



RESEARCH INTEREST

International Relations, International Security, Civil-Military Relations, Military History.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2024 - Ongoing

Internship, Centro Alti Studi Difesa (Centre for Defense Higher Studies – CASD). Rome.

2024

Visiting PhD Researcher, Centre de Recherches Internationales, Sciences Po, Paris, France (January - April).

2021 - Ongoing

PhD Candidate, Security and Strategic Studies, University of Genoa
Supervised by Professor Fabrizio Coticchia.
PhD Project: “The domestic role of Western armed forces”.

2020 - Ongoing

Research Fellow, Center for Geopolitical Studies “Geopolitica.info”.

2013 - 2021

Italian Army Officer

2019-2021: Platoon Commander, Italian Army Military Academy, Modena, Italy

2018-2019: Platoon Commander, 3rd Sappers Engineer Regiment, Udine, Italy.

2015-2018: Training Command and Application School of the Army (Cadet Officer), Torino, Italy.

2013-2015: Italian Army Military Academy (Officer Cadet), Modena, Italy.

EDUCATION

Postgraduate Specialisation and Advanced Professional Training Course in “Economic Security, Geopolitics and Intelligence”. Italian Society for International Organization (SIOI), 2021.

M. Sc., Strategic and Military Studies, 2018, summa cum laude. Turin University, Turin, Italy.

B.A., Strategic Studies, 2016, 103/110. Turin University, Turin, Italy.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English: professional knowledge (C1)

French: professional knowledge (C1)

German: intermediate level (B2)

PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Mazziotti di Celso, M. (2024). The impact of military policing on armed forces: the case of Italy. *Armed Forces and Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0095327X231225771>.

Coticchia, F., Mazziotti di Celso, M. (2024). Still on the same path? Italian foreign and defence policy in the Enlarged Mediterranean. *Mediterranean Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13629395.2023.2294252>.

Mazziotti di Celso, M. (2023). L’impiego domestico delle Forze armate. La tradizione italiana [The domestic use of the armed forces. The Italian tradition]. *Rivista Marittima*, marzo 2023, 80-91.

Mazziotti di Celso, M. (2022). Il ritorno della guerra convenzionale sul mare. Le capacità delle flotte europee e gli ostacoli da superare [The return of conventional warfare at sea. The capabilities of European fleets and the obstacles to overcome]. *Rivista Marittima*, dicembre 2022, 54-63.

Matteo Mazziotti di Celso, M. (2022). L'impiego dei droni da parte delle forze armate non statuali [The use of drones by non-state actors]. *Rivista Marittima*, gennaio 2022, 40-49.

EDITED BOOKS

- Mazziotti di Celso, M., Tosti di Stefano, E. (eds.) (2023). *Oltre il Trattato del Quirinale. Le relazioni italo-francesi alla prova dei mutamenti politico-strategici in Europa [Beyond the Quirinal Treaty: Italian-French relations amidst political-strategic shifts in Europe]*. Roma: Edizioni Nuova Cultura.
- Mazziotti di Celso, M., Termine, L. (eds.) (2022). *L'America di Biden. Come cambia la politica estera statunitense dopo Trump [Biden's America: How US foreign policy changes after Trump]*. Roma: Edizioni Nuova Cultura.

