

CURRICULUM VITAE AC STUDIORUM

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

- Senior High School specializing in Science Education in 2005 at Senior High School “Enrico Fermi” of Sant’Agata Militello (ME), Sicily, obtaining the final grade of 93/100.
- Senior High School certificate in 2003/2004, after having passed the final exams at Senior High School of “Sir Bernard Lovell School” of Bristol, Great Britain. Development of a final thesis for the school program of PRS (*Personal Research Studies*), analyzing the international politics transformations from 1700 until the outbreak of the First World War.
- Bachelor’s Degree in International and Diplomatic Affairs in 17/11/2008 at University of Political Science “Roberto Ruffilli” of Bologna, Forlì Campus. Italian GPA: 27/30. Final graduation grade of 101/110. Graduation thesis based on the evolution of the war concept; final thesis draft title: *Theory of War from Ancient to Modern Time*. Thesis Supervisor: Professor Maria Laura Lanzillo, professor of the course in History and Analysis of Political Thought, taught at the University of Bologna.
- Master’s Degree graduation in International and Diplomatic Affairs in October 23rd 2012, with 29/30 Italian GPA at the University of Political Science “Roberto Ruffilli” of Bologna, Forlì Campus. Final Graduation Grade: 110/110. Master Degree dissertation title: *The American Counterinsurgency Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan between Strategic Culture and Terrorism*. Thesis Supervisor: Professor Filippo Andreatta, expert of theories of international relations and strategic studies.
- Selected candidate for the Overseas Program sponsored by the University of Bologna, for the academic year 2010/2011, in order to study at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the United States. Courses and associate grades during the academic year in the United States are the following:
 - POL SCI-960: Third Party in International Conflict (Professor Katja Favretto) – Grade: A. For this class, I elaborated a research paper which tried to analyze the different operational aspects of Peacekeeping operations in civil wars from those ones in interstate wars. Paper title: *Peacekeeping Operations in Civil Wars and International or Interstate Wars*.

- POL SCI-642: Political Power in Contemporary China (Professor Melanie Manion) – Grade: BC.
 - POL SCI-377: Nuclear Weapons in World Politics (Professor Andrew Kydd) – Grade: A.
 - HIST-396: Military History of the United States from the colonial period to 1898 (Professor John Hall) – Grade: AB.
 - HIST-434: Foreign Politics of the United States from 1898 to the present (Professor Jeremi Suri) – Grade: A.
 - HIST-600: Grand Strategy and Foreign Policy (Professor Jeremi Suri) – Grade: A. For this class, I elaborated a research paper based on the strategic confrontation of US mistakes and turning points both in Vietnam and Iraq; the entire project also tried to demonstrate the realist philosophical approach to International Relations Theory by assuming and verifying the cyclicity of history assumption. Title of the paper: *Conventional vs. Guerrilla Warfare: Comparison of US Strategies in Vietnam and Iraq*.
 - EAST ASIAN-102: Second Semester Chinese (Professor Zhang) – Grade: A.
 - ECON-448: Economics of Growth and Human Resources (Professor Maria Muniagurria) – Grade: B.
- Attendance of a Strategic Workshop at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in April 2011, testing students ability to implement strategies according to likely future crises.
 - 2013 admitted student by IMT Institute of Advanced Studies of Lucca for the XXIX cycle of the PhD program in Political History.

FORMATIVE COURSES

- Self-taught person in studying Chinese language from 2005. Language certificates obtained in China: - Language Course at Sprachcaffe School in Beijing, summer 2007; - Language Course in Chinese Level B (levels had been distributed according to the HSK, the standardized test of Modern Standard Chinese language proficiency system of Chinese language education, which goes from A to D) after passing the following final exams at The College of Intensive Chinese Language Studies of *Beijing Language and Culture University* (commonly known as BLCU) in 2009: written exam 70/100; oral exam 80/100
- Academic certificate for the course “Corso in Diritto Internazionale dei conflitti armati e operazioni di pace fuori area” (Course in International law of armed conflicts and peace operations in outside areas” at the University of Political Science “Roberto Ruffilli” of Bologna in the campus of Forlì, in May 2009.
- Academic certificate for being a member in the Proiet “il sistema internazionale messo alla prova: il caso del popolo Saharawi” (the International System being tested: the case of the Saharawi population) from October to December 2006 at the University of Political Science “Roberto Ruffilli” of Bologna in the campus of Forlì.

- Selected candidate for the 2012 Oxford Summer School held at the beginning of September. Title of the project: “Conflict Resolution in Europe.”
- TOEFL Certificate, in 2012, with final score of 106/120.
- GRE Certificate, in 2012 with the following scores: Verbal Reasoning 145, 24%; Quantitative Reasoning 142, 14%; Analytical Writing 3.5, 30%.

LANGUAGES AND COMPUTER SKILLS

- High level knowledge and ability to speak and write in English language.
- Good ability to speak and write in Chinese.
- University level knowledge of French language.
- Ability to work with Microsoft Word through personal experience.
- Ability to work with Microsoft Excel thanks to the following course attended in the United States at the University of Wisconsin-Madison: BUSINESS-395: General Business – Grade: B

WORKING EXPERIENCE AND PUBLICATIONS

- One week Student collaborator of the English MP (Member of Parliament) Roger Berry as part of the school program “Work Experience” sponsored by the Sir Bernard Lovell School in Bristol, UK
- English language teacher from 15/07/2008 to 20/10/2008 for a technical program education for a total of 60 hours of teaching. The program, which aimed at educating people for becoming medical assistants, was promoted by the Sicilian regional government.
- *Il Sovrano Militare Ordine di Malta alle Nazioni Unite, Stato sovrano o ONG. Lo SMOM dagli splendori del XX secolo alla crisi odierna*, (The Sovereign Military Order of Malta at the United Nations, Sovereign State or NGO. The SMOM from the glorious history of the XX century to the contemporary crisis), Palermo, Dario Flaccovio Editore, November 2013.
- Still holding private lessons of English and Italian language for high school and university students.