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## CURRENT POSITION

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| ▪ <b>Postdoctoral Research Fellow</b> , University of Potsdam | 2025- |
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## EDUCATION

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| ▪ <b>Ph.D. in Political Science</b> , University of Bologna                                                                                                                 | 2021-26 |
| Thesis title: <i>Beyond the vote: Power politics, state influence and decision-making at the United Nations Security Council, 1990-2019</i> (supervisor: Francesco N. Moro) |         |
| External reviewers: Magnus Lundgren, Kseniya Oksamytna                                                                                                                      |         |
| Examination committee: Manuela Moschella, Andrea Ruggeri, Jonas Tallberg                                                                                                    |         |
| ▪ <b>MA in International Relations</b> , University of Bologna                                                                                                              | 2019-21 |
| ▪ <b>BA in Communication Sciences</b> , University of Bologna                                                                                                               | 2016-19 |

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Decision-making, influence and change in International Organizations (NATO and UN)
  - Peacekeeping, conflict resolution and foreign intervention
  - Automated text analysis and quantitative methods (R and Stata)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-reviewed articles

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- Knapp, A. (2026). "Unleashing the elected members: Why states do (not) draft resolutions at the United Nations Security Council". *Journal of Economic Policy Reform*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17487870.2026.2671711>
  - Knapp, A. (2026). "Speech is silver, resolutions are gold: State influence on UNSC resolutions (1990-2019)". *Conflict Management and Peace Science*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/07388942261417494>
  - Knapp, A., V. Vignoli, F. Salvati & F. Maina (2026). "The Alliance is speaking: Introducing the NATO Secretary General Document (NATO-SGD) corpus". *International Interactions*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/03050629.2026.2621400>
  - Costantini, I., M. Dian, A. Knapp & F.N. Moro (2026). "(Il)Liberal peace: P5 approaches to conflict management and resolution". *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/13691481251407497>
  - Knapp, A. (2025). "Twin diplomacy: Strategic co-authorship selection and resolution outcomes at the UNSC". *Review of International Organizations*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11558-025-09610-6>
  - Knapp, A. (2025). "Introducing the UNSCRA dataset: Authoring Security Council resolutions, 1990-2023". *Journal of Peace Research*, 62(6), 2136-2147.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00223433251315634>

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- Knapp, A. (2024). “Protection trinity: Assessing the three-tier framework in United Nations resolutions”. *International Peacekeeping*, 30(4), 415-441.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13533312.2024.2333740>
  - Knapp, A. (2024). “Speaking of civilians: Automated text analysis of the United Nations’ framing of complex humanitarian emergencies”. *International Interactions*, 50(2), 300-331.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/03050629.2024.2318559>

### **Book chapters**

- Knapp, A. & M. Sguazzini (2025). “Una crisi senza risoluzione: La Siria nell’agenda del Consiglio di Sicurezza delle Nazioni Unite” in *La guerra civile siriana: Dall’insurrezione alla rivoluzione (2011-2024)* (eds. E. Corradi and G. Cama), Carocci.
- Knapp, A. & J. Fritzler (2025). “Soft contestation of the Responsibility to Protect? Assessing Canada and Sweden’s norm diplomacy” in *Norms in Prism. The Evolution of Norms and Norm Clusters in Contemporary Global Politics* (eds. C. Ducci, F. Lucenti, C. Wunderlich and J. Lantis), Springer.

### **Public engagement**

- 2026: “A Stability Policing paradigm for NATO: Policing, the forgotten tool against hybrid/irregular warfare maneuvers”. *NATO SP CoE*. <https://www.nspcoe.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/03-final-version-14.01.26.pdf>
- 2025: “On the possibilities for Security Council reform”. *Välismääraja Podcast*.  
<https://kuku.pleier.ee/podcast/valismaaraja/185189> (translated to Estonian)
- 2025: “The United Kingdom at the United Nations Security Council”. *British Parliament*.  
<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/9001/the-uk-at-the-united-nations-security-council/publications/>,  
<https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/49593/documents/264116/default/>
- 2023: “Definitions matter: Navigating gray areas in the United Nations’ protection of civilians”. *E-IR*. <https://www.e-ir.info/2023/03/12/definitions-matter-navigating-gray-areas-in-united-nations-civilian-protection/>

