

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

03 / 2022 – present

**LECTURER**

DIPLOMATIC INSTITUTE – MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
LECTURES ON CULTURAL DIPLOMACY

01/12/ 2021 – present

**INTERNATIONAL ADVISOR OF THE CHAIRMAN OF FEDERALIMENTARE**

(Food Industries Association)

04 / 2021 – present

**LECTURER**

UNIVERSITY OF TOR VERGATA - ROME  
WORKSHOPS ON DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS

04 / 2021 – present

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**

UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA “ALMA MATER”  
COURSE OF HISTORY OF CULTURAL DIPLOMACY

10/10/2020 - present

**SPECIAL ADVISOR**

RESET- DIALOGUES ON CIVILIZATIONS (THINK TANK)

21/01/2020 – present

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ITALY – GULF INITIATIVE (IGI)

01/09/2019 – 30/07/2020

**SPECIAL ENVOY OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AND SECURITY AFFAIRS  
ITALIAN MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ROME (Italy)

01/09/2015-31/08/2019

## **AMBASSADOR - EU HEAD OF DELEGATION TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

DELEGATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION IN ABU DHABI (UAE)

- representing the EU in the United Arab Emirates and developing a network of contacts with the Ruler Courts, the Government, civil society and other local actors
- protecting the EU interest and values and promoting the visibility of the Union by carrying out press, information and communication activities
- developing sound bilateral relations in all fields ( political, economic , commercial, energy-related, consular, cultural and scientific, in addition to cooperation for development and humanitarian aid issues)
- organizing cultural events in order to make the local audience acquainted with the European history, values and cultural diversity ( in particular through art and photography exhibitions, concerts, cinema, conferences, lectures and meetings with students)
- reporting regularly to the HQ ( in particular, following the developments of UAE foreign policy at the regional and global level, as well as providing advice on the different issues) and maintaining relations with the international organizations in the Country, especially with reference to IRENA (renewable energy) and Hedaya ( counter violent extremism)
- organizing visits of political and technical delegations from HQ Brussels
- being prepared to manage possible crises in cooperation with EU Member States (including the drafting and the periodical updating of emergency plans)
- ensuring sound management of the Delegation: security, human resources ( supervising 17 staff, with 3 hierarchical layers below) and budget ( managing approx. 1,7 million Euro, plus ad hoc funds for specific projects)
- working in close cooperation with EU Member States Embassies, leading their common action., throughout regular EU coordination meetings, chairing and steering discussions during meetings of the EU Heads of Missions, as well as making common demarches upon HQ request and elaborating HoMs reports

15/02/2013-31/08/2015

## **AMBASSADOR OF ITALY TO JORDAN**

EMBASSY OF ITALY, AMMAN (Jordan)

- representing Italy in Jordan and developing a network of contacts with the Royal Court, the Government, civil society and other local actors
- protecting the Italian interest and values and promoting the visibility of Italy by carrying out press, information and communication activities
- developing sound bilateral relations in all fields ( political, military, economic , commercial, energy-related, consular, cultural and scientific, in addition to cooperation for development and the delivery of Schengen visas)
- organizing cultural events in order to make the local audience acquainted with the Italian history, values and cultural heritage ( in particular through exhibitions, concerts, dance, cinema, conferences, lectures and meetings with students)
- reporting regularly to the Ministry ( in particular, following the developments of Jordanian foreign policy at the regional and global level, as well as providing advice on the different issues) and maintaining relations with the international organizations in Jordan, especially with reference to the assistance to Syrian and Palestinian refugees ( including the installation of two Italian field hospitals)
- organizing visits of political and technical delegations from Italy
- assisting Italian citizens temporarily or permanently present in Jordan (1500 resident), being prepared to manage possible crises (including the drafting and the periodical updating of emergency plans) and supervising the Honorary Consulate in Aqaba
- ensuring sound management of the Embassy : security (including terroristic threat), human

resources ( supervising 36 staff, with 5 hierarchical layers below) and budget ( managing approx. 3,5 million Euro, plus 10 million Euro related to cooperation for development and emergency

- joint activities with the EU Delegation ( HoM coordination meetings, HoM meetings with Jordan Authorities and civil society representatives, reports, evaluations, statements, demarches, EU-Jordan negotiations), also in order to pursue CFSP and CSDP in the region

/ 09/06/2008–14/02/2013 **DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR OF THE ITALIAN MINISTER OF CULTURE  
(seconded from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs)**

ITALIAN MINISTRY OF CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ACTIVITIES, ROME (Italy)

- assisting the Minister in all international activities, bilateral and multilateral
- participating to and organizing meetings on international issues ( such as the UNESCO Forum on Culture and Cultural Industries in Monza and the G8 Seminar on the Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property in Rome)
- supervising the international activities of the 10 Departments and the 20 Regional Offices of the Ministry, including decisions on budget allocations
- coordinating a substantial and variable number of staff ( 6 under permanent supervision, with 2 hierarchical layers below), according to different situations
- participating to the EU Cultural Affairs Committee ( CAC) meetings in Brussels
- Member of the Italian Committee for the Restitution of the Cultural Property