REFERED CHAPTERS

- Coticchia, F., Mazziotti di Celso, M. (2024). 'La partecipazione italiana alle missioni internazionali: disciplina e caratteristiche' [Italian participation in international missions: discipline and characteristics]. In Osservatorio dei Diritti Umani (eds.), *Politica estera e diritti umani [Foreign policy and human rights]*. Donzelli: Quaderni Cespi, pp. 115-128.
- Coticchia, F., Mazziotti di Celso, M. (2023). 'Verso l'elaborazione della prima strategia nazionale di sicurezza italiana: un'analisi comparata' [Toward the development of the first Italian national security strategy: a comparative analysis]. In Quagli, A. (ed.), *L'interesse nazionale nell'economia delle aziende [National interest in the economy of companies]*. FrancoAngeli Editore, pp. 257-286.
- Mazziotti di Celso, M. (2023). 'L'asse Roma-Parigi tra esteri e difesa' [The Rome-Paris axis between foreign affairs and defense]. In Mazziotti di Celso, M., Tosti Di Stefano, E. (eds.), *Oltre il Trattato del Quirinale: le relazioni italo-francesi alla prova dei mutamenti politico-strategici in Europa [Beyond the Quirinal Treaty: Italian-French relations amidst political-strategic shifts in Europe]*. Roma: Edizioni Nuova Cultura, pp. 77-90.
- Mazziotti di Celso, M., Tosti Di Stefano, E. (2023). 'Introduzione' [Introduction]. In Mazziotti di Celso, M., Tosti Di Stefano, E., *Oltre il Trattato del Quirinale: le relazioni italo-francesi alla prova dei mutamenti politico-strategici in Europa [Beyond the Quirinal Treaty: Italian-French relations amidst political-strategic shifts in Europe]*. Roma: Edizioni Nuova Cultura, pp. 7-11.
- Mazziotti di Celso, M. (2023). 'Come superare il dilemma del burden sharing' [How to overcome the burden sharing dilemma]. In Natalizia, G., Termine, L. (eds.), *La NATO verso il 2030. Continuità e discontinuità nelle relazioni transatlantiche dopo il nuovo Concetto Strategico [NATO towards 2030: Continuity and Discontinuity in Transatlantic Relations after the New Strategic Concept]*. Bologna: il Mulino, pp. 107-118.
- Mazziotti di Celso, M. (2022). 'Gli Stati Uniti e la corsa dell'Unione Europea verso l'autonomia strategica' [The United States and the European Union's race towards strategic autonomy]. In Mazziotti di Celso, M., Termine, L. (eds.), *L'America di Biden. Come cambia la politica estera statunitense dopo Trump*. Roma: Edizioni Nuova Cultura, pp. 35-48.
- Mazziotti di Celso, M., Termine, L. (2022). 'Introduzione' [Introduction]. In Mazziotti di Celso, M., Termine, L. (eds.), *L'America di Biden. Come cambia la politica estera statunitense dopo Trump [Biden's America: How US foreign policy changes after Trump]*. Roma: Edizioni Nuova Cultura, pp. 9-16.
- Mazziotti di Celso, M. (2022). 'La mobilisation des militaires dans la crise sanitaire. Les risques d'une armée « à tout faire »' [The mobilization of the military in the pandemics. The risks of a 'jack of all trades' army]. In

Fernandez J., Jeangène Vilmer J.B., Massie J. (eds.), *Le Nouvelles Formes de Guerre [The new forms of warfare]*. Paris: Éditions des Équateurs, pp. 113-129.

Dell’Era, A., Mazziotti di Celso, M. (2022). ‘Identità del nemico e raggio d’azione’ [Enemy identity and range of action]. In Natalizia G. (ed), *Come difendere l’ordine liberale. La grand strategy americana e il mutamento internazionale [How to Defend the Liberal Order: The American Grand Strategy and International Change]*. Roma: Vita & Pensiero, pp. 73-82.

Mazziotti di Celso M., Sebastiani L. (2022). ‘La NATO e l’Unione Europea’ [NATO and the European Union]. In Natalizia G., Termine L., Carteny A., Tosti di Stefano E. (eds.), *Verso un nuovo concetto Strategico NATO: prospettive e interessi dell’Italia [Toward a New NATO Strategic Concept: Perspectives and Interests of Italy]*. Roma: Edizioni Nuova Cultura, pp. 73-84.

BOOK REVIEWS

Mazziotti di Celso, M. (2024). Reluctant Remilitarisation: Transforming the Armed Forces in Germany, Italy and Japan after the Cold War. *International Journal of Military History and Historiography*, 44 (2024), 166-168.

Mazziotti di Celso, M. (2023). A History of Artillery. *Nuova Antologia Militare* 4(16), 731-733.

Mazziotti di Celso, M. (2023). Mobilization Constraints and Military Privatization: The Political Cost-Effectiveness of Outsourcing Security. *International Studies Review*, <https://doi.org/10.1093/isr/viad045>.

Mazziotti di Celso M. (2022). Land Warfare since 1860: A Global History of Boots on the Ground. *Nuova Antologia Militare*, 3(12), 695-700.

Mazziotti di Celso M. (2022). Le Regole della Guerra [The rules of war]. *Nuova Antologia Militare*, 3(12), 707-710.

Mazziotti di Celso M. (2021). The Generals. *Nuova Antologia Militare*, 2(8), 501-504.

Mazziotti di Celso M (2020). Tank Warfare. *Nuova Antologia Militare*, Supplemento 2020, 53-62.

Mazziotti di Celso M (2020). Lezioni di Strategia [On Grand Strategy]. *Nuova Antologia Militare*, Supplemento 2020, 63-72.

