

Stefano Bianchini Curriculum Vitae

Professor of Politics and History of Eastern Europe, University of Bologna, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Forlì Campus. Rector's Delegate for the relations with East European Countries from 2015 to 2021 and Director of the Organizational Unit of the Department of Political and Social Sciences at the Forlì Campus from 2015 to 2021.

Visiting Professor of the St. Petersburg State University, Department of Post-Soviet Studies, School of International Relations since 2016, lecturing on EU policies of enlargement, international diplomacy in the Western Balkans, and methodological research seminars

H.D. in Humanities of the Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas.

Main managerial experiences:

International Coordinator of the Joint degree program (and joint diploma) MIREES (Master's of Interdisciplinary Research and Studies on Eastern Europe) from 2004 to 2015 together with the Universities of Bologna, Vytautas Magnus (Kaunas), State U. of St., Petersburg and Corvinus U. of Budapest.

Co-Director from 2001 to 2018 of 17 editions of ERMA, the European Regional Master in Democracy and Human Rights in South East Europe, based in Sarajevo and awarding a double diploma of the Universities of Bologna and Sarajevo under the sponsorship of the EU, the European Parliament and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Director of 24 editions of the CEI International Summer School (from 1995 to the present).

Leader or partner in international research project at the National and international (EU) level (see below).

Executive Editor of the blind peer review journal "Southeastern Europe" (indexed in Scopus, Web of Science-ESCI, PubMed etc).

TEACHING ACTIVITY:

2023 Visiting Lecturer at the Tbilisi State University within the Erasmus ICM program on "Nationalist Theories and Neonationalism in Europe" and "Enlarged EU and NEP. Successes and Failures", 6-13 April.

Lecturer for MA and PhD students on "The "New Europe". Eastern and Southeastern Europe at the test", Panteion University, Athens, 31 March.

2022 Lecturer at the Summer School "Global Migration, Diaspora and Border Studies in East-Central Europe" teaching particularly "History and memories of migrations and people's relocation in Eastern Europe" and "Migration policies: controversies and developments", European University Viadrina, 8-9 September.

2021 President (in presence) of the PhD Panel of the Doctoral School on Law and Political Science, University of Valencia for the defense of the dissertation "Las movilizaciones sociales en el espacio posyugoslavo", candidate Miguel Rodríguez Andreu.

Remote Second Reader of a PhD "Diversity Management and Governance" Defense Commission at the University of Graz, Faculty of Law, November, dissertation "Exogenous Powers in Bosnia-Herzegovina", candidate MR. Adnan Huskić.

2020 Remote Lecturer for MA students on "The New Europe: Eastern and Southeastern Europe" at the Panteion University in Athens, May 29.

2019 Lecturer at the UNIADRIAN Summer school together with dr. Marco Zoppi on "Migration Flows in the Adriatic-Ionian Region: Multidirectionality and the Territorial Question", Ancona, 13 September.

Lecturer at the Summer School on "Historical Narratives and the EU integration perspective: Challenges and Opportunities for peace", Belgrade, 30 June-2 July. The School was part of the Jean Monnet international program on "Democratization and Reconciliation in the Western Balkans, coordinated by the New York University Tirana.

Lecturer at the 5th ADA EU Summer School on topics like "Brexit and its impact on EU values", "Migrations as EU challenge" and "the Eastern Partnership". The Summer School took place in Baku, from 10 to 21 June under a European program coordinated by GOPA.

Visiting Lecturer at the Faculty of Law and Social Science of the Alecu Russo State University, Balti, Moldavia where he taught "Competing theories of Nationalisms and the EU integration Process", 19-25 May.

Visiting Lecturer at the Peloponnese University in Corinth on the topic "Stabilizing the Balkans: a real perspective or a "mission impossible"?" and Lecturer for MA students on "The New Europe: Eastern and Southeastern Europe" at the Panteion University in Athens, 3-8 March.

2018 Visiting Lecturer at the Faculty of Law of the University of Priština in Kosovska Mitrovica within the Erasmus+ mobility on "Human Rights in Capitalist and Socialist Societies" and "Minority Rights and EU integration processes" 14-18 April.

Visiting Lecturer on "Managing ethnic conflicts: case studies from former Yugoslavia", the Academy for Interethnic, Intercultural and Interconfessional Dialogue, Arandjelovac (Serbia), 13 April.

Visiting Lecturer on "Why Nationalism is a Liquid Ideology?" Opening address of the iASK Series: Europe's Transformation in Global Context, Köszeg, 28 February, <https://iask.hu/en/video/stefano-bianchini-why-nationalism-is-a-liquid-ideology/>.

Since 2017- Visiting professor of the St. Petersburg State University, lecturing on EU policies of enlargement, international diplomacy in the Western Balkans, History of Yugoslavia and methodological research seminars.

2017- President of the PhD Defense Commission in "Political Studies" of the State U. of Milan, candidate Mr. Goran Filic, with a dissertation on "Political Competition and Rejection of Nationalism in Wartime Yugoslavia. The Case of Tuzla (1990-1995), September.

- Visiting Lecturer at the Panteion University (Athens), Department of History and Politics, for the 4th edition of the PhD seminar on "European Identities" and centered on "The New Europe: Eastern and Southeastern Europe", 27-29 April.

2016- Lecturer at the "Preparing Global Leaders Academy" (PGLA- Jordan), with a seminar on "Challenges for global leadership" and a practical workshop on "Leadership communication: How to use of voice and read a public speech" (Amman, May 23-29).

- Visiting lecturer at the St. Petersburg State University, where he has taught in two workshops on "International security. The EU Crisis and neo-nationalisms" and "The Cold War. The USA-USSR competition on modernity patterns". He had also a lecture on "Italian Foreign Policy today" (April 3-9).

- Visiting Lecturer at the Panteion University (Athens), Department of History and Politics, for the 3rd edition of the PhD seminar on "European Identities" and centered on "The New Europe: Eastern and Southeastern Europe" as well as at the Center of Political Analysis of the University of Peloponnese in Athens on "The Balkans: A Powder Keg under the Carpet?", 17 and 18 March.

- Visiting Lecturer at the Budapest Business School - Faculty of Foreign Trade where he took part to the "Italian Day" with a paper on "La politica estera italiana oggi" and a lecture for the Department of International Relations on the topic "The Lessons not Learned from the Yugoslav Dismemberment and the Crisis of the European Union". Previously, he visited the Köszeg Campus of the Pannonia University lecturing on "State Dismemberment and their Implications for Europe". 29 February-3 March.

2015- Visiting Lecturer at the Eastern Summer School of the University of Warsaw on the topic "State Dismemberment and Their Implications for Europe. How Partitions affect the Nature of Democracy", 9 July.

- Visiting Lecturer at the Pantheon University (Atene), Department of History and Politics, for a PhD seminar on "European Identities" and centered on "The New Europe: Eastern and Southeastern Europe", as well as at the University of Peloponnese in Corinth on "State Partitions and the lessons (not) learned from the Yugoslav dismemberment", 27 and 28 March.

2014- Guest Lecturer at the Drexel University, Philadelphia (November)

- Visiting Lecturer at the Pannonia University and ISES-Institute for Social and European Studies di Köszeg (Ungheria) during the Summer University "Navigating Europe's Future: a New Odyssey" (June/July) and for a set of doctoral and post-doc seminars (October/December) in the framework of fellowships co-sponsored by the European Commission and the European Structural Funds.

- Visiting Lecturer at the Kazan Federal University both in Kazan and Naberezhnye Chelny. Lectures were addressed to BA students and one seminar to professors and lecturers (May-June).

- Visiting Lecturer at the Panteion University (Athens) for a PhD seminar on "European Identities", co-sponsored by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, and centered on "The new Europe: Eastern and Southeastern Europe" (March).

