



Giovanni Faleg, PhD

WORK EXPERIENCE

Advisor

National Cybersecurity Agency [04/09/2023 – Current]

City: Rome

Country: Italy

Promoted, coordinated and developed the Agency's international strategic relations, in order to foster cyber security and resilience.
Negotiated and delivered new cooperation agreements between Italy and partner countries.
Advised the Agency's cabinet and top management on key international security and geopolitical issues.
Strengthened the Agency's outreach in areas of strategic interest, including the Mediterranean and Africa.
Planned analytical activities to foster innovation and new ways of working to cope with the impact of emerging and disruptive technologies on cybersecurity.

Project Director and Senior Analyst

European Union Institute for Security Studies [16/07/2018 – 16/07/2023]

City: Paris

Country: France

Project Director:

Spearheaded the multi-million EU-funded Action "Countering foreign interference. A project to strengthen EU CSDP capacities against foreign information manipulation and interference"; led contract preparation on behalf of the Agency, negotiating cooperation agreements with partners, developing project description, action plan, budget, results framework.

Assumed the function of Project Director, responsible for management, oversight, coordination, implementation and development of the Action; represented the project externally, liaised with implementing partners, key institutional stakeholders and EU member states; hired and managed the project team within EUISS.

Senior Analyst:

Managed the Agency's sub-Saharan Africa portfolio; designed, implemented and successfully delivered a 5-year work programme to scale up the EUISS policy impact and visibility on Africa matters.

Led the Agency's work on EU civilian crisis management, supporting the adoption of the Civilian CSDP Compact; contributed to other EUISS projects, including the EU Cyber Diplomacy Initiative.

Produced high-quality policy analyses, briefed EU and Member States decision-makers, including top management, on key developments in the African continent, shaped the Union's foreign policy agenda; built and consolidated a network of experts, practitioners and institutional partners across Europe and Africa.

Engaged in capacity-building, training, and strategic foresight on Africa matters to support key European and African stakeholders; delivered lectures, presentations, and other speaking engagements on Africa-Europe relations in leading European universities.

Consultant

World Bank Group [01/04/2014 – 30/06/2018]

City: Washington, DC

Country: United States

Conflict and fragility specialist:

Designed and piloted operations support missions to enable implementation of Bank projects in high-risk conflict-affected situations; took part in stabilization actions in Nigeria, Mali, DRC, Central African Republic; provided political and security analysis for field operations. Maintained relations with the stabilization community, acting as focal point with EU and UN agencies; drafted, monitored and evaluated the 2017 partnership framework on fragility between the EU and the World Bank; supported the administration of the State and Peacebuilding Trust Fund.

Learning and community manager:

Supported the reform of the World Bank's Advisory Services and Analytics (ASA), contributing to the task management, portfolio management and strategic planning reform tracks; designed and delivered a training program on ASA for World Bank staff.

Advised the Public Expenditure Management Network in Asia (PEMNA), providing strategic guidance on how to strengthen peer learning activities and the exchange of best practices among PEMNA government officials on budget and treasury system reform; supported PEMNA operations and administration of a multi-donor trust fund.

Managed the World Bank's Community of Practice on Knowledge Hubs and South-South Knowledge Sharing.

Associate Researcher

Centre for European Policy Studies [01/03/2011 – 30/06/2018]

City: Brussels

Country: Belgium

Delivered research, publications and expert advice on European security and defence cooperation (EU, NATO); contributed to and co-lead research projects (including as part of Horizon 2020 consortia) on the EU's Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), conflict transformation, peacebuilding and post-conflict reconstruction processes in the Mediterranean, Sahel and West Africa, EU civilian capabilities for crisis management, civil-military relations.

Initiated and co-ordinated the CEPS Task Force on European Security and Defence, launched in June 2014 and chaired by Javier Solana; produced Task Force final report and co-chaired high-level meetings with Task Force members.

