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**EMPLOYMENT:**

- 2017- **Head, Policy Planning, Office of the Secretary General, NATO**
- Lead policy planning team in conducting research and analysis; developing innovative and relevant policy products on the Alliance's political, security and defence agenda.
  - Advise the NATO Secretary General and Senior Leadership on new policy initiatives, political messages and strategy.
  - Manage and develop relations with relevant external actors (governments in Allied and partner countries, international organizations, civil society and academia).
- 2016- **Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Research Institute (2016- )**;  
**Associate Researcher, Institute for European Studies, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (2020- )**
- 2008-2017 **Fellow, Institute for National Security Studies (2008- 2017)**;  
Non-Resident Fellow, **Modern War Institute, West Point (2016-2017)**
- Design, conduct, implement and lead original policy and scholarly research.
  - Head research program on human security and coordinate research.
  - Brief and consult with governments, NGOs and international organizations.
- 2011-2017 **Lecturer, Political Science and Middle Eastern Studies, Tel Aviv University**
- Lecture (BA, MA) on internal conflicts, civil wars, political violence.
  - Develop and conduct training programs for senior leaders and policy-makers.
  - Supervise master and doctoral students.
- 2011-2017 **International Security and Humanitarian Consultant**
- Conduct applied policy research for political risk consulting firms, NGOs, international organizations and governments (includes M&E; risks/political/need assessments, situational/threat analysis; analytical reports and policy recommendations, best practices research, curriculum design and trainings).
  - Focus: security, SSR, DDR, CVE, violence prevention/reduction, protection, recovery and stabilization. Sample of past research focus: Burundi, Egypt, Guatemala, Israel, Lebanon, Mexico, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia, UK, US.
- 2008 - **Researcher**, National Security and the Law Program, Harvard Law School.
- 2006-2008 **Associate Researcher**, Jebsen Center, Tufts University.
- 2005-2007 **Faculty Assistant, Lecturer**, Dept. of Political Science, Tufts University.
- 2002-2005 **Head of Research Department, Senior Analyst (2003-2005), Researcher (2002-2003).**  
*Center of Political Analysis and Social and Economic Research (Chiapas, Mexico).*

**SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS:**

- **Strategic Land-power Essay Award, US Army War College** (2017)
- **Eisenhower Global Fellow** (2017)
- **Global Young Academy, Member** (2017)
- Appointed to the “Commission for the Study of Radicalization,” **Government of Italy** (2016)
- **Young Strategist**, The German Marshall Fund of the United States (2016)
- **TED Fellow 2015, Ted Senior Fellow** (2016-)
- Awarded "Order of the Star of Italy” (**Order of knighthood**), Gov. of Italy (2015).
- **Munich Young Leader**, Körber Foundation, and Munich Security Conference (2013)
- **Young Atlanticist Fellowship**, Atlantic Council (2012)
- UN Alliance of Civilizations, **Global Experts Program** (2012-present)

#### SELECTED RESEARCH GRANTS:

- **Minerva Center, Study of Law under Extreme Conditions** research grant (2016-2017)
- Smith Richardson Foundation **Policy & Strategy Fellowship** (2016-18)
- International Center for Non-Violent Conflict **Curriculum Fellowship** (2014-2015).
- **Kreitman Fellowship** (2013)
- **Lady Davis Fellowship** (2012)
- **World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship Grant**, Smith Richardson Found (2011).
- **Morris Abrams Award in International Relations** (2009-2010).
- **International Security Studies Fellowship**, The Fletcher School (2009-2010).
- **Bradley Foundation Dissertation Fellowship**, Bradley Foundation (2009-2010).
- **Neubauer Doctoral Fellowship**, Neubauer Foundation (2008-2010).

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#### EDUCATION:

2014.           **Post-Doctorate, Ben Gurion University** (Israel), Political Sciences.

2012-2013       **Post-Doctorate, Hebrew University**, International Relations.

2005-2011       **PhD and MA, The Fletcher School, Tufts University**, *Int. Relations*  
Field of Specialization: International security, international law, Middle Eastern politics.

