; Economic Policy; Financial Markets and Institutions; Foreign Languages (English and French); Political Science.

I graduated with a thesis titled "The Relations Between the United States, the Soviet Union and China (1964-1972)".

Sep 2006–8 Jul 2011

High School Diploma

Final mark 94/100

Liceo Scientifico Statale "Ulivi", Parma (Italy)

High school graduation, National Informatics Plan.

Main subjects: History; Philosophy; Language and Literature (Italian, English, Latin); Natural Science, Physics, Mathematics.

WORK EXPERIENCE

28 Feb 2018–Present

Contributor (Non-Resident)

Geopoliticalmonitor Intelligence Corp.

I write articles on a geopolitical issues (roughly on a weekly basis) with a focus on security matters. These articles include the overview of an event and of its background, an evaluation of its importance and a forecast on its international consequences.

12 Feb 2018–Present **Junior Technical Service Consultant - EDI Service Desk (Italian & French)**
Comarch S.A., Krakow (Poland)

First-level analysis and resolution of problems concerning EDI (Electronic Data Interchange) operations between Comarch's clients and their partners.

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Italian

Foreign language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C1	C1	C1
IELTS (Overall Score 8.0, C1 level)					
French	C2	C2	C1	C1	C1
TCF (Global Result 656 points, C2 level)					
Spanish	C1	C1	B2	B1	B2
Greek	B1	B1	B1	A2	B1
Japanese	A2	B1	A2	A2	B1
Intermediate level certificate released by the ILV (UCL's language institute)					

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Communication skills

I have good oral and written expression skills, including synthesis and clarity. I am able to communicate in an appropriate and respectful manner. I am familiar with social networks.

I have developed such competences mainly during my university education (writing papers and reports, performing oral presentations, etc.).

Organisational / managerial skills

I am adaptable and I am used to working in group. I can take the initiative and coordinate the group's activity. I have self-organisation skills, a strong sense of responsibility and respect for deadlines. I am accustomed with multi-tasking.

I acquired such competences throughout my university education (group works, presentations, etc.) as well as through my contributions to Wikistrat's projects and by publishing articles on my own.

Digital skills

SELF-ASSESSMENT				
Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem solving
Proficient user	Independent user	Independent user	Independent user	Independent user

Digital skills - Self-assessment grid

I am familiar with Word and PowerPoint (or equivalent), and I am able to create well-organized and clear documents / presentations with a good visual impact. I obtained such skills during my university education and by publishing on my website. I have a basic knowledge of Excel (and similar). I am able to use the main browsers and e-mail programs (Outlook and equivalent)

I have some image editing abilities that I acquired as an amateur photographer.

Driving licence B

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Publications** - Reaganism in Tony Scott's *Top Gun* on the website of the Geopolitics and Foreign Policy Research Programme (programme de recherche en géopolitique et politique étrangère) by CECRI (Centre d'études sur les crises et les conflits internationaux - Université Catholique de Louvain).
- Various articles on *Geopolitical Monitor*, *Eurasia Review*, my personal website *Strategikos* and other publications.
- Certifications** TECO, May 2015:
TECO is a test aimed at measuring the skills in problem solving, reasoning, writing, understanding, critical evaluation and others. I obtained an overall score of 1,171 points, against an average of 1,029 points for students obtaining similar Bachelor's degrees and against a university and national average being both of 992.
- Other activities** Since May 2016:
Intern, then Researcher (in both cases Non-Resident) at Wikistrat, Asia-Pacific Desk.
I participated to various activities (discussions, simulations, etc.) on Wikistrat's interactive Platform alongside other analysts. I examined several strategically-relevant issues concerning geopolitics, foreign policy, defense & security, socio-economic transformations, technological trends, and others; regarding both the Asia-Pacific and other regions. This allowed me to further improve the analytic skills that I had already developed during my academic career.
I cooperate with Wikistrat essentially on a voluntary basis, which demonstrates my actual interest in these matters.
During the internship period I also assisted in searching for candidates potentially interested in joining Wikistrat.
- Sep 2011:
Participation in the program "Live the Armed Forces" (Vivi le Forze Armate) in the Italian Air Force, duration three weeks.
- Date** 04 Sep 2018