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### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

- University of Miami, Department of Political Science** 2015-  
*Assistant Professor*  
Research and teaching interests: civil wars, international security, international relations theory, ethno-nationalism, nonviolent resistance, coercion
- Princeton University, School of Public and International Affairs** 2015-16  
*Postdoctoral Research Scholar in Regional Political Economy, Niehaus Center*

### **EDUCATION**

- Columbia University** 2015  
*Ph.D. in Political Science*  
Major: International Relations. Minor: Comparative Politics  
Dissertation committee: Jack Snyder, Page Fortna, Robert Jervis  
*M.Phil. in Political Science* (2011); *M.A. in Political Science* (2010)
- Johns Hopkins, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)** 2006  
*M.A. in International Relations, honors*  
Concentrations: International Economics and Strategic Studies
- University of Florence, Italy** 2004  
*B.A. in Political Science, summa cum laude*  
Concentration: International Relations

### **BOOK**

*Conflict Among Rebels: Why Insurgent Groups Fight Each Other* (Columbia University Press, November 2020).

### **PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH ARTICLES**

- “Ethnic Conflict and the Limits of Nonviolent Resistance,” *Security Studies*, 2020.
- “Wars within Wars: Why Windows of Opportunity and Vulnerability Cause Inter-rebel Fighting in Internal Conflicts,” *International Security*, 2018.
- “The Economic Costs of Civil War: Synthetic Counterfactual Evidence and the Effects of Ethnic Fractionalization,” *Journal of Peace Research*, 2017 (with S. Costalli and L. Moretti).
- “Do Foreign Occupations Cause Suicide Attacks?” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 2014 (with S. Collard-Wexler and M. Smith).
- “The Turkey-KRG Energy Partnership: Assessing its Implications,” *Middle East Policy*, 2014 (with M. Morelli).
- “Allies and Airpower in Libya,” *Parameters*, 2012 (with E. Borghard).
- “Partition as a Solution to Ethnic Conflict,” *International Spectator*, 2008.
- “A Plan for Military Intervention in Darfur,” *African Security Review*, 2007.

## CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

“Oil, Federalism, and Third-party Intervention” in Filippo Andreatta and Emanuele Castelli (eds.), *Solutions and Failures in Identity-based Conflicts* (Trento: FBK Press, 2015) (with M. Morelli).

“Un’Analisi dell’Efficacia della Violenza Indiscriminata in Guerra di Contro-guerriglia” in S. Costalli and F. Moro (eds.), *La Guerra nello Stato* (Milan: Vita e Pensiero, 2010).

## OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

“Review Essay: War and Peace in a Hidden Gem of Italian American Literature,” *Italian Americana*, 2020 (peer-reviewed).

“Review of P. Krause’s *Rebel Power*,” *Political Science Quarterly*, 2018.

“Conflict Resolution and the Everyday Politics of International Intervention,” *Journal of International Organizations Studies*, 2015 (review of S. Autesserre’s *Peaceland*).

“Review of F. Christia’s *Alliance Formation in Civil War*,” *H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable Reviews*, 2013.

“Referendum, Response, and Consequences for Sudan: The Game Between Juba and Khartoum,” World Bank Policy Research Working Paper, 2008 (with I. Elbadawi and G. Milante).

“Moral and Strategic Dimensions of Humanitarian Military Intervention,” *International Spectator*, 2008 (book review of T. Seybolt’s, *Humanitarian Military Intervention*).

“Lessons for Peacebuilders,” *International Spectator*, 2007 (book review of M. Doyle and N. Sambanis’ *Making War and Building Peace*).

“Transatlantic Economic Relations: The State of the Partnership and Prospects for Future Cooperation,” Policy brief for the Italian Senate, Istituto Affari Internazionali: Rome, 2007 (abridged version published in *Freedom and Union*, 2007).

“After Doha: Evolution or Revolution in the World Trading System?” Western Center for Economic Research, University of Alberta, 2007 (with G. Hufbauer).

“Learning the Correct Lesson about Protectionism,” *Economic Perspectives*, 2007 (with G. Hufbauer).

## COMMENTARY

“What Star Wars can tell us about rebel movements,” *Vox*, Mischief of Factions, Dec 8, 2017.

“A provocative article says the Islamic State is a mystery. Here’s why that’s wrong,” *Washington Post*, Monkey Cage, Aug 27, 2015.

“America Must Destroy IS...But How?” *The National Interest*, Aug 15, 2014.

“Why American Air Power Won’t Save Iraq from ISIS,” *The National Interest*, Jun 24, 2014 (with E. Borghard).

“Let Turkey and Kurdistan Get Closer,” *The National Interest*, Oct 31, 2013 (with M. Morelli).

“Bombing Can Wait,” *The National Interest*, Sep 12, 2013 (with E. Borghard).

“Obama’s Syria Dilemma,” *The National Interest*, Aug 30, 2013 (with E. Borghard).

## **ONGOING RESEARCH**

“Do Birds of a Feather Flock Together? Rebel Constituencies and Civil War Alliances” (with L. Balcells and C. Chen) (under review).

“Can You Have It Both Ways? Can You Have It Both Ways? Plausible Deniability and Attribution in Anonymous Coercive Bargaining” (with A. Cheon and S. Moller) (under review).

“Religion and Violence: Testing the Ambivalence of the Sacred” (with M. Vogt) (under review).

“Anti-abortion and Endorsement of Political Violence: A Survey Experiment,” (with J. Uscinski).

