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# GG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER





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# Welcome Week

**GG traditions are important**, this is why we are super excited to have supported the **Welcome Week cocktail** and meeting of our new 152 GG students... and future GG Alumni!





# News

## Alumni Networking Lunch

What a great way to kick start the series of upcoming Alumni Events! **Food, drinks and networking** in the heart of Rome, where Alumni from all GG generations gathered to create connections and catch-up with old friends. **Thank you for joining us!**

“It was great to connect with fellow alumni as well as learning new perspectives and opportunities from those with different backgrounds”  
**Federico Ricchi GGG’22**

“It is inspiring to see our alumni network continue to grow and prosper.”  
**Badriyya Soltanli, GGG’19**





# News

## Pre-dinner with Amb. Giampiero Massolo

**“Global disorder, scenarios and players”:** what is the role of **mitigation** and **diplomacy** in a **multi-crisis** dominated world? Insightful closed-door conversation with Amb. Giampiero **Massolo**, Chairman of Mundys and President of the GG Strategic Committee.



*“Great meeting with a lot of insight from an amazing guest, looking forward to the next time!”*

**Elia Raoul Alberto GGG'24**

*“There’s no better way to spend time with the GG family: sharing our views while sipping wine and enjoying great food.”*

**Bianca Lustrino GGG'24**



# Alumni community snapshot



**+20** nationalities, living in  
**+30** different countries

**Almost all** Alumni continue  
their academic path with a  
**Master's degree or higher**



**+15** different fields of work:  
from economics, media,  
politics, marketing and law.



# What have they studied?





# Where do they work?





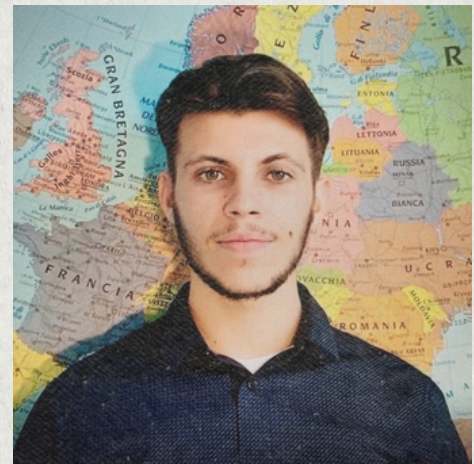
# Get to know our Alumni

## What was your academic path after Global Governance?

After GG , I went on to study economics and econometrics, for a 2-years Master at Nova School of Business and Economics, in Lisbon. Beautiful experience, although it was not really planned. As a matter of fact, I embarked on a Master just because I needed more ECTS to enroll in what I ended up doing later: a 1-year postmaster program at the College of Europe, in Bruges. There, I studied European Public Policy Analysis, in the department of Economics. The first master allowed me to narrow down my focus to one single field, while with the second one, I applied what I had previously learned on European Union themes.

## Could you tell about your current position?

As of now, I started a 1-year traineeship at the European Central Bank, in Frankfurt.



**Luca Gambelli**  
*Italy*  
GGG 2021

It is an amazing experience from which I am learning a lot. I work in the Prices and Costs Division of the Directorate General Economics, in a unit that deals with the forecasting of inflation and its main components, including wages. It is quite an econometrics-oriented job, which gives me a good opportunity to extend my academic knowledge into new, challenging horizons. The ECB is a wonderful employer, and the atmosphere here is very pleasant.





**What are your future professional goals?**

I do not have predefined specific career goals, just general ideas of how I want my life to look like. I admit that I would not refuse to keep working at the ECB after the traineeship, for one or two years maximum. After that, I would like to explore what is out there, changing between international institutions, think tanks, and maybe even considering a PhD or a research position in the private sector. In a true GG spirit, I would love to end up doing something that combines different thinkings, something morally rewarding, and something that allows me to keep my mind broad, challenged, and open. Briefly, I much rather become a generalist than a specialist.

