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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 Professor, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University
Teach: AI and Conflict Prevention (graduate)
2022–pres. Adjunct 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)
2025–pres. Full Professor (Tenured), Dept of Social Sciences, Mercy University, New York
Teach: World Cultures, Global Challenges
2019–2025 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

- 2018–2025 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
2022–2025 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

2025 “Does the United Nations Need Agents? Testing the role of AI agent generated personas in humanitarian action.” Working Paper, UNU Centre for Policy Research, New York, May 21.
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, February 13.
2023 “Predictive Technologies in Conflict Prevention: Practical and Policy Considerations for the Multilateral System.” Discussion Paper, UNU Centre for Policy Research, New York, June 3.
2019 “The Relationship Between Influential Actors’ Language and Violence: A Kenyan Case Study Using Artificial Intelligence.” Project Report, co-authored, International Growth Centre, London, February 14.
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

- 2025 AI Agents in Humanitarian Action. Crisis Computing side event at AI for Good Conference, Geneva Graduate Institute, Geneva, July 11.
- 2025 Anticipating Disruption (panel moderator). Kent Leadership Program, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, New York, June 2-5.
- 2025 AI Agents in Humanitarian Action: Exploring New Frontiers (workshop organizer). United Nations University Centre for Policy Research, New York, May 15.
- 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 Presentation of Book Political Automation. National Committee on American Foreign Policy (NCAFP), New York, May 12.
- 2025 Presentation of Book Political Automation. Department of Political Science, City College CUNY, May 8.
- 2025 Presentation of Book Political Automation. Data Justice Lab, Cardiff University, videoconference, May 7.
- 2025 Presentation of Book Political Automation. Guarini Institute for Public Affairs, John Cabot University, Rome, May 7.
- 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

- 2022–2025 Convenor, Faculty Mentoring Program
- 2022–2025 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
- 2017–2022 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

- 2025 Co-Founder, Nova Personas, 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