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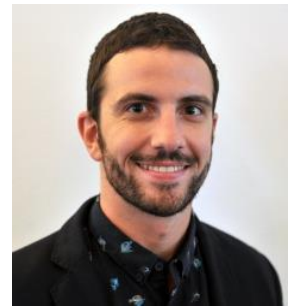


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PROPOSAL TEXT (250-500 WORDS)

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SKILLS & COMPETENCES

- ✓ **Political scientist with a 5+ year international experience in academia, project management and consulting**
- ✓ **Extensive knowledge of European affairs with a focus on international negotiations and Euro-Arab relations**
- ✓ **Design and implementation of tailor-made curricula and executive courses**
- ✓ **Strategic thinking and attention to donors/beneficiaries**
- ✓ **Able to work both autonomously and as part of a team with an independent, creative and entrepreneurial approach**
- ✓ **Strong communication, networking and high-level stakeholders engagement skills in four languages**
- ✓ **Professional experience in Western and Eastern Europe, MENA region, South America, Gulf countries**

WORK EXPERIENCE

➤ **College of Europe Development Office** (Bruges, BE), September 2018 – December 2019

EU Affairs Officer – Training & Projects

- Management of projects relating to learning and development services (implementation; monitoring and quality control, relations with partners, experts, beneficiaries and stakeholders) funded by international donors (EU, Council of Europe, EIB, etc.)
- Business development in the field of learning and development: market needs analysis, identification and assessment of business opportunities, establishment of partnerships, design, implementation and performance evaluation of executive education courses and learning programmes for professional development
- Training of diplomats and civil servants in negotiation skills-building, EU migration and asylum policies, EU external relations

➤ **International beneficiaries**, October 2015 - Ongoing

Independent Trainer – International Negotiation Skills & Analysis

- Training courses delivered at the École Normale Supérieure - ENA (Strasbourg); Gulf Cooperation Council (Riyadh); Israeli-Palestine Centre for Research and Information (Amman); Institute for European Democrats (Brussels); Centre for European Progression (Brussels); HOWEST – West Flanders Province (Bruges and Courtrai);
- Topics addressed: Strategic planning; principal-agent relation management; bilateral and multilateral negotiations management; effective chairing; coalition-building; stakeholders' engagement

- Interactive methodology: Simulation games, debriefings, practical exercises

➤ **College of Europe** (Bruges, BE), August 2015 – August 2018

Senior Teaching and Research Assistant – Department of International Relations and Diplomacy Studies

- Teaching: Academic lectures, tutorials and introductory courses on EU institutions & decision-making, EU asylum and migration policy
- Researching: Publications, participation in conferences, lecturing
- Coordinating: Leading the team of the Academic Assistants; assisting the department in the creation of academic curricula; organisation of international conferences and study trips; liaising between the student body and the academic body
- Recruiting upcoming students of the College of Europe, including leading the selection process (screening of 940 ca. applications per year and sitting interviews with pre-selected candidates around Europe)
- Project Management: Leading the College of Europe team taking part to the global initiative “Peer to Peer – Challenging Radicalisation” sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and Facebook
- Advising: Providing support for students writing their Master's thesis on International Relations-related topics
- Editing: Member of the editorial team of ‘College of Europe Policy Briefs’ and ‘EU Diplomacy Papers’ peer-reviewed scientific series
- Administering: Supporting professors and the academic administration in the organization of daily academic activities, study trips, logistics

➤ **Italian Consulate General** (London, UK), February 2014 – August 2014

Administrative Consultant – AIRE Office

- Supporting: Logistic and administrative organization of the European Parliament Elections (May 2014) for the Italian expats in London
- Assisting: Italian nationals within the framework of the Register of Italian Citizens Abroad (AIRE)
- Managing: Online databases such the Integrated System of Consular Activities (SIFC), the Virtual ID (CIC) and the Consular World Index (Schedari Consolari Mondiali)

➤ **ARS Progetti Brussels** (Brussels, BE), May 2013 – January 2014

Project Officer – EC ‘Young Erasmus Entrepreneur’ Programme

- Assisting: The management of EU BENE Framework Contract 2013 and related requests for service
- Liaising with international experts towards their involvement in EU DEVCO missions around the world
- Networking with international consortium partners

➤ **Université Libre de Bruxelles** (Brussels, BE), December 2011 – June 2012

Research Assistant – Foreign Policy Analysis

- Researching within the field of 'Political Opposition' in the Islamic Republic of Iran
- Editing Prof. Jean-Frédéric Morin's Foreign Policy Analysis manual and scientific articles
- Preparing Q&A for Foreign Policy Analysis students

LANGUAGE & IT SKILLS

ITALIAN	Native
FRENCH	Proficient
ENGLISH	Proficient
SPANISH	Proficient

Good command of Microsoft Office Suite, Outlook, Wordpress

Accountancy: ProCure

Academica: FullFabric (online database), (Lexico4 (discourse analysis).