Published and presented research outputs at international conferences, public meetings and closed-door events with key stakeholders; organized and chaired events at CEPS; communicated research to the media and general public, maintained relations with international press, published regularly on influential newspapers and journals; influenced public and policy-makers' opinion on topical European foreign policy issues.

Researcher

Istituto Affari Internazionali [01/01/2013 – 31/12/2013]

City: Rome

Country: Italy

Led analysis, reporting and outreach on European affairs, with focus on European integration, European foreign and security policy and member state politics.

Coordinated international research projects on the EU's approach to regional conflicts through regional integration ("Regioconf"), on the political implications of the Eurozone crisis ("The Future of Europe"); co-drafted project proposal on the challenge posed by emerging powers to the global discourse and practice of the liberal peace.

Researched and wrote working papers, policy briefs and op-eds; edited papers for publication; presented papers and participated in conferences, briefings and lectures; organized seminars and conferences and wrote reports based on these events; regularly contributed to IAI's magazine AffariInternazionali by ensuring the coverage of Italian foreign policy.

Trainee

Permanent Delegation of Italy to NATO [01/05/2007 – 31/08/2007]

City: Brussels

Country: Belgium

Drafted documents for NATO Committees; prepared reports for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on weekly agenda items.

Attended and represented Italy in NATO working groups and committees, on behalf of the First Counsellor. Conducted research on NATO-US-Russia relations, CFE Treaty and NATO-EU strategic partnership.

Political Risk Analyst

Equilibri [01/01/2005 – 31/07/2007]

City: Milan

Country: Italy

Analysed and wrote monthly briefings on Middle East political, economic developments, and security issues, focusing on the Palestinian National Authority, Israel, Jordan.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

PhD in European Studies

London School of Economics and Political Science [01/09/2009 – 01/03/2014]

City: London

Country: United Kingdom

Website: <https://www.lse.ac.uk/european-institute>

Thesis: When Knowledge Meets Practice: Learning Communities and the EU Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)

Awarded 2010 - 2013 LSE Research Studentship and 2012 EU-funded COST fieldwork research grant.

Diploma in International Studies - Carlo Maria Santoro Fellowship

Johns Hopkins University - School of Advanced International Studies [01/09/2008 – 31/05/2009]

City: Bologna

Country: Italy

Website: <https://sais.jhu.edu/sais-europe>

MA in History of International Relations

University of Strasbourg [01/10/2006 – 01/07/2008]

City: Strasbourg

Country: France

Website: <https://www.unistra.fr/>

Thesis: L'Italie et les euromissiles (1977-1983)

Awarded "CROUS Strasbourg" merit-based research scholarship (Feb 2008).

Awarded highest mark in course for final dissertation L'Italie et les euromissiles (1977-1983).

Founded University Network "RETE". Coordinated conferences with Members of European Parliament and academic round-tables, including a flagship annual Forum Académique sur la Sécurité en Europe; created "Pierre Pflimlin" Scholarship fund for financing post-graduate research on European integration.

BA in International Relations

University of Florence [01/09/2002 – 01/10/2006]

City: Florence

Country: Italy

Website: <https://www.unifi.it/>

Thesis: A Minister of Foreign Affairs for the European Union

Awarded Diplôme du Programme International for Erasmus exchange program at Sciences-Po Paris (Sept 2004 – July 2005).

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **Italian**

Other language(s):

English

LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C2 SPOKEN INTERACTION C2

French

LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C2 SPOKEN INTERACTION C2

Portuguese

LISTENING C1 READING C1 WRITING B2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION B2 SPOKEN INTERACTION B2

Spanish

LISTENING C1 READING C1 WRITING B1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION B1 SPOKEN INTERACTION B1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

