

ALESSANDRA RUSSO



Short Bio: I work as a Senior Researcher/Assistant Professor in International Relations and Security Studies at the University of Trento (Italy). I held postdoctoral research positions in Italy, France and Belgium and have been awarded 2 personal grants for carrying out multi-year research projects, respectively on “*International Determinants in the Production of Regional Counter-crime Norms, Policies and Practices*” and “*Countering Terrorism, Radicalisation, Extremism: EU’s Schemes and Local Responses*”. I am the co-editor of the Open Access academic journal *Interdisciplinary Political Studies*. In December 2019 I got Italy’s National Scientific Habilitation (level: Associate Professorship).

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

January 2012 – September 2015: PhD (with Honors) in Politics, Human Rights and Sustainability; Research Area: Conflict and political systems in international relations – Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa (Italy)

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

January 2023- to date: Associate Professor, School of International Studies and Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento

January 2020 – December 2022: Senior Researcher/Assistant Professor, School of International Studies and Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento

October 2019 - December 2019 : Chargée de Recherches FNRS (Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique, Belgium), Recherche et Etudes en Politique Internationale, Université Libre de Bruxelles

June 2019 - September 2019: Research associate, Center for Social Sciences, Tbilisi, Georgia

December 2016 - May 2019: Post-Doctoral Researcher - Centre Émile Durkheim, Sciences Po Bordeaux (Recipient of the fellowship “IDEX - Initiative d’Excellence de l’Université de Bordeaux”)

December 2015 - December 2016: Post-Doctoral Researcher - Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna

PUBLICATIONS

Books published by an academic publisher

1. *Regions in Transition in the Former Soviet Area: Ideas and Institutions in the Making* (2018). Basingstoke: Palgrave
2. *Fringe Regionalism: When Peripheries Become Regions* (2018). Cham: Palgrave Pivot (with Frank Mattheis and Luca Raineri)

Editorships

1. *Governance Beyond the Law: The Immoral, The Illegal, The Criminal* (Abel Polese, Alessandra Russo and Francesco Strazzari eds.) (2019). Palgrave Macmillan (International Political Economy Series)
2. “Islands of Organised Crime: Spatiality, Mobility and Confinement” (2019). Special issue in *European Review of Organised Crime* (guest editors: Alessandra Russo and Francesco Strazzari)

Articles in scientific journals

1. "The External Dimension of the EU's Fight against Transnational Crime: Transferring Political Rationalities of Crime Control" (with Eva Stambøl). *Review of International Studies*: DOI 10.1017/S0260210521000358
2. "Actors and Sites for Knowledge Production on Radicalisation in Europe and Beyond" (with Ervjola Selenica). *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*: DOI 10.1080/14782804.2021.1997729
3. "Whose Enemy at the Gates? Border Management in the Context of EU Crisis Response in Libya and Ukraine" (2020). *Geopolitics*, DOI: 10.1080/14650045.2020.1716739 (with Chiara Loschi)
4. "Rethinking Space, Violence and Control: Criminal Insularities at Europe's Borders and Beyond" (2019). *European Review of Organised Crime* 5(1): 1-9 (with Francesco Strazzari)
5. "The Securitisation of Cultural Heritage" (2018). *International Journal of Cultural Policy* <https://doi.org/10.1080/10286632.2018.1518979> (with Serena Giusti)
6. "Region-making at last in the former Soviet area: our 'two-cents' for future research" (2018). *Mir Rossii* 7(4): 120-128 (with Caroline Dufy)
7. "Why do Authoritarian Leaders do Regionalism? Ontological Security and Eurasian Regional Cooperation" (2018). *The International Spectator* 53(3): 20-37 (with Edward Stoddard)
8. "Overlap with contestation? Comparing norms and policies of regional organisations in the former Soviet area" (2017). *Central Asian Survey* 36(3): 331-352 (with Andrea Gawrich)
9. "Comparative Regionalism: still emerging, already to be reformed?" (2016). *International Politics Reviews* 4(1): 7-16
10. "Regional security governance in the former Soviet space? Researching on institutions, actors and practices" (2016). *Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe* 24(3): pp. 273-291
11. "A regional house...of cards? Discursive and imaginative processes of region-building within and around Georgia" (2015). *Caucasus Social Science Review* 3(1): 1-18
12. "Democratic diffusion failures or successful authoritarian protection? Central Asian undeclared policies vis-à-vis the 'Arab Spring'" (2014). *Italian Political Science Review* XLIV (3): 247-265 (with Elisa Piras)
13. "US mainland, EU archipelago? Convergence and divergence on transnational organised crime" (2014). *European Security* 23(4): 529-545 (with Francesco Strazzari)