09/08/2004–08/06/2008 **DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UNESCO, BIE AND UNIONE LATINA**

PERMANENT DELEGATION OF ITALY TO UNESCO, BIE (Bureau International des Expositions) AND UNIONE LATINA, PARIS (France)

- Delegate to the Governing Bodies and other subsidiary organs of the above-mentioned Organizations, as well as to the General Assemblies or Intergovernmental Committees related to the most important UNESCO Conventions
- dealing in particular with the matters of the UNESCO Sectors for Social and Human Sciences, Culture, Communication and Information
- active player in the negotiations on the controversial Convention on Cultural Diversity, as well as on sensitive Middle East issues, such as the Danish cartoons on Muslim religion, the Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem and Palestine matters
- participating to the EU coordination meetings
- organizing visits of political and technical delegations from Italy
- Responsible for the meeting of Western Electoral Group I (WEOG) and the election campaigns in support of Italian candidatures to UNESCO, BIE and Unione Latina bodies
- Press Officer; contacts with a wide range of NGOs
- ensuring sound management of the Mission, as Head of Human Resources ( 15 staff supervised, with 3 hierarchical layers below) and managing a budget of approx.1,5 million Euro
- Responsible for the management of Italian JPO/Associate Experts working at UNESCO and tutor of Italian trainees assigned to the Mission

09/08/2000–08/08/2004 **DEPUTY HEAD OF MISSION TO SWEDEN**

EMBASSY OF ITALY, STOCKHOLM (Sweden)

- bilateral relations between Italy and Sweden in all fields ( political and economic relationships, cultural and scientific cooperation, commercial exchanges, consular issues)
- Member of the Italian Delegations to the European Council Meetings in Stockholm and Goteborg on the occasion of the Swedish Presidency of the European Union in 2001
- Focal Point for the Italian EU Presidency in the second semester of 2003, also organizing and chairing EU coordination meetings
- organizing visits of political and technical delegations from Italy
- contacts with the Nordic Regional Organizations dealing with political and economic cooperation in the area
- supervising the activities of the Italian Cultural Institute; Press Officer
- ensuring sound management of the Embassy, as Head of Human Resources and recruitment( 24 staff supervised, with 4 hierarchical layers below; tutor of Italian trainees) and managing a budget of approx. 2,5 million Euro
- Head of the Consular Section, supervising the Honorary Consulates of Goteborg and Malmo

10/03/1998–08/08/2000 **HEAD OF THE OFFICE FOR CULTURAL EVENTS ABROAD OF THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRES**

ITALIAN MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ROME (Italy)

- organizing public activities aimed at exporting and promoting Italian culture abroad (cinema, theatre, music, dance, ancient and contemporary art, fashion, design, photography, seminars)
- managing a budget of approx. 2 million Euro, exercising also supervision and control on the Offices abroad
- wide experience in contacting sponsors for fund-raising and stimulating partnership
- 20 staff supervised, with 3 hierarchical layers below

12/12/1994–09/03/1998 **DEPUTY HEAD OF THE ASIA AND OCEANIA OFFICE OF THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS**

ITALIAN MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ROME (Italy)

- political relationships between Italy and the Asia and Oceania States, including cases concerning human rights
- preparation of dossiers for the visit and meetings of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Director General for Political Affairs
- participating to the meetings of the EU-CFSP Working Group on Asia and Oceania ( COASI) and of the NATO Asia Group, in Brussels
- issues related to ASEM and ASEAN ( notably, Head of the EU Troika Delegations attending the intersessional Meetings of the ASEAN Regional Forum-ARF on Confidence Building Measures, held in Tokyo-January 1996 - and Jakarta -April 1996)
- member of the Italian Delegation to the UN Commission for Human Rights in Geneva (January- March 1995). Wide experience in contacts with NGOs ( such as Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and Freedom House)

07/02/1994–11/12/1994

**MEMBER OF THE TEAM OF THE ITALIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE CONFERENCE FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (CSCE, today OSCE)**

ITALIAN MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ROME (Italy)

- wide multilateral experience ( especially negotiations of resolutions and decisions) in the context of a Regional International Organization, working daily on political, economic and social issues, such as human rights, minority problems, democracy building, peace and conflict resolution
- preparing dossiers for the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Head of the Italian Presidency Delegation
- 6 staff supervised, with 2 hierarchical layers below
- Member of the Italian Delegation at the CSCE Summit of Budapest ( December 1994)

01/08/1989–06/02/1994

**FIRST SECRETARY - MEMBER OF THE PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UN - NEW YORK**

ITALIAN PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK (United States)

