I. Contact Details

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Research areas: The Holy See and Catholic Church in international politics; Catholic humanitarianism and NGOs; migration and refugee governance; religion and environment (CATCH); history of diplomacy and international institutions; archival, interpretivist and mixed methods.

Working Languages: English – Italian – French – Spanish – Latin (reading knowledge).
Professional experience in teaching English, in interpreting, and in translation.

II. Research Posts

09/2026 – Present ***Associate Researcher*** **– Universidade de Santiago de Compostela (Spain),** *Centro de Investigación Interuniversitario das Paisaxes Atlánticas Culturais* (CISPAC), HISTAGRA research group, and the Radical Environmental Humanities Hub (REH2). PI: Professor Marco Armiero.

- Working on the European Research Council (ERC) project *CATCH – The Catholic Church and the Environment.*
- Research on the Catholic Church's engagement with intergovernmental institutions, with a focus on the Holy See's contribution to international environmental law and diplomacy; archival and longitudinal approach, from the 1960s (Second Vatican Council) to Pope Francis.

10/2021 – 06/2025 ***Researcher*** **– University of Glasgow (UK)**. (Politics and Religion, School of Social and Political Sciences). Conceived project, secured competitive funding (CoSS), and led an interdisciplinary study of Catholic humanitarian NGOs and refugee assistance. Mixed-methods design (grounded theory, network analysis, qualitative coding, stakeholder workshops), with 30+ expert interviews across Rome, Brussels, Geneva, participant observation, and archival research in Rome and the Vatican. Outputs: PhD thesis, monograph (Routledge, 2027), peer-reviewed and media outputs, policy briefs/white papers.

07/2023 – 12/2024 ***Research Assistant*** **– University of Stirling (UK)**. (Public Policy). Built, coded and validated datasets from cross database data mining of 7,000+ articles for Qualitative Systematic Review on COVID-19, (in)equalities, and policymaking. Roles: dataset building, quantitative validation, writing and editing. PI: Professor Paul Cairney

01/2024 – 03/2024 ***Research Assistant*** **– University of Stirling** and **University of Glasgow (UK)**. Nuclear Politics. Compiled and curated a comprehensive database mapping UK expertise in higher education on nuclear weapons policy, coordinated data collection, coding and visualisation for comparative analysis and stakeholder outreach. Co-chaired stakeholder workshop on Nuclear Network Policy Research across the UK.
PI: Dr Megan Dee, Co-I: Dr Rhys Crilley.

11/2022 – 06/2023 ***Visiting Researcher*** **– Sapienza University of Rome (Italy).** Chair on Religion and Politics, Department of Political Sciences. Funded by Erasmus+ Traineeship Grant and by the Clark Bursary Fund. Participated in interdisciplinary grant applications. Curated English publications with multidisciplinary research teams.

11/2022 – 12/2022 ***Research Assistant*** **– University of Stirling (UK).** Translated expert interview questions (EN←→FR). Provided live interpretation during interviews (EN←→FR) for Professor Andrea Schapper's work on transnational advocacy networks, climate change, and human rights.

12/2018 – 06/2019 ***Research Assistant*** **– University of Aberdeen (UK).** Collected, coded and validated a comprehensive database of UK policymakers' educational backgrounds for a major comparative project led by Prof. Michael Keating. Extrapolated data from parliamentary databases of UK and EU parliaments. Designed coding schema, ensured inter coder reliability, and prepared the dataset for secondary analysis. Responsibilities: descriptive statistics, cross tabulations, and figure creation to support comparative arguments and dissemination. Findings published with Oxford University Press (2020).

III. Education

27 June 2025 **Ph.D. (*Philosophiae Doctor*) degree in Politics,** College of Social Sciences, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Glasgow (UK).

- Viva passed with grade A "No corrections" (eq. *summa cum laude*).
- Thesis on faith-based organisations and Catholic humanitarianism.

22 April 2021 **M.Phil. (Master of Philosophy) degree in International Peace Studies**, School of Religion, Theology, and Peace Studies, Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)

- Graduated with *Distinction*.
- Merit PG Scholarship and James Haire Prize for best coursework.

12 June 2019 **Joint B.A. (Bachelor of Arts) with Honours in International Politics and Languages,** Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Stirling (UK).

- Graduated with *First Class with Distinction in spoken French*.
- Winner of the Student of the Year 2019 Award.

01 - 06 2018 **Erasmus+ semester abroad** (International Relations and Law) at the *Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris*, *SciencesPo*, Paris (France).

- Final overall grade: *mention très bien* (17/20).

June 2017 **Summer School in European Business and European Integration**, *Grande Ecole de Management de Strasbourg*, Strasbourg (France).

- Final overall grade: *mention très bien* (18/20).

IV. Training

- OSINT Analysis, HOZINT (Horizon Intelligence) course, AMIStaDeS Study Centre (Rome)
- Mental Health First Aid: NHS Scotland, University of Stirling and University of Glasgow
- NVivo Data Analysis, University of Glasgow.

