

SELECTION OF ONE PROFESSOR (PROFESSORE ORDINARIO), FOR THE ACADEMIC RECRUITMENT FIELD 14/A2 POLITICAL SCIENCE – ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE SPS/04 POLITICAL SCIENCE (SETTORE CONCORSUALE 14/A2 SCIENZA POLITICA – SETTORE SCIENTIFICO DISCIPLINARE SPS/04 SCIENZA POLITICA) AT THE DIRPOLIS INSTITUTE - ACADEMIC CLASS OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, RESERVED, PURSUANT TO ART. 24, SUBSECTION 6, OF ITALIAN LAW 240/2010, FOR ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS AND RESEARCHERS EMPLOYED AT THE SCHOOL, ISSUED BY RECTOR DECREE NO. 262 DATED 10/05/2019.

### FINAL REPORT

The Review Committee for the selection of one professor (level 1) for the academic recruitment field 14/A2 Political Science – Academic Discipline SPS/04 Political Science at the DIRPOLIS Institute of the Scuola Superiore di Studi Universitari e di Perfezionamento Sant'Anna di Pisa reserved for associate professors and researchers employed at the School to be selected pursuant to art. 24, subsection 6 of the Italian law 240/2010, nominated by the Rector by decree No. 464 dated 10/07/2019, consists of:

- Prof. David Natali, Full Professor of 14/A2 “Political Science” at the Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, designated expert by the Dirpolis Institute;
- Prof. Fabio Recchia, Full Professor of 05/D1 “Physiology” at the Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Member of the Recruitment Committee;
- Prof. Stefano Guzzini, Full Professor at the Uppsala University;
- Prof. Keith Krause, Full Professor at the Graduate Institute, Ginevra;
- Prof. Vittorio Emanuele Parsi, Full Professor of 14/A2 “Political Science” at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore;
- Prof. Luca Verzichelli, Full Professor of 14/A2 “Political Science” at the University of Siena.

The committee convened on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 11 a.m, as authorized by the Rector, via Web conference from the following locations:

Prof. Natali located in \_\_Pisa\_\_ , connected via (means - address):  
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Prof. Guzzini located in \_\_Geneva\_\_ , connected via (means - address):  
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Prof. Parsi located in \_\_Milan\_\_ , connected via (means - address): \_\_\_\_\_



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Prof. Verzichelli located in \_\_Siena\_\_\_\_ , connected via (means - address): \_\_\_\_  
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The Committee held a total of two meetings, and began its work on September, 16, 2019 and concluded it on October 25, 2019.

In the preliminary meeting, the Committee nominated the President and Secretary. It was noted in the minutes that each member had declared that they had no kinship or affinity up to the fourth degree inclusive, either with each other or with any of the candidate: Prof. Francesco Strazzari. The Committee established the date by which their work would be concluded, the criteria for the assessment of the candidate.

In the second meeting the Committee examined the publications, the CVs and the didactic activity of the candidate, and after a comprehensive discussion, by unanimity declared the following candidate to have won the position:

Prof. .Francesco Strazzari

The session closed at 5.30 pm

Read, approved and signed.

THE COMMITTEE



Prof. David Natali

## ANNEX 1 – INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENTS

Candidate: Professor Francesco Strazzari

### David Natali

Il candidato mostra un record estremamente interessante delle proprie attività didattiche, di coordinamento e di servizio agli studenti. In linea con la missione della Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna presso cui il candidato ha prestato servizio negli ultimi anni, ha svolto importanti mansioni didattiche. Il candidato ha insegnato: 15 corsi di livello triennale; circa 30 corsi di livello magistrale e 17 corsi di livello dottorale. Nello stesso periodo, il candidato ha ricoperto il ruolo di vice coordinatore di un programma di dottorato, ha diretto un programma di laurea magistrale e un master in studi di sicurezza. L'alto numero di supervisioni e tutoraggi conferma la disponibilità del candidato a svolgere servizio agli studenti e l'apprezzamento di questi ultimi verso le sue attività formative.

