

Irene Morlino

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CURRENT POSITION

2022 – present LSE Fellow in European Security and Defence at *London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE* (London, U.K.)

EDUCATION

- 2017-2021 **PhD in International Relations, *London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE*** (London, U.K.) (Awarded without corrections)
- 2019 **Visiting PhD Research Fellow, *Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI)***, (Barcelona, Spain)
- 2019 **Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Maxwell School, *Syracuse University*** (Syracuse, NY, USA)
- 2015-2017 **Master's Degree in European Affairs, *Institut d'études politiques de Paris, SciencesPo*** (Paris, France)
- 2011-2014 **Bachelor's Degree in Political Sciences, *LUISS Guido Carli University*** (Rome, Italy)
- 2013-2014 **ERASMUS programme, *Université Catholique de Louvain*** (Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2017-2021 **PhD research, *London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE*** (London, U.K.)
- Comparative research on *Assessing the effectiveness of EU humanitarian aid. The cases of Myanmar, Lebanon, Mozambique.*
 - Data collection through official documents, reports and 55 interviews with UN, NGOs, and EU officials;
 - Analysis and comparative assessment of the effectiveness of EU humanitarian aid programmes in Myanmar, Lebanon and Mozambique between 2015-2017
 - Qualitative assessment of ECHO-funded UN agencies (e.g., WFP) and NGO projects (e.g., Oxfam)
 - Doctoral courses, including training in qualitative methods and basic quantitative methods
- 2020 **Academic Research, *London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE*** (London, U.K.)
- Research on how Italy has managed the Covid-19 pandemic in terms of crisis narratives, death management, mourning. Output: report and academic article (see under Publications)
 - Research on how the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted the relationship between State and regions in Italy. Output: academic article (see under Publications)
- 2018 **Academic Research, *London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE*** (London, U.K.)
- Research on the position of EU Member States towards human rights. Output: internal report (under Academic experience)
- 2017 **Academic Research, *Institut d'études politiques de Paris, SciencesPo*** (Paris, France)
- Research on the coordination between the EU and the UN when implementing food and health assistance policies in Ethiopia and Chad. Output: Master's thesis; working paper (see under Publications)

BOOK PROJECT

The effectiveness of EU humanitarian aid. Hypotheses and empirical assessment. (Work in progress)

PUBLICATIONS

Academic Articles

- 2022 *Is EU humanitarian aid really neutral?* (Work in progress)
2021 Decentralisation in times of crisis: asset or liability? The case of Germany and Italy during Covid-19
With K. Kuhn, *Swiss Political Science Review*, December 2021

Policy papers and working papers

- 2020 *Confronting the Covid-19 pandemic. Grief, Loss and Social Order*, With K. Millar, Y. Han, M. Bayly, K. Kuhn, London: The London School of Economics and Political Science
2019 *Exploring the conditions of the effectiveness of EU external policies: the case of humanitarian aid*, Working paper presented at the International 16th Biennial Conference, European Union Studies Association (EUSA), Denver, 2019
2018 *Food assistance: what role for EU-UN coordination*, in European Foreign Policy Unit, Working Paper No. 2018/1

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 2021 – 2022 **International Relations Department Fellow, *London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE*** (London, U.K.)
- Research on EU humanitarian aid's effectiveness
 - Teaching and Dissertation adviser (see under Teaching experience)
- 2020 **Research Assistant, *London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE*** (London, U.K.)
- Research on the Italian Government's approach during Covid-19 within a comparative analysis, including UK, Germany, and South Korea
 - Output: Policy paper distributed to British stakeholders
- 2018 **Research Assistant, *London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE*** (London, U.K.)
- Research on the human rights situation and position of EU member states as part of a Jean Monnet Research Network on EU-UN Relations (EUN-NET) addressed to Master's students led by Professor Karen E. Smith

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021 – present **Lecturer, seminar leader and examiner, *London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE*** (London, U.K.)
IR410 – MSc International Politics
IR434 – MSc European Security and Defence
IR4A2 – MSc International Relations: Global Applications
- 2021 – present **MSc Dissertation adviser, *London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE*** (London, U.K.)
- 2018-2019 **Graduate Teaching Assistant, *London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE*** (London, U.K.)
IR100 – BSc Introduction to International Relations: Concepts, Theories and Debates