### **CURRENT WORKING PAPERS**

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- Carrara, P., A. Knapp, F.N. Moro & L. Pinto. “The politics of banditry: Political change and criminal violence in post-unification Italy (1861-1865)” (invited to R&R).
- Agostinis, G. & A. Knapp. “Democratic density, institutional design and interstate shaming: International Organizations’ response to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine” (invited to R&R).
- Knapp, A. “Home field gain: How COP organizers influence access to United Nations leadership” (under review).
- Moschella, M., A. Knapp & D. Masciandaro. “The temporal dimension of policy diffusion: Timing, stickiness and symbolism in climate policy framing” (under review).
- Salvati, S., F. Maina, V. Vignoli & A. Knapp. “Withering liberalism? Assessing changes in NATO’s liberal rhetoric through the Secretary General’s speeches” (under review).
- Adhikari, B. & A. Knapp. “The illiberal turn: Democratic backsliding and foreign policy in UNGA speeches” (under review).
- Knapp, A. “Power in rotation: Variation in UNSC presidential success” (under review).
- Choi, H. E. & A. Knapp. “Mandate expansion and legitimacy of International Organizations: Survey experiment on NATO’s resilience domain” (working paper).
- Agostinis, G., A. Knapp & P. Stohlman. “Speaking with one voice: When International Organizations bureaucracies and states diverge in shaming norm violators” (working paper).

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- Becker, J., A. Knapp & V. Vignoli. “Through Brussels, not Washington: NATO Secretary-General and the politics of burden-sharing” (working paper).
  - Choi, H. E., A. Knapp & T. Sommerer. “Borrowing legitimacy: Informal governance and illiberal capture at the UN Security Council” (working paper).

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## VISITING STAYS

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| ▪ <i>Columbia University</i> , Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies | 2025 |
| ▪ <i>Uppsala University</i> , Department of Peace and Conflict Research    | 2024 |

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## CONSULTANCY

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| <i>NATO Stability Policing Centre of Excellence (NATO SP CoE)</i>                                                                                     | 2024-25 |
| “Stability policing as a NATO capability to foster readiness and resilience against hybrid and irregular warfare. New perspectives for NATO missions” |         |

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## TEACHING

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| ▪ <i>NATO und transatlantic security</i> (30 hours, University of Potsdam)       | 2025/26 |
| ▪ <i>Studying IOs: Concepts, methods, data</i> (30 hours, University of Potsdam) | 2025/26 |
| ▪ <i>The United Nations in world politics</i> (30 hours, University of Potsdam)  | 2025/26 |
| ▪ <i>Power dynamics in IOs</i> (30 hours, University of Potsdam)                 | 2025/26 |

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## THESIS SUPERVISION

- *University of Potsdam*: 3 MA theses, 8 BA theses

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## RESEARCH AND TEACHING ASSISTANCE

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| ▪ <i>Technology and change in global politics</i> (TA, University of Bologna) | 2024/25 |
| ▪ <i>Introduction to International Relations</i> (TA, University of Bologna)  | 2024/25 |
| ▪ <i>Green central banking</i> (RA, Bocconi University)                       | 2024    |
| ▪ <i>Introduction to International Relations</i> (TA, University of Bologna)  | 2023/24 |
| ▪ <i>Political behavior and institutions</i> (TA, University of Bologna)      | 2023/24 |

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## INVITED LECTURES

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| ▪ <i>Athena Journal</i> (Bologna) on the Board of Peace                        | 2026 |
| ▪ <i>Johns Hopkins University</i> (Bologna) on the Responsibility to Protect   | 2025 |
| ▪ <i>Geneva Graduate Institute</i> on text analysis on the United Nations data | 2025 |
| ▪ <i>University of Bologna</i> on Security Council negotiations                | 2025 |
| ▪ <i>University of Bologna</i> on the Israel-Hamas war                         | 2024 |
| ▪ <i>American University of Florence</i> on United Nations peacekeeping        | 2024 |
| ▪ <i>NATO SP CoE Diamond Event</i> (Vicenza) on stability policing             | 2024 |
| ▪ <i>Johns Hopkins University</i> (Bologna) on the Responsibility to Protect   | 2024 |
| ▪ <i>University of Bologna</i> on the Israel-Hamas war                         | 2023 |
| ▪ <i>Johns Hopkins University</i> (Bologna) on the Responsibility to Protect   | 2023 |