“Weapons of the Weak: Insurgent Fire Power and Counterinsurgency Outcomes” (with A. Gilli and M. Gilli).

“Competition Neglect and the Puzzle of Preventive Wars that Weren’t.”

“Introducing the Rebel Alliances Dataset” (with L. Balcells).

## **DATASETS**

Nonviolent Ethnic Challenges, NEC

Rebel Alliances Dataset, RAD (with L. Balcells)

Weapons of the Weak, WoW (with A. Gilli and M. Gilli)

## **FIELDWORK**

Iraqi Kurdistan, Oct 2012- Dec 2012; Turkey, Jan 2013; Ethiopia, Jul-Aug 2013

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship	2013
Grant for field research, Political Science Department, Columbia University	2013
Dissertation Fellowship, Columbia University	2012-13
Andrew W. Cordier Fellowship, Columbia University	2011-12
Summer Fellowship, Political Science Department, Columbia University	2011
Summer Teaching Scholar, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University	2011
Teaching Fellow, Columbia University	2009-11
Faculty Fellow, Columbia University	2008-09
Scholarships awarded by the Sardinian (Italy) Regional Government; the Bologna Center, SAIS; Fellowship “Sandro Pertini” (all merit-based, covering SAIS tuition)	2004-06

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

University of Miami: *Introduction to International Relations; Nationalism, Ethnicity, and Conflict; Civil Wars; International Security*

Columbia University: *Conceptual Foundations of IR; Warfare and Violence in Intra-state Conflict*

## **CONFERENCES, INVITED PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES**

Presentation at Kurdish Forum, University of Central Florida, Orlando, 2019

New Wave Realism Conference, Ohio State University, Columbus, 2019

Young Turks Workshop, Duke Program in American Grand Strategy, 2019

American Political Science Association (APSA), 2019, 2017, 2016, 2013

International Studies Association (ISA), 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014

Symposium on the Micro-Dynamics of Armed Conflicts, IBEA, Barcelona, 2018

Guest lectures Claremont College, 2018; Swarthmore College, 2016; Columbia University, 2016, 2014, 2011, 2010; University of Kurdistan Hawler, 2012

ISA pre- and post-conference workshops on ideology and civil wars, 2017

Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), 2019, 2017, 2014

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), 2017

Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) workshop, Princeton University, 2016

Butler College's Current Affairs Roundtable, Princeton University, 2016

Talk at the Department & Program in Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University, 2016

Talk at International Relations Faculty Colloquium, Niehaus Center, Princeton University, 2016

Talk at RAND Corporation's Counterinsurgency Board of Experts, 2015

Roundtable at Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, 2015

Samuel Efron Lecture Series, Lehigh University, 2014

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 2014, 2013, 2012

Talk at Columbia University International Politics Seminar (CUIPS), Columbia University, 2011

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), 2009

Talk at UN Humanitarian Affairs Conference, Marseille, 2008

Presentation at Mine Action Services (UNMAS), 2008

## **RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE**

Columbia University, Political Science Department: Research Assistant for the "Civil War Termination and Initiation" Project (led by T. Fazal and P. Fortna), 2011.

World Bank, Development Research Group: Researcher in the Peace and Development/Post-Conflict Transitions team, 2007-08

World Bank Institute: Researcher in the Trade team, 2007-08

Peterson Institute for International Economics: Research Analyst, 2006-08

### **SERVICE**

Chair of Conflict Processes section, MPSA, 2021

University of Miami: Member of the College of Arts and Sciences' Academic Integrity Committee (2020-21); Pi Sigma Alpha representative (2018-21); United Way campaign representative (2016-18); member of IR faculty search committees (2017-18); advisor for political science majors

Columbia University: undergraduate student advisor for all political science majors (2013-15)

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Article reviewer for: *African Security Review*; *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Comparative Politics*; *Defence and Peace Economics*; *Ethnopolitics*; *European Journal of International Relations*; *International Organization*; *International Political Science Review*; *International Security*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *International Studies Review*; *Journal of Conflict Resolution*; *Journal of Institutional Economics*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *Journal of Politics*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Political Science Quarterly*; *Politics, Religion, and Ideology*; *Political Geography*; *Security Studies*; *World Politics*

Member of the Loyalty of Security Forces Working Group

International Policy Summer Institute (IPSI), Bridging the Gap, American University

Summer Workshop in the Analysis Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), Cornell University

### **LANGUAGES**

Italian (native), French and Spanish (reading proficiency)

### **MEDIA COVERAGE AND PRESENCE**

*New York Times*, The Interpreter, March 1, 2020 [summary of research]

Janette Newahl Tannen, "Measured responses in the US, Iran conflict," News@theU, 2020. [interview]

"A delicate, diplomatic tightrope between Iran and US," News@theU, 2020. [interview]

Francesco Bechis, "Cosi l'Iran (non gli USA) manipola l'Iraq," Formiche, 2020. [interview]

Francesco Bechis, "Blitz o invasione? Il bivio (pericoloso) di Erdogan," Formiche, 2019. [interview]

"XRAY in the morning," XRAY FM, Feb 22, 2017. [interview]

"Carl in the morning," XRAY FM, Sep 1, 2015. [interview]

Bakke, Cunningham and Seymour, "The problem with fragmented insurgencies," *Washington Post*, Monkey Cage, May 13, 2015. [mention of research]

"Viewpoints with Todd van der Heyden," CJAD 800 AM, Sep 13, 2014. [interview]