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, CERTIFICATES

- 2022 LSE Class Teacher Award
- 2020 Sir Patrick Gillam Scholarship Fund to conduct fieldwork in Myanmar.
Due to COVID-19, I could not travel, but conducted interviews with officials working in the field.
- 2019 NORTIA Jean Monnet Visiting Fellowship, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), (Barcelona, Spain)
- 2019 PGCertHE, Post Graduate Certificate in Higher Education accredited by the UK Higher Education Academy (HEA)
- 2016 XIV Carver Literary Prize 2016

INVITED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

- 2021 **European Union in International Affairs (EUIA)**, *Assessing the EU's Capacity to Act*, Online. *The effectiveness of EU external policies: the case of EU humanitarian aid in Myanmar*.
- 2020 **IR507. International Institutions, Law and Ethics workshop, London School of Economics and Political Science**, London (UK). *Assessing the effectiveness of EU humanitarian aid in Myanmar*.
- 2019 **Academic Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES)**, Lisbon (PT). *Food assistance: what role for EU-UN coordination*. Working Paper No. 2018/1, *European Foreign Policy Unit*, LSE.
- 2019 **European Union Studies Association (EUSA)**, Denver (USA). *Exploring the conditions of the effectiveness of EU external policies: the case of humanitarian aid*.
- 2019 **International Studies Association (ISA)**, Toronto (CAN). *Food assistance: what role for EU-UN coordination*. Working Paper No. 2018/1, *European Foreign Policy Unit*, LSE.

LANGUAGES

Italian Native | *English* Fluent | *French* Fluent | *Spanish* Upper intermediate

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018-2019 **Coordinator of the research workshop in the International Relations Department, London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE** (London, U.K.)
- Organised and administratively coordinated the weekly research workshop on International Institutions, Law and Ethics joined by academics internal and external to LSE
- 2017 **Project manager at Les Glorieuses association and weekly newsletter (with more than 100,000 subscribers)** (Paris, France)
- Collected and analysed data on the attitudes of the electoral candidates in the 2017 French presidential elections towards gender equality policies during their national and European mandates to inform the electors

- Managed the project and platform *Les Femmes ont le pouvoir*, addressed to inform the public and policymakers of initiatives around the world to ensure gender equality (e.g. a system of protection for victims of sexual assault)
- 2016 **Trainee at Permanent Observer for the *IGO International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) to the United Nations (UN)*** (New York City, USA)
 - Drafted briefings and reports on the meetings for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and High-Level Political Forum and on Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS
 - Drafted briefings and reports of the work of the Economic and Social Council Sessions on Humanitarian Affairs (human rights and gender equality)
 - Drafted briefings and reports on the work of the Security Council (use of sexual violence as a weapon of war)
 - Liaised with NGOs and think tanks on human rights and democracy issues
- 2015 **Trainee at Procurement and Insurance Section, *International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD - UN)*** (Rome, Italy)
 - Provided procurement, logistical and administrative support to the Procurement Officers for purchase of a variety of goods and services and to the preparation and to the process of administrative requests/documents
 - Organised Procurement training in collaboration with UNDP
 - Analysed information and carried out research for IFAD Country Offices

OTHER COURSES AND CREATIVE WRITING PUBLICATIONS

2016 **Summer Creative Writing Course, *University of Cambridge*** (Cambridge, UK)

2012 **Cours intensif de Civilisation Française, *Université Paris- Sorbonne*** (Paris, France)

Linea di contorno, in *Altri animali*, 3 November 2020; *Il carrozziere e la studentessa*, in C. Tani (ed.), *Girotondo napoletano*, Napoli, Homo scrivens, 2015, winner of XIV Carver Prize 2016; *Odio l'estate*, in AA.VV., *Odio l'estate*, Roma, Giulio Perrone Editore, 2015; *Terra d'ombra*, submitted to the annual literary contest Premio Letterario Collelongo, RAI-Radiotelevisione Italiana S.p.A., Collelongo, 2014; *Vite Spezzate*, submitted to the "The End" creative writing contest -Mondadori, Rome, 2014.