

Deborah Sabrina Iannotti

Social scientist with extensive project management expertise in EU-funded research projects. I bring advanced skills in institutional project management and a deep understanding of AI applications in the social sciences, enabling me to leverage technology for societal impact. I seek to apply my research background and technical skills to support institutional research initiatives, foster innovation, and contribute to strategic funding objectives.

Languages

Italian and Spanish: Native Speaker
English: Fluent
French: Fluent

Key Skills

- **Grant Writing & Fundraising:** Horizon Europe, MAECI (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation), Save the Children, REC (Rights, Equality, Citizenship), Austrian Government, European Commission Internal Security Fund, Fondazione Caritro
- **Project Management:** Pre-award & research, proposal writing, team collaboration between researchers and administration
- **Data Analysis & Policy Research**
- **Digital Tools:** Grant management software, AI-powered tools for data analysis and process automation, general digital proficiency
- **Time Management & Multitasking:** Efficient planning and execution
- **Problem-Solving:** Independent and collaborative approaches

Education

MA in Nationalism Studies – Central European University, Vienna (AU) 2022
Thesis: *The Status Quo Agreement and Jewish Religious Pluralism in Israel* (Grade A)
Graduated with distinction (GPA 3.88/4)

MA in International Relations – State University of Milan, Milan (IT) 2017
Thesis: *The Evolution of Druze Political Activism in the Lebanese State*
Graduated Summa cum Laude (110 e lode)

BA in Political Science – State University of Milan, Milan (IT) 2013
Thesis: *Diego Garcia and American Power Projection in the Indian Ocean*
Graduated 110/110

Working Experience

Bruno Kessler Foundation, Center for Religious Studies — <i>Researcher</i>	Trento, IT April 2021 – June 2023
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- **AI and Religious Actors:** Policy paper on the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on religious traditions, based on surveys and interviews with religious leaders in Italy and the USA.
- **Protector Project** (European Commission Internal Security Fund for Police): Focused on protecting places of worship from hate crimes and terrorism, with special attention to antisemitic incidents and online hate speech patterns.
- **DIG4FUTURE Project:** Digital competencies, inclusion, and growth for future generations in partnership with Save the Children Italy, training teachers on AI and hate speech.

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- **Educarci al Dialogo:** Content creation for inter-religious dialogue courses in Tuscany for high school students, facilitating meetings with religious representatives from Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, and Christianity.
- **ReMinEm Project:** Research on the protection of religious minorities in Europe and the Mediterranean, focusing on inclusion and anti-discrimination policies.
- **INGRID Project:** Gender and intersectional discrimination research, co-authoring a report on intersectionality and presenting findings at EU events.

CEJI, A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe —
Research Advisor

Brussels, BE
October 2022 – December 2022

- Provided expert analysis on hate crimes and hate speech targeting minority communities, with a particular focus on antisemitism in Italy and Belgium.
- Developed training materials on intersectionality, hate speech, and hate crimes for institutional stakeholders and co-authored reports on antisemitism in Belgium, integrating sociological and legal perspectives.

CIPMO, Italian Centre for Peace in the Middle East
Intern, Content and Event Manager —

Milan, IT
February- June 2019

Supported three key projects:

- *Migration, Hospitality, Inclusion* (under the auspices of MAECI and Centro Studi Incontri): Conducted interviews with diaspora leaders, contributed to the conference proceedings, and managed event organization and stakeholder relations.
- *Mediterraneo. Oltre i muri nella mente* (Fundraising & Contemporary Art Auction): Led the social media campaign, coordinated artists' portfolios, managed client relations across Italy and the Middle East, and supervised the auction event at the Museum of Science in Milan.
- *Content and Research for CIPMO's website:* Researched and curated materials on religious activism for peace in the MENA region

Studio Legale Padovan, Law Firm Padovan —
Intern, Department of International and European Sanctions —

Milan, IT
June – November 2018

- Researched international and European sanctions regimes, focusing on **Iran, Iran Sanctions Act (ISA), Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)**, and **OFAC** regulations. Delivered due diligence reports for Italian firms exporting to Iran, ensuring compliance with these sanctions.

State University of Milan —
Teaching Assistant, History and Politics of North Africa and the Middle East

Milan, IT
April 2018 – June 2019

- Supervised and tutored students on mid-term papers and exams, assessing written and oral exams.
- Created and updated content for courses on North African and Middle Eastern history and politics.

Gariwo, Garden of the Righteous Worldwide
Intern, Content Creation and Event Management —

Milan, IT
January – June 2017

- Conducted research on human rights protection and genocide prevention, interviewing Holocaust survivors and human rights activists.
- Managed social media strategies, developed content for the Gariwo website, and contributed to the editorial production of the weekly newsletter.

Other Experiences and Further Qualifications

Corso di Grant Writing and Management, CLOM, Impresa Sociale —
Grant Writing and Management Course —

Milan, IT
January – February 2025

- Certificate of Completion (February 2025)

Paideia, The European Institute for Jewish Studies in Sweden —
Sholem Aleichem Fellow —

Stockholm, SE
September 2023- June 2024

- Research theme: “*Who is Afraid of AI?*” focusing on religious minorities and new technologies in the technological revolution.
- Fellows’ representative and diversity management advisor.

SIOL, Società Italiana per l’Organizzazione Internazionale
Diploma as Ceremonial Expert for National and International Events

Certificate of “Accredited Professional”

Awarded by the “Italy-USA Foundation” for excellence in the field of Economics, Political, and Social Sciences.