- Visiting Lecturer at the Kavkaz University, Baku State University e Economic University of Baku (February).

2013- Visiting Lecturer at the State University of Buenos Aires, Faculty of Social Sciences; at the Harvard University, Center for European Studies; at the Juniata College, Huntingdon PA, the Baker Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, November.

- Second Reader of a PhD "Diversity Management and Governance" Defense Commission at the University of Graz, Faculty of Law, November

- Guest lecturer at the ISES-Summer University in Köszeg on "Sovereignty and EU Enlargement: Central European Alternatives", June

- President of a PhD "Diversity Management and Governance" Defense Commission at the University of Bologna, School of Political Science, June.

- Round table Participant at the Faculties of Political Sciences of Zagreb and Belgrade on "The Choice. Human Rights, Diversities and the Legacy of the Yugoslav Secession Wars", May.

2012-Visiting lecturer at the Universities of Belgrade and Sehir (Istanbul) on "Europe between Integration and Dismemberment: Post-Cold War Challenges" (December)

- Supervisor and Member of the PhD Defense commissions at the Vytautas Magnus University di Kaunas, PhD candidate Leonas Tolvaišis (on Ethnic Minority Policy making by Political parties, 1991-2011: a Comparative Case study of Serbia's Hungarians and Estonia's Russians and at the University of Bologna, candidate Francesco Saverio Massari (on La Comunità energetica nel Sud-Est Europa quale fattore di stabilità nell'area balcanica). Opponent and member of the PhD Defense Commission at the University of Valencia, candidate Javier Jordá Garcia (tesi su La disputa en torno al estatus final Kosovo)

2011-Guest lecturer at the Johns Hopkins Bologna Center on The Resurgence of Nationalism in Times of Crisis. The Yugoslav Collapse, the EU's Uncertain Future and the Prospect of Reconciliation in the Balkans, November.

- Visiting lecturer at the NTNU (Norwegian University of Science and Technology), Trondheim on "Macedonia and the European Union", October; as well as at the University of Graz, School of Law, for a Summer School on Diversity Management, LLP program, July.

- President of a PhD Defense Commission at the Venice University Ca' Foscari, Department of Humanities, May.
- Guest lecturer at the Johns Hopkins Bologna Center on The Break-Up of Yugoslavia and the War in Bosnia-Herzegovina, March.
- Visiting lecturer at the ISES, the Institute for Social and European Studies of the Corvinus University at Kőszeg (Hungary), on The Geopolitics of Self Determination from Lenin to the EU integration processes, February.

2010-Visiting lecturer at the Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas (May).

2009-2010–Coordinator of the international project “You Share. Youth sharing remembrance of Stalinism and its victims”, sponsored by the Europe for Citizens’s Program, Action 4 together with the Universities of Zagreb, Rijeka, Ljubljana and Vytautas Magnus at Kaunas.

2009-2013–Italian Coordinator of the international PhD “Diversity Management and Governance”, awarding a joint diploma with the Universities of Graz, Koper and New Bulgarian University in Sofia within the activities promoted by the Dipartimento di Politica, Istituzioni, Storia, Univ. of Bologna.

- Guest Lecturer at the Warsaw University/Main Auditorium of the Old Library on “1989-2009: Peace and War between Integration and Self-Determination. An Unconventional assessment of Post-Socialist Transition” for the participants to the 6th Warsaw East European Conference 2009 devoted to “1919-1939-1989-2009: East-Central Europe, Independence, Totalitarian regimes, Independence”, July 18th.

- Coordinator of the academic team of the University of Bologna committed to plan the didactic activity of four MA (joint diplomas) in South East Europe within the 3-years project JOIN-SEE (Example of Excellence of Joint Degree Programmes in South East Europe), coordinated by the University of Graz. The project involves 23 European partners, and it is sponsored by the EU programme TEMPUS IV.

from 2008 to 2015– Director of the International MA Faculty Board on Interdisciplinary Research and Studies on Eastern Europe (MIREES) at the School of Political Science “R. Ruffilli” of the University of Bologna (joint diploma with the Vytautas Magnus University of Kaunas, Corvinus U. of Budapest and St. Petersburg State University)

2008– Guest Lecturer on Nationalism, Self-determination, and EU Enlargement Eastwards at the 2nd Summer School of the University of Ljubljana devoted to «Managing Diversity» and sponsored by the Socrates Program/Erasmus Intensive Program of the European commission.

- Guest Lecturer at ISES, the Institute for Social and European Studies of the Corvinus University in Kőszeg on the subject: “The Geopolitics of Self-Determination from Lenin to Dayton.

- PhD supervisor for the Vytautas Magnus University at Kaunas.

2007– Member of PhD commissions either at the European University Institute, Florence or at the PhD School Fakulteit Sociale Wetenschappen of the Catholic University of Leuven.

- Director of a PhD Seminar on EU-Russian relations within a Jean Monnet action together with the Universities of Leuven and Turku.

- Guest Lecturer on Nationalism, Self-determination, and EU Enlargement Eastwards at the 1st Summer School of the Vytautas Magnus University at Kaunas devoted to «Managing Diversity» and sponsored by the Socrates Program/Erasmus Intensive Program of the European commission.

2006– Guest Lecturer at the XI Savaria Summer University, Kőszeg (Hungary) on the relations between EU and “its others”: the Balkans and Turkey.

- Full Professor of Politics and History of Eastern Europe, University of Bologna, School of Political Science, Forlì Campus.

2005– Guest Lecturer at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice (City University New York), Program in International Relations.

- Coordinator of a training project in cultural tourism in the light of the creation of a Balkan intercultural Museum in Plovdiv (Bulgaria). The project is sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, under the Law 212/92 and lasts 18 months.

- Member of a PhD commission at the European University Institute, Florence.

2004– Guest Lecturer at Harvard University, John Kennedy School of Government.

- Lecturer at the Tallinn International Summer School in Social, Political and Cultural Studies, sponsored by the Estonian Institute for Humanities and the Pedagogical University of Tallinn, 26-31 August.

2004-2008– Director and lecturer at the two-years Interdisciplinary Master’s Program in East European Studies (MIREES) of the University of Bologna. The MA program is structured in 34 subjects (6 languages of Eastern Europe in offer) and relies on a network of 30 European Universities offering the courses of the second year. The international dimension of this program is granted by the joint diploma signed together with the University of Bologna by the following institutions: Vytautas Magnus University at Kaunas, University of Ljubljana and Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary). The first and the third generations of the program (2004-2006 and 2006-2008) have been awarded by the Italian Ministry of University with a generous grant within the program for the internationalization of the Universities.

Since 2003– Lecturer, supervisor and Member of the Scientific Board of the PhD Program in “International Co-operation

and Sustainable Development" - curriculum in international politics, University of Bologna.

- Academic Coordinator of the first Module of the Winter school promoted by the University Network Coimbra Group «Regional Cooperation and European Integration». The module is devoted to Partitions and Dialogue. University of Split, February.

2003-2004- Supervisor at the PhD Program in History at the University of S. Marino.

- Academic Coordinator of the training project «Integracija», for assistant professors of the Kaliningrad State University and young officials of the public administrations of the Kaliningrad Municipality and Region, under the support of the Italian Ministry of Foreign affairs, Law 212/92.

2003- Guest Lecturer at the Université de Montréal

- Lecturer at the Training Course for Experts in Development, Programming and Management of Cultural Tourism in the Adriatic-Ionian Region, Uniadria, 1-12 September.

- Lecturer at the 2nd Utrecht Network International Summer School, Bologna, 1-12 September.

- Guest Lecturer at the European University Institute, Fiesole.

2002- Guest Lecturer at Yale University.

- Lecturer at the 1st Utrecht Network International Summer School, Bologna, 7-20 July.

