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## **EDUCATION**

- 2010 PhD, Political Anthropology, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
- 2000 MA, Anthropology of Development, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
- 1999 BA, International Affairs and History, John Cabot University, Rome

## **BOOKS**

- 2025 *Political Automation: An Introduction to AI in Government and its Impact on Citizens*, Oxford University Press
- 2017 *Alter-globalization in Southern Europe: Anatomy of a Social Movement*, Palgrave Macmillan

## **TEACHING**

- 2023–pres. Adjunct Associate Professor, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University  
*Teach: AI and Conflict Prevention* (graduate)
- 2022–pres. Adjunct Associate Professor, Colin Powell School for Civic & Global Leadership, City College, CUNY  
*Teach: Digital Government, International Political Economy* (graduate)
- 2022 Visiting Faculty, Dept of Political Science, John Cabot University, Rome  
*Taught: Anthropology of Global Politics* (summer semester)
- 2019–pres. Associate Professor (Tenured), Dept of Social Sciences, Mercy University, New York  
*Teach: Capstone Class, International Negotiation and Diplomacy*
- 2015–2019 Assistant Professor, Dept of Social Sciences, Mercy University, New York  
*Taught: World Cultures, Globalization*
- 2009-2015 Assistant Professor, Division of International Studies, Pukyong University, Busan  
*Taught: International Relations, EU-Asia Relations, Regional Integration*

## **ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP**

- 2018–pres. Associate Dean, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Mercy University, New York
- 2016–pres. Program Director, International Relations and Diplomacy, Mercy University, New York

## **CONSULTING**

- 2023-2024 Senior Researcher, Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology, New York  
*Provide research support to the UN Secretary General's AI Advisory Body*
- 2023 Researcher, Saudi Research and Media Group, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia  
*Developed report on potential of AI to build inclusive digital economies*
- 2022–pres. Senior Fellow, United Nations University Centre for Policy Research, New York  
*Research Focus: Anticipatory Action and Innovative Technologies*
- 2020-2022 Project Director, World Bank, via political risk consultancy SDA, Washington DC  
*Developed AI enabled conflict prediction software deployed in DRC, Somalia, Ethiopia*
- 2019-2022 Research Lead, UK FCDO, via political risk consultancy firm Peloria, London  
*Developed AI enabled conflict prediction software deployed in Kenya, Ukraine*
- 2012 Visiting Fellow, International Peace Institute, New York  
*Research Focus: Tested AI based methodology to quantify DPRK-UNSC relations*
- 2011 Visiting Fellow, European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels

*Research Focus: DPRK-EU relations*

**GRANTS & AWARDS**

- 2023 UK Aid, Cross-Border Conflict Evidence, Policy and Trends program (\$30,000)  
2021 William F. Olson Chair in Civic and Cultural Studies (\$5,000)  
2019 LSE-Oxford Commission on State Fragility, Growth and Development (\$10,000)  
2018-2019 Summer Research Grant, Mercy University (\$4000 + 3 research assistants/year)  
2016-pres. Senate Micro-Grant for Faculty-Student Interaction, Mercy University (\$1500/year)  
2016 Faculty Fellows Grant for Pedagogical Innovation, Mercy University (\$5000)  
2015-pres. Faculty Development Grant, Mercy University (\$3000/year)  
2010-2014 Korean Research Foundation, Pukyong National University (\$9000/year)

