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Employment

Lecturer of International Relations January 2026 – present
School of Governance, Law and Society, Tallinn University

Assistant professor (Adjunkt) October 2024 – January 2026
Faculty of International and Political Studies, Jagiellonian University

Postdoctoral researcher October 2023 – July 2024
CSDS, Brussels School of Governance, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Education

PhD in Politics and International Relations Sept 2019 – Sept 2023
School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin

MPhil in European Politics and Society October 2017 – July 2019
Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford

B.A. in Political Science August 2014 – July 2017
Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (SciencesPo Paris), Reims Campus

Publications

MONOGRAPH

Making EU Foreign Policy Go Round: The Significance of Informality for the Survival of Multilateralism, Bristol University Press (out on 11 June 2026).

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Lovato, M., and Simón, L. (2025). Divided we stand? Examining the European Union's ability to withstand external wedging. *Journal of European Integration*, 47(6), 805–823. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07036337.2025.2537370>.

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>.

Juncos, A., Lovato, M. and Pomorska, K. (2025) Coordinative Europeanization and Russia's war of aggression: how crises shape Europeanization dynamics in EU foreign policy. *Comparative European Politics*, 23: 118–138 <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41295-024-00390-8>.

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>.

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): 199–2006. <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>.

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

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*)

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*).

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.

WORK-IN-PROGRESS ARTICLES

The global coalition that stood for Ukraine: comparing the response to the food and security crises, with Karolina Pomorska (part of a project funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York)

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

Funding

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

Total amount of funding secured ~ € 90,000.00

Rector's award for research achievements, Jagiellonian University	December 2025
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
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

Teaching and supervision

School of Governance, Law and Society, Tallinn University Jan 2026 – present

Lecturer

- *International Security* (BA level)
- *Foreign Policy and Diplomacy* (MA level)
- *Research Methods in Political Science* (MA level)

BA thesis supervision

Julius Conrad Pretzl, Milja Juliet Matilda Raitis, Martin Saarts.

Faculty of International and Political Studies, Jagiellonian University Oct 2024 – Jan 2026

Lecturer

- *Introduction to International Relations* (MA level)

Guest lecturer

- *Foreign and International Relations of Central and Eastern Europe* (MA level)

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.

Faculty of Political Science and International Relations, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid

14 March 2025

Guest lecturer

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

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

- *EU Foreign Policy: Understanding How The European Union And Its Member States Engage With The World* (BA level)

Teaching assistant

- *Theories and Concepts of International Relations* (BA level)
- *Comparative Politics* (BA level)
- *Foundations of Political Theory and International Relations* (BA level)

Guest lecturer

- Lecture on elite interviews for *Research Design* (MA level)

Conference attendance

CONFERENCES

ECPR General Conference, (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)	26-29 August 2025
EUSA 19 th Biennial Conference, Philadelphia	8-10 May 2025
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 17 th Biennial Conference, Miami	19-22 May 2022

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	28 November 2024

<i>Online Seminar Series of the Young ECPR Network on Europeanisation</i>	
Perceptions on War and Peace and the role of EU	6 November 2024
<i>Roundtable discussion, Jagiellonian University</i>	
The Room Where It Happens: The Role of Informality in EU Foreign Policy Negotiations	18 October 2023
<i>Seminar Series European Politics and Society, University of Groningen</i>	

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 coordinator, UACES Research Network RELATE	April 2022 – June 2025
External contributor JOINT (<i>A joined-up Union, a stronger Europe</i>), Horizon 2020 Project	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

Research-based commentary and other publications

- Pooppu, B. and Lovato, M. (2026) Israeli ja USA rünnakud muudavad maailma vähem turvaliseks [Israeli and US attacks are making the world less safe], *Sirp*. Available [here](#).
- 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

CONFERENCE/ORGANISATION

Section Co-Chair, Biannual Conference, Standing Group on the EU, ECPR	1-3 July 2026
Early Career Researchers Workshop, Standing Group on the EU, ECPR	18 June 2024
RELATE Special Issue workshop	January 2024

REVIEWER

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

MEMBER

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

Skills and languages

SOFTWARES AND PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

R, R Markdown, LaTeX, SurveyCTO.

LANGUAGES

Italian (native), French (C2), English (C2), German (A2), Polish (A1).

References

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