V. Selected Publications

A. Monographs:

1) **Intropido, S.** (2027 – forthcoming February 1) *The Politics of Catholic NGO Networks. Religion, Migration, and the Humanitarian Babel.* Routledge Studies in Religion and Politics series. ISBN: 9781041380092. London: Routledge.

B. Book Chapters:

2) Keating, M., Cairney, P. and **Intropido, S**. (2020) "The Political Class in Scotland", Chapter 27 in Keating, M. (ed.) (2020) *The Oxford Handbook of Scottish Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

C. Book Reviews:

3) **Intropido, S.** (2026, forthcoming) Review of the book *Towards a New Christian Political Realism. The Amsterdam School of Philosophy and the Role of Religion in International Relations* by Polinder, S. (2025), London: Routledge, ISBN 9781032612515. Book Review in *The Hague Journal of Diplomacy*, ISSN: 1871-191X (online).

D. Research Articles:

4) Cairney, P. and **Intropido, S.** (2026) "The pursuit of equity in COVID-19 policy and policymaking: a qualitative systematic review", *Open Research Europe*, Volume 5:167 (https://doi.org/10.12688/openreseurope.20563.2). ISSN: 2732-5121.
5) **Intropido, S**. (2026) "The Ethics of Understanding: Why Language Matters for Making Peace", *Open House,* Issue 334, March 2026.
6) Cairney, P. and **Intropido, S.** (2025) "The pursuit of equity in COVID-19 policy and policymaking: a qualitative systematic review", *Open Research Europe*, Volume 5:167 (https://doi.org/10.12688/openreseurope.20563.1). ISSN: 2732-5121.

E. Academic Translations:

7) **Intropido, S.** (2024) English translation (role: English translation, editing, data control and abstract creation) from Italian: D'Angelo, A. (2024) "The Italian Decline in the Metamorphosis of the European People's Party", *Storia Presente*, *Nuova Rivista Storica*, Società Editrice Dante Alighieri, CVIII, 1, January-April 2024, pp. 1-22. ISSN 0029-6236.

F. Research Reports:

8) Lange, E., Polinder, S., Nitschke, U., Bianchi, E., **Intropido, S**., Thomas, S.M., Tolstoy, K., Uxhi, P., van der Woud, R. (2026) *White Paper: Towards Religious and Theological Literacy in International Relations.* October 8.
DOI: https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.23241106
9) Dee, M., Crilley, R., and **Intropido, S**. (2024) "Networking Nuclear research in Scotland and the UK", Report, *The Scottish Council on Global Affairs*, October.

G. Policy and Public Engagement:

10) **Intropido, S.** (1/4/2026) "Health, Development and Peacebuilding: The Ethics of International NGOs' programmes in conflict-affected countries". Emerging Scholars Forum, April 2026, *The First. Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church.*
11) **Intropido, S.** (1/7/2025) "Sacred Hospitality: Tracing the Catholic Church's Transformative Response to Forced Migration", European Forum, July 2025, *The First, Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church*.
12) **Intropido, S**. & Vitiello, A. (22/6/2025) "Una via praticabile" *Avvenire*. *Lazio Sette.*
13) **Intropido, S.** (16/5/2025) "Pope Leo XIV and the Migrant Mandate: Continuity or Change?", *Glasgow Social Sciences Hub*.
14) **Intropido, S.** (14/5/2025) "Le pape Léon XIV s'inscrit dans l'histoire d'amour et d'hospitalité de l'Église envers l'étranger", *La Croix*.
15) **Intropido, S.** (7/5/2025) "How Pope Francis transformed the Holy See's care for migrants", *The Loop*, ECPR's Political Science Blog.

VI. Conference Papers and Seminar Presentations (selected)

2 July 2026	Invited speaker on Theological Literacy in International Relations, working group, paper "Catholic Humanitarianism and Migration", European Academy of Religion (EUARE) 2026 Annual Conference, Rome, Italy.
2 October 2025	Invited speaker on "Faith in Action: Strengthening Partnerships with Local Knowledge", special talk on faith-secular partnerships for refugee education during international launch of the *Refugees and Migrants in Our Common Home* project, coordinated by Villanova University (USA) and hosted by the Augustinian Patristic Pontifical Institute, Rome – Vatican City State.
23 September 2024	Invited Speaker at GRAMNet & Migration and Mobilities Research Group Seminar Series, University of Glasgow. Talk "The Humanitarian Babel. A Comparative Study of Catholic Relief Organisations' Assistance to Refugees".
15 August 2024	**Intropido, S.** "Humanitarianism of the Roman Catholic Church: contested spaces of religion in a secular landscape", paper presented at the panel "Between state and civil society: Churches and Religious Temples as intermediate organizations." European Consortium of Political Research, University College Dublin, Ireland.
5 September 2023	**Intropido, S**. "The Roman Catholic Church's Multilevel Mediation Between Aid Organisations and Secular Political Institutions: A Case of Migration Governance in Europe", paper presented at panel on "Christianity and Politics in Europe" , Section on "Religion and Politics in the 2020s: the State of the Field". European Consortium of Political Research, Charles University of Prague, Czech Republic.
7 July 2022	**Intropido, S.** "Negotiating Borders: The Holy See Towards the UN Global Compact on Refugees", paper presented at the 3rd International Conference on Migration and Mobilities, University of St Andrews, Scotland (UK).
22 April 2022	**Intropido, S.** "From Vatican Policies to Humanitarian Practices: the Role of the Holy See's Migrants and Refugee Section on Catholic NGOs Working with Displaced Migrants", paper presented at the 9th Education Studies Conference, *Globalisation, International Development and Connections in Education.* University of Warwick, England (UK)

