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OCCUPATIONAL FIELD  
(expertise and research areas)

### International Affairs / Research

Topics: Foreign Policy, Diplomacy, Geopolitics • Areas: Iran/Gulf; Sahel/Africa

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

10/2018 – ongoing  
*nasp.eu* | *Network for the  
Advancement of Social and Political  
Studies*  
Milan, Italy

**PhD Candidate/Researcher** at NASP, Milan. *PhD programme in Political Studies, path of specialisation in International Studies. Researching Iran, its region, and beyond. Special focus on sanctions.*

02/2017 – 09/2018  
*ISPI* | *Italian Institute for International  
Political Studies*  
Milan, Italy

**Assistant Research Fellow at ISPI (Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale)**, Milan. *Mostly for the Africa and Middle East programmes: writing commentaries and analyses, collecting and representing data (infographics), editing publications (including Treccani's Geopolitical Atlas). Involved in the organisation of the G7 Think Tank summit on Africa and the Italy-Africa Conference commissioned by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the ideation of bi-monthly publications on Africa and Iran for Italian businesses; the trimestral Mediterranean Focus for the Italian Chamber of Representatives and Senate; the analysis and monitoring of Iranian and African politics and geo-economic trends. More at: [www.ispionline.it/ricercatore/tiziana-corda](http://www.ispionline.it/ricercatore/tiziana-corda).*

11/2015 – 2018  
*Wikistrat Crowdsourced Consulting*  
off site

**Researcher on MidEast, Africa, Iran Desks** at Wikistrat Inc. *Crowdsourced Consulting. Non-resident analyst applying research skills, regional knowledge, and analytical expertise to produce policy analysis in simulations, forecasting exercises, and discussion forums regarding unfolding geopolitical events.*

03/2016 – 07/2016  
*EEAS* | *European External Action  
Service*  
Brussels, Belgium

**Trainee at the Global Issues Division of the European External Action Service, EU**, Brussels. *Researching, collecting data, covering meetings at EU institutions and think tanks, and preparing reports. Projects worked on: implementation of EU Climate Diplomacy Action Plan (climate change-instability nexus); EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking (illegal trafficking-terrorism/crime linkage); EU energy security; study on internal and external aspects of migration (European Agenda on Migration).*

03/2014 – 09/2015 (intermittent)  
*University of Pavia - IR Office*  
Pavia, Italy

**Collaborator for international mobility** at University of Pavia's International Relations offices. *Part-time assistant to the International Mobility team with data management and analysis on incoming/outgoing students in Erasmus projects.*

02/2015 – 04/2015  
*Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town*  
Cape Town, South Africa

**Intern at Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town, South Africa.** *Reports on parliamentary briefings held at DG Home Affairs on immigration issues; press review on migration, refugees, xenophobia; English teacher; general office support for development and advocacy services the centre offers to the migrant and local communities of Cape Town.*

09/2013 – 09/2013  
*Bala Vikasa Social Service Society*  
Warangal, India

**Development practitioner** at Bala Vikasa Social Service Society in Warangal, India. *Community-driven development training course and volunteer experience on the field (projects involved in: water purification and widows/orphans support programmes).*

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

10/2016 – 11/2016  
*University of Tehran (ICPS)*

**Diploma of Persian language** at ICPS Dehkhoda - University of Tehran, Iran. *One-term course of Farsi and independent research at the "National Library and Archives of I.R. Iran" on Iran's foreign policy and security in the Persian Gulf.*

09/2013 – 10/2015  
*University of Pavia*

**Master of Arts in World Politics and International Relations** at the University of Pavia, department of Political and Social Sciences (LM-62). *Two-year English-taught Master Degree (120 ECTS).*

01/2014 – 07/2014  
*ISPI | Institute for International Political Studies*

• **Extracurricular Diploma in International Cooperation** at ISPI, Milan.  
**Thesis:** *Recovering Iran's regional power: Rouhani's mid-term presidency.*  
**Supervisors:** *professors M. Clementi and F. Mazzucotelli.*  
**Final grade:** *110/110 cum laude (Cumulative GPA: 4.0).*

10/2010 – 07/2013  
*Catholic University of the Sacred Heart*

**Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages and International Relations** at the Catholic University of Milan, department of Linguistic Sciences (L-12). *Certificate in International Relations of the Middle East (09–12/2012) and school in Global Politics (the Arab Spring) at ASERI (03–05/2012).*

08/2013 – 08/2013  
*Hiroshima University*

• **Extracurricular Seminar in Global Citizenship and Peace** at Hiroshima University, Hiroshima, Japan.  
**Thesis:** *Al-Qa'ida nel Maghreb islamico: origini, evoluzione e ruolo nello scacchiere geopolitico sahelo-sahariano.* **Supervisors:** *R. Redaelli and A. Plebani*  
**Final grade:** *110/110 cum laude (GPA: 4.0; 3 merit scholarships).*

09/2005 – 07/2010  
*Collegio Arcivescovile A. Castelli*

**Diploma of Liceo Scientifico** at Collegio Arcivescovile A. Castelli of Saronno. *Five-year high school. Captain of women's football team. Study abroad programs in the USA, England, and Ireland. Final grade: 100/100.*

## PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue

**Italian**

Other languages

English (C2), Spanish (B2/C1), French (A2/B1), Farsi/Persian (A2), Arabic (A2)

*Certificates*

**IELTS (11/2012): 8.5/9.0**

**Arabic language A2 (90/100)**, by Institut Bourguiba of Tunis (Pavia, 12/2015).

**Persian language A2 (grade 100/100)**, by Dekhoda ICPS of the University of Tehran (Tehran, 10-11/2016).

Publications and conference papers

*Recovering Regional Power: The Islamic Republic under Rouhani's Presidency*, Il Politico - Rivista Italiana di Scienze Politiche (Ed. Rubbettino), December 2016.

All my ISPI publications (10+) are available at [www.ispionline.it/it/ricercatore/tiziana-corda](http://www.ispionline.it/it/ricercatore/tiziana-corda).