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Employment

Assistant professor (Adjunkt)

October 2024 – present

Faculty of International and Political Studies, Jagiellonian University

Postdoctoral researcher

October 2023 – July 2024

CSDS, Brussels School of Governance, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

- ERC project [SINATRA](#) (SINo-American competition and its impact on European sTRategic autonomy)

Education

PhD in Politics and International Relations

Sept 2019 – Sept 2023

School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin

- Dissertation title: *The (in)formal rules of the game: how member states bargain in EU foreign policy negotiations* (passed with no revisions)
- Supervisor: Professor Ben Tonra
- External examiner: Professor Mai'a K. Davis Cross (Northeastern University)
- Shortlisted for the 2023 Global Strategy PhD Prize

MPhil in European Politics and Society

October 2017 – July 2019

Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford

- Thesis title: *Italy in the EU: the weight of domestic constraints - Asylum and monetary policies compared (2008-2016)* (awarded a distinction)
- Supervisor: Professor Jan Zielonka

B.A. in Political Science

August 2014 – July 2017

Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (SciencesPo Paris), Reims Campus

- Graduated with distinction (*Cum Laude*)
- Passed the first two years of undergraduate studies with the award *Summa Cum Laude*; 3rd year spent at Georgetown University (GPA: 3.934)

Publications

PEER REVIEWED

Lovato, M. (2025) From the core to the periphery of EU foreign policy: Brexit as a case of internal re-bordering of the EU, *Geopolitics*. Online first. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2025.2480313>.

Sjursen, H., Bicchi, F. and Lovato, M. (2024) Keep on talking! The resilience of multilateral communications in EU foreign policy, *Journal of Common Market Studies*. Online first. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jcms.13691>.

Lovato, M. (2024) How informality keeps multilateralism going: the role of informal groupings in EU foreign policy negotiations, *European Journal of International Relations*. 30(4): 972-996. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13540661241269782>.

Juncos, A., Lovato, M. and Pomorska, K. (2024) Coordinative Europeanization and Russia's war of aggression: how crises shape Europeanization dynamics in EU foreign policy. *Comparative European Politics*. Online first. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41295-024-00390-8>.

Maurer, H. and Lovato, M. (2024) Group emotions and their role in EU foreign policy: a social relational model on how emotions travel between EU member states. *Journal of European Integration*. 46(5): 795–815. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07036337.2024.2363378>

Bicchi, F. and Lovato, M. (2023) Diplomats as Skillful Bricoleurs of the Digital Age: EU Foreign Policy Communications from the COREU to WhatsApp, *The Hague Journal of Diplomacy*, 19(1):184-223. <https://doi.org/10.1163/1871191x-bja10174>.

Lovato, M. and Maurer, H. (2022) Process and Position Power: a Social Relational Research Agenda About State Power in Negotiations, *Journal of European Public Policy*, 29(2): 1994-2006. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2022.2135755>.

Lovato, M. (2021) Getting Your House in Order for EU Negotiations: When Domestic Constraints Condition Italy's Performance at the EU level, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 60(4): 963-982. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jcms.13293>.

UNDER REVIEW

When the Target Strikes Back: Examining the European Union's Ability to Withstand Third Country Wedging, with Luis Simón (part of an accepted Special Issue with *the Journal of European Integration*).

BOOK PROJECT

Making EU Foreign Policy Go Round: The Significance of Informality for the Survival of Multilateralism (under contract with Bristol University Press).

WORK-IN-PROGRESS ARTICLES

For things to remain the same, everything must change: the UK's transformed role in the Russian sanction negotiations before and after Brexit (part of an accepted Special Issue with *International Affairs*)

Re-imagining Relations between the EU and the Borderlands. Introduction to an accepted Special Issue in *Geopolitics* titled 'A social relational approach to EU bordering practices', for which I am lead guest editor with Ana Juncos and Heidi Maurer.

