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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  
*Taught: Capstone Class, International Negotiation and Diplomacy*  
2015–2019 Assistant Professor, Dept of Social Sciences, Mercy University, New York  
*Taught: World Cultures, Globalization*  
2013–2015 Associate Professor (Tenured), Division of International Studies, Pukyong University, Busan  
*Taught: EU-Asia Relations, Regional Integration*  
*Supervised MA and PhD student dissertations in International Relations*  
2009–2013 Assistant Professor, Division of International Studies, Pukyong University, Busan  
*Taught: International Relations, Globalization*

## 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**

- 2026 AI-Powered Humanitarian Situation Analysis. OCHA Humanitarian Partnerships and Networks Week, United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, March 10.
- 2025 Wired for Democracy - Citizen Participation from the Internet to AI. Symposium and Workshop, Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University, New Haven, October 27.
- 2025 Harnessing Digital Technologies For Human Rights in Climate Mobility Contexts. International Organization for Migration, videoconferencing, October 23.
- 2025 AI Agents in Foreign Policy - Exploring New Frontiers. German Data Innovation Lab, videoconferencing, October 16.
- 2025 AI Agents in Humanitarian Action. Crisis Computing side event at AI for Good Conference, Geneva Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland, 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, 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, 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, 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, November 9-11.
- 2017 Social Movements in Southern Europe. 14th Annual Public Anthropology Conference, Washington DC, 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, 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**

- 2026 Keynote Speech The Long Game: Building a Life in Research. Westchester Undergraduate Research Conference, Mercy University, Dobbs Ferry, New York, April 24.
- 2026 The Ethics of AI Agents in Global Governance. Ethics Empowered: Leadership in Practice, Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs (CCEIA), New York, April 21.
- 2025 Keynote Conversation on Political Automation. Turkish House, New York, October 16.
- 2025 AI Tools for Diplomats: Supporting Multilateral Work in the Digital Era. Swissnex, Danish Mission to the UN, New York, October 6
- 2025 Reimagining Citizen Agency in the Age of AI: From Digital Exclusion to Institutional Innovation. Human Development Report Office, United Nations Development Programme, New York, September 19.
- 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, New York, 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, Italy, 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, France, 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, France, 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, Thailand, June 15.
- 2012 Stories from North Korea. John Cabot University, Rome, Italy, February 21.
- 2012 Anthropological Research Methods. Harvey Milk Center, San Francisco, November 9.
- 2011 The EU, North Korea and Human Rights. Korea University, Seoul, South Korea, May 16.
- 2011 Gramsci and Regional Integration. Ho Chi Minh University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, June 20.
- 2011 US Foreign Policy in Asia. Mercy College, New York, March 30.
- 2010 Subcultures in Northeast Asia. Ryukoku University, Kyoto, Japan, June 6.
- 2007 Human Rights in Tibet Autonomous Region. Italian Cultural Association, Rome, Italy, September 18.
- 2006 African Immigrants in Southern Italy. Italian Cultural Association, Rome, Italy, January 11.
- 2008 Labor Rights for Unemployed Youth. Campania Region, Naples, Italy, November 23.

## **MEDIA**

- 2025 Interview, A Third Parliament for Digital Citizens. Corriera Della Sara, November 9.
- 2025 Interview, AI and the Future of Citizenship. Age of AI Podcast, October 19.
- 2025 Interview, Diplomacy, Data, and Decision-Making. What's Working in Washington, May 8.
- 2024 AI Sees More Than You Think—Do We Need a Third House? Ignite Talks - Smart Ideas From Around the World, April 4.
- 2012 North Korea Diplomatic Relations, Interview. SRF-1 Switzerland Radio, Zurich, April 10.

## **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

- 2026–pres. Co-Director, UNITAR-Columbia SIPA Executive Programme in Negotiation and AI
- 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*

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 consultancy firm SDA), Washington DC  
*Developed AI enabled conflict prediction software deployed in DRC, Somalia, Ethiopia*

2019–2022 Research Lead, United Kingdom FCDO (via 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)

2023 Saudi Research and Media Group, AI for Inclusive Digital Transformation (\$10,000)

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)

2016–2023 Senate Micro-Grant for Faculty-Student Interaction, Mercy University (\$1500/year)

2016 Faculty Fellows Grant for Pedagogical Innovation, Mercy University (\$5000)

2015–2023 Faculty Development Grant, Mercy University (\$3000/year)

2010–2014 Korean Research Foundation, Pukyong National University (\$9000/year)

#### **ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP**

2026–pres. Interim Chair (elected), Department of Social Sciences, Mercy University

2026–pres. Member, Spanish and Latin American Studies Taskforce, Mercy University

2025–pres. Faculty Senate (elected), Mercy University

2025–2026 Member, Task Force on Academic Restructuring (TCAR) Collaborative Focus Group 2 (Faculty and Staff Workplace), Mercy University

2022–2025 Convenor, Faculty Mentoring Program, Mercy University

2022–2025 Coordinator, Civic Engagement Events, Mercy University

2021 Chair, Application Committee for Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions Title V Grant, Mercy University

2020 Organizer, Dean’s Speaker Events Series on Civics, Diversity, & Inclusion, Mercy University

2018–2025 Associate Dean, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Mercy University

2017–2022 Member, Strategic Planning Committee, Mercy University

2016–pres. Program Director, International Relations and Diplomacy, 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, Pukyong National University

2011–2012 Chair, Application Committee for European Union - Republic of Korea Higher Education Cooperation Program, Pykyong National University

#### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2025 Co-Founder, Dublr Technologies, 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**

2025 Board Member, Africa Innovation and Research Center (AIRCE)  
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 (intermediate), Italian (fluent)