VII. Collaborative & International Research Projects

- Funder: European Research Council - ERC project (Horizon EU).
  - Project "CATCH – The Catholic Church and the Environment"
  - PI: Prof. Marco Armiero.
- Funders: EU's Horizon 2020 (project IMAJINE – Integrative Mechanisms for Addressing Spatial Justice and Territorial Inequalities in Europe); UK Covid Inquiry Consultancy Fund.
  - Project "The pursuit of equity in COVID-19 policy and policymaking"
  - PI: Prof. Paul Cairney.
- Funder: Scottish Council on Global Affairs (SCGA).
  - Project "Networking nuclear research in Scotland and the UK",
  - PI: Dr Megan Dee, Co-I: Dr Rhys Crilley.

VIII. Invited Lectures

18 November 2025	"The Catholic Church and Migration", Scottish Catholic Theology Forum.
14 October 2024	Guest lecture on "The Catholic Church and Migration", undergraduate course *Religion in Society*, University of Glasgow (UK).
15 April 2024	Guest lecture "Understanding the Contemporary International System", The British School of Milan (Italy).
29 February 2024	Guest lecture on "Catholic responses to social challenges: Migration, Refugees, and Asylum", undergraduate (Honours) course *Issues in Contemporary Catholicism*, Critical Studies, University of Glasgow (UK).
18 January 2024	Guest lecture on "Religion and Migration. Case Study: The Holy See", *Case Studies in Religion and Global Challenges*, postgraduate course , School of Critical Studies, University of Glasgow (UK).

IX. University Teaching

09/2024 – 01/2025 and 09/2023 – 01/2024	Tutor with Student Assessment and Feedback (seminar leader and assessor), second-year undergraduate course "**Understanding International Politics**". Faculty of Arts & Humanities, University of Stirling. Led seminars, held weekly office hours, marked assessments: c.100 students across two cohorts.
01/2024 – 06/2024	Teaching assistant/seminar co-facilitator (invited), undergraduate (honours) course "**European Comparative Politics**", University of Glasgow.
11/2022 – 06/2023	Assistant (Erasmus+ Trainee) to undergraduate courses in contemporary history, co-examiner in **Church history**, support for master dissertations in **Religion and Politics**. Sapienza University of Rome

X. Workshop Organiser and Facilitator (selected)

May 2024	**Co-facilitator and co-organiser**. "Networking UK Nuclear Research" workshop, UK-wide on nuclear politics and policy expertise, University of Stirling, Scotland (UK), funded by the Scottish Council on Global Affairs.
November 2023	**Chair and moderator**. "Languages in International Politics and Diplomacy", workshop with Peace & Development Adviser, UN Resident Coordinator, the Gambia, for undergraduate and postgraduate students. University of Stirling.
October 2023	**Co-organiser**. "Towards a new Global Advocacy Strategy" 3-day international workshop in Nairobi (Kenya) convened by the Global Advocacy Unit at the JRS International Office.
March 2023	**Co-organiser, facilitator, and chair** of the **Spanish**-language sessions. "Towards a new Global Advocacy Strategy" 3-day international workshop in Lisbon (Portugal) convened by the Global Advocacy Unit at the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) International Office.

XI. Other Teaching, Training, and Programme Experience

- **ESOL /EFL English Teacher**: literacy courses; Cambridge ESOL exam preparation.
- **Educator** and **programme manager:** learning & recreational activities, team supervision.
- **Course Developer**: online learning modules for humanitarian practitioners (JRS & partners).

XII. Other Relevant Experience

- **Assistant to the Head of Global Advocacy**, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), Rome (2023)

XIII. Research Grants and Scholarships (selected, 2021 - 2026)

1. Clark Bursary Fund, Research Grant for PhD fieldwork, 2022
2. EU Erasmus+ Traineeship Grant, for PhD visiting post, Sapienza University of Rome, 2022
3. School of Social and Political Sciences Conference Grant, University of Glasgow, 2022
4. School of Social and Political Sciences Conference Grant, University of Glasgow, 2021
5. College of Social Sciences Research & Travel Support Grant, University of Glasgow, 2021
6. College of Social Sciences full PhD Studentship, University of Glasgow, 2021 – 2024

XIV. Awards and Honours (selected, 2019 - 2026)

7. University of Glasgow's nominee to the ECPR for the 2026 Jean Blondel PhD Prize in politics
8. James Haire Prize, MPhil's best coursework, Trinity College Dublin, 2021
9. Student of the Year Award, University of Stirling, 2019
10. John Forty Award for Excellence in Combined Honours Politics, University of Stirling, 2019