Preserving the 'pecking order' in Europe's diplomatic hierarchies: comparing the place of Central Eastern Europeans in the EU and NATO, with Karolina Pomorska (part of an accepted Special Issue with the *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*).

The EU's Response to Russia's War of Aggression: Cooperation with Third Countries in Times of Crisis, with Ana Juncos and Karolina Pomorska.

The global coalition that stood for Ukraine: how transnational networks ensure international cooperation in the face of authoritarianism, with Karolina Pomorska.

Funding and awards

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Total amount of funding secured ~ € 90,000.00

ECR pre-workshop, Standing Group on the European Union (€ 5,000)	June 2024
FWO Short Stay Abroad Research Grant (€1,650.00 + travel expenses)	January 2024
RENPET Residency Bursary for two-month visiting research stay (€ 2,570)	September 2022
UACES Research Network (£ 2,000/year for a 3-year period)	December 2021
UACES Microgrant (£ 380)	March 2022
ECPR Funding to attend ECPR Virtual Methods School (€ 930)	July 2020
COST Action ENTER , Short Term Scientific Grant (€ 1,700)	March 2020
Conference funding from various sources (ENTER , SPIRe , NEWDIP) (~ € 4,200)	2020 – 2022
Iseult Honohan PhD Scholarship (€ 18,000/year)	2019 – 2023

AWARDS

Shortlisted for the 2023 Global Strategy PhD Prize, Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations and the European Security and Defence College (ESDC)	October 2023
Mansfield College Student of the Year Award (for special services to the College)	June 2019
Mansfield College Graduate Award (for outstanding academic achievements)	March 2018

Teaching and supervision

Guest lecturer

- Lecture on EU foreign policy (MA-level course on Foreign Policy Analysis)

Faculty of International and Political Studies, Jagiellonian University

Oct 2024 – present

MA thesis supervision

- *Eastward shift in the European center of gravity? The evolution of the EU's external direction since the "big bang" enlargement.* Alexandra Gérard.

Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy, Brussels School of Governance
(Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

Oct 2023 – July 2024

MA thesis supervision

- *The consequences of the Russo-Ukrainian war on the EU's enlargement process: will the war undermine the strict accession criteria?* Anastasia Lucia Fantini.

Guest lecturer

- Lecture on Transatlantic Relations (EU Foreign Policy course, MA level)
- Lecture on European Strategic Autonomy (University of Southern California Summer School, undergraduate level)

School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin

Sept 2019 – Sept 2023

Lecturer

Designed and delivered module for 40 fourth-year undergraduate students.

- INRL30400 – *EU Foreign Policy: Understanding How The European Union And Its Member States Engage With The World* (Fall 2022)

Teaching assistant

- INRL20040 – *Theories and Concepts of International Relations*
- POL20020 – *Comparative Politics*
- INRL10010 – *Foundations of Political Theory and International Relations*

Guest lecturer

- Lecture on elite interviews (POL42330 – *Research Design*, MA Politics & International Relations)

Conference attendance

CONFERENCES

Annual Congress of the Polish International Studies Association (Kraków)	6-8 November 2024
UACES 54 th Annual Conference (University of Trento)	2-4 September 2024
Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on the EU (NOVA, Lisbon)	18-21 June 2024
ISA 2024 Annual Conference, San Francisco	3-6 April 2024
SISP (Società Italiana di Scienze Politiche) 2023 Annual Convention	14-16 September 2023
UACES 53 rd Annual Conference (Queen University Belfast)	3-6 September 2023
ISA 2023 Annual Conference, Montréal	15-18 March 2023
UACES 52 nd Annual Conference (University of Lille)	6-8 September 2022
ECPR General Conference (University of Innsbruck)	22-26 August 2022
Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on the EU (Luiss, Rome)	8-10 June 2022
EUSA 17th Biennial Conference, Miami	19-22 May 2022
UACES 51 st Annual Conference, online	6-8 September 2021

ECPR General Conference, online	31 August-3 September 2021
BISA 2021 Conference, online	21-23 June 2021
PSAI 2020 Conference, online	9-10 October 2020