2002-2005- Scientific Italian coordinator, as a partner, of a Tempus project on «Institutional Development in the Field of Tourism and Culture in Bosnia-Herzegovina» led by the University of North London, with the Universities of Sarajevo and Banja Luka and the Ministries of Tourism and the Chamber of Commerce of BiH. Similarly, for a Tacis project on «Social Work: Better Government» led by the London School of Economics with the University of Muenster and the Novosibirsk State Technical University.

2002-2004- Scientific coordinator and contractor of a Regional Tempus project on distance learning for the European Judge in Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro.

2001-2003- Scientific Director and lecturer for two editions of the Master in Governance and politics of the European Integration for East, Central and Balkan Europe, promoted by the University of Bologna and sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

- Scientific coordinator and contractor of a Regional Tempus project on distance learning for the European Judge in Macedonia, Albania and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

2001- Associate Professor of History and Politics of Eastern Europe, University of Bologna, School of Political Science, Forlì Campus.

- Guest Lecturer at the Drexel University in Philadelphia, Université Paris 8, Johns' Hopkins University-Bologna Center, University of Sarajevo and the College of Management and Business Studies of Budapest during the year.

Since 2000- Scientific co-Director (along with professor Zdravko Grebo, University of Sarajevo) of the «European Regional Master in Democracy and Human Rights» to be held in 2001 in Sarajevo and Bologna, with 9 University partners and the support of the European Commission and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

- Professor in charge for Socrates Mobility at the School of Political Science, University of Bologna, Forlì campus, with the Universities of Warsaw, Bucharest, Banska Bystrica, New Bulgarian University in Sofia, High School for Administration and Politics in Bucharest and the College of Management and Business Studies of Budapest.

2000- Guest-Lecturer in Sarajevo, Banja Luka and Zagreb on nationalism and European integration processes in the framework of Tempus-Master projects and under request of the Croatian Ministry for European Integration.

1999- Scientific Director and Lecturer at the «Training Course for Diplomats of CEI countries» in cooperation with The Diplomatic Institute, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the European Commission, Cervia.

Since 1998- Scientific Italian coordinator (as a partner of the University of Sussex, Sarajevo, Tuzla, Banja Luka and Mostar) of a Tempus-Phare Project for Bosnia-Erzegovina for setting up a master degree on European Studies and undergraduate courses on Management.

- Scientific Italian coordinator (as a partner of the University of Bucharest, Salamanca, Sorbonne) of a Tempus-Phare Project for Romania on setting up an Education Center for teachers of High Schools at the Department of Philosophy of the University of Bucharest.

1998 Guest-Lecturer at the Sussex European Institute, Brighton.

1995-Scientific Director of the Advanced International Summer School on «Post Communist Transition and European Integration Processes», University of Bologna, Italy, with the support of the European Union and the Italian Department of

Foreign Affairs.

Scientific Italian coordinator (as a partner of the University of Amsterdam, the University La Sorbonne, Paris and the University of Sofia) of a Tempus-Phare Project for Bulgaria on Interethnic Relations «Bulgamin».

Guest-lecturer at the University of Pittsburgh, PE-USA, Dept. of Anthropology.

1994 Member of the Scientific Board (program of History and Institutions) of the «Project for Albania. Training for Managers», organized by the Italian Department for Foreign Affairs and the University of Bologna.

1992-1996 Professor and member of the Board of the Summer School of Interconfessional Dialogue and Understanding of The Hague and Subotica.

1991-Professor of East European History and Institutions at the School of Political Science, University of Bologna, program of International Relations in Forlì.

Professor of Theory of the Political Development (East European Area) at the «Advanced Course in International Cooperation and Intervention Policies in Developing Countries» of the University of Bologna.

1987-1991 Professor of East European History and Institutions at the School of Political Science of the L.U.I.S.S. (Free International University of Social Science) of Rome.

1985-1991 Research fellow of Modern and Contemporary History at the School of Foreign Languages and Literatures of the University of Bergamo.

1980-1989 Assistant at the chairs of Modern History and History of Eastern Europe at the School of Philosophy and Literature of the University of Milan.

MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS:

State Partitions.

Russian foreign policy.

Modernization and Backwardness in Eastern Europe.

Politics and Political Culture in the Balkans

Human Rights and Diversity management in SEE

Ethnic and minorities problems of the South-Eastern Europe.

Adriatic-Ionian Macroregion and Migration flows.

History of the Balkans during the 20th Century.

Yugoslav history.

International and regional relationships with particular attention to the Italian-Balkans relations since the Balkans wars.

RESEARCH AND SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY

2021-2023 National coordinator of the international project "REINSER-Refugees' Economic Integration through Social Entrepreneurship" in the frame of the INTERREG V-B Adriatic-Ionian ADRION Programme 2014-2020 Third Call for Proposal - Priority Axis 1. The central coordinator is the Znanstveno-raziskovalno središče Koper.

2020-2023 National coordinator of the international project "GlocalEAST- Developing a new curriculum in Global Migration, Diaspora and Border Studies in East-Central Europe" within the framework of the Erasmus+ program, Key action 2: Strategic partnerships. Central Coordinator is the Comenius University in Bratislava

2020-2022 National coordinator of the international project "Remember Nansen- migration, refugees and humanitarian aid" in the frame of the Europe for Citizens Program, Strand 1: European Remembrance, Measures Civil Society Projects (CIV), central coordinator the University of Tallinn.

2020-2022 Member of the Scientific Council for the celebration of the centennial of the Treaty of Rapallo and the establishment of the Archival Portal, Trieste, Union of Istrians.

2019-2021 National Coordinator of the international project BORD(EU)RS. 'New European Borderlands', Jean Monnet Networks, central coordinator Central European University.

2018 Member of the Organizing Committee of the International Conference on "The Tito-Stalin Split 70 years After", Zagreb-Goli Otok, 28-30 June.

2017-2018 Central Coordinator of one year international policy targeted analysis on "Territorial and Urban Potentials Connected to Migration and Refugee Flows" in the Adriatic-Ionian area and the Danubian basin, as a service provider, for the EU program Espon. The partnership includes the U. of Bologna, IECOB, the Central European Initiative, the U. of

Thessaly and the European U. of Tirana.

2016 Member of the Advisory Boards of the Institute of Advanced Studies (iASK) e the Center on Critical Thinking in Köszeg, Hungary.

2015-2018 Central Coordinator of the International research project "Russia and China in the Global World. State and Societies between Domestic Dynamics and International Projections" sponsored by the Department of Political and Social Sciences-Unit of the Forlì Campus with the support of the Carisfo Foundation.

2015 Senior Fellow at Pannonia University and ISES in Köszeg for a research project on "State Partitions and Nation-State Fusion. The Transformative Dynamics of Dismemberments in the Broader European Context and How the nature of democracy is Affected" within the framework of the "New Central Europe II. Research Scholarship Program" sponsored by the European Union and Hungary and co-financed by the European Structural Funds.

2014Senior Research Fellow at Pannonia University and ISES in Köszeg for a research project on "State Dismemberments and their Implications to Europe. How Partitions Affect the Nature of Democracy", within the framework of the "New Central Europe Distinguished Senior Research Fellowship, a National Excellence Program" subsidized by the European Union and Hungary and co-financed by the European Structural Funds.

Since 2012Member of the Research Network on Comparative Partitions Studies coordinated by the Universities of Cardiff and St. Andrews, since 2013 and sponsored by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) of Great Britain.

Member of the International Board of the "Socialninye Javlenija" of the State University of Samara.

Since 2011Member of the International Board of the "Warsaw East European Review".

2011Vice Chairman of the Scientific Board of the International Scientific Conference "Regional Cooperation in Europe: Opportunity for the Balkans", held in Dubrovnik under the initiative of the Academies of Science of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

2010-2012National Coordinator of a two-years research national project PRIN on «Self-Determination and Sovereignty. The historical itinerary of Eastern Europe: legacies of the past, socialist federations, State dissolution and external role of the EU» together with the Universities of Bologna, Siena, Pescara and Rome "La Sapienza".

