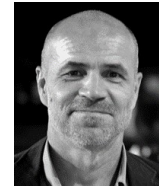


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PERSONAL DATA:

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ACADEMIA

PhD in International Peace and Security (IUGM, Madrid, Summa Cum Laude, 2018); **Diploma of Advanced Studies in Sociology** (UNED, 2010); **Masters in International Relations** (Instituto Ortega y Gasset, Madrid, 1991); **Bachelor's (Engineering)** at the Spanish Military Academy (1986); Bacchalaureát in Natural Sciences at the Lycée Français de Lisbonne (1979).

Courses: *Operator for the Protection of the Mountain Environment* (2021, Club Alpino Italiano); *Planetary Boundaries* (2019, SDG Academy); *Environmental Security and Sustaining Peace* (2019, SDG Academy); *Head of UN Mission* (UN: 2018, 2006); *Advanced Conflict Transformation* (Transcend University, 2009); *Planning and Management in a Climate Change Scenario* (2009, UNESCO ICTP); *Theoretical Ecology and Climate Change* (2009, UNESCO ICTP); *Early Recovery* (UNDP, 2008); *Advanced Civil-Military Coordination* (UN-OCHA, 2003).

Affiliations: Senior Fellow at the Interdisciplinary Centre for Peace Science of the University of Pisa; Member of the Spanish Chapter of the Club of Rome; Member of the Academia of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute; Member of the Environmental Peacebuilding Association; Member of the International Association for the Study of Organized Crime; Participant of the International Military Council on Climate and Security; Colonel in the Army Reserve (Spain); Operator for the Protection of the Mountain Environment in Toscana of the Italian Alpine Club.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Academia (2009-present): Lecturer at the Masters Degree in International Relations at the Barcelona Institute of International Studies on Peacekeeping; Lecturer at the Barcelona Faculty of Economics; Senior Fellow at the Interdisciplinary Centre for Peace Science of the University of Pisa; Affiliate Researcher, lecturer at the Masters in Human Rights and Conflict and Mentor at the European Union Aid Volunteers trainings of the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies.

UN Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (2015-2020): Director of the Goma integrated office. Coordination of the activities of the UN Secretariat and Agencies, including security, political, human rights, justice, mediation, development, humanitarian, health and environment.

UN Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (2010-2014): Director of the Department of Political Affairs. Focused on analysis and operations, particularly during the M23 and FDLR crises.

International Organization for Migration in Haiti (2010): Coordination of post-earthquake needs assessment and formulation of reconstruction plans and resource mobilization.

PhD research and lecturing (2009-2011): IUGM, Bradford and Trieste Universities. Research in Peace Studies, focusing on the nexus between transnational organized crime and violent conflict. Lecturer at bachelor's and Master's degrees at the Faculty of Politics and Diplomacy of the University of Gorizia. Member of the CUSRP (Interdisciplinary University Centre for Peace Studies and Research), organizing seminars on environmental crime cinema.

UNDP Somalia, (2008-2009): Coordination of UN agencies and support to programs for the interim government.

UN Office in West Africa (2007): Political and diplomatic strategies for the implementation of the decision of the International Court of Justice on the border demarcation between Nigeria and Cameroon.

UN Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau (2006-2007): Political Director and Head of Mission a.i.. Consolidation of the constitutional regime, political dialogue, national reconciliation, respect for the rule of law and human rights, coordination of international efforts to reform the security sector and the control of transnational organized crime.

UN Assistance Mission in Iraq (2003-2006): Coordinator for Southern Iraq. Advise on governance to the local administration. Reconstruction and development programs. Coordination of the return to south Iraq of the UN Agencies in 2004. Support to the ecological recovery of the Mesopotamian Marshes.

UN Joint Logistics Centre in Afghanistan (2002-2003): Head of the northern Afghanistan office. Coordinator of the Central Bank operation for the introduction of the new currency at national level.

Office of the High Representative in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Special Envoy to Trebinje (1999-2002): Coordination of international efforts to implement the Dayton Peace Agreement in Eastern Herzegovina. Political and diplomatic strategies for the return of displaced persons and refugees. Promotion of cross-border reconciliation between Trebinje (BiH), Dubrovnik (Croatia) and Herceg-Novi (Montenegro). Facilitation of the stable return of communities to the three zones, including through the reconstruction of mosques and churches.

Spanish Army International Relations Office (1998-1999). Deputy head. Coordination of the foreign action of the Land Force.

European Corps of Army, Strasbourg – France (1994-1998): Chief of Cabinet of the first Spanish general.

UNPROFOR, Mostar (1994): Deputy head of the civil affairs office of the Spanish Battalion.

Army Operational Command, Madrid (1990-1994): Analysis of the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Coordination of the Spanish peacekeeping missions.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1989-1990): Reconstruction of the Columbus Caravels. Member of the Underwater Archaeology. Coordinator of students at the Orinoco expedition. Academic exchange in Japan.

Head of the Military Construction Unit, Mallorca – Spain (1986-1989). Construction and maintenance of fortifications, buildings, roads, ports and airfields.

