Dear readers,
I am grateful to the last GG Alumni Board for having launched this newsletter. The other Board members and I are excited to continue this initiative to support and connect students across generations. Our Alumni Association has reached more than 200 members! Besides the events, initiatives, placement data, interviews, jobs and courses, we have created a Slack workspace intended to facilitate sharing these materials and opportunities and connecting among ourselves. I thank all those who contributed to this project and I hope you will be inspired as I am by the spirit and the passion of our community,
Yours,
Federica Fabiano

FEDERICA FABIANO, GG’17
Chairwoman of the GG Alumni Board

The Global Governance B.A. Alumni Association was born in 2017 from the alumni of the B.A. in Global Governance, taught at the University of Rome Tor Vergata. By the end of 2022, the Association comprises more than 200 members across 6 graduation years.
The main objectives of the Association are to provide opportunities for GG Alumni to foster their career development, and to encourage and facilitate networking among GG graduates worldwide. We do want to maintain this family adventure started in 2013, by supporting the new generations of GG students and Alumni.
Interdisciplinarity opens up a variety of opportunities for Bachelor graduates. Most of the alumni choose to pursue a Postgraduate Degree after GG, but several graduates have considered taking a gap year or getting some work experience (sometimes before enrolling in a Master’s Programme).

From the chart below, showing the professionals sectors our Alumni are currently employed in, it worth noticing how private and public actors, and international organisations appreciate consultancy from interdisciplinary profiles.
Within the Mentorship Programme, the initiative "Hit Submit" aims at supporting GG students enrolling into their dream universities and graduate programmes. Hit Submit provides GG students who are in the midst of the application process with tailored advice in the review of motivation letters, essays, CVs, research proposals, and other application materials.

By filling the contact form on our website, the Alumni Association will put you in contact with an alumnus whose background and experience best fit your interests.

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**LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS**

**Hit Submit**

Do you want to talk with an Alumnus? **Click here for the contact form!**

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**Our Programme in the Italian CENSIS Ranking**

The University of Rome Tor Vergata ranked 4th in the CENSIS Italian ranking 2021/2022, for Bachelor degrees in the area of Political Sciences. This achievement is largely attributable to the quality and prestige of our Global Governance programme! The CENSIS ranking provides guidance for the choices of all students ready to embark on a university career in Italy. It is a detailed analysis of the Italian university system (public and non-public universities) based on an assessment of available structures, services provided, internationalisation level, 2.0 communication capacity, and employability.
The Alumni Association has launched a dedicated space on Slack, one of the leading free-to-use platforms for facilitating communication and interpersonal relations. The idea behind our Slack workspace is to provide everyone with a unified, easy-to-use communication space across GG generations.

In our Slack workspace you will find four main channels (but you can create as many new ones as you like):

1. **ASK**: the place where you can reach out to the Board and the other Alumni
2. **ACTIVITIES**: everything about the activities carried out by the Association and current students. Ideas are welcome!
3. **TRAVELLING**: our Alumni have travelled all over the world, so from visiting to moving to another city we may have an Alumnus that can give you some suggestions and tips (e.g., when looking for a room)
4. **SHARING**: this is where you are allowed to share anything that you deem helpful for Alumni or current students. Feel free to share a particular movie, book, seminar, job or internship position, or anything that made you think “I wish I knew about this when I was in GG!”

**How can you join our Slack workspace?**

- Go to the link [bit.ly/ggalumnislack](bit.ly/ggalumnislack) or scan the QR code
- Create an account or use your Google account, insert your email and name
- Type the code sent to your email address
- Choose a password
- Start exploring the platform! If you have any doubt or suggestion, you can directly get in touch with the Alumni Association Board
The GG Alumni Association organised and carried out the 2022 Welcome Days activities for the new students enrolled in the first year of Global Governance. The activities consisted in a team building day, a scavenger hunt in the city centre, and a welcome cocktail in Parco degli Acquedotti. It was a great opportunity to get to know the future GG Alumni and to give them the opportunity to get acquainted in a more informal and fun setting. If you would like to participate to the next edition, send us a message to get in touch with the team!

Welcome Days 2022

Internship at the GG Alumni Association

The Alumni Association is now offering curricular internships for GG students! Together with the Board members and the students participating to activities like the Welcome Days, you will be able to develop communication and community-building skills, while acquiring first-hand experience in supporting intergenerational learning across the wide network of Alumni. You can apply and ask for info via this form.
Partnerships

GG Alumni established a partnership with Clean Up Sundays, a non-profit organization restarted by Shinichi Mizuno, a GG student now attending his third year, under the supervision of Professor Giulia Costa. The group aims at tackling the trash problem in Rome by encouraging young people to clean up their neighborhood on one Sunday of the month. The belief is that this activity can strengthen community building and raise awareness of waste disposal and management.

Today the group counts 50 members among which several GG students and other volunteers. They have worked around the Campus X area and in the surroundings of the University buildings, to raise the environmental quality of their everyday spaces. You can participate in their next Clean Up event by checking their Facebook page for updates, or directly contact Shinichi through the Alumni Association.
What did you do after Global Governance?
I attended a Master at LSE in International Political Economy, and worked part-time as consultant in a company conducting investment research on the sustainability of the copper industry. After that, I realised it was a bit too much of a niche and technical for me, so in January I started a new role in KPMG.

