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EDUCATION

The London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE)

London, United Kingdom

PhD in International Relations

Sept 2020 – Jan 2025

○ Concentration in Peace, Conflict & Aid

○ Defended Successfully in December 2024 | *No corrections*

○ Degree Conferral: January 2025

○ Dissertation: “Sleight of State: How Host Governments Influence International Humanitarian Aid”

Institute for Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research (IQMR)

Syracuse, New York

Select Courses: Natural & Randomized Experiments, Multi-method Research,
Ethnographic Methods, Re-Thinking Small-N Comparisons

June/July 2023

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

Online/Virtual/Remote

Select courses: Spatial Econometrics, Mixed Methods, Causal Inference,
Social Science Data Visualization

June/July 2022

The London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE)

London, United Kingdom

Postgraduate Teaching Certificate

Sept 2021 – Oct 2022

University of Essex Summer Methods School

Online/Virtual/Remote

Select Courses: Intro to R, GIS & Spatial Methods,
Math Primer, Regression Analysis

June/July 2021

Georgetown University, Walsh School of Foreign Service

Washington, D.C., USA

Master of Science in Foreign Service (MSFS)

Aug 2017 - May 2019

○ Graduate Certificate in Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies

○ Concentration in International Development, Democratization & Substate Conflict

○ Awarded the Certificate of Academic Excellence

Concordia University, Geography Department

Montréal, Québec, Canada

Bachelor of Arts in Human Environment, Honours

Sept 2005 - June 2009

Honours Thesis: Community Managed Water Projects in Bolivia

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Authoritarian Politics

Conflict & Climate Migration

Comparative Politics

Conflict & Security

Development in Fragile States

Democratization / Conflict & Democracy

Distributive Politics

Governance-Inequality-Peace-Conflict Nexus

Field Research & History of Science/Research

Global Governance

Human Security, Rights and Development

Humanitarian Emergencies & Displacement

Intergovernmental & Non-Governmental Actors

Migration & Displacement

Politics of Aid

Research Ethics

Social Cohesion & Communal Conflict

Substate Conflict & Political Violence

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Della Guardia, A. (2023). Rethinking Displacement: A Book Review of Irfan, A. (2023) Refuge and Resistance: Palestinians and the International Refugee System; Laker, F. (2021) Rethinking Internal Displacement: Geo-political Games, Fragile States, and the Relief Industry; and Carney, M. (2021) Island of Hope: Migration and Solidarity in the Mediterranean. *Transformations, Special Issue: Displacement, volume 1(2)*, 143-149. <https://gfptransformations.org/issues/transformation-volume-1-issue-2/>

Della Guardia, A., Lake, M., & Schnitzer, P. (2022). Selective inclusion in cash transfer programs: Unintended consequences for social cohesion. *World Development*, 157, 105922. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2022.105922>

PhD Thesis

Della Guardia, A. (2024). *Sleight of state: How host governments influence international humanitarian response*. PhD Dissertation, London School of Economics and Political Science. <https://etheses.lse.ac.uk/4807/>

Scholastic & Reference Publications

Della Guardia, A. (Forthcoming 2025). *Extraordinary Expeditions: Journeys and People That Changed History*. Bloomsbury, ABC-CLIO. (Reference Book).

Della Guardia, A. (2023). "Landscape, African Settlement and Trade." African Studies AP Curriculum. Bloomsbury, ABC-CLIO.

Della Guardia, A. (2023). "Climate, African Settlement and Trade." African Studies AP Curriculum. Bloomsbury, ABC-CLIO.

Policy Papers

Della Guardia, Anne Chartron & Lake, Milli May & Saidi, Mira. (2024). "Safety Nets in Contexts of Violence, Fragility and Forced Displacement: The Case of Burkina Faso and Cameroon," Social Protection Discussion Papers and Notes 192987, The World Bank. <https://ideas.repec.org/p/wbk/hdnspu/192987.html>

Schnitzer, P., Della Guardia, A. & Lake, M. (2023). *Targeting in Ultra-Poor Settings : Evidence from Six Countries in Rural Sabal (English)*, World Bank Group. United States of America. <https://coilink.org/20.500.12592/hg1t6x>

Conway, M., A. Khandros, A. Della Guardia, M. Wai-Poi, and G. Seshan. (Forthcoming). Forced Displacement in the Mashreq: Impact on Household Welfare. Washington, DC: World Bank.