LANGUAGES

Excellent level: **English, French, Spanish, Portuguese**. Good level: Italian, Serbo-Croatian, German, Catalan. Basic level: Russian, Arabic.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

The Anthropocene as existential threat to human civilization: the convergence of the environmental, energy and social threats; The Planetary Boundaries; Resource Limits; The inequality crisis; Degrowth; The geopolitics and conflicts in the Anthropocene; The nexus between transnational organized crime and conflict; Greed and grievance as causes of armed conflict; The nexus between land tenure and armed conflict; Environmental organized crime; The resource curse; Financial crime and corruption; The crimes of the powerful; The inequality-conflict nexus; Geopolitics and the shift to a multipolar world; Critical Global Political Economy; Theories of Power in International Relations; The effects of the military in climate change; Investigative Journalism as Peace Journalism; Environmental Peacebuilding; The International Crime of Ecocide; Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding; Peacekeeping management; Peace Studies; Earth System Science; Complex systems; Cosmopolitan governance; Interdisciplinary research; Protection of the World Heritage during conflict; International Humanitarian Law; International human rights law; Peace and Conflict Ideologies/ Religions.

PUBLICATIONS

Book chapters: *Drugs, Destabilization and UN policy in Guinea-Bissau* (2011, in Richard Keeble: *Investigative journalism: Dead or Alive*);

Articles: *The attack on the Italian Ambassador in Congo* (Scienza e Pace Magazine, 2021); *“L’effondrement”, la serie francese che mette in scena il collasso della società* (Scienza e Pace Magazine, 2020,

<http://magazine.cisp.unipi.it/effondrement-serie-francese-collasso>); *Book Review: Before the Collapse. A Guide to the other Side of Growth*. (Scienza e Pace Magazine, 2020, <http://magazine.cisp.unipi.it/before-the-collapse>); *El nexo entre la delincuencia organizada y la violencia en la RDC*, (Relaciones Internacionales 38, June 2018,

<http://dx.doi.org/10.15366/relacionesinternacionales2018.38.008>, pseudonym Victor Lopez); *Restaveks and child trafficking in Haiti* (F3,2010); *Ecocide in the Iraqi Marshes* (F3,2010); *Environmental Crime Cinema* (F3, 2010);

Academic papers: *Transnational Organized Crime: Its Nature and Threats to Peace* (2016, PhD thesis UNED); *Crimen Organizado y Construcción de la Paz* (2009, UNED); *Influencia de los Medios de Comunicación en las Decisiones del Consejo de Seguridad* (2009, UNED); *Dstrucción del Jardín del Edén* (2008, UNED).

Handbooks: *Civil-Military Coordination* (UN-OCHA 2004); *Ex-Yugoslavia for Peacekeepers* (1991, MoD); *Mozambique for Peacekeepers* (1991, MoD); *Kurdistan for Peacekeepers* (1991, MoD).

PRESENTATIONS

Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna di Pisa (DIRPOLIS Focus Group on the Environment): *The convergence of the environmental, energy and social crises: a Perfect Storm for humanity*. (March 2022)

Barcelona Faculty of Economics: *Linking the local with the global: Reflexion on Colonialism, the Anthropocene and the United Nations* (October 2021)

Pisa University (Faculty of Economics, Principles of Sustainable Development Course): *The DRC in the World System* (March 2021)

Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna di Pisa – DIRPOLIS (Masters in Human Rights and Conflict Management: April 2022; May 2021, May 2020, October 2018, March 2018, June 2017): *Peacekeeping in the African Great Lakes Region*.

Rovira I Virgili University (Tarragona, Conference on Landgrabbing, 11 July 2019): *Acaparamiento de tierras y conflicto en la RDC*.

CESEDEN/ Nebrija University (Madrid, International Congress: Global Security Challenges, 18 June 2019): ***Anthropocene: an existential threat?***

Oxford University (Peace in the Anthropocene: Humanity, Environment, Sustainability; 18 May 2019): ***Transboundary environmental peacebuilding in the Great Lakes Region of Africa in the Anthropocene.***

Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (Masters in International Relations): ***The causes of conflict in Post-Cold War Africa – a focus on the resource curse (2018); Comparing United Nations peace efforts in Africa: Guinea-Bissau, Somalia and the Democratic Republic of Congo (2020); Promoting peace in a changing world (2024)***

Kinshasa University (Democratic Republic of the Congo, 26 April 2012): ***Criminalité Transnationale Organisée.***

Rhodes University (Grahamstown, South Africa, Masters in African Studies and Development, 29 March 2012): ***Security and Development in Globalized Africa.***

Oxford University (Conference: *Media in Conflict and Peacebuilding*, 7 May 2011): ***Drugs, destabilization and UN policy in Guinea-Bissau: the role of investigative journalism.***

Tilburg University (Netherlands, Cross-Border Crime Colloquium, 14 March 2011): ***Influence of The Media on The Security Council's Perception Of Drug Trafficking In Guinea-Bissau.***

Ljubljana University (Slovenia, Congress of the International Association for the Study of Organized Crime: *Policing in Central and Eastern Europe – Social Control Of Unconventional Deviance*, 23 September 2010): ***Ecocide in the Mesopotamian Marshes.***

Trieste University (Italy, Conference on Peace, 28 October 2009): ***Criminalità Organizzata E Costruzione Della Pace.***