2010-2012President of the Centro per l'Europa Centro-Orientale e Balcanica.

Director of a one-year international research project for the Military Center in Rome CeMISS on «The Global Economic Crisis and the Balkan Stability. Economics, Politics and Reforms: is there an impact on the Regional Security?»

2009Director of a one-year national research project: «The Italian aid in the Balkans. Peace building, inter-ethnic dialogue and the support to the stabilization of the Western Balkans. Case Study: the activities promoted by the General Directorate for Europe» for the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Since 2009Member of the Comité Scientifique du Réseau de Recherche en Sciences humaines et sociales « TERRA » (Travaux, Etudes, Recherches sur les Réfugiés et l'Asile) at the web page: <http://www.reseau-terra.eu>.

Member of the Editorial Board of SEELPE, the on-line "Journal of South East European Law, Politics and Economics", sponsored by the Graz University (<http://www.uni-graz.at/ofre2www/content-18.ofre2www-newpage>).

Member of the Advisory Board of the Journal "Gradja i prilozi za povijest Dalmacije", Split.

Since 2008Executive Editor of «Southeastern Europe», the peer-reviewed Journal of the «Europe and the Balkans International Network», Brill publ., Leiden (Code E157642, Issn no. 0094-4467). The Journal is indexed, among others, in Scopus, Web of sciences ESCI, and recorded in the Class A of the list of Journals in Political Sciences in Italy.

2008Director of a one-year International research project «Ethnopolitics and energy issues: Russia, the Kosovo status and their implications for the Adriatic-Caspian corridor» for the Italian Military Centre of Strategic Studies and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Coordinator of a think-tank of the "Europe and the Balkans International Network" issuing a Policy paper with Recommendations on: Kosovo's Status and its Regional Implications, Podgorica-Forlì, for the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the European Commission.

Academic in charge for the bilateral agreement between the University of Bologna and the "E. Kant" Russian State University of Kaliningrad.

Member of the Focal Points on "Minorities" and "Human Resource Development" of the Central European Initiative by

appointment of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2008-2014 Member of the International Advisory Board of the Corvinus University of Budapest with the task of contributing to the improvement of the internationalization process of this University.

2007 Associate Editor of «Southeastern Europe», the Journal of the «Europe and the Balkans International Network», Charles Schlacks jr. publ., Idyllwild, California.

Member of the international jury for assisting the promotion process of a scholar to full professorship in Political Science of Eastern Europe, Drexel University, Philadelphia.

Member of the Editorial and Advisory Board of the series of books on Baltic Studies «On the Boundaries of two Worlds: Identity, Freedom, and Moral Imaginations in the Baltics», Rodopi publ., Amsterdam-New York.

Director of a one-year International research project on «The Northern Adriatic Region: the Corridor no. 5 and the challenges for development» for the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2006-2008 Academic External Expert of the International Research Project MIRICO – Human and Minority Rights in the Life-Cycle of Ethnic Conflicts, sponsored by the European Commission within the 6th Framework Program-Priority 7. The project (duration: 30 months) is coordinated by Eurac (European Academy) in Bolzano/Bozen, with the cooperation of the Universities of Graz, Köln, Frankfurt, Bath, LSE, Sarajevo, BHRC Beograd, IES Ljubljana, and the Human Rights Center of Prishtina.

Since 2006 Member (appointed by the Rector) of the Commission of Geographic Areas of the Board for Foreign Relations of the University of Bologna with the responsibility over Central Europe and the Balkans.

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the Series of books «South Asian Peace Studies», SAGE Publications, New Delhi-Thousand Oaks-London.

2006 Member of the Scientific Committee of the conference and publication «Language, Diversity, and Integration in the Enlarged Europe. Challenges and Opportunities», Vytautas Magnus Univ., Kaunas.

2004-2007 Vice-president of the Association for Studies of Nationalities (located at the Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York) for the period 2004-2007.

Member of the International Executive Committee, Forum for Democratic Alternatives, Sarajevo-Geneva-Brussels.

2003-2004 Director of an International Research Team on «Borders' fragility and migrations within and from the Balkans», as a partner of a 2-years project on «Functional Borders and Sustainable Security: Integrating the Balkans in the European Union» led by Heliamep (Athens) within the 5th Framework Program of the European Commission.

Since 2003 Member of the Scientific Committee of the Centre for European Refugees, Migration and Ethnic Studies (CERMES) at the Department of Political Sciences, New Bulgarian University, Sofia.

2002-2007 Member of the Executive Board of the Interuniversity Center in Dubrovnik.

2002-2005 Coordinator of a national research team on «Voices of the Mediterranean: The Twin Cities of Ancona and Split» as a partner of the international project on «Oral history and cultural practice in historic Mediterranean cities» supported by the European Commission within the framework of the Euromed Heritage program (contract: London Metropolitan University).

Since 2002 Consultant of the UN International Tribunal against War crimes in former Yugoslavia, The Hague

2001 Fellow of the Columbia University Institute for Scholars at Reid Hall and Maison des Science de l'Homme in Paris, Fall Semester, for an international collective research project on «Partitions and Dialogue».

2000-2001 Director of an international research team on the sources of destabilization and stabilization from the Adriatic to the Caspian Sea for the Italian Center of Strategic Studies.

Member of the Scientific Board of the conference «Culture as a Bridge. The interuniversity cooperation in the Adriatic and Ionian Basin», held in Ravenna in December, 15th-16th under the aegis of the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative of the Italian Government.

1999-2000 Scientific Coordinator of a 2-years international research and educational project on the countries of CEI and 10 years of post-Communist transition, with the support of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (212 Act).

Consultant of the World Bank for projects of social assessment in the Balkans.

Since 1999 Member of the International Academic Board of the «Journal of Southern Europe and the Balkans», Carfax, London, 2 issues per year.

1998-1999 Director of a research team for writing Handbooks for the Italian Army on Balkan countries (Bosnia, Albania, Macedonia and FRY).

1998 Official Representative of the Rector of the University of Bologna at the Task force meeting of the European Conference of Rectors (CRE) for helping Bosnian Universities (Sarajevo, June 24-26) and at the meeting of the International Scientific Board of the Inter-University Center in Dubrovnik (October, 9).

1997-1998 Expert Witness for the UN International Tribunal against War crimes in former Yugoslavia since 1991, The Hague.

1997 Adviser of the European Conference of Rectors (CRE) for the relations with Croatian Universities and teachers on Autonomy of Universities.

1996 Director of the Center for East-Central European and Balkan Studies of the University of Bologna.

Member of the Editorial Board of the Quarterly «Nationalities Papers», of the Association for the Studies of Nationalities, Carfax publications, London.

Member of the Scientific Committee of the International Conference «East-West Agro-Food Systems toward the Third Millenium», Italian Ministry of Foreign affairs and University of Bologna (December 1995-May 1996).

1995 Editor-in-Chief of the Series on the Balkans and East-Central Europe of the International Network «Europe and the Balkans», Longo publ. house, Ravenna.

1994 OSCE Expert on national minorities at the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Right (ODIHR) in Warsaw for the Italian Department of Foreign Affairs.

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Russian Politics and EU Interests in the Balkan Chessboard, paper presented at the panel "Russia and the West: When Will Better Times Come?", 59th Annual Convention, International Studies Association, San Francisco, 5 April.

2017 Avoiding the Trap of Marginalization. The Reshaping of the Russian External Role in a Fluid Global World, paper presented at the International Conference "Russian and China in the Global World: State and Society between Internal Dynamics and External Projections", at the end of a three-year research project on "Russia and China", Forlì, 14-15 December.