Publications Supported

Conducted the literature review for:

Moore, Matt. (2019). The Hidden War: Legal Responses to Intimate Partner Violence in Fragility and Conflict: Washington, D.C.: Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security. <https://giwps.georgetown.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/The-Hidden-War.pdf>

AWARDS & FUNDING

LSE Postgraduate Travel Grant (£1000/year)	2022-2024
Sir Patrick Gillam Scholarship Fund for fieldwork (£5000)	2023
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LSE International Relations Department IQMR Funding (fully-funded place)	2023
LSE International Relations Department Summer Methods School Funding (£1,500)	2022
LSE International Relations Department Summer Methods School Funding (£2,000)	2021
LSE International Relations Department Studentship: funded PhD position; ~£18,000/year	2020 – 24
Oxford-Radcliffe Scholarship (funded DPhil at University of Oxford, ~£18,000/year, declined)	2020
Georgetown MSFS Academic Excellence Award	2019
Georgetown Walsh School Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$5000)	2018

CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

“Disparities in Humanitarian Response & Host Government Influence.” Presented at the *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Philadelphia, 2024.

“Humanitarian Priorities and Inequalities of Displacement Response.” Presented at the *American Association of Geographers Annual Conference*, Honolulu, 2024.

“Navigating Humanitarian Response & The Deprioritization of the Internally Displaced.” Presented at the *Conflict & Change Workshop*, University College London (UCL), London, 2024.

“Conflict, Stability and Social Protection: Poverty Reduction Programming in War.” Slated to present at APSA 2023, but panel was withdrawn due to strikes.

“The Most Vulnerable of the Vulnerable: Horizontal Inequalities Between Refugees and IDPs.” Presented at the *American Association of Geographers Annual Conference*, Denver, 2023.

“Geographies of Displacement, Horizontal Inequalities and Communal Conflict.” Presented at the *International Studies Association Annual Conference*, Nashville, 2022.

“Geographies of Displacement, Horizontal Inequalities and Communal Conflict.” Presented at the London School of Economics and Political Science’s *Security and Statecraft Workshop*, 2022.

“Targeting and Intra-Communal Relations in Chad’s National Safety Net Program.” Presented at the London School of Economics and Political Science’s *African Political Economy Group Workshop*, 2020.

INVITED TALKS & EVENTS

Invitation to participate as a jurist (declined due to conflict), *Crisis Simulation Event*, War Studies Society, London School of Economics, October 2024.

“Development and Humanitarian Aid”, *Public Health Symposium at the University of Yaoundé*, Oct 2023.

“The Economics of Aid”, *Faculty of Economic Sciences at the University of Yaoundé*, Feb 2023.

Invitation to participate as panelist (declined due to conflict), “Displacement, Covid-19 Pandemic and Conflict Panel”, *London Conflict Review*, November 2021.

“Geographies of Displacement, Horizontal Inequalities, and Communal Conflict.” *CIVICA PhD Panel on Civil Wars and International Security*, April 2021.

Speaker at Welcome Week event for incoming PhDs to IR Department, September 2021

Panelist at departmental event for interested applicants to PhD programme, November 2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The World Bank Group Remote
Research Consultant (STC) Jan 2021 – Feb 2024

Conducted qualitative study on cash transfer programming in conflict settings in the Sahel region. Conducted Literature Review on social protection programs and social cohesion in Fragile, Conflict and Violence Affected (FCV) contexts.

The London School of Economics & Political Science London, United Kingdom
Research Assistant to Dr. Milli Lake Sept – Dec 2020

Assisted Dr. Lake with background research, data management and administrative tasks for a project on women's political leadership participation in Sri Lanka.

Navanti Group Arlington, Virginia, USA / Remote
Sahel Analyst April - Aug 2020

Managed socio-economic research projects in Sahel countries for US government contracts.