**Any career advice to the new GG Alumni/ Students?**

The best advice I could give is: you are still young, you have time, this is the moment for trial and error, so do not be afraid to experiment, change frequently, and try out things you never thought before. Sad but true, you will not get your dream job, nor will you settle down with a permanent position anytime soon. So, you might as well take the chance to figure out what you want from your life and your career, especially because academics and work are two very different worlds. This doesn't mean you should settle down - if there is something you really want to go for, then don't be afraid to try to get it until you succeed. But it also means to keep your mind receptive to new inputs and opportunities, because you never know what may cross your way.



# Get to know our Alumni

## What did you do after graduating in Global Governance?

I've been on an interesting professional journey. The same week I graduated, I started as an Internal Communications Specialist at the World Bank, then moved to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Here, I am the divisional One Health communications focal point, coordinating messaging across seven teams and an international treaty. I've had opportunities to expand my experience beyond my main role. For example, I worked with the International Fund for Agricultural Development and Rome's public universities on a flagship event focusing on jobs, innovation, and climate change. Continuous learning has been a priority for me. Since graduating, I've earned a professional marketing diploma, an advanced certification in AI policy, a professional certificate in Brand Management from Bocconi School of Management, and the Poynter ACES Certificate in Editing.



**Vladimir Mijatovic**  
Serbia  
GGG 2021

In 2023, I was selected for the Atlantic Council's Digital Sherlocks cohort. These experiences, combined with managing large corporate social media accounts, led me to be a panelist at the 2022 World Forum for Democracy, discussing misinformation and social media. Most recently, I was nominated for and joined the Royal Society for Arts (RSA) Fellowship last year, which has been a valuable addition to my professional network.





**Why did you choose to work in this particular field?**

My time in GG really sparked my interest in understanding complex issues and finding ways to explain them clearly. This interest, combined with my exposure to the UN system, naturally led me towards communications.

What I appreciate about this field is its diversity. It covers a wide range of activities - from coordinating campaigns to creating content for various platforms. I've had the chance to work on different projects, like organizing multimedia exhibitions, writing feature stories, and redesigning websites. I've even picked up skills in video production and graphic design along the way.

The challenges vary from day to day, which keeps things interesting. Sometimes it's about distilling complex information into simpler messages, other times it's about finding creative ways to engage different audiences. It's not always easy, but it's certainly rewarding when you see people connect with and understand important issues.

**How has GG contributed to your professional and personal development?**

GG gave me a solid grounding in world affairs and current events, while also nurturing my curiosity. It was intense, teaching me crucial time management skills that have served me well in my professional life.

One of the program's biggest strengths was its diversity. Working with classmates from all over the world taught me how to collaborate effectively across cultures and viewpoints - a skill that's been invaluable in my work.

The program taught me to question assumptions, evaluate information carefully, and consider multiple perspectives. This approach has helped me both at work and in my personal life.

Overall, while the academic knowledge was important, it's these broader skills - curiosity, time management, cross-cultural collaboration, and critical thinking - that have really shaped my approach since graduating.





# Upcoming Events

## Christmas Wishes

Join GG Professors and student for the annual Christmas Wishes to **celebrate together** the beginning of the holiday season.

**Date:** 20/12/2024

**Time:** 12:00

**Location:** University of Rome, Tor Vergata



## Next Alumni Events

We are looking to organize the next Alumni Event for the end of January/beginning of February 2025.

We already have some **great guests** in mind, but we **value your feedback** on the topics you would like to discuss and the people you would like to discuss them with.

**Let us know if you have guest proposals to share!**

## Life of a Graduate

These are events organized by us to provide current GG generations with insights into **post-graduate life**. Tailored for **all majors**, this event offers the opportunity to gain **valuable perspectives** from accomplished Alumni.

**Dates:** 05-09/05/2025

**Location:** online

*More information coming soon!*

**Date:** January/February 2025

**Location:** Casadante, Piazza Dante 8,  
00185 Roma RM

*More information coming soon!*





# We need you!

Our Alumni association newsletter will be published on a semestral basis.

Your suggestions for content in the next edition are highly valued—please feel free to reach out. We eagerly welcome **your updates, feedback, and collaboration proposals**. Until next time, stay well!

Write to us at [alumni.globalgovernanceba@gmail.com](mailto:alumni.globalgovernanceba@gmail.com)

Warm regards,

*Global Governance Alumni Association*





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