- Delegate to the Second Commission of the UN General Assembly ( dealing with economics, development and environment). Participation as facilitator in the negotiations for the Triennal Policy Review of the Operational Activities ( letter of appreciation received from the UNICEF top management for the contribution given to the controversial issue of the introduction of a common UN strategy document at the country level)
- Delegate to ECOSOC and to the Preparatory Committee of the UN Conference for Population and Development held in Cairo (1994)
- Member of the Governing Council of UNDP and UNFPA
- Member of the Italian Delegation to the UN Conference on Environment and Development held in Rio de Janeiro (June 1992), after attending all the meetings of its Preparatory Committee
- Delegate to the Commission for Sustainable Development ( established by the Rio Conference)
- Delegate to a number of other UN Commissions and Committees dealing with various issues (human rights, South-South cooperation, science and technology for development, natural resources, new and renewable energies, AIDS, women and development, assistance to the Palestinian people, budget and administration, juridical matters)
- participating to Donor Meetings for UNICEF and UNDP
- participating to EU coordination meetings and to the Electoral Western Group (WEOG) meetings
- organizing visits of political and technical delegations from Italy
- issues regarding the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and wide experience in contacts with NGOs ( such as Greenpeace and WWF)
- responsible for the management of the Italian Junior Professional Officer -JPO / Associate Experts working at the UN
- Head of Security; 2 staff supervised

04/06/1986–31/07/1989

**DEPUTY HEAD OF MISSION TO ALBANIA**

EMBASSY OF ITALY, TIRANA (Albania)

- bilateral relations between Italy and Albania in all fields ( political and economic relationships, cultural and scientific cooperation, commercial exchanges, consular issues)
- as Head of Security, involvement in a remarkable and very operative case concerning human rights during the last period of the local communist regime , due to the stay of six political refugees ( Popa family) in the premises of the Italian Embassy for several years. This experience implied: 1) to develop a wide and deep knowledge of the legal and social aspects of the asylum issue; 2) to

manage in practical term the daily protection of and the assistance to individuals under serious threat; 3) to deal and negotiate regularly with the local security forces surrounding the Embassy compound and harassing members of the Embassy staff

- organizing visits of political and technical delegations from Italy
- Head of the Consular Section ( among other things, giving legal and social assistance to Italian fishermen imprisoned and prosecuted by the Albanian Authorities for trespassing) and Press Officer
- ensuring sound management of the Embassy, as Head of Human Resources (10 staff supervised, with 3 hierarchical layers below) and managing a budget of approx. 1 million Euro, as well as supervising the Italian Cultural Institute

01/02/1985–03/06/1986 **DEPUTY HEAD OF THE EMERGENCY OFFICE OF THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT**

ITALIAN MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ROME (Italy)

- emergency activities related to natural and man-made disasters all around the world
- food emergency in coordination with FAO, WFP and IFAD
- wide experience in contacts with NGOs engaged in the development field
- supervising 5 staff (with 2 hierarchical layers below) and managing a variable substantial budget according to needs

20/10/1982–31/01/1985 **DEPUTY HEAD OF THE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION**

ITALIAN MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ROME (Italy)

- account review and administrative control of the diplomatic offices abroad
- several inspection missions in Embassies and Consulates
- 10 staff supervised, with 3 hierarchical layers below

15/04/1979–19/10/1982 **DEPUTY HEAD OF THE JURIDICAL UNIT OF THE OFFICE FOR RESEARCH AND PLANNING**

BANCA NAZIONALE DELL'AGRICOLTURA ( NATIONAL BANK FOR AGRICULTURE), ROME (Italy)

- juridical advice on financial and commercial issues related to banking activities
- study of the EU legislation on juridical and economic issues of interest of the bank
- 2 staff supervised

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2017 **TRAINING FOR EU HEAD OF DELEGATION ON SECURITY MANAGEMENT**  
EEAS – BRUSSELS

2016-2017-2018 **TRAINING COURSES FOR MEDIA INTERVIEWS**  
EEAS – BRUSSELS

2016 - 2017-2018 **TRAINING COURSES FOR MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE**  
MCE – BRUSSELS

1996–1997 **TRAINING COURSE FOR SENIOR DIPLOMATS**  
DIPLOMATIC INSTITUTE - ITALIAN MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ROME (Italy)  
▪ international relations, public relations, diplomacy

1985 **TRAINING COURSE FOR YOUNG DIPLOMATS**  
DIPLOMATIC INSTITUTE - ITALIAN MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ROME (Italy)  
▪ international relations, diplomacy, economics

1982–1983 **PREPARATORY COURSE FOR THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE**  
SOCIETA' ITALIANA PER L'ORGANIZZAZIONE INTERNAZIONALE - SIOI ( Italian Society for the International Organization), ROME (Italy)  
▪ international law, economics, history, English, French