Discussant at the panel "Russia and China in the Global World: State and Society Between Internal Dynamics and External Projections" and speaker at the round table "1917-2017: A Century of Radical Changes and the Bolshevik Legacy" at the 49th Annual ASEES convention, Chicago 9-12 November.

The Impact of Self-Determination in the Versailles Order, paper presented at the Academic Forum "The Great Russian Revolution: Memory and Evaluation", St. Petersburg State University, 19-20 October.

Speaker at the round table "The 'End' of the 'End of the Cold War'? Geopolitics in light of Trump, Brexit and the Resurgence of the Radical Right", as introductory session to the international conference "Cooperation and Contestation in World Politics", sponsored by ISA-Interdisciplinary Study Section and the Dep. of Political and Social Sciences, U. of Bologna, 28-30 June.

Speaker at the Round Table "Dystopic Optimism and Nostalgic Realism in 21st Century Academia" at the international conference "The Interdisciplinary Intellectual Practices and Moral Imagination of Leonidas Donskis", Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas 11-12 May.

Post-Dayton Bosnia-Herzegovina as a Bone of Contention, paper presented at the round table "The Eastern Question... Again" and discussant at the panel "Perspectives on Post-War Democratization", at the 22nd ASN Convention, Columbia University, New York City, 4-6 May.

International Relations between globalization and Unipolarity. The Russian approach, paper presented at the panel "Russian Foreign Policy: Continuity and Changes", at the 58th annual convention of the International Studies Association (ISA), Baltimore, 27 February.

2016 Speaker at the Round Table "Mobility, Flexibility, Immobility from Dover to Damascus: The Chess Game of the Walls in Europe" at the 48th ASEES Convention, Washington DC, 17-20 November.

Speaker at the Round Table "Nation Building and Self-Determination as Interpretative Categories. Compatibilities and Incompatibilities in the 19th and 20th Century", and Member of the Scientific Committee of the international ASN Conference in Europe on "Europe, Nations, and Insecurity: Challenges to Identities", Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, 30 June-2 July.

La Russia alla ricerca di un ruolo nel mondo. Occidente, Eurasia e "Russkij mir", paper presented at the panel "Russia e Cina nel mondo globale. Alle radici del multipolarismo", National Conference of the Italian Association of International History, 3 June.

EU and the Balkans in Trouble: Between Solidarity and Nationalism, paper presented at the round table "Breaking Down or Re-Building the Walls? The EU and the Balkans facing New Challenges" and discussant at the panel "Civil Society and Democratization in the Post-Socialist Countries", at the 21st ASN Convention, Columbia University, New York City, 14-16 April.

The Russian Universe and its Geopolitics, paper presented at the Seminar "Reflections on Russia. Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" sponsored by the Johns Hopkins University-Bologna Center, 24 March.

2015 Lessons not Learned from the Yugoslav Dismemberment and the Crisis of the European Union, paper presented at the international conference "Reloading the Nation? Alternative Concepts of Sovereignty and Citizenship in National Movements (1960-2014)", sponsored by NISE and the Centre Maurits Coppieters, Bruxelles 3-4 December.

Geopolitica dell'integrazione e collaborazione territoriale: le sfide della macroregione adriatico-ionica, paper presented at the international conference "Il futuro della cooperazione territoriale nella regione adriatico-ionica", sponsored by the Centro Studi Leonardo Melandri, Forlì, 26 November.

Speaker at the round table "Modernity in Eastern Europe: Debating a Book on Challenges, Expectations, and Visions 1800-2000" and the panel on "Bosnia and Herzegovina after Twenty Years of Dayton. The Regional and International Factor" at the 47th ASEES Convention, Philadelphia, 19-22 November.

Central European Initiative and the Challenges of Education between European Integration and Globalization. Some considerations, paper presented at the Republican Senate of Italy, during the meeting of the CEI Parliamentary Assembly – General Committee on Cultural Affairs, Rome, 2 November.

Speaker at the round table "A New Nation-State Configuration for Europe?" and chair of the panel "Serbian Politics between Post-Glorification and Contemporary Challenges" at the 20th ASN Convention, Columbia University, New York City, 23-25 April.

Paper presented for the Book promotion "Eastern Europe and the Challenges of Modernity 1800-200", Routledge, at the New York University, New York, 22 April.

Speaker at the round table "A (New) Constitution for Bosnia and Herzegovina?", LUISS-EURA, Rome, 27 February.

2014 Le lezioni non apprese della disgregazione della Jugoslavia e le loro implicazioni per l'Europa, paper presented at the conference "Stati, Regioni e Nazioni nell'Unione Europea", at the University A. Moro, Bari, 19 December.

Identity, Integration, Neighbourhood: the Transformative Power of these Categories, introductory speech at the international conference "Identity, Integration, and Neighbourhood. Contemporary Challenges" promoted by ISES, Köszeg, 8-9 December.

Speaker at the international seminar "The Cold War Legacy in 21st Century Patterns of IR in a Changing World", in honor of Odd Arne Westad, Dept. of Political and Social Sciences, U. of Bologna, 5 December.

Speaker at the round table "Conditionality and Conditions: Requirements and Realities in EU-Balkan Relations" at the 46th Convention of the ASEES, San Antonio, 20-23 November.

Speaker at the Round Table "I Balcani nel futuro dell'Europa", Istituto Luigi Sturzo, Roma, 13 November.

Speaker at the round table "The Black Sea Region and the Euro-Atlantic Security" at the international conference "Flexible Frameworks, Beyond Borders. Understanding Regional Dynamics to Enhance Cooperative Security" sponsored by NATO Allied Command Transformation, IAI and University of Bologna, Bertinoro, 17 May.

Chair and discussant at the panel "Remembering War and Post-Socialist Transition" at the international conference "Strategies of Symbolic Nation-Building in South Eastern Europe", University of Rijeka, 9-10 May.

Key note speaker and member of the Scientific Committee of the international conference "Albanian Studies Days/Journ  e d'  tudes Albanais", European University of Tirana, 1-4 May.

The EU Enlargement Fatigue and the Unsettled Stability in Southeastern Europe: No Way Out?, paper presented at the panel "Once Again Together? Western Balkan Prospects after Croatia's Entry into the EU" and chair at the book panel on "Multinational Federalism in Bosnia-Herzegovina" by Soeren Keil at the 19th Convention ASN, Columbia University, New York City, 24-26 April.

Lessons not Learned from the Yugoslav Dismemberment and Their Implications to Europe: How Partitions Affect the Nature of Democracy, Key-note speech at the opening plenary session of the conference "Partitions: What are they good for?", promoted by the University of St. Andrews and the University of Cardiff, St. Andrews, 1-2 March.

2013Participant to the Round Table "From Nation-State to Liquid Society: What Kind of Change in the EU and the Balkans?" at the 45th ASEES Convention, Boston, 21-24 November.

Emendar utop  as: la tentativa frustrada de reformar al socialismo de estado en los pa  ses de Europa Oriental y Central, paper presented (in English) at the international conference "Utop  a, historia y epistemolog  a en la construcci  n de Europa y Am  rica Latina", Jean Monnet Center of Excellence and Universidad Nacional Tres de Febrero, Buenos Aires, 18-20 November.

Participant to the Round Table "Crossroads and Borders: Neighborhood Policies and Cultural Polyvocality in Europe, Past and Present" at the Informal Meeting of Senior Officials of Ministries of Culture and Senior Officials Responsible for Culture in Ministries of Foreign Affairs, held under the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Vilnius, 16-17 October.

Memories, Minorities and Macroregional Cooperation: Building Rooms for a Reconciliation with the Past, paper presented at the international Conference "Managing Diversities. Democratic Challenges for a Plural Society on the Way to the European Citizenship", sponsored by CEI, Bertinoro, 12-13 September.