La produzione scientifica del candidato appare eccellente in termini di quantità (3 monografie tra il 2000 e il 2017; 16 articoli su riviste peer-reviewed di tipo nazionale e internazionale tra il 2007 e il 2018; 7 curatele tra il 2005 e il 2019, e circa 30 capitoli in opere collettanee nello stesso periodo), continuità (a titolo di esempio, l'ultima monografia risale al 2017 dopo l'ottenimento dell'abilitazione scientifica nazionale) e coerenza. Il contributo scientifico del candidato alla letteratura contemporanea delle relazioni internazionali è segnato dall'eclettismo intellettuale e dalla solidità della ricerca sul campo. Molta della produzione scientifica del candidato si pone infatti all'incrocio tra gli studi più tradizionali delle relazioni internazionali, gli studi etnografici e l'analisi micro di political economy. Ciò è coerente con l'individuazione e il progressivo rafforzamento di una vera e propria nicchia di expertise che è riconosciuta nell'ambito della letteratura. Il suo contributo è dunque riconoscibile, anche nelle pubblicazioni coautorate.

L'attività d'insegnamento e di pubblicazione è stata affiancata da un numero significativo di progetti di ricerca svolti dal candidato. Tra il 2008 e il 2019, il candidato ha vinto 15 call nazionali e internazionali per progetti di ricerca. Tra questi: 2 Horizon 2020; 1 progetto FP7; tre progetti Erasmus. Questo record conferma l'eccellente capacità del candidato di raccogliere fondi attraverso l'attività di ricerca nell'ambito di comunità internazionali di ricerca di alto livello negli studi internazionali.

In definitiva, il giudizio è altamente positivo e si approva l'attribuzione dell'incarico in oggetto.

### Vittorio Emanuele Parsi

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attraverso l'attività di ricerca nell'ambito di comunità internazionali di ricerca di alto livello negli studi internazionali.  
Complessivamente, il giudizio è sicuramente positivo e si approva l'attribuzione dell'incarico in oggetto.

### **Luca Verzichelli**

The candidate Francesco STRAZZARI presents a dense and articulated production of research that has allowed him to honor the position of Associate Professor, after being recruited at the Sant'Anna School years ago.

3 monographic works and 7 edited books produced during the past 15 years constitute a remarkable research record, and the outcome of a continuous and professional commitment in a vast sector of international studies. Indeed, Francesco Strazzari shows an eclectic research profile, which includes studies in comparative politics, classical international relations and even more specific works in the fields of political economy and international crime. The quality of his research production is also tested by a multitude of scientific articles, published with a remarkable record of continuity and in a broad set of journals. The approaches and the arguments are also assorted.

Strazzari stands today as a brilliant and eminent scholar in some of the areas at the core of his publication record. This is evident looking to his continuous collaborations with relevant international institutions, and with his presence in many international events organized by the *European Consortium for Political Research* and by other associations. Moreover, the CV of this candidate has been enriched by the leadership in a number of projects, funded by national and international institutions. Particularly relevant to mention are the 2 Horizon 2020 projects, a previous FP7 project and other projects funded under the Erasmus+ calls.

The teaching record of Francesco Strazzari looks also very rich. Indeed, he has taught many courses at the BA and MA level, and he holds a remarkable experience in the field of graduate and doctoral studies. In particular, he has served as deputy coordinator of the political science PhD of the Scuola Sant'Anna, has directed a 2 year Master program and a one-year professional master program in the field of security studies. The evaluation of his courses from the audience of students has always been very good. His commitment and his institutional impact are also showed by the high number of tutorials and by the several theses followed as supervisor.

All in all, my evaluation of the candidate is very positive. I am strongly in favor of the appointment of Francesco Strazzari as a Full Professor at the Scuola.

### **Keith Krause**

Francesco Strazzari has over the past fifteen years since obtaining his doctorate produced a significant body of original and scientifically robust research, focusing mainly on transnational criminal and illicit networks in Europe and beyond. This is a notoriously difficult topic to research, and Dr. Strazzari has, in his publications, demonstrated fine analytic skills as well as a commitment to serious research. His peer-reviewed publications, more than nineteen in all (including forthcoming or under revision), have appeared in reputable and widely recognized outlets, and many of them have been widely cited. I would underline in particular the publications in *European Security*, the *European Journal of Criminal Policy and Research*, *Global Governance* and *International Studies Perspectives*, all high quality outlets. Many of his chapters in edited books (some of which I have read for my own work) are also of high quality. I would also underline the interdisciplinary nature of his scholarship, which has also found echo in the criminological community.