10/1981–07/1982 **SCHOLARSHIP AND MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**  
HIGH SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, ROME (Italy)  
▪ human resources management, organization of administrative work, constitutional and administrative law, economics, State budget, European Community law , English

1974–1980 **LAUREA/ DEGREE IN LAW (cum laude)**  
UNIVERSITY "LA SAPIENZA" - FACULTY OF LAW, ROME (Italy)  
▪ international and European law, domestic law, history, economics

08/1979 **SCHOLARSHIP - COURSE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE (granted by the Government of Malta)**  
UNIVERSITY OF LA VALLETTA, (Malta)

#### PERSONAL SKILLS

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Mother tongue(s) Italian

Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C2	C1	C1	C1
French	C1	C2	C1	C1	B2
Spanish	B2	B2			
Swedish	A1	A1			
Albanian	A1	A1			

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2: Proficient user  
[Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/translation/cefr_en.htm)

<b>Communication skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ excellent ability to develop a senior level network of contacts with institutional and civil society key actors, thanks to the wide experience acquired in more than 35 years of diplomatic service, both in national and EU context</li> <li>▪ very good capacities to communicate effectively and persuasively, gained through several years of diplomatic multilateral negotiations and press officer activities</li> </ul>
<b>Organisational / managerial skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ very good capacity to work with open-mindedness, making use of a multicultural professional approach, having operated all the career long in contact with foreigners and different cultures</li> <li>▪ strong ability in the management, motivation and evaluation of human resources - including leadership of teams and relationships with trade unions - thanks to several experiences as Head of Personnel and Recruitment</li> <li>▪ consolidated pluriannual experience in budgetary and financial issues, thanks to the substantial funds managed both in the Offices of the Italian Foreign Ministry and abroad ( including in a EU Delegation for 4 years)</li> <li>▪ excellent experience in managing crisis situations, gained at the Emergency Office of the Directorate General of Cooperation for Development of the Ministry, then in Albania ( asylum seekers in the Embassy) and in Jordan (huge influx of refugees, terroristic threat)</li> </ul>
<b>Job-related skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ excellent negotiating ability, flexibility, discernment, as well as analysis, synthesis and reporting skills have been the core requirements of all the tasks carried out during the diplomatic career</li> <li>▪ strong familiarity with the UN, UNESCO and EU ( in particular Common Foreign and Security Policy) working methods, programmes and bodies, gained through the participation to a large number of their meetings and lately as Head of the EU Delegation in Abu Dhabi</li> <li>▪ very wide experience in the key areas of political, military, economic, cultural, security and sustainable development issues</li> <li>▪ excellent up-to-date knowledge of the Middle East topics, thanks in particular to my experience as Italian Ambassador to Jordan and EU Head of Delegation to the United Arab Emirates</li> </ul>
<b>Computer skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ good command of Microsoft Word, Outlook and Internet Explorer, gained through the daily use of such applications</li> <li>▪ very good knowledge of the different applications of the EU system</li> </ul>

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Publications

#### BOOKS

- "Europa senza muri -Le sfide della pace fredda" (Europe without walls. The challenges of the cold peace) - Franco Angeli Editore (edited by the Institute for International Affairs of Rome - IAI). the volume is related to the activities of the Italian Presidency of CSCE in 1994. Author of 7 chapters, concerning former Yugoslavia, Southern Balkans, Ukraine, Baltic States, Moldova, Tajikistan as well integration of new States
- "Evoluzione e prospettive della funzione diplomatica in Italia. Sopravvivera' la diplomazia al XXI secolo ?" ( Evolution and perspectives of the diplomatic function in Italy. Will diplomacy survive the 21st century ?) - Diplomatic Institute – 1998

#### ARTICLES ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ( ESPECIALLY ON EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST)

**Seminars**

- **Seminars in Wilton Park - UK :**
  - Diplomacy: profession in peril? (July 1997)
  - Crisis management and confidence building in South Asia ( July 1995)
- **44th Seminar of " Politique Communautaires" organized by the EU Commission in Brussels (April 1995)**

**Honours and Awards**

- Order of Independence – First Class – of the United Arab Emirates ( 2019)
- Grand Cordon of the Order of Istiqlal of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (2015)
- Commendatore of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy (2012)
- Order of the Polar Star of the Kingdom of Sweden (2008)

**Memberships**

- Italy – Gulf Initiative ( member of the Board of Directors)
- RESET Dialogue on Civilizations ( think tank) – Special Advisor
- Circolo Studi Diplomatici (Diplomatic Studies Circle) – Rome, Italy
- Società Italiana per l'Organizzazione Internazionale – SIOI (Italian Society for the International Organization) – Rome, Italy – life member
- International Council of Museums – ICOM – Paris, France
- UNIONQUADRI (CIU)