2002-2005       **BA, University of Bologna, Bologna (Italy), Middle Eastern Studies**  
Graduated *summa cum laude*, GPA: 4.1/A+  
Fields of specialization: Islamic studies, comparative religions, and anthropology.  
(*Certificates in Human Rights Law (Oxford University), Development and Fundraising*)

**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:** UN Alliance of Civilizations, Women in International Security Studies, Atlantic Council-Young Atlanticist Group, Munich Young Leader group, Mediterranean Strategy Group, Asian Forum for Global Governance, German Marshall Fund-Young Strategist.

**Civil and Human Rights Leadership:** TED-ED educator, House of the Rising Stars Foundation, Elected Representative of Italians residing abroad (COMITES), FINE ACTS board member, International Military Council on Climate and Security board member.

**Research Languages:** Conducts research in Italian, English, Spanish, French, Hebrew and Arabic.

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#### SELECTED LIST OF PUBLICATIONS:

## Books and Edited Volumes

*Uprooted—Displacement and Dispossession in the 21st Century* (book in preparation)

*Established and Emerging Forms of Governance by Non-State Armed Groups in the Middle East: Re-Thinking the Governance Dilemma* (book in preparation)

*The End of Terrorism: Beyond ISIS and the State of Emergency* (Mondadori, 2017) [in Italian]

*Democratization of EU Foreign Policy? The Role of New Member States* (Routledge, 2015, with Kristina Mikulova and Nicu Popescu).

*Armed-Political Organizations: from Conflict to Integration* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013).

*Hezbollah and Hamas: A Comparative Study* (Johns Hopkins University Press, September 2012; with J.L. Gleis).

## Selected Book Chapters

"Religion and Politics in Palestine: the case of Hamas," *The Routledge Handbook of Religion and Political Parties*, edited by Jeffrey Haynes, Routledge, 2019.

"Rebel Justice? Rule of Law and Law Enforcement by Non-State Armed Groups" *The Rule of Law and Areas of Limited Statehood*, edited by Linda Hamid and Jan Wouters, Edward Elgar, forthcoming, 2020.

"Siege Warfare in the Seven kingdoms," *Winning Westeros How Game of Thrones Explains Modern Military Conflict*, edited by Max Brooks, John Amble, ML Cavanaugh, and Jaym Gates, Potomac Books, 2019 (with Lionel Beehner and Mike Jackson).

"Violent and Criminal Non-State Actors," *The Oxford Handbook of Governance and Limited Statehood*, Thomas Risse, Tanja A. Börzel, and Anke Draude (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018).

"The Syrian Refugee Crisis: Regional Challenges," *The Middle East and North Africa 2017*, 63rd edition, Routledge, 2017.

"Disarming Militant Groups from Within: Building Support for Peace among Combatants in Northern Ireland," in Gilead Sher and Anat Kurz, *Negotiating in Times of Conflict*, INSS, 2015 (with Ariel Heifetz Knobel, and Gary Mason)

"Lebanon's Quest for Independence: Between Fragmentation, Political Instability and Foreign Intervention", *Religion, Education, and Governance in the Middle East: Between Tradition and Modernity*, Sai Felicia Krishna-Hensel ed. London: Ashgate, fall 2012.

"Lebanon" *Militancy and Political Violence in Shiism: Trends and Patterns*, Assaf Moghadam, ed. London, New York: Routledge, 2011.

"Electoral Reform in Lebanon," *Global Studies: The Middle East*, in Azzedine Layachi ed. Dubuque, IA: McGraw-Hill Contemporary Learning Series, 2010.

"Escaping the Prisoner's Dilemma: Securing a Role for Human Rights in Counterterrorism," *Effectively Countering Terrorism: The Challenges of Prevention, Preparedness and Response*, Cornelia Beyer and Michael Bauer eds. Brighton, Portland: Sussex Academic Press, 2009.

## Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

"Understanding Key Drivers of Urban Displacement: Urban Counter-Insurgency in Syria," *under review*.

“War, Resistance, and “combatant identity:” Hezbollah’s political identity and the legacy of conflict,” *under review*.

“From Cooperation to Competition: Localization, Militarization and Rebel Co-Governance Arrangements in Syria,” *forthcoming, Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* 2020.

”Rebel Groups between Adaptation and Ideological Continuity: The Impact of Sustained Political Participation,” *Government and Opposition*, November 2018.

"Stability in Syria: What Would it Take to make it Happen?" *ORBIS* (Spring 2018).

“The Strategic Logic of Sieges in Counterinsurgencies,” *Parameters* 47:2, (with Lionel M. Beehner and Michael T. Jackson).