INVITED TALKS

Preserving the Pecking Order in Europe's Diplomatic Hierarchies <i>IBEI Research Seminar Series (with Karolina Pomorska)</i>	10 March 2025
Coordinative Europeanisation and Russia's war of aggression <i>Online Seminar Series of the Young ECPR Network on Europeanisation</i>	28 November 2024
Perceptions on War and Peace and the role of EU <i>Roundtable discussion, Jagiellonian University</i>	6 November 2024
The Room Where It Happens: The Role of Informality in EU Foreign Policy Negotiations <i>Seminar Series of European Politics and Society theme group, University of Groningen</i>	18 October 2023
European Strategic Autonomy after Covid-19 (Guest lecturer) <i>Online Spring School, Institute of International Studies, Charles University</i>	13 April 2021
Foreign Policy Research in Times of Covid-19 Restrictions (Guest speaker) <i>NORTIA roundtable (recording available here).</i>	19 May 2020
Masterclass on Data Gathering and Elite Interviews (Guest speaker) <i>Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford</i>	28 May 2019

Visiting positions

Visiting scholar, Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (IERES), George Washington University	March-April 2024
Visiting researcher, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI)	January – March 2023
Visiting researcher, Brussels School of International Studies, University of Kent	March 2020

Other relevant experience

Lead co-coordinator, UACES Research Network RELATE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-leading UACES Research Network RELATE (120+ members) Managing budget (£ 2,000/year for a 3-year period) and online presence Co-organizing events and panels at international conferences 	April 2022 – June 2025
External contributor <i>JOINT (A joined-up Union, a stronger Europe), Horizon 2020 Project</i>	June – November 2021
Research assistant <i>School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin</i>	February 2021 – April 2022
External contributor <i>Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA), Dublin</i>	April – September 2021
Team member and external contributor <i>Europe's Stories project, St Antony's College, University of Oxford</i>	February 2019 – August 2021
Intern at U.S. Senate <i>U.S. Senator Gary C. Peters, Hart Senate Office Building, Washington D.C.</i>	February – April 2017

Research-based commentary and other publications

Lovato, M. (2022) Italy, Monti and Draghi: the case for skilled individual negotiators as catalysts for EU influence?, IACES Opinion Piece. Available [here](#).

Lovato, M. (2021) The Internal Contestation of EU Foreign and Security Policy, JOINT Research Papers No. 1, pp. 1 - 46. Available [here](#).

de France, O. and Lovato, M. (2021) "Europe in the World". In: Garton Ash, T. (ed) *Young Europeans Speak to EU*. Dahrendorf Programme at the European Studies Centre, (ISBN 978-1-5272-9957-3). Available [here](#).

Professional membership and service

UNIVERSITY/DEPARTMENT SERVICE

PhD Representative

September 2019 – April 2022

School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin

CONFERENCE/ORGANISATION

Early Career Researchers pre-workshop, Standing Group on the EU

18 June 2024

RELATE Discussion Series (bi-monthly)

April 2022 – present

NORTIA Research Day, co-organized with Dr Heidi Mauer

7-8 December 2020

REVIEWER

Defense and Peace Economics, European Foreign Affairs Review, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Common Market Studies, Geopolitics, Review of International Studies.

MEMBER

International Studies Association, European Consortium for Political Research, British International Studies Association, University Association for Contemporary European Studies.

Continuing professional development

ISA International Security Studies Section

December 2022

- Pay It Forward mentoring program for early career women

2nd ECPR Virtual Methods School

6-20 August 2021

- Social Network Analysis

1st ECPR Virtual Methods School

27 July – 8 August 2020

- Survey Design and Interviews for Qualitative Data Generation

51st Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis

8-21 July 2018

- Game Theory and Qualitative Text Analysis

Skills and languages

SOFTWARES AND PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

R, R Markdown, LaTeX, SurveyCTO.

LANGUAGES

Italian (native), French (C2), English (C2), German (A2).

References

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