**PAPERS**

- 2024 "Disinformation and Peacebuilding in Sub-Saharan Africa: Security Implications of AI-altered Information Environments." Report, with Eleonore Fournier-Tombs and Rebecca Brubaker, UNU Centre for Policy Research and Interpeace, New York and Geneva.
- 2023 "Predictive Technologies in Conflict Prevention: Practical and Policy Considerations for the Multilateral System." Briefing paper, UNU Centre for Policy Research, New York.
- 2019 "The Relationship Between Influential Actors' Language and Violence: A Kenyan Case Study Using Artificial Intelligence." Background study, co-authored, International Growth Centre, London.
- 2017 "The Case of a Social Movement that Does Not Move: Alter-globalization in Southern Europe." *Mediterranean Review*, 9/3: 40-68.
- 2015 "Embodying Progress: Aesthetic Surgery and Socioeconomic Change in South Korea." *East Asian Science, Technology and Society* (EASTS), Duke University Press, 9/3: 29-49.
- 2014 "Democratization and Good Governance in Myanmar/Burma," with Amit Arora. *Journal of Corruption Studies*, 19/1: 211-234.
- 2014 "A Review of the Social, Cultural, Political and Economic Dimensions of the Senkaku/Diaoyu Island Dispute," with Betty Chemier. *Journal of Northeast Asian Cultures*, 39/1: 491-514.
- 2014 "A Review of the Chinese, Russian, US and EU Strategies in the Korean Peninsula from 2006-2012," *Journal of Northeast Asian Studies*, 71/1: 323-346.
- 2013 "North Korea & the UN Security Council: Action, Reaction, Trust, and Mistrust." Policy paper, International Peace Institute, New York.
- 2013 "Antonio Gramsci's Political Philosophy and European Integration: A Review of Competing Perspectives in Contemporary Italy." *Mediterranean Review*, 6/2: 91-113.
- 2012 "North Korea in the East Asian Puzzle: Anthropological Perspectives for EU Policy Developments." Briefing paper, European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels.
- 2012 "Italian Labor Market Reform: An Appraisal of the 2003 Biagi Law." *Mediterranean Review*, 5/1: 21-44.
- 2011 "Experiences of State, Family and Body amongst North Korean Defectors Living in Seoul." *Journal of Northeast Asian Cultures*, 26/1: 579-600.
- 2011 "Aesthetic Surgery and Social Change in South Korea." *Korean Cultural Anthropology*, 44/2: 359-389.
- 2011 "The Anti-globalization Movement and the City of Naples." *Journal of Mediterranean Studies*, 13/1: 121-155.

**CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

- 2024 AI and Conflict, Anticipation, and Prevention (panel moderator). Kent Leadership Program, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, New York, May 21-24.
- 2023 The Architecture of AI-Enabled Disinformation in Africa and its Impact on Conflict. Data for Peace Annual Conference, New York University Center on International Cooperation, New York, USA, October 16-17.
- 2023 Policy Innovation and Open Data with the Peace and Security Data Hub. Data for Peace Annual Conference, New York University Center on International Cooperation, New York, USA, October 16-17.
- 2022 The Informatized Body. 2nd International Forum on Digital and Democracy, Technodemocracy Session, Rome, Italy, November 17-18.
- 2022 Expanding Equity and Access Through Digital Global Learning. AAC&U Virtual Conference on Transforming Global Learning Practice, October 12-14.
- 2021 Early Warning Experience across the United Nations, the World Bank, and Private Sector. Practitioners Workshop on Conflict Early Warning/Action, New York University Center on International Cooperation, New York, USA, May 18-21.
- 2019 Artificial Intelligence Conflict Prevention Capacity in Development Context. Knowledge Platform Security and Rule of Law Annual Conference, The Hague, Netherlands, October 10.
- 2019 The Relationship Between Influential Actors' Language and Violence. Graduate School of Economics Summer Forum, Barcelona, Spain, June 23-25.
- 2017 The Anatomy of Social Movements. 49th Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, USA, November 9-11.
- 2017 Social Movements in Southern Europe. 14th Annual Public Anthropology Conference, Washington DC, USA, November 3-4.
- 2017 Alter-globalization in Southern Europe. Democracy in Times of Change. 31st Annual Conference of the Italian Society for Political Science, Urbino, Italy, September 13-16.
- 2016 The Rise of Alter-globalization in the West: A Critical Analysis. 1st Trans-Pacific International Conference, Busan, South Korea, December 8-10.
- 2015 Big Data in International Studies: Can Web Intelligence Technologies be used to Predict Diplomatic Crises in Asia? 56th International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, USA, February 18-21.
- 2015 Using Open-Source Intelligence and Ethnography to Predict Diplomatic Crises in Southeast Asia. 2nd Global South Caucus of the International Studies Association, Singapore, January 8-10.
- 2014 Social Risk Analysis: Using Data Analytics and Ethnography to Predict Diplomatic Crises in Southeast Asia. 8th Asian Political and International Studies Association Annual Congress, Chiang Mai, Thailand, September 19-20.
- 2014 The Posthuman Anthropologist: Integrating Ethnography with Artificial Intelligence. 13th European Association of Social Anthropologists Biennial Conference, Tallinn, Estonia, Aug. 1-3.
- 2014 Social Risk Analysis: Using Data Analytics and Ethnography to Predict Crises in East Asia. 6th Korea International Studies Association Annual Convention, Seoul, South Korea, May 17.
- 2012 The Body, Ideology, and Socioeconomic Change in South Korea. Body and Enhancement Technology Conference, Postech HIT Institute, Pohang, South Korea, October 4-6.