What are you doing now?
I work in risk consulting and political risk and investigations at KPMG in London. After my MSc, I decided to stay here in the UK.

What was your motivation to apply for the London School of Economics?
I had two reasons that gave me a strong motivation to apply. First, after my oversee in Argentina during GG and after choosing the Data Science major, I developed an interest in monetary politics (exchange rates, political economy, and financial markets). It is a very specific field if you want to approach economics from an interdisciplinary perspective. I noticed there were very few universities offering courses in political economy, but LSE stands out as one of the universities that founded the discipline: most of the “big names” that would come up in that field are also teachers at LSE, and they wrote the textbooks we studied from. It was in line with what I wanted to do, and at the same time LSE was very prestigious in the discipline. In the longer term, I also felt I would have had more professional opportunities in London.

How did your time at Global Governance contribute to your academic and personal development?
I think GG was very useful for me. From an academic perspective, it was so interdisciplinary that I had the opportunity to explore different subjects and career perspectives. I participated in the Global Observer blog and the GG United Nations Model, and all these opportunities came because we were supported by the GG staff. It really helped me in figuring out what I wanted to do, both in my personal life but also towards my Master’s. When I arrived at LSE I already had a lot of experience, which was also appreciated when I moved in the job market. Some companies really appreciated the interdisciplinarity I had, I was able to move with ease between different jobs and sectors. For example, I had a job in sustainability although I have never really dived into the subject except from GG. I had the technical knowledge from our Environmental Engineering course and my employer was very impressed by my major in Data Science: they needed someone that could integrate a qualitative with a quantitative approach, and it would have been very difficult without that interdisciplinary education. In general, the exposure to so many topics also developed my interest in various fields, and this helped a lot with my current job... (continues on the GG Alumni Association website)
Why did you decide to apply to the Dual Degree Programme with the University of Paris Est Créteil (UPEC) during GG?

I decided to apply before even starting my classes at GG itself, and before it was even sure for Tor Vergata and Upec to have this partnership. As soon as I heard there was this opportunity, I just realised I had to pursue it. I could not miss the chance to enjoy its benefits in terms of the knowledge and experiences that this program offers. Moreover, I believe France is the right place to study Political Science as it is one of the places where European Culture and politics developed throughout the centuries.

What were the main challenges you had to overcome during the programme?

When I decided to apply I started to study French since almost all the courses here at UPEC are fully taught in french. I studied and traveled to Paris to attend language courses. I would not say it was a big issue or obstacle but it was something I had to commit to, for sure. What I found really stressful was finding a house as rents are incredibly high and apartments and studios are incredibly small. Literally 6 days before moving here I still did not have a place to stay, eventually, I found one. What I would suggest to the students who are interested in applying the next year is to start looking for studios as soon as they can, and please do not hesitate to contact me or the students who have already gone through it all. In conclusion, I would say that the actual challenges still have to come as exams will start in January and we are not starting to prepare for them.

Tell us more about the university in France. What courses did you take? Were you involved in any extra activities?

I am attending Geopolitique, Economics of Globalization, Humanités et Politique, Administration Publique, Organisations Politique and Communication Politique. In the meantime, I am taking two French courses organised by the language school at UPEC.

How did this experience help your personal and academic development?

To be honest I feel lucky because we students from GG have already studied in depth some topics discussed in these courses and this makes it easier to study. For what concerns extra activities, I am attending two french courses, Francais du Territoires et de l’Environnement and Production Ecrite and I am involved in a Tandem meaning that I help french students with their Italian and vice-versa. these activities gave me the opportunity to meet new friends. More in general, UPEC offers the possibility to participate in a number of free extra activities, many different types of sports, and language courses.

From an academic point of view, some courses are really interesting, I am improving my french skills and I think that a double degree will also improve my CV. However... (continues on the GG Alumni Association website)
EU Careers
Our GG student Caterina Salituro is organising the next EU Careers fair for the University of Rome Tor Vergata. It is an online career fair specifically addressing job opportunities and potential positions within EU institutions and agencies – in different forms, from traineeship to ad-hoc expertise. Recruiters will be available during the event to discuss career opportunities and provide suggestions on preparing your application materials (e.g., CV, motivation letter) and colloquium. If you want to know more about the event, enrol, and/or participate in organising the event itself, you can reach Caterina Salituro at the email below.

When? Mid-November 2022 (TBA)

Know more at eucareers.uniroma2@gmail.com, or on social media @eucareers_italy

Global Careers in Africa and the Middle East
An online recruitment career fair for the international public sector. You can register via the link below and talk with recruiters working in leading International Organisations.

When? November 10, 2022

Know more here.

EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

ECOMONDO Green Technology Expo
"Leading the ecological transition" is the title of the 25th edition of Ecomondo, the largest Italian exposition on green technology taking place in the Rimini Expo Centre. Besides an exhibition with more than 1,000 participating companies, there is a dense 4-day programme of conferences and workshops in English and Italian on the circularity of waste and water, on land reclamation, on the circular bioeconomy, and on start-ups operating in across sectors of green technology and sustainability transitions.

When? November 8-11, 2022

Know more about the themes and events in programme here, and about the 2022 edition and sectors.

The next GG Open Day is here!
The GG staff and Alumni will present the course on November 21, 2022 at 3:00 pm, in room TL and online

More information and registration here