”What’s in a name? Re-conceptualizing non-state armed groups in the Middle East,” *Palgrave Communications* 2 (2016).

“Rebel Politics and the State: Between Conflict and Post-Conflict, Resistance and Co-Existence,” *Civil Wars* 18:2 (2016).

“Rebel-to-Political and Back? Hamas as a Security Provider in Gaza between Rebellion, Politics and Governance,” *Democratization* 23:6 (2016), (with Beatriz Gutierrez Lopez).

“Reframing War to Make Peace in Northern Ireland: IRA Internal Consensus-Building for Peace and Disarmament” *International Journal of Conflict Engagement and Resolution* (2015), (with Ariel Heifetz Knobel).

"Non-State Actors as Governments: Hamas and the Governance Dilemma," *Middle East Journal* 69:1 (2015).

“Gulf Monarchies in a Changing Middle East: Is Spring Far Behind?” *ORBIS* 59:1, (2015), (with Yoel Guzansky).

“Forcible Intervention in Libya: Boom or Bust for the Politics of Human Protection?” *Global Change, Peace and Security* 26, no.1 (2014).

"Is the New Middle East Stuck in Its Sectarian Past? The Unspoken Dimension of the “Arab Spring,”” *ORBIS*, winter 2013 (with Yoel Guzansky).

"Institutionalizing Resistance: Armed Groups as a Political Parties and Their Role in Electoral Politics. The Case of Hezbollah," *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* 34:12, (2011).

## **Other Publications**

"Is Reconstruction Syria’s Next Battleground?" *Sada*, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, September 5, 2017.

"Gaza on the Brink," *Foreign Affairs*, June 27, 2017.

"Power beyond the State. Non-State Actors in the Broader Southern Mediterranean,” *Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung*, December 2016 (with Cornelius Adebahr, Mohamed Eljarh, Kristina Kausch).

"Modern Siege Warfare. How It Is Changing Counterinsurgency," *Foreign Affairs*, December 7, 2016 (with Lionel M. Beehner and Michael T. Jackson).

"Why Humanitarian Aid Workers Are Under Attack," *National Interest*, September 26, 2016.

"Syria’s Weaponized Humanitarian Space," *Sada*, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, July 6, 2016.

"The Other Syrian Crisis. Internal Displacement as a Weapon of War," *Foreign Affairs*, September 28,

"Rethinking reconstruction in Gaza," *European Council on Foreign Relations*, July 1, 2015.

"After the Spring": State-Building Processes and Institutional Reforms," in *Joint Policy Study SSN-EuroMeSCo*, "The Arab Spring in Comparative Perspective, April 2015 (with Fouad Ammor).

"Syrian Refugees and Regional Security," *Sada*, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, February 5, 2015.

"No Escape from War: Hezbollah and Israel Inch Toward Open Fighting," *Foreign Affairs*, January 22, 2015.

"Dangerous Disarmament," *Foreign Affairs*, August 6, 2014.

"Converts to Missionaries. Central and Eastern European Democracy Assistance in the Arab World," *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, August 2013 (with Dr. Kristina Mikulova).

"Hurting Hamas helps it," *Foreign Policy*, July 26, 2013.

Lessons Learned and Forgotten: How the Western Balkans Experience Could Help Libya, Center for Civil-Military Relations, *the Belgrade Centre for Security Policy*, March 31, 2012, with Jelena Petrovic, Gonca Noyan, and Hristiana Grozdanova.

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### **CONSULTANCIES, LECTURES, BRIEFINGS (SELECTED LIST):**

Action on Armed Violence (AOAV)

Asian Forum on Global Governance

Atlantic Council

Bergedorf Foundation

Coninx Irmgard Stiftung

Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department (ECHO)

International Center for Non-Violent Conflict

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Instituto Affari Internazionali

German Marshall Fund

Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

Korber Foundation Forum

Lehigh University

Munich Security Conference

NATO Defense College

Observer Research Foundation (ORF)

Peace Action Training and Research of Romania (PATRIR)

Tufts University

United Nations University MERIT

UN Special Coordination Office for the Middle East Peace Process (UNSCO)

UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance (OCHA)

UN University (UNU)

Universidad Iberoamericana

University of Jordan

Van Leer Institute

Yale University