OTHER SCHOLARLY WORK (EDITORIAL REVIEW), OP-EDS AND POLICY REPORTS

“La Politica Estera Italiana tra Baricentro Euro-Mediterraneo e Ambizioni Indo-Pacifiche” (with Gabriele Natalizia), Progetto ITAsia, “Driver e Ostacoli di un Ribilanciamento Asiatico dell’Italia”, UNINT, <https://doi.org/10.60981/GI.R.ITA.1>

“Is Italy needed in the Indo-Pacific?”, *War on the Rocks*, <https://warontherocks.com/2024/02/is-italy-needed-in-the-indo-pacific/>, February 19, 2024.

“Cosa c’è dietro la tentazione italiana di proiettarsi in Oriente” (with Gabriele Natalizia), *Formiche*, February 17, 2024.

“Limiti e ambizioni della Difesa italiana nell’Indo-Pacifico”, in Italian Parliament Observatory on International Politics Study Series n. 210, Termine, L., Dell’Era, A. (eds.), 2024.

“Tra budget e produzione. Le sfide dell’industria della Difesa europea” (with Antonio Calcara), *Formiche*, November 8, 2023.

Editor of the Italian Parliament Observatory on International Politics Study Series no. 206 on the concept of Strategic Autonomy, 2023.

- “L’Italia dopo la guerra: sola e male armata”, in *L’Italia nel Disordine Mediterraneo*, Aliseo, November 2023.
- “Come l’operazione “Strade Sicure” indebolisce le Forze armate”, *Affari Internazionali*, September 7, 2023.
- “In Niger Roma e Parigi devono partire dal Trattato del Quirinale”, *Il Giornale*, August 22, 2023
- “La politica di difesa italiana in Libia (2011-2023)”. In Italian Parliament Observatory on International Politics Study Series n. 203, Rascaglia, N. (ed.), 2023.
- “Verso la prima strategia di sicurezza nazionale? Scrivono Mazziotti e Coticchia (UniGe)”, *Formiche*, July 19, 2023.
- “Il riscatto delle scelte miopi dell’Italia nell’area”, *Scenari (Domani)*, May 26, 2023.
- “La forza militare non è solo questione di percentuali di PIL”, *Domani*, December 1, 2022.
- “E’ tempo di riformare la politica di difesa italiana”, *Scenari (Domani)*, September 23, 2022.
- “NATO-dipendenti? Gli errori dell’Occidente nella costruzione delle forze di sicurezza afgane”. In *Quaderno “Afghanistan 2001-2021: lessons learned, NATO, UE, politica di difesa”*, edited by the Center for High Defense Studies, Italian Ministry of Defense, 2022.
- “La cacofonia strategica e il deficit militare dell’UE2”, *Scenari (Domani)*, June 10, 2022.
- « La mobilisation des militaires dans la crise sanitaire. Les risques d’une armée « à tout faire » », *Le Rubicon*, February 7, 2022.
- “Affari esteri, sicurezza e difesa”. In Italian Parliament Observatory on International Politics Study Series n. 290, Natalizia, G., Carteny, A., Tosti di Stefano, E., Termine, L. (eds), 2022.
- “La Guerra più lunga. I vent’anni degli Stati Uniti in Afghanistan”, (with Elisa Maria Brusca), Geopolitical Brief #31, 2021;
- “Il Carro Armato, un mezzo ancora attuale”. In *Rivista Militare*, 4/2018.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

English and Italian newspapers and media outlets (as author or interviewee):

Scenari (Domani), Formiche, Il Giornale, AffarInternazionali, Domani.

TV: TgCom24, Cusano Italia Tv.

Radio: Giornale Radio, TeleRadiostereo

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AS PAPER GIVER

- “Assisting Putschists? The impact of Security Force Assistance on recipient states’ civil-military relations” (co-authored with Jean-Marie Reure). Workshop "Conflict Management and resolution in the wider Mediterranean, University of Florence, Florence, February 23, 2024.
- “Governing through security: why democracies militarize law enforcement”. Convegno annuale della Società Italiana di Scienza Politica, Genova, September 14-16, 2023.
- “A military for what? Explaining variation in the internal security deployments of the military”. Conference of the International Relations Standing Group (SGRI), Catania, June 15, 2023.

“Iron Chirps. A Topic Analysis of the Italian Army Narrative on Twitter” (co-authored with Mattia Sguazzini). ‘Beyond Digital Political Communication’, Conference of the Italian Association of Political Communication (AssoComPol), Turin, June 8-10, 2023.

