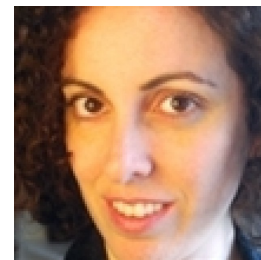


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A dedicated and imaginative scholar with outstanding qualifications and publications and a track record of achievement in delivering complex research projects through to successful outcomes and high political impact. Qualifications include Post Graduate Certificate in Academic Practice from King's College London, PhD and MRes in Social and Political Sciences from the European University Institute and a Degree 'cum laude' in Communication Sciences from the University of Bologna. Has published books, and policy papers on topics such as International Political Communication, IR Theory and Religion, Military Doctrines, and Conflict and Mass Atrocities Prevention and presented conferences papers at high level conferences worldwide. Has experience of managing and working within inter-disciplinary teams, developing excellent project management skills, coordinating activities to meet deadlines and ensure completion of research on time. Teaching and coaching abilities include lecturing to MA standards, designing modules and course syllabus, and coaching others through project research activities. Possesses excellent communication skills, with a thorough understanding of the theory of language, and is fluent in Italian, English, Spanish and French.

Qualifications

King's College London (Jan 2010 - Dec 2011)
PGCAP (Post Graduate Certificate in Academic Practice)
Essay and portfolio:
"Image and higher-education body-shape - mediating war between researcher vs teacher"

European University Institute (EUI) (Sep 2002 - Feb 2008)
PhD in Social and Political Sciences
Dissertation in International Relations:
"War by Images: From Kosovo to Afghanistan"
MRes in Social and Political Sciences (2003)

University of Bologna (Sep 1995 - Nov 2001)
Laurea Degree 'cum Laude' in Communication Sciences
Dissertation in International Relations:
"Blow up Kosovo: the role of images in priming an international crisis"

Research Career Progression

University of Southern Denmark (August 2013 - Present)
Associate Professor

King's College London, War Studies (Jul 2012 - July 2013)
Research Fellow (66% FTE)

- Worked as Deputy Director of the ERC-funded 'ImpactTracer' project, developing a web application to be used in the field of IR and Security Studies to trace the impact of political statements or documents on policy making, but also to measure the influence of specific ideas and knowledge in politics
- Directed all activities and set strategic direction and plan in liaison with the PI to ensure that critical milestones were achieved in defining cases/ and prototypes to test
- Carried out in-depth desk-based research, organised interviews and workshops involving different potential users, and tested algorithms and visualisation systems
- Produced a business case to attract commercial customers interested in funding further software development or to buy the application

Foundation for International Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities, Budapest (Jan 2012 – March 2013)
Coordinator/Expert Member of EU Task Force for the Prevention of Mass Atrocities (Consultancy/33% FTE)
•Coordinated the activities of 13 academics and managed the committee drafting a report which assesses the EU's performance in the prevention of mass atrocities and makes recommendations on how to improve it
•Assisted the various task force Chairs in leading the policy oriented work
•Conducted interviews with EU policy-makers and other relevant participants

King's College London, War Studies (Nov 2011 - Jun 2012)
Visiting Research Associate (Voluntary)
•Finalised series of publications linked to Foresight Research group and contributed to future grant applications

King's College London, War Studies (Oct 2008 - Oct 2011)

Research Associate/Manager ERC-funded 'Foresight' Project (FTE)

- Managed a team of 4 under the direction of the PI, contributing substantially to the research design and the theoretical development of the project, carrying out most of the empirical research necessary to ensure success
- Enhanced expertise in the field of International Organisations (UN, OSCE and NATO in particular) conflict dynamics in weak states (especially Rwanda, Darfur, Bosnia, Kosovo, FYROM and Georgia), and discourse analysis
- Provided excellent project management, developing deadlines and drafting deliverables, and coordinating the research activities of the project in close liaison with the PI
- Trained, coached and supervised the work of the research assistants working on the content analysis of warnings
- Managed all publicity activities aimed at promoting and raising project visibility including 2 workshops, a conference, a book launch, a podcast, and the web page

OSCE Archive, Prague (Dec 2010)

Researcher in Residence (Voluntary)

- Carried out research on the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre with access to classified documents relating to missions in Kosovo, Georgia and FYROM

European University Institute, Max Weber Programme (Jan 2007 - Sep 2008)

Research Assistant

- Contributed to the organisation of the Programme lectures, conferences, and pre-doctoral summer school

Robert Schumann Centre, "European Military Doctrine" Project (Nov 2004 - Jul 2006)

Research Assistant

- Conducted research under the supervision of Prof. Pascal Vennesson on military institutions in Italy and deepened knowledge of other European military institutions, their conceptions of military power and force employment, their organisational frames, and their changes due to globalisation and integration into the European Security and Defence Policy
- Produced a co-authored article, published by Armed Forces and Society, a book chapter, and a seminar held for the School of European Governance and Administration of Potsdam University

University of Florence (Jan 2002 - Nov 2003)

Research Assistant

- Conducted research for the project titled "Lines of development of international politics", funded by CEMISS (Military Centre for Strategic Studies), led by Prof. Luciano Bozzo

Teaching Experience

King's College London (Sep 2009 - Aug 2011)