#### **INVITED TALKS**

- 2025 SIPA-HDRO Workshop on Human Development Report: Harnessing Digital Transformation to Advance Human Development, New York, February 6.
- 2024 Cybersecurity Threats to Global Peace. UN Pass Blue Podcast, New York, June 3.

- 2024 AI in Diplomacy. Carnegie Ethics Accelerator, Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs (CCEIA), New York, March 19.
- 2024 Presentation of Book on Political Automation and Digital Government. Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Paris, January 22.
- 2023 Global Architecture of AI Workshop. Centre for Policy Research, United Nations University (UNU-CPR), New York, July 19.
- 2020 Violence Early Warning in Kenya. Jim Finkle Atrocity Prevention Group, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM), videoconference, October 15.
- 2019 The Relationship Between Influential Actors' Language and Violence. Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Paris, June 21.
- 2019 Third Generation Pre-Cognitive AI and Early Warning Political Violence Forecasting. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), Washington DC, March 22.
- 2017 Artificial Intelligence and Poverty Prediction. United Nations Development Program (UNDP), New York, July 15.
- 2017 Forecasting Civil Unrest using Ethnography and Artificial Intelligence. Crisis Response Unit, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), New York, May 18.
- 2014 Integrating Ethnography with Artificial Intelligence. Recorded Future User Network, Newseum, Washington DC, October 21.
- 2013 Regional Integration in Europe and ASEAN. University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce, Bangkok, June 15.
- 2012 North Korea Diplomatic Relations, Interview. SRF-1 Switzerland Radio, Zurich, April 10.
- 2012 Stories from North Korea. John Cabot University, Rome, February 21.
- 2012 Anthropological Research Methods. Harvey Milk Center, San Francisco, November 9.
- 2011 The EU, North Korea and Human Rights. Korea University, Seoul. May 16.
- 2011 Gramsci and Regional Integration. Ho Chi Minh University, Ho Chi Minh City, June 20.
- 2011 US Foreign Policy in Asia. Mercy College, New York, March 30.
- 2010 Subcultures in Northeast Asia. Ryukoku University, Kyoto, June 6.
- 2007 Human Rights in Tibet Autonomous Region. Italian Cultural Association, Rome, September 18.
- 2006 African Immigrants in Southern Italy. Italian Cultural Association, Rome, January 11.
- 2008 Labor Rights for Unemployed Youth. Campania Region, Naples, November 23.

### **SERVICE TO SCHOOL**

- 2022–pres. Convenor, Faculty Mentoring Program
- 2022–pres. Coordinator, Civic-Engagement Events
- 2021 Chair, Application Committee for Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions Title V Grant
- 2020 Organizer, Dean's Speaker Events Series on Civics, Diversity, & Inclusion, Mercy University
- 2017–pres. Member, Strategic Planning Committee, Mercy University
- 2016–pres. Affiliated Faculty, Center for Global Engagement, Mercy University
- 2015-2019 Member of Mercy College Honors Advisory Council
- 2014 Founder, Pukyong National University Debate Club
- 2011-2015 Chair, multiple graduate (MA and PhD) examination committees
- 2011 Chair, Application Committee for EU-ICI Education Cooperation Program for Cooperation in Higher Education between the EU and the Republic of Korea

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2024 Founder, Digital Citizens AI, New York  
2020-2021 Founder, Structured Data Analytics, Washington DC  
2019-2022 Co-Founder, Peloria Geopolitical Insights, Washington DC  
2016 Co-Creator, Future Generator, with Global Risk Insights, London  
2013-2018 Founder, Ethnographic Edge Forecasting Project, London  
2001-2009 Founder, Rising South Cultural Association, Naples and Rome

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

2022 Member, American Association of Colleges and Universities  
2021–pres. Member, Journal of Global and Area Studies Editorial Board  
2021–pres. Associate Fellow, Global Techno-Politics Forum  
2018–pres. US Coordinator/Advisor, John Cabot University Guarini Institute for Public Affairs  
2017 Member, Italian Political Science Society  
2016-2018 Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs New Leaders Program  
2014-2015 Member, International Studies Association  
2013 Reader, Mediterranean Review Journal, Busan  
2012-2014 Member, European Association of Social Anthropologists  
2010-2012 Fellow, Royal Anthropological Institute  
2010-2012 Member, American Anthropological Association

#### **LANGUAGES**

Spanish, Italian