DIGITAL SKILLS

Microsoft Office / Microsoft Word / Microsoft Excel / Social Media / Google Docs / Zoom / SOCIAL MEDIA/ SOCIAL NETWORK / MS Office (MS Word, MS Powerpoint, MS Excel, MS Publisher, MS Outlook, MS Access, MS Teams) / E-learning and E-Teaching / JIVE / collaboration softwares / SAP PROJECT SYSTEM(SAP PS) / Skype for Business TeamViewer Cisco Webex Zoom / Project Management & Project Development / Security awareness

COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Media

Experience with TV, radio, newspapers, magazine articles, blog posts, social networks, webinars

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Grants

European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) Research Grants under Action IS0805 "New challenges of peacekeeping and the EU's role in multilateral crisis management" (2012); LSE PhD Studentships (2009-12); CROUS Strasbourg Master Scholarship (2008); Carlo Maria Santoro Grant (2008).

NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Affiliations and teaching

Affiliations:

Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (January 2021-present); Johns Hopkins University SAIS Center for Transatlantic Relations (January-August 2014); Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (March 2012); Istituto Affari Internazionali (October 2012); King's College London (November-December 2012).

Teaching:

Currently guest lecturer at: European University Institute, School of Transnational Governance, Italy; Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Italy; College of Europe, Belgium; European Security and Defence College, Belgium; National Defense Institute, Portugal; Institut national du service public, France.

SECURITY

Security

Safe and Secure Approaches in Field Environments (SSAFE) Certificate (2018).

Cybersecurity Awareness (CERT-EU) (2022).

Further information on security trainings and certificates available on request.

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Sports and Interests

Tennis, Alpine Skiing, Running, Hiking, Futsal.

Cinema, Opera, Modern Art, Politics, Urban Design, Architecture, Real Estate.

PUBLICATIONS

Main publications

(2023) The new Civilian CSDP Compact: food for impact, EUISS Book, 2023 (co-edited with Volker Jacoby, Karin Limdal, Marleen de Haan, Patrick von Rakowski)

(2022) The EU's civilian headquarters: inside the control room of civilian crisis management, EUISS Chaillot Paper n. 175, May 2022

(2022) Rising hybrid threats in Africa: challenges and implications for the EU, EUISS Policy Brief n. 3, 3 March 2022 (co-authored with Nad'a Kovalcikova)

(2022) African Spaces: the new geopolitical frontlines, EUISS Chaillot Paper n. 173, March 2022

(2021) African Futures 2030: free trade, peace and prosperity, EUISS Chaillot Paper n. 164, February 2021

(2020) African Strategies: European and global approaches towards sub-Saharan Africa, EUISS Chaillot Paper n. 158, June 2020

(2018) "The EU: from comprehensive to integrated approach", in *Global Affairs*, Vol. 4, Issue 2-3, 27 July 2018, p. 171-183

(2016) The EU's Common Security and Defence Policy: Learning Communities in International Organizations, Palgrave Macmillan

(2015) "Lost in Transformation: Explaining the EU's Non-adaptive Approach to Regional Conflicts", in *European Foreign Affairs Review*, 20:3, p. 441-459, October 2015

(2015) More Union in European Defence, Final Report of a CEPS Task Force chaired by Javier Solana, Centre for European Policy Studies, February 2015 (co-authored with S. Blockmans)

(2014) "L'Italie et les euromissiles: crise et relance de l'intérêt national", in *Cahiers de la Méditerranée*, n. 88, p. 135-155.

(2014) "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: three visions of the CSDP beyond austerity", in *Studia Diplomatica – The Brussels Journal of International Relations*, 66:2, p. 13-30, February 2014

(2012) "The EU between pooling & sharing and smart defence: making a virtue of necessity?" CEPS Special Report, May 2012 (co-authored with A. Giovannini)

(2012) "Between knowledge and power: epistemic communities and the emergence of security sector reform in the EU security architecture", in *European Security*, 21:2, p. 161-184, April 2012

(2012) Europe and the Middle East: the hour of the EU?, Euroclio Studies and Documents, Peter Lang, 2012 (co-edited with B. Wassenberg)

Full list of publications available on request.