





# Dr. Matteo C. M. Casiraghi

 Broerstraat 5, 9712 CP Groningen (NL)  
 +39 339 841 8090  
 [m.c.m.casiraghi@rug.nl](mailto:m.c.m.casiraghi@rug.nl) / [www.matteocmcasiraghi.com](http://www.matteocmcasiraghi.com)  
 @MatteoCasiragh3

**Place of birth:** Bollate (Italy)  
**Date of birth:** 09<sup>th</sup> May 1989  
**Nationality:** Italian

## CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

---

*Assistant Professor* – Department of International Relations, University of Groningen  
April 2023 – Present

## PREVIOUS ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

---

*Marie Skłodowska-Curie Global Fellow* – University of Warwick and University of Denver  
February 2022 – March 2023

*Teaching Fellow* – Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University  
September 2021 – December 2022

*Post-doctoral Researcher* – Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Milan  
February 2021 – January 2022

## EDUCATION

---

*Ph.D. in Political Studies* – University of Milan (NASP)  
March 2020

*B.A. and M.A. in International Relations* – University of Milan  
July 2014, 2016 (cum laude)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

---

International norms, public attitudes toward war, mercenaries, non-state actors in war, political parties, populism, experiments, visual politics, text-analysis, parliamentary debates

## PUBLICATIONS

---

Casiraghi, Matteo C.M. and Eugenio Cusumano (2024). *The International Politics of Logos: Colours, Symbols, Cues and Identities*. London: Routledge

Casiraghi, Matteo C.M., Luigi Curini, Nicola Maggini, and Alessandro Nai (2024). Who looks up to the Leviathan? Ideology, political trust, and support for restrictive state interventions in times of crisis. *European Political Science Review* 1-16

Casiraghi, Matteo C.M. and Eugenio Cusumano (2023). Lethal brands: Terrorist groups' logos and violence. *Journal of Peace Research*

Casiraghi, Matteo C.M., Luigi Curini, and Alessandro Nai (2023). Populism in the eye of the beholder? A conjoint experiment on citizens' identification of populists. *European Journal of Political Research*

Casiraghi, Matteo C.M., Eugenio Cusumano, and Angelos Chryssogelos (2023). European integration and political party logos: A 'visual Europeanization'? *European Union Politics*.

Casiraghi, Matteo C.M. and Eugenio Cusumano (2023). Is someone's mercenary someone else's contractor? American, British and Russian PMSCs in US and UK parliamentary debates. *International Relations*

Casiraghi, Matteo C.M., Luigi Curini, and Eugenio Cusumano (2022). The colors of ideology: Chromatic isomorphism and political party logos. *Party Politics*

Casiraghi, Matteo C.M. and Margherita Bordignon (2023). The rhetorical contestation of populism in four European Parliaments (2010-2020). *West European Politics* 46(1): 173-195

Casiraghi, Matteo C.M. (2022). "Useless and dangerous?" Mercenaries in fourteenth century wars. *Small Wars and Insurgency* 33(2): 71-91

Casiraghi, Matteo C.M. (2021). Weak, politicized, absent: The anti-mercenary norm in Italy and the United Kingdom 1805-2017. *Journal of Global Security Studies* 6(1): ogz076

Casiraghi, Matteo C.M. and Luigi Curini (2022). When the worlds of preferences collide: Determinants of MP's attitudes on the Italian Questione Romana 1861-1870. *Parliamentary Affairs* 75(3): 655-675

Casiraghi, Matteo C.M. (2021). 'You're a populist! No, you're a populist!' The rhetorical political analysis of a popular insult in the UK 1970-2018. *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 23(4): 555-575 (Shortlisted for the *John Peterson Best Article Prize 2021*)

Casiraghi, Matteo C.M. and Francesco Testini (2021). Appeals to authority in political rhetoric: Machiavelli in the Italian Parliament 1945-1994, *Parliamentary Affairs* 74(2): 333-353

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

---

Norms and public approval for the use of force: A conjoint experiment on the effectiveness of jus in bello regulations (with Elizabeth Grasmeder)

War in Lithuania: Experimental realistic evidence on the impact of norm violations on audience costs (with Elizabeth Grasmeder)

The strategic use of international norms in the US Congress (1995-2022): Evidence from text-analysis and formal model (with Dogus Atkan)

Status and diplomatic visits: Evidence from Italy, 2000-2022 (with Tiziana Corda)

**ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

---

*ECPR Summer School* 2018 – The politics of interdependence

*EITM Summer School* 2017 – Mixed methods for the study of conflict and cooperation

*Visiting Research Period* 2017-2018 – King's College London, Department of War Studies

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

---

A.Y. 2023/2024

Politics of Violent Conflict @ University of Groningen, M.A. in International Relations

Methods Research Practice (minor) @ University of Groningen, various B.A.s

Experiments in Political Science @ University of Genoa, Ph.D. in Security Studies

A.Y. 2022/2023

Research Methods in Humanitarian Studies @ University of Groningen, Erasmus Mundus Joint M.A. in International Humanitarian Action

Statistics for International Relation @ University of Groningen, B.A. in International Relations and International Organizations

Bayesian Process Tracing – University of Milan, Ph.D. in Political Studies (online)

Rhetorical Political Analysis – University of Milan, Ph.D. in Political Studies (online)

A.Y. 2021/2022

Politics of Conflict @ Bocconi University, M.A.s in Economics, Political Science, and Law

Empirical International Relations @ University of Milan, M.A. in Economics and Political Science and B.A. in International Politics, Law and Economics

A.Y. 2020/2021

Research Design and Methods for International Relations @ University of Milan, M.A. in International Relations

**FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

---

Marie Curie-Skłodowska Global Fellowship (€ 270.000) – European Commission 2021

Award for distinguished participation (€ 250) – ECPR Summer School 2018

Ph.D. scholarship (€ 13.638 per year) – University of Milan 2016-2020

Excellence scholarship for M.A. students (€ 6.000) – University of Milan 2016

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

---

*Software and Programming*: R, Stata, Tableau Public

*Languages*: Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fair)

## **REFERENCES**

---

Vincenzo Bove  
University of Warwick  
[V.Bove@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:V.Bove@warwick.ac.uk)

Luigi Curini  
University of Milan  
[Luigi.curini@unimi.it](mailto:Luigi.curini@unimi.it)

Andrea Ruggeri  
Oxford University  
[andrea.ruggeri@politics.ox.ac.uk](mailto:andrea.ruggeri@politics.ox.ac.uk)

Deborah Avant  
University of Denver  
[Deborah.avant@du.edu](mailto:Deborah.avant@du.edu)