Old-New Nationalisms in the Western Balkans: Is There an Alternative to the EU integration?, paper presented at the panel "The Unfinished Business: The Balkans between EU Crisis and Resurgent Nationalism" and discussant at the panel "Bounding or Dividing? Diasporas, Minorities and Migrations in Lithuanian and Yugoslav Memories" at the 18th ASN Annual Convention, Columbia University, New York, 18-20 April.

Re-examining the International Development Assistance to Southeast Europe: time for a post-functionalist approach?, a key-note speech delivered at the International conference "22 Years of International Development Assistance to Southeast Europe (1991-2013): Lessons for Donors and Recipients", promoted by the University of Peloponnese in Athens, 22-24 February.

2012Participant to the Round Table "Nationalism under Communism" at the international conference "Contemporary Approaches to Cold War and Post-Cold War Balkans. Main themes, open questions, unresolved debates", promoted by the Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in SEE, Belgrade 7-9 December.

Nation-State, Legitimacy and Economic Crisis: Lessons not learned from Yugoslavia and the EU perspective, paper presented at the international conference "Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Balkans: 20 Years Later Memory, Reconciliation, Politics" at the Johns Hopkins University-Bologna Center (22 November)

Speaker at the Round Table "External Players in the Balkan Conundrum: Present Dynamics and Possible Scenarios" at the 44th ASEES Convention, New Orleans, 15-18 November.

The Yugoslav and EU Declines: Diversities, Dynamics of Dissolutions and Sovereignty Reframed, paper presented at the panel "Enlarging and Declining? The EU Crisis and the Balkans", and Discussant at the panel "Identity versus Borders in the Balkans: Ethno-Political Reshuffling and Its Controversies" at the 17th ASN Annual Convention, Columbia University, New York, 19-21 April.

2011Challenging Nation-State's Politics and Identity: the Yugoslav Collapse, the EU Crisis and the Prospect of Reconciliation in the Balkans, paper presented at the international conference "The Balkan Transformations: Lessons from the Baltics to the Mediterranean" sponsored by the Dogus University, Istanbul, December 16-17.

Speaker at the Round table on "Serbia, Its Neighbors, and Its Region: A Constructive Actor?" at the 43rd Convention of the ASEES (former AAASS), Washington D.C., November 17-20.

Key-note speaker on Adriatic-Ionian Macro-Region: Contribution for a Strategy in a multilevel governance framework at the Seminar "Adriatic-Ionian Macro-Region: a New Framework for Cross-Border Cooperation", Bologna, November 4, promoted by the Region Emilia-Romagna within the Open Days 2011-Europe in my Region.

Speaker on the round table "The role of education and the image of the State: sociological aspects" at the international conference: "Russia and Italy: the Role of Universities in developing cooperation", promoted by MGIMO, Moscow 26-27 September.

Speaker and chairperson at the international scientific conference "Regional Cooperation in Europe: Opportunities for the Balkans", promoted by the Croatian and the Bosnian-Herzegovinian Academies of Science, LSE, and the University of Bologna in Dubrovnik, 22-23 September.

Speaker at the Round table on "Les presences et presents de l'Union européenne dans les Balkans occidentaux" at the international conference "(Ré)imaginer les Balkans: des sociétés européennes en mouvement", promoted by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and CERI, Paris, June 27.

Managing diversities as a challenge for Democracy, paper presented at the panel "Accepting the Otherness: Challenges for Education and Civil Society", at the international conference "Accepting Diversities: Human Rights and the Challenges of Reconciliation", promoted by the CIPS of the University of Sarajevo, the EU and CEI, April 29-30.

Discussant at the panel «Civil Societies and the Challenges to Diversities in East-Central Europe and the Balkans» and chairman of the panel «Redefining the Maps of Europe: Governance of National Minorities in the Aftermath of the First and Second World Wars», at the 16th ASN Annual Convention, Columbia University, New York, 14-16 April.

The Break-Up of Yugoslavia and the War in Bosnia-Herzegovina, a lecture held at the Johns Hopkins Bologna Center, March 31.

Discussant and speaker on Forging new Elites in Post-Conflict Societies and the Internationalization of the Universities at the international conference of the Inter-University Consortium AlmaLaurea, «Human Capital and Employment in the European and Mediterranean Area», Bologna, March 10-11.

2010Chairs of the round tables "War and Peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina: Are the Lessons learned from Srebrenica" and "Caught in the Crossfire: the Situation of Others in the Yugoslav Wars of Secession", at the 42th Convention of the ASEES (former AAASS), Los Angeles, CA, November 18-21.

Central Europe and Interculturality: a New Paradigm for the EU Integration?, paper presented at the International Seminar «Yet Another Europe and the Legacy of Dissent: Central Europe After 1984», Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, October 8.

"On the Persistence of Nationalism and the Inability of Old Member States to cope with the Post-Communist Agenda", paper presented at the International Colloquium on «The Future of the EU: Diversity in (Dis)Unity?», European Parliament Information Office in Lithuania and Vytautas Magnus University; Kaunas, 7 May.

Discussant at the panel «Closed Borders, Open Frontiers: the Formation of New Borders and the Negotiation of Everyday Life in SEE» and chairman of the round table «Diversity Management in Regional Contexts: The Baltic Sea Area, the Balkans and the EU integration », at the 15th ASN Annual Convention, Columbia University, New York, 15-17 April.

"The Eastern Question reformulated? The Energy Issue and the Balkan Fragile Geopolitics between 20th and 21st centuries", paper presented at the workshop «Integrating the Western Balkans into the European Union: Overcoming the Political and Economic Constraints» at the 11th Mediterranean Research Meeting promoted by the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, Montecatini Terme, 24-27 March.

2009 Participant to the Round Table «1989-1999-2009 The Renaissance of Europe? The Communist Collapse, the Helsinki Decision for the EU Enlargement and the Western Balkans Today», at the 41° AAASS Annual Convention, Boston, Massachusetts, 12-15 November.

Participant to the Round Table “East-Central Europe 1989-2009. From Communist Camp to European Union” and chairman at the panel “Post-Communism” at the 6th Warsaw East European Conference 2009 devoted to “1919-1939-1989-2009: East-Central Europe, Independence, Totalitarian regimes, Independence”, July 17th-18th.

Recent Developments and the Prospects of the Western Balkan Region, key-note speech presented at the Central Committee Meeting of the C.I.C.A. (International Confederation of Agricultural Credit), Belgrade, May 8th.

Participant to the Round Table «Diversity Management in the New Europe: Reconsidering Education in Majority-Minority Relations» and chairman of the panel «Ethnic Governance in History and Politics: Some Experiences in East and Central Europe», at the 14th ASN Annual Convention, Columbia University, New York, 23-25 April.

Self-determination and the Regional Context: the Challenges to (in)Stability in International Relations, paper presented to the International roundtable: «Ethnicity and Borders. The Kosovo status and its perspectives: adjusting policies in the regional context», promoted by the Forum of Ethnic Relations, Belgrade, 3-5 April 2009.

2008 Participant to the Round Table «Into the Whirlwind: International Stability through Ceaseless Self-determination? Comparing the Balkans with other European and non-European Cases» at the 40° AAASS Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 20-23 November.

Riformare la rivoluzione? I rapporti italo-cescoslovacchi e la Primavera nel 1968 paper presented at the international conference sponsored by the Fondazione Camera dei Deputati together with the Universities of Bologna and Udine on “Eredità e attualità della Primavera cecoslovacca”, Camera dei Deputati (National Assembly), Rome, 22 October.

Discussant at the panel «Borders and Democracy: What is New in the Context of Globalisation?» at the European ASN Convention on «Empire et Nations», at Sciences Po, Paris, 3-5 July.