DEVCO databases (Assortis, Development Aid, DevEx)

Social Media proficiency (good command of Hootsuite towards the integrated management of Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter)

EDUCATION

➤ **College of Europe** (Warsaw, Poland)

September 2014 – June 2015

Post-MA's Degree in European Interdisciplinary Studies – The EU as a Regional Actor

Mention: Excellence

➤ **Université Libre de Bruxelles** (Brussels, Belgium)

September 2010 – September 2012

MA's Degree in International Relations – Peace, Conflicts and Security

Mention: Distinction

➤ **Université de Montpellier 1** (Montpellier, France) August 2008 – June 2009

Erasmus Programme Exchange

➤ **Università degli Studi di Roma Tre** (Rome, Italy)

September 2006 – July 2010

BA's Degree in Political Science

Mention: Excellence

ADVOCACY

➤ **G-100 : New Voices for Europe** (Brussels, Belgium)

• Organising the workshop « How to Integrate Refugees Into European High Education Systems », gathering 60 participants from diverse backgrounds on 18 March 2018

• Speaking as the rapporteur on the topic “Access to Higher Education” at the event organized on 15 May 2018 with local and European policy-makers

➤ **Institute for Euro-Mediterranean Relations** (Rabat, Morocco)

• Participating as a young researcher to the EuroMeSCo annual conference “Changing Euro-Mediterranean Lenses” on 12-13 July 2018 with over 150 researchers and practitioners from the Euro-Mediterranean region

➤ **European Business Summit** (Brussels, Belgium)

• Presenting the policy brief “Refugee crisis/EU crisis?” at the global business summit “Debating the Future of Europe” on 2 June 2016

PRIZES & AWARDS

• EU research grant towards the publication of a paper on EU actorness and the climate change-migration network, August 2019

• EU research grant towards the publication of a paper on EU Youth and Education Policy, European Parliament, July 2018

• U.S. financial grant towards the implementation of a social media communication campaign on how to counter radicalisation online, May 2017

• EU research grant towards the publication of a paper on EU Migration and Asylum Policy, European Parliament, April 2016

• Prize for the Best Italian student of the Falcone & Borsellino Promotion at the College of Europe –

Department of European policies of the Presidency of the Italian government, June 2015

- Full ENP scholarship (Erasmus+) at the College of Europe, European Commission, August 2014
- Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs, European Commission, October 2013
- Erasmus Programme Exchange scholarship, European Commission, August 2008

PUBLICATIONS

- "Saving Politics to Influence Policy – The EU Approach to Iran in the Framework of the US' "Maximum Pressure" Campaign", *IAI Commentary*, upcoming February 2020
- "Beat the Heat - The Impact of Global Warming on Migration Flows towards Europe and the Role of the EU as a Global Actor Against Climate Change", *Institute of European Democrats Working Papers* with a financial grant from the European Parliament, Brussels, November 2019
- "Doctrina Urbi Serviat – Comparing EU Policies on Granting Access to Higher Education for Refugees with Practices from Member States in View of Sectorial Reform", *Institute of European Democrats Working Papers* with a financial grant from the European Parliament, Brussels, October 2018
- "New Wine Into Old Wineskins? Addressing Patterns of Institutional Development in Euro-Mediterranean Relations in the Wake of the So-Called 'EU Refugee Crisis'", *Institute for Euro-Mediterranean Relations Policy Brief*, Barcelona, October 2018
- "Reacting to External Events ? The External Dimension of EU Migration, Asylum and Border Management Policies", in Gsthöel, Sieglinde *et al.* (eds.), *The Emerging External Dimension of EU Policies*, Routledge, London 2017, cited as a 'reading suggestion' by the EU Council library blog
- "Ex Pluribus Unum? The Communitarization of EU Migration, Asylum and Border Management Policies in Times of Crisis", *European Integration Studies*, 11(1), June 2016
- "Fortress Europe No More? Migration, Border Control and Solidarity: A Critical Analysis of the EU Discourse and Policies in the Wake of the Arab Spring – With a Case Study from Lampedusa", *Institute of European Democrats* with a financial grant from the European Parliament, May 2016
- "A la Source de la Radicalisation: Comprendre les Causes pour Imaginer des Solutions", ForYouth – jongerenvereniging, vol 3., n.1, April 2016
- "Refugee Crisis-EU Crisis? The Response to Inflows of Asylum Seekers as a Battle for European Soul", *College of Europe Policy Brief*, vol.4., n.17, March 2016 and *European Business Summit 2016 Executive Catalogue*.

CONFERENCES ATTENDED AS A SPEAKER

- "Europe as a Global Actor", organised by ISCTE-IUL, 24-25 May 2018, Lisbon
- "The Future of the European Union's International Role: Political, Economic and Social Challenges", organised by the Kaunas University of Technology, 7 April 2017, Kaunas
- "Schengen at Risk: Can We Keep the Freedom of Movement?", organised by the European Parliament, the Institute for European Democrats and Mladí Európania, 13 May 2016, Bratislava
- "Implementation of the EU -Turkey deal: Values vs. Realpolitik?", organised by the Centre for European Progression, 26 April 2018, Brussels

References are available on request