The World Bank Group Washington, D.C., USA / Remote
Research Consultant (STC) April 2019 - March 2020

Supported research projects on: (i) forced displacement and humanitarian response policy and programming in the Middle East and North Africa Poverty Unit; and (ii) cash transfer programming for women beneficiaries in the Africa Social Protection and Labor Unit.

Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace & Security Washington, D.C., USA
Research Assistant Aug 2018 - May 2019

Supported research projects on intimate partner violence in post-conflict settings and access to justice, as well as initial research examining the nexus of gender, climate change, and conflict.

Community Centred Conservation Diego Suarez, Madagascar
Research Assistant June - Oct 2009

Supported research on artisanal fishery practices, marine megafauna, and conservation policy in Madagascar.

Agence Eurêka 21 Paris, France
Research Assistant June - Aug 2008

Supported research on sustainable development policy in the European Union.

International Research Centre for Water & the Environment Paris, France
Research Assistant June - Aug 2007

Supported research on water policy and programming in northern Africa.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE) London, United Kingdom
Graduate Student Teaching Assistant, Department of International Relations Sept 2021 - May 2022
Taught classes for a 200-level International Security course.

Engineers Without Borders Canada Toronto, Canada
Advocacy Skills Teacher Oct 2015 - May 2017
Contributed to design of and ran policy and advocacy training and workshops for university-aged youth.

SELECT DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONER EXPERIENCE

UNICEF Cameroon

Humanitarian Field Operations Unit Intern

Yaoundé, Cameroon
June 2018 - Aug 2018

Supported humanitarian response coordination in three conflict-affected zones in Cameroon through research, communications, and operational support.

Engineers Without Borders Canada

Policy & Advocacy Communications Lead

Toronto, Canada
Aug 2015 - May 2017

Led the organization's policy and advocacy communications strategy and managed public campaign communications for an international development organization's policy and advocacy team.

Consulate General of France in Toronto

Chief Press Officer

Toronto, Canada
Dec 2011- Dec 2013

Led the consulate's communications and media relations, in support of the French cooperation and development agenda in Ontario.

Various Private & Public Sector Employers

Communications & Project Management Roles

Canada, Greece, Ghana, Lebanon, Portugal
2010 – 2015

Managed projects and communications in support of various organizations contributing to international development activities in Canada, Europe, sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Committee Member, Ad-Hoc Committee on Graduate Student Engagement, Women, Gender, and Politics Section (APSA) | 2024-Present

Organizing Team Member, Junior IO Scholars Workshop | 2024-Present

PhD Cohort Representative, LSE IR Department Staff-Research Student Liaison Committee | 2020-22

PhD Student Representative, LSE IR Department PhD Sub-Committee | 2021-22

IR Department PhD Representative, LSE Research Student Consultative Forum | 2020-21

Co-organizer of a panel on Gender, Security and the Humanitarian Sector, Georgetown University, 2018

Co-organizer of Security and Development Forum, Georgetown Anti-Poverty Society, 2018-19

Co-organizer of lecture series "Conversations with Practitioners", Georgetown Anti-Poverty Society, 2017-19

Undergraduate student representative for Geography Student Society, Concordia University, 2007-09

Reviewer: Democratization, SN Social Sciences

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS & ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Geographers | 2022-Present

American Political Science Association | 2023-Present

Associate Graduate Fellow, Royal Geographic Society | 2022-Present

African Political Economy Group (APEG) | 2020-2024

Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment | 2022-2024

International Inequalities Institute Doctoral Participant | 2020-2023

International Political Economy Cluster, LSE International Relations Department | 2020-2024

International Studies Association | 2020-2022

Security and Statecraft Cluster, LSE International Relations Department | 2020-2024

LANGUAGES

English (Native / Bilingual)

French (Native / Bilingual)

Spanish (Intermediate conversational)

SOFTWARE

Proficient in statistical analysis software (R, SPSS)

Proficient in Geographic Information Systems and related software (ArcGIS, QGIS, Geoda)

Proficient in Qualitative and Mixed Methods Software (Dedoose, NVivo)

Proficient in literature management software (Zotero, Mendeley, Endnote)