“Normalizing the exception: why democracies use soldiers as cops”. ‘Security in a time of Polycrisis’. Conference organized by the Centre for Global Security Challenges and European Journal of International Security, Leeds, May 19, 2023

“A dual use Army? Italy and the limits of military’s role expansion”. King’s Doctoral Workshop on Military Innovation and Defence Reform, King’s Kollege London, May 4, 2023

“A multitasking Army? Operation “Strade Sicure” and the limits of military’s role expansion”. Journée d’études « Démocraties et relations civilo-militaires. Approches comparées et interdisciplinaires», Faculté de Droit et de science politique, Aix-en-Provence, September 29-30, 2022.

“A multitasking Army? Operation “Strade Sicure” and the limits of military’s role expansion”. Convegno Annuale della Società Italiana di Scienza Politica, Roma, September 8-10, 2022

“Domestic Operations and Outsourcing of Security. What Implications for the Military?” Berlin, EISS annual conference, June 30, 2022.

**CONFERENCES AND OTHER
EVENTS AS SPEAKER, DISCUSSANT
OR MODERATOR**

“Geopolitica della transizione energetica e della sostenibilità”. Tavola rotonda organizzata all'interno degli Stati generali dell'innovazione sostenibile di Università degli Studi Internazionali di Roma - UNINT in collaborazione con MADEINT - Centro di ricerca sul Made in Italy, e Geopolitica.info. Moderator.

“Fare meno per fare meglio: riflessioni critiche sulla politica di impiego dello strumento militare italiano”, ciclo di seminari intitolato “Rivolte, rivoluzioni, small wars a misure di counterinsurgency: prospettive diacroniche di storia militare e riflessioni metodologiche”, 26/03/2024. Speaker.

“Due anni dopo l’invasione dell’Ucraina, società e forze armate di fronte alla guerra estesa”, i Lunedì del Grand Continent, Luiss University, Rome, February 19, 2024. Speaker.

‘Robert Elgie’ Brown Bag Seminars on Politics. La Sapienza University, Rome, December 6, 2023. Presentation of the paper “The (geo)politics of paramilitary actors in Ukraine”, by Alessandra Russo. Discussant

‘Robert Elgie’ Brown Bag Seminars on Politics. La Sapienza University, Rome, March 24, 2023. Presentation of the book “Conflitti consensuali. I partiti italiani e gli interventi militari”, by Valerio Vignoli. Discussant

“Oltre Brasilia. Le relazioni tra civili e militari in America Latina”. Ciclo di seminari su Violenza, politica, istituzioni e crimine organizzato in America Latina, Università di Genova, March 7, 2023. Discussant

“Covid-19 and the mobilization of the Italian military”, Colloquium "Armies in the sanitary battle", IRSEM/Sciences Po Paris (CEVIPOF)/National Research Agency, June 20, 2022. Discussant.

“Russia-Ucraina. Origini e sviluppo della guerra”. Festival of Geopolitics and International Relations “Equilibrium” promoted by UNINT and Centro Studi Geopolitica.info, March 4, 2022. Discussant

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (*selected*)

University of Genoa

2022-2023: Assistant to Prof. Fabrizio Coticchia (Department of Political and International Sciences, University of Genoa).

Classes: Security Studies, Strategic Studies.

Lectures on: Civil-Military Relations

Tasks: roles in lectures and exams.

2023: Lecture in the course of International Relations (Professor Giampiero Cama, University of Genoa) on the subject of civil-military relations;

2023: Lectures in the course UniGe Senior:

- Trump’s and Biden’s foreign policy,
- Securitisation Theory;

Sapienza University of Rome:

2023: Lectures in the seminar “Strategy between politics and the military instrument”:

- Liddell Hart and the indirect approach;
- Wargame: China attacks Taiwan;

2023: Lecture in the course of Security and International Politics (Professor Gabriele Natalizia, Sapienza University of Rome) on the subject of Security in International Relations;

2022: Lectures (2) in the course of International Relations (Professor Gabriele Natalizia, Sapienza University of Rome)

- Security in International Relations,
- Alliances in International Relations;

2022: Lectures (2) in the course of Security and International Politics (Professor Gabriele Natalizia, Sapienza University of Rome)

- Security in International Relations;
- Alliances in International Relations;

2022: Lecture in the master “Master Cerimoniale di Università Sapienza di Roma” on the subject: The International Liberal Order;

UNINT – Università degli Studi Internazionali di Roma

2023-2024: Assistant to Prof. Antonella Ercolani.

Classes: History of International Relations.