Teaching Fellow

- Delivered lectures and materials to teach/coach up to 16 MA students per year, and acted as second marker for a number of MA dissertations
- Created and led the module "Media and War", setting and marking examinations
- Marked essays and examinations for Modules "War Reporting" and "Media and Intelligence"

University of Florence (Jan/Aug 2008)

Lecturer

- Created and led the module "Representations of War"
- Marked essays and examinations for modules "International Relations Theory" and "Strategic Studies"
- Supervised 4 MA students dissertations

Florida State University (Sep 2007 - May 2008)

Lecturer

- Developed syllabus, created and led the module "European Union: History, policies and institutions"
- Marked essays and examinations for the abovementioned module

Potsdam University and EUI (Jun 2006)

Visiting Lecturer

- Delivered lectures on "European Military Integration" as part of MA course

University of Florence, Strategic Studies (Jan 2006 - Dec 2007)

Teaching Assistant

- Worked as guest speaker on "International Relations Theories" and supervised MA dissertations

University of Bologna (Dec 2005 & Mar 2006)

Visiting Lecturer

- Lectured on "The Political Role of the Media in International Conflicts" as part of the PhD programme in Sociology of Communication for Department of Communication Services

- Lectured on “Press - Politics Relations during International Crises”

University of Bologna, International Relations (Jan/Dec 2002)

Teaching Assistant

- Worked as exam marker and supervised MA dissertations

Other Professional Experience

United Nations, DPKO, New York (Jan/May 2005)

Intern/Policy Analyst

RAI, Italian Broadcasting Company, Rome (Jun/Jul 2001)

Intern/Journalist

Publications

Books

Articles

Unleashing and Taming Violent Peacekeepers: Civilian Harm Mitigation in Peace Operations

De Franco, C. & Gelot, L., 2026, In: Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding.

Right(s) practice: normative competence negotiation in the struggles over human rights protection in AMISOM

De Franco, C. & Gelot, L., Dec 2025, In: Journal of International Relations and Development. 28, 4, p. 429-457

Media and Mass Atrocity Prevention: Three Pathways of Potential Influence

De Franco, C. & Meyer, C., 31. Jul 2025, In: Global Responsibility to Protect. 17, 4, p. 288-319

Languaging in Social Practices: The Role of Narrative Games in Shaping Diplomatic Conventions

De Franco, C., Jun 2024, In: Linguistic Frontiers. 7, 1

Assembling intelligence in United Nations peacekeeping: between transformation and path dependency

De Franco, C. & Moe, L. W., 1. May 2024, In: International Affairs. 100, 3, p. 1043-1066

Turning Towards Practices: On the common ground of International Relations and European Studies

De Franco, C., 5. Jul 2022, In: Italian Political Science Review. 52, 2, p. 172-186

Se sauver soi-même en sauvant les autres? Réflexions sur l'OTAN et la protection des civils

de Franco, C., 2017, In: Defense et Securite Internationale. 57

Media Ecology and the Blurring of Private and Public Practices: A case from the Middle East

de Franco, C., 2016, In: Politik. 19, 4, p. 11-29

'Living by Example?' The European Union and the Implementation of the Responsibility to Protect (R2P)

de Franco, C., Meyer, C. O. & Smith, K. E., 1. Sept 2015, In: Journal of Common Market Studies. 53, 5, p. 994-1009

Is a European Practice of Mass Atrocity Prevention Emerging? The European Union, Responsibility to Protect and the 2011 Libya Crisis

de Franco, C. & Rodt, A. P., 2015, In: Politics and Governance. 3, 4, p. 44-55

Is There a Specific Ambivalence of the Sacred? Illustrations from the Apparition of Medjugorje and the Movement of Sant'Egidio

de Franco, C., Barbato, M. & LeNormand, B., 2012, In: Politics, Religion & Ideology. 13, 1, p. 53-73

Mindfulness and open-text authorship in higher education: a meditation on how to make peace between the teacher and the researcher

de Franco, C., 2011, In: Higher Education Research Network Journal. 4, p. 23-32

Recasting the warning-response problem: Persuasion and preventive policy

Meyer, C. O., Otto, F., Brante, J. & de Franco, C., 2010, In: International Studies Review. 12, 4, p. 556-578

Is there a European way of war? Role conceptions, organizational frames, and the utility of force

Vennesson, P., Breuer, F., de Franco, C. & Schroeder, U. C., 2009, In: Armed Forces and Society. 35, 4, p. 628-645

Reports

Working Papers

Encyclopedia chapter

Book chapter

Awards

2012 Best Article (Runner up), Journal of the Higher Education Network.

2008 Special award for the thesis publication, European University Institute (EUI). Award given to 5% of the theses defended at the EUI as a praise for the thesis itself.

Grants

2012 European Research Council Proof of Concept Call 2012. Title of the proposal: "ImpactTracer: Building a Web-Application to Measure and Visualise the Impact of Texts over Time" – contributed to grant application submitted by PI Christoph Meyer (about €130.000 for a one year project).

2008 Grant towards the publication of the PhD dissertation (€1000), European University Institute

2005 PhD funding (about €17.000 for 1 year), European University Institute

2002 PhD funding (about €45.000 for 3 years), Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Professional Membership

International Studies Association

International Institute of Strategic Studies

Academy of Higher Education