The EU in the Values and Expectations of Serbia: Challenges, Opportunities, and Confrontations, paper presented at the international conference «Civic and Uncivic Values in Serbia: The post-Milosevic Era», PRIO, Oslo, 30-31 May.

Discussant at the panel «Balkan Stabilization, the EU and the Challenge of the Soft Borders» and chair at the panel «The Experience of the 2004/2007 EU Accession: Prospects/Consequences for Turkey and Other Candidate Members», 13th ASN Annual Convention, Columbia University, New York, 10-12 April.

Participant and Concluding Remarks at the Round table on «Roma and Sinti in the Bologna Region: Building and Integration Policy» jointly promoted by the Istituto per l'Europa Centro-Orientale e Balcanica, OSCE/ODIHR, the Project on Ethnic Relations and the Municipality of Bologna (Bologna, April 3rd).

2007 Participant to the Round Table «Nation State and Diversity management in the Enlarged Europe: Boundaries Changes in Minority and Gender Issues», and chairman at the panel «Penetration of the West into the Balkans... Penetration of the Balkans into the West» at the 39th AAASS Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana, 15-18 November.

Networking Memories. The Historical Narratives and the Challenges of the European Integration, paper presented at the Academic conference «European Memory: a Blessing or a Curse?», sponsored by the Vytautas Magnus University at Kaunas and the Vilnius University, Kaunas, 9th November.

Discussant at the panel «State building in the Western Balkans» at the ASN Annual Conference, Columbia University, New York, 12-14 April.

2006 Participant to the Round Table «Reforming the Balkan Peace Treaties: Challenging the Interdependency of Dayton, Ohrid, Kumanovo and Belgrade Agreements», at the 38° AAASS Convention, Washington D.C., 16-19 November.

Re-conceptualizing Nation-State in the Context of the European Integration Processes, paper presented at the panel «State Formation and Nation-Building in Post-Conflict Societies: A Pan-European Challenge» at the ASN Conference on «Globalization, Nationalism and Ethnic Conflicts in the Balkans and Its Regional Context», Belgrade, 28-30 September.

Discussant at the introductory panel of the international conference «The Western Balkans and Europe – Negotiating a Common Future», promoted by the University of Graz, Institute for European Law, 27-28 April.

Chairman and Concluding Remarks' Speaker at the international conference «Regional Cooperation, Peace Enforcement and the Role of the Treaties in the Balkans», held in Forlì, January 20-21 in cooperation with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and NATO.

2005 Serbia-Croatia-Bosnia: Ethnic Conflict and no-conflict, paper presented at the panel «Dogs that Barked and Dogs

that Didn't: Ethnic Strife and Ethnic Peace in Post-Communist Europe», at the VII World Congress of the International Council for Central and East European Studies (ICCEES), Berlin, 25-29 July.

Chairman at the panel «On the Versailles Shadows? The Legacies of Versailles and the Yugoslav Peace Treaties Compared» at the 10th ASN World Convention, Columbia University, New York, ASN, 13-17 April.

2004 Participant to the Round Table «The Balkans between EU Enlargement and Nationalist Revivals», at the 36th AAASS Convention, Boston, Massachusetts, 4-7 December.

Discussant at the international conference «Democratic Transition in Croatia: Value Transformation, Education, Media» sponsored by the Department of Sociology and Political Science, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, 2-4 September.

Chair of the panel «EU Enlargement by three perspectives: in, out and in between Europe» at the Special ASN Convention in Europe on «Nationalities and Pluralism from Old to New Worlds», Warsaw University, 19-21 July.

Chair at the panel The wider Europe and the EU Enlargement: redefining policies towards the Balkans and Russia at the Second Pan-European Conference on EU Politics sponsored by ECPR, Johns Hopkins University, Bologna, 24-26 June.

“Stato debole” e instabilità nell'Europa Sud-Orientale: le radici storiche di un fenomeno moderno paper presented at the international conference on «America Latina, Balcani, Medio Oriente, Africa: Legittimità e consenso, crisi dello Stato e transizioni politiche» sponsored by the Dipartimento di Politica, Istituzioni, Storia, University of Bologna, 7-8 May.

Discussant at the panel Federalism and Self-Determination e chair al panel The Wider Europe and Its Unstable Neighborhood: Conditionality vs. Conflict, at the 9th ASN World Convention, Columbia University, New York, 15-17 April.

2003 Integrating Post-Communist Transition. The Challenges to Nation-State, Sovereignty and Networking Society, paper presented at the panel «Does Eastern Europe Still Exist? Transition and Enlargement a decade After the Communist Collapse» at the XXXV AAASS Convention, Toronto, Canada, 20-23 November.

Development Theory and Democracy. What Can We Learn from the East European Experience?, paper presented at the international workshop «New Paradigms on Development Studies», sponsored by the Schools of Political Science, Law and Statistics of the University of Bologna, 13-14 October.

State Weakness and Interdependency in the Balkans, report presented at the Workshop for High Officials of DG External Relations, European Commission, Brussels, 14 July.

Discussant at the panel on the Balkans at the TEPSA Presidency Conference «The Italian Presidency of the EU», sponsored by TEPSA, IAI e MAE, Rome, 27-28 June.

Discussant at the panel «Ethnic Issues in EU Enlargement» at the 8th ASN Convention, Columbia University, New York, 3-5 April.

2002 Discussant at the international workshop on «Culture e conflitto» promoted by the Centro Nazionale di Prevenzione e Difesa Sociale and Fondazione Courmayeur, in cooperation with Unesco, Courmayeur, 13-15 December.

President of the panel «Economic and Social Realities» at the International Conference «Bosnia and Herzegovina After Ten Years of Independence. Assessing the Present and Forecasting the Future», promoted by the Pittsburgh University, 25-26 November.

State Dismemberment and Statehood Attraction. Yugoslavia and Soviet Union Compared, paper presented at the panel «Self-Determination, Partition and Statehood attraction» at the 34th AAASS Convention, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 21-24 November.

The attractiveness of Partition, paper presented at the panel «Partitions. Reshaping State and Minds. The Experience of Eastern Europe and British India Compared» at the Forlì Convention promoted by the Istituto per l'Europa Centro-Orientale e Balcanica and ASN, Forlì, 5-9 June.

The Methodology of Partitions, paper presented at the panel «Partitions between Histories and Destinies» at the ASN convention, Columbia University, New York, 11-13 April.

The Emergence of New Balkan States. Nation States as a Source of Instability, paper presented at the International Conference «War in the Balkans? Understanding the Conflicts and Interpreting the Peace», co-sponsored by the Florida Atlantic University and the US Army War College, Carlisle, in Boca Raton, 21-23 February.

2001 Boundaries and Territories Challenged, paper presented at the panel «Reshape the State? The Balkans and the

European Integration at the mirror» at the 33rd AAASS Convention, Crystal City, Washington D.C., 15-18 November.

Le Fonti della destabilizzazione nei Balcani, il ruolo della NATO e della UE, paper presented at the international conference on «L'Unione Europea e la sicurezza del continente: tra storia e politica» sponsored by the European University Pole Jean Monnet of the University of Florence, 11-12 May.

The Weakness of the States as a Source of Instability, paper presented at the international conference «The Future of the U.S. Presence in the Balkans» sponsored by the US Army War College and held at Columbia University, New York, 26-27 February.

2000Participant to the Round Table «Italy and Its Role in the Balkans: from History to Current Events», at the 32nd AAASS Convention, Denver, Colorado, 9-12 November.

Discussant at the conference on «The Balkans on the Eve of the 21st century: scenarios for a possible political stability», held in Turin 18-20 October and sponsored by the Agnelli Foundation.

The Adriatic-Ionian Initiative and the Interuniversity cooperation, paper presented at the Regional Tempus Seminar in the framework of the Stability Pact for SEE on «The link between strategic university management and higher education policy», Sarajevo, 15-16 June.