Lectures on: The Iraq and Afghanistan War, The politics of George W. Bush

Tasks: roles in lectures and exams

2022: Lecture in the course of International Relations, Prof. Antonella Ercolani (Università degli Studi Internazionali di Roma) on the subject of The US wars in the Middle East;

Other selected teaching in masters and courses

2023, 2024: Lectures in the course Contemporary international problems (Florida International University) on the subject of European Defence Policy.

2023. Lecture in the didactic module “International Organizations” of the Center of Higher Studies for Defense (CASD), ISSMI Course, Italian Ministry of Defense on the subject of EU Security and Defense Policy.

2023. Lecturer in the Sole24Ore Business School Master in Corporate Communication Lobbying and Public Affairs for the subject: Geopolitics.

Center for Geopolitical Studies “Geopolitica.info”

Numerous lessons on military issues, civil-military relations, European defense, and NATO for the Center for Geopolitical Studies “Geopolitica.info” in presence and online courses catalogue. See the websites geopolitica.info and onlineducation.it for more

RELEVANT SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Didactic Coordinator, September 2023–present. School of Economy, International Relations and Diplomacy (SERID) of the Faculty of Economics, UNINT – University of International Studies of Rome.

- Lecture planning and organization;
- Coordination of lecturers;
- Management of and relations with students;
- Reviewer of assignments and test.

External collaborator, January 2024 – present. Institute of the Italian Encyclopedia “Treccani”. Author of several chapters of the Annual Geopolitical Atlas of the Institute. Assigned topics: European countries.

Research Fellow, November 2020-present. Center for Geopolitical Studies “Geopolitica.info”.

Coordination and direction activities and roles in:

- Reports and studies commissioned by the Italian Parliament and Italian MOFA’s “Observatory on International Politics (OPI) (2023);
- Projects for the Italian MOFA’s grant for research centers (2022-);
- Organization of scientific conferences and webinars (2022-);
- Editor-in-chief of the research center's reports;
- Online and in-presence training courses on international affairs and geopolitics (2021-).

ORGANIZATION OF PANEL/CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

“Reimagining Military Power: Transformative Dynamics and Challenges”, Panel within the 2023 Conference of the Standing Group International Relations SISIP, June 15-16, 2023. University of Catania.

“PhD Seminars”, Cycle of Seminars organized within all the PhD programs of the University of Genoa (September 2022-March 2023). Principal Organizer.

“Scuola di Economia, Relazioni Internazionali e Diplomazia (SERID)”, UNINT – Università degli Studi Internazionali di Roma. October 2023 – June 2024.

GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIP/AWARDS

(Member) Progetto ITAsia – driver e ostacoli di un ribilanciamento asiatico dell’Italia [Drivers and obstacles of an Asian rebalancing of Italy]; 2023-2024. Research Centers Grant, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

(Member) Progetto MEDAL – Italian foreign policy in the Enlarged Mediterranean; 2023-2024. Research Centers Grant, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

(Member) Dopo il nuovo Concetto Strategico NATO: continuità e discontinuità dell’approccio americano alle relazioni transatlantiche verso il 2030 (COMDOL+) – 2022. Research Centers Grant, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

(Member) Come difendere l’ordine liberale (COMDOL): comparare le scelte dell’Amministrazione Biden con le politiche dei suoi predecessori nel post-Guerra fredda – 2021. Research Centers Grant, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND SERVICE

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Didactic Coordinator of the School on Economy, International Relations and Diplomacy of the Faculty of Economics, UNINT – Università degli Studi Internazionali di Roma, 2023-present.

Teaching Assistant (*Cultore della Materia*) in Security Studies, 2021-present; Department of Political and International Sciences (DISPI), University of Genoa.

Teaching Assistant (*Cultore della Materia*) in Storia delle Relazioni Internazionali [History of International Relations], 2023-present; Department of international humanities and social sciences, Università degli Studi Internazionali di Roma (UNINT).

Teaching Assistant (*Cultore della Materia*) in Relazioni internazionali, nuove frontiere, new players ["International Relations, New Frontiers, New Players], 2023-present; Department of international humanities and social sciences, Università degli Studi Internazionali di Roma (UNINT).

ACADEMIC RESEARCH CENTRE AFFILIATION

Italian Political Science Association (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica – SISP)

Italian Society for Military History

Army Study Center

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Nuova Cultura, Collana *Sicurezza e politica internazionale (SPI)*.

MEMBERSHIP OF SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATIONS

SISP – Italian Political Science Association

VISITING EXPERIENCES

2024. January – April. Visiting Researcher, Centre de recherches internationales, Sciences Po, Paris, France