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## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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| ▪ <b>ECPR</b> (Krakow, 1 presentation), 1300€ grant                             | 2026 |
| ▪ <b>SISP</b> (Trento - 1 presentations, 1 chair and 1 discussant), 1000€ grant | 2026 |
| ▪ <b>TGIO</b> (Heidelberg – 1 presentation and 1 discussant), 200€ grant        | 2025 |
| ▪ <b>SISP</b> (Naples – 1 presentation and 1 chair), 200€ grant                 | 2025 |
| ▪ <b>EISA-PEC</b> (Bologna – 3 presentations and 1 chair), 600€ grant           | 2025 |
| ▪ <b>SGRI</b> (Milan - 1 presentation and 1 discussant)                         | 2025 |
| ▪ <b>ISA</b> (Chicago – 2 presentations), 600\$ grant                           | 2025 |
| ▪ <b>SISP</b> (Trieste – 1 presentation and 1 chair)                            | 2024 |
| ▪ <b>ECPR</b> (Dublin – 1 presentation and 1 discussant), 900€ grant            | 2024 |
| ▪ <b>SGRI</b> (Parma – 2 presentations)                                         | 2024 |
| ▪ <b>SISP</b> (Genoa – 2 presentations)                                         | 2023 |
| ▪ <b>ECPR</b> (Prague – 1 presentation)                                         | 2023 |
| ▪ <b>NEPS</b> (Bologna – 1 presentation)                                        | 2023 |
| ▪ <b>IR2P workshop</b> (Leeds – 1 presentation), 150£ grant                     | 2022 |
| ▪ <b>B4Peace</b> (Parma – 1 presentation), 150€ grant                           | 2022 |
| ▪ <b>EISA-PEC</b> (Athens – 1 presentation), 300€ grant                         | 2022 |
| ▪ <b>ECPR</b> (Innsbruck – 1 presentation)                                      | 2022 |
| ▪ <b>SGRI</b> (Perugia – 1 presentation)                                        | 2022 |

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#### ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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| ▪ Summer school for Women* in Political Methodology (Mannheim)     | 2026 |
| ▪ Methods course in Conjoint experiments (Naples)                  | 2025 |
| ▪ NATO training in Counter-terrorism (Brussels)                    | 2023 |
| ▪ NATO training in Children and armed conflict (Brussels)          | 2023 |
| ▪ NATO training in Women, Peace and Security (Brussels)            | 2023 |
| ▪ NATO training in Counter-intelligence (Brussels)                 | 2023 |
| ▪ Summer school in Computational Social Sciences (Bologna)         | 2022 |
| ▪ Summer school in Ethics and Fieldwork (Bologna)                  | 2022 |
| ▪ Summer school in Mass Atrocity Prevention (Dubrovnik)            | 2022 |
| ▪ Winter school in Leaders and Agenda-Setters in the EU (Brussels) | 2021 |
| ▪ Erasmus+ at Corvinus University (Budapest)                       | 2017 |

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#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| ▪ <b>NATO Defense Policy and Planning Unit</b> (Brussels)                  | 2023    |
| ▪ <b>Autonomous Province of Bolzano, Presidential Department</b> (Bolzano) | 2021-22 |
| ▪ <b>European Region “Euregio”</b> (Brussels)                              | 2020    |
| ▪ <b>South Tyrolean People’s Party</b> (Bolzano)                           | 2020    |

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#### AWARDS AND GRANTS

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| ▪ Explorer Grant UP funding for the project “Mandate expansion and legitimacy of International Organizations: Survey experiment on NATO’s resilience domain” (Co-PI with Ha Eun Choi, 4,800€) | 2026 |
| ▪ Ko-UP funding for the project “Architecture of shaming: International Organizations’ reaction to conflicts, 2000-2024” (PI, 2,400€)                                                         | 2026 |
| ▪ Short-listed for the SISP Elinor Ostrom Prize for early career scholars                                                                                                                     | 2025 |

- Full Ph.D. scholarship (4 years) by the Italian Ministry of Education (64,972€) 2021

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### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

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- Member of appointment committee for the W3 professorship in Applied Social Sciences and Survey Methodology, University of Potsdam 2026
- Reviewer: Conflict Management and Peace Science, European Political Science Review, International Peacekeeping, Journal of European Integration, Journal of Peace Research (3x), Review of International Organizations (2x) 2024-
- Co-organizer of the IR seminars, University of Bologna 2023-25
- Co-organizer of the IR graduate roundtables at the University of Bologna 2022-25

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### **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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German: bilingual/C2      Italian: bilingual/C2      English: C1      French: B2

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### **REFERENCES**

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