Book chapters

1. "The State Before Criminal Firearms" (with Francesco Buscemi). In Felia Allum and Stan Gilmour (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Transnational Organized Crime* 2nd edition. London: Routledge.
2. "In the Field" (with Ilyas Saliba, Ellen Lust, Emma Beals, Osama Diab) (2020). In J. Grimm, K. Koehler, E. Lust, I. Saliba, I. Schierenbeck (eds.) *Safer Field Research in the Social Sciences: A Guide to Human and Digital Security in Hostile Environments*. London: SAGE
3. "The Politics of Safe Research in Violent and Illiberal Contexts" (with Francesco Strazzari) (2020). In Berit Bliesemann de Guevara and Morten Boas (eds.) *Doing Fieldwork in Areas of International Intervention*. Bristol: Bristol University Press
4. "Caring, protecting and disciplining: The surveillance of social science researchers in the dangerhood" (with Francesco Strazzari) (2019). In Nina Græger and Halvard Leira (eds.) *The Duty of Care in International Relations*. London: Routledge (Routledge Advances in International Relations and Global Politics) <https://www.routledge.com/The-Duty-of-Care-in-International-Relations-Protecting-Citizens-Beyond/Graeger-Leira/p/book/9781138545892>
5. "'The Good, the Bad and the Ugly': Transnational Perspectives on the Extra-legal Field" (with Abel Polese and Francesco Strazzari) (2019). In Abel Polese, Alessandra Russo and Francesco Strazzari (eds.) *Governance Beyond the Law: The Immoral, The Illegal, The Criminal*. Berlin: Springer.
6. "Le armi nel mondo: mercati legali ed extralegali, tra prospettive globali e locali" (2018). In Paolo Beccegato e Walter Nanni (eds.) *Il peso delle armi. Rapporto di ricerca sui conflitti dimenticati*. Bologna: Il Mulino, pp. 49-80
7. "A 'Potemkin Village'? Governance Transfer by the CIS" (2015). In: Tanja A. Börzel and Vera van Hüllen (eds.) *Governance Transfer by Regional Organizations*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 141-156

TEACHING ACTIVITIES (SELECTED)

University of Trento, School of International Studies (March 2020 - ongoing):

- Course “Research Design” (Master in European and International Studies);
- Course “European and International Politics” (Master in European and International Studies);
- Course “The Use of Force in International Politics” (Master in International Security Studies);
- PhD Seminars “European and International Security”;
- Supervision of MA theses (4 already discussed + 7 in progress) and PhD dissertations (2 in progress).

Scuola Normale Superiore (February 2019): Lectures in the course “International Relations Theories”: “Debating IR theories”; “Comparison and Area Studies: Regions and Regionalism in IR” (PhD in Transnational Governance)

Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna (February 2019): Lectures in the course “Conflict Studies” (Master of Arts in Human Rights and Conflict Management)

Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna (March 2018): Scientific coordinator for the Module in “Geopolitics” (10 courses for the Master of Arts in Human Rights and Conflict Management) and lectures for the course “Geopolitics, Conflicts and Security”

Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna (March 2017): Lectures on “Geopolitics, Conflicts and Security” (Master of Arts in Human Rights and Conflict Management)

Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna (October 2016 - June 2017): Course on “Qualitative Methods” (10 hours, for PhD students, PhD Program in Political Science, European Politics and International Relations)

Università L’Orientale, Napoli (May 2016): Lecture on “Regional Security in Comparative Perspective: Central Asia and Middle East” (for BA students, course of “International Relations”)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

University of Trento’s Short Term Programs for International Students (call 2022, to be realized in 2023)

International postdoctoral fellowship FNRS (Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique, Belgium), 36 months, started in October 2019

International postdoctoral fellowship “IDEX - Initiative d’Excellence de l’Université de Bordeaux”, Investment for the Future Schemes (France), December 2016 - May 2019

European International Studies Association: Young Researchers’ Workshops Funding, Barcelona, September 2017

Erasmus+ Training Mobility Grant (agreement between Sciences Po Bordeaux and University of Oslo), June 2017

Completion Grant, Freie Universität Berlin, Research College “The Transformative Power of Europe”, October 2014 – March 2015

Mobility Scholarship, Erasmus Consortia Placement, October 2013 – June 2014

Research Fellowship Awarded by Open Society Georgia Foundation, Center for Social Sciences (Tbilisi, Georgia), April 2013 – June 2013

PhD Scholarship, Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa, January 2012 – January 2015