The Autonomy of the Universities, conference held in Zagreb under the invitation of the School of Philosophy, University of Zagreb, June 2nd.

Discussant at the panel «Self-Determination. From Versailles to Dayton» at the ASN convention in New York, Columbia University, 13-15 April.

1999Discussant at the panel «Eastern Europe Ten years Later: Political Cultures in Transition and European Union», at the 31st AAASS Convention, St. Louis, Missouri, 18-21 November.

Discussant at the Italian. Russian conference on « Geopolitical scenarios in Russia at the eve of the 21st Century», sponsored by the Fondazione Agnelli, Turin, 10-12 November.

Migration flows, inclusion and cultures, paper presented at the Italian-German conference on «Migration flows from East Central Europe: Italy and Germany and the challenges of integration in the economy and society, sponsored by Techne, Forlì, 5-6 November.

Participant to the Round «National Identities and Leadership in Europe», sponsored by the School of Political Science, University of «La Sapienza», 24-25 May.

1998Participant to the Round Table «Doit-on condamner la guerre?», at the 5th international meeting of the Memorial, Caen, December 3-4.

Integration Processes and Change in Political Culture, paper presented at the international conference «Bosnian Paradigm», sponsored by the International Forum «Bosna», Sarajevo, November 18-20.

Discussant at the conference «Culturale Debate and Political Change in Russia», sponsored by the Fondazione Agnelli, Turin, November 11-13.

The Cultural Scope of Balkan Security, paper presented to the international conference «Mediterranean Security into the Coming Millennium», sponsored by the U.S. Army War College, Florence, October 26-27 (forthcoming in the publications of the College)

Chairman of the panel «Europe and the Balkans: A Clash of Civilizations?» and participant to the round table «The Hague War Crimes Trial: Reflections and Observations of Expert Witnesses» at the 30th Convention of the AAASS, Boca Raton, Florida, September 24-27.

Co-chair with Anna Krasteva (Univ. Of Sofia) of the workshop «Europe and the Balkans at the threshold of the 21st century» included in the program of the 6th Conference of the ISSEI (International Society for the Study of European Ideas), University of Haifa, August 16-21. A paper has been presented on: Transnational Political Cultures in the Balkans.

The Future of Bosnia and the Dayton Agreements, paper presented at the Conference promoted by the Commission of Foreign Policy of the Italian Parliament on «Crisis Management and the NATO Reform», Rome, June 15.

1997Les Balkans d'aujourd'hui face à l'Europe: problèmes et enjeux, paper presented at the international conference «Les Balkans en Europe 1918-1996» promoted by the University of Geneva, November 28-29.

The Changing Notion of Self-Determination. Global Repercussion for the International Community, paper presented at the international conference «From Wilson to Bosnia. Democracy, European Dictatorships and Self-Determination: The Historical Legacy of the 21st Century for Future Political Morality», promoted by the Centro per l'Europa Centro-Orientale e Balcanica in cooperation with the Freie Universität of Berlino and the Association for the Study of Nationalities, Forlì, 10-11 October (forthcoming in the book edited by Henry Huttenbach and Francesco Privitera, Longo Editore, Ravenna)

The Domestic Political Situation and the New Terms of the Albanian National Question in the Balkans, paper presented at the international conference «Albania. Breakdown and Reconstruction», promoted by the Centro per l'Europa Centro-Orientale e Balcanica and CeSPI in Bologna, 18-19 July (forthcoming in a Year publication of the Conflict Prevention Measures Program of the European Commission).

Political Culture and Democratization in the Balkans, paper presented at the international conference «Democratization in the Balkans», promoted by the University of Bristol, 16-18 May (forthcoming in the book edited by Geoffrey Pridham and Tom Gallagher, Routledge, London).

Language and Nation in Eastern Europe. The Implication of Political Philology in Multicultural Societies, paper presented to the conference «Plurilinguism in Europe» sponsored by the Interfaculty Language Center and the High School for Translators of the University of Bologna (Forlì, May 14th) (Forthcoming in Bologna).

1996The Idea of State in the Post-Communist Balkan Societies, paper presented at the International Conference «Europe and the Balkans: How They View Each Other» (Bologna, December 5-7), at the end of a 3-years research project supported by the European Union (HCM program)

Discussant at the Report Presentation «From Plan to Market. World Development Report 1996», The World Bank and Nomisma (Bologna, June, 27).

Relations between East European Countries: the Balkan Federation, paper presented at the International Conference «The Failure of Peace in Europe 1943-1948», University of Florence, Florence, June 13-15 (forthcoming in London).

1995Politics in the Bosnian Federation and the Serbian Republic, Comment at the panel discussion organized in the framework of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (Washington DC, October, 25-29).

Chairman at the Conference on «Democratic Problems and Ethnic Relations in Serbia/FRY», co-sponsored by the Project on Ethnic Relations-Princeton, The Democratic Center of Belgrade, The Soros Fond of Belgrade and the International Network Europe and the Balkans (Belgrade – 23rd-24th)

Economics, Culture and Democracy-Building: In Search of New Approach to the Development and Integration of the Balkans in Europe (Paris – June, 7th-9th), paper presented at the Conference on «Balkans et Sud-Est Européen. Quel avenir pour la région?» organized by Conseil Économique et Social de France and Peace and Crisis Management Foundation.

Interculturality and the Teaching of History in the Balkans, contribution to the Conference on «The Balkans – Ethnic and Cultural Crossroads: Educational and Cultural Problems», co-sponsored by the Council of Europe and the International Center for Minority Studies and Intercultural Relations (Sofia – May 28th).

Human Rights and the Problem of Minorities in the Balkans. Comment at the Conference on «Greek Foreign Policy Today», organized by Eliamep, The Johns Hopkins University-Bologna Centre and the Europe and the Balkans International Network (Bologna, February 17th).

1994The Idea of State and Balkans Challenge to Europe (London – September, 21st-23rd), paper presented at the Conference on «Semantics and Security: the Meanings of the Balkans», organized by the School of Slavonic and East European Studies and the Centre for Defence Studies of the King's College (forthcoming in London).

The Idea of State and the Geo-Political Re-Organization of the Balkans (Bologna – March, 15th) at the Johns Hopkins University, Bologna Center.

1992Ethnicity and the European Integration Processes, Comment at the International Conference on «Greater Europe. International Research Project» promoted by the Gorbacëv Foundation (Moscow, December 10-12).

Scientific Director and Chairman of the International Conference on «East Central Europe between Past and Future (Greater Europe and the Nationalisms in Eastern Europe)», organized by the University of Bologna – May, 7th-9th.

1991Post Communism in the Balkans and the Italian Perception, conference held at the Department of Economics of the University of Tirana (November 5th).

1990Chairman of the International Commission of Balkan Scholars at the workshop on «Crisis and Conflict Evolution in Eastern Europe» organized by the U.S. Defense Department, Washington Strategy Seminar, Center for Naval Analyses

and Institut Français des Relations Internationales, Chartres – July, 23rd/24th.

Security in the Balkans, introduction to the discussion at the British-Italian Round Table on «The Future of European Architecture» promoted by IAI and RIIA in London at the Chatham House-The Royal Institute of International Affairs, July 9th-10th.

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2012-Member of the Italian Society for the Study of Contemporary History (SISSCo).

1998-Member of the Italian Association of Slavic Studies (AIS). Member elected of the Board of Directors for the period 2009-2014.

1995-Member of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, now Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES).

1992-Member of the International Council of the European Civic Center for Conflict Resolution.

1990-Member of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (USSR and East Europe), Columbia University New York. Vice-President of the Association for the period 2004-2007. Member repeatedly elected of the ASN Executive Committee since 2001.

1983-Member of the International Commission of International Relations of the ICHS/CISH.

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