In addition, his scholarly output has been very steady, and actually increased in recent years, and he has taken on a lead role in editing (or co-editing) and organizing several edited volumes or special issues. Dr. Strazzari has also participated in a large number of European and international research projects, testifying to his ability to raise funds through conventional scientific foundations (Horizon 2020, for example), and less conventional (EU and other governments) sources. All of these elements demonstrate that he has a very strong European and international network of collaborators, and I can say that he enjoys (from my own experience with some of his collaborators) high respect for his scientific contributions and the detailed nature of his research.



His work on Libya, North Africa and the Sahel, for example, is a rare example of scholarly analysis that goes well beyond “good journalism” to contribute to our understanding of the operation of illicit and criminal trafficking networks. He is also self-reflective on the methodological and practical challenges of such research, in publications that will serve as examples to guide younger researchers. While I cannot comment on his teaching, I have observed him in different workshops and seminars, and can say he is an excellent communicator and interacts in an open and engaging way with colleagues and students.

Finally, Dr. Strazzari has been very active in international and European conferences, scientific meetings, and public presentations – I count 16 between 2017-2019 alone, including at the International Studies Association (the major IR conference) and the ECPR, as well as in broader public outreach (EU, NATO, etc.). I am confident that his research and publication record, his track record of obtaining research funding, and his outreach activities and professional affiliations, all make him highly qualified for appointment to a Full Professorship. My overall assessment is thus highly positive, and I recommend his appointment.

### **Stefano Guzzini**

Francesco Strazzari has succeeded in establishing an international reputation within the field of international relations over the last decade. His research looks at how political order is achieved in practice, be it the micro-level of local politics and informal economies, the transnational level of networks of organised crime, or, last but not least, the way violence permeates all our political orders. Such expertise will not be outdated any time soon.

Mixing the sensitivity of the anthropologist and the political theorist, his research sees the grander shifts in the more minute evidence of the multi-level political spheres. His many evidence-rich ethnographic studies are done with a comparative mind and with a sense of theoretical abstraction, as when he investigates ‘foreign fighters’ in terms of the changing identity of political subjects of violence. Such a methodological mix and self-awareness are at the forefront of much peace and conflict research.

As his publications and collaborations show, this makes him a scientifically multi-lingual scholar and translator. He can converse with the cultural anthropologist as much as with the IR scholar or political sociologist. This is a valuable asset for research and teaching environments that focus on such inter-disciplinarity, as Sant’Anna and the new common PhD programme with the SNS does. It also allows him to be a supervisor who can work on conflict resolution, state building, informal economies and organised crime, the political economy of civil wars, as well as the role of international interventions, and more. Not least, this makes him also a very valuable colleague for supervision, since he can follow and encourage students in their own varied interests – and his colleagues by complementing their expertise.

This is the backdrop for his fine international publication record and extensive network which includes also scholars outside the beaten path and for my highly positive assessment. I recommend his appointment.



## ANNEX 2 – COLLEGIATE ASSESSMENT

The candidate has an impressive record of teaching, didactic coordination and service to students. His teaching activity and the role in the organization and coordination of teaching programmes (both at the graduate and phd level) prove his availability for services to students with a very good feedback from the latter on his activities.

The candidates' scientific publication record is excellent in terms of quantity, continuity (before and after his 'abilitazione' for the post of full professor) and coherence. His contribution to the contemporary literature of international relations is recognizable with traits of originality and innovation. His work is highly original in that it is at the crossroad of cultural anthropology, security studies, and political sociology and is marked by a solid methodological background and fieldwork. Teaching and publications have been paralleled by an excellent record of national and international research projects. His capacity to raise funds for his institution is remarkable as well as his active role in the international research networks in the field of international relations studies.

The committee expresses the unanimous and positive assessment of the candidate and is in favor of his progress and appointment to the post of full professor.

