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Education

European University Institute – Department of History and Civilisation
Florence, Italy 2022-2026

Ph.D. in Early Modern History

Thesis title: “Naval Salutes, International Hierarchy, and the Representation of Power at Sea in the Early Modern Mediterranean”

Supervisor: Giancarlo Casale

Second reader: Giorgio Riello

Funded by the French Ministry of Higher Education

École Normale Supérieure Paris-Saclay – Department of Social
Sciences 2018-2022
Gif-sur-Yvette, France

Top French research school diploma

École Normale Supérieure, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne –
History Department 2021-2022
Paris, France

Intensive program preparing for the history *agrégation*, a national competitive entry exam for aspiring professors

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne – Early Modern and Modern
History Institute (IHMC) 2020-2021
Paris, France

MPhil in Early Modern History

Thesis title: “« Une charmante diversité de pratiques » : les saluts maritimes à l’époque moderne” (“‘A charming diversity of practice’: naval salutes in the early modern era”) – Summa Cum Laude

Supervisor: Jean-François Chauvard

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne – Early Modern and Modern History Institute (IHMC) 2019-2020
Paris, France

MPhil in Early Modern History (1st year)

Thesis title : “Une politique de prestige : les préséances diplomatiques (ambassadeurs et saluts maritimes) comme prétextes du bombardement de Gênes de 1684” (“A policy of prestige: diplomatic precedence (ambassadors and naval salutes) as excuses for the 1684 bombing of Genoa”) – Summa Cum Laude

Supervisor: Guillaume Calafat

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne – History Department 2018-2019
Paris, France

BA in History – High honours

Université Paris-Sorbonne – Sociology Department 2018-2019
Paris, France

BA in Sociology – High honours

Lycée du Parc – Classe Préparatoire B/L 2015-2018
Lyon, France

Three-year intensive program preparing for the national competitive exam for entry into top French research schools

Publications

“L’étendard ne cède qu’au plus éminent’ : Préséances et société de cour dans les opérations navales méditerranéennes au XVI^e siècle”, in H. Cotter, A. Grudnicka (dir.), [Under review], *Renaissance and Reformation*, 2025.

“Saluti di mare e «battibecchi» di rango: il cerimoniale durante le prime spedizioni navali francesi nel Mediterraneo (1664-1673)”, in A. Biagianti (dir.), “Il cerimoniale marittimo: linguaggio condiviso e terreno di scontro”, *Proposte e Ricerche*, 93, 2024, <https://eum.unimc.it/it/catalogo/926-proposte-e-ricerche-n-93>.

Book Review: *Early Modern European Diplomacy: A Handbook*, D. Goetze, L. Oetzel (eds.), De Gruyter Oldenbourg, 2024. Published in *CEU Review of Books*, August 2024, <https://ceureviewofbooks.com/review/a-new-diplomatic-history-of-early-modern-europe>.

Book Review: *The Sun King at Sea: Maritime Art and Galley Slavery in Louis XIV’s France*, M. Martin, G. Weiss, Getty Publications, 2022. Published in *H-Maritime*, [To be published].

Conference presentations

“Naval Salutes and the Intercultural Transmission of Diplomatic Knowledge in the Early Modern Indian Ocean”, *The World and Europe: Diplomatic Transfers, Networks, Representations and Practices*, New Diplomatic History Network, Aix-en-Provence, May 2025

“Naval Salutes and International Rank between France and Italy in the 17th Century”, 6th Mediterranean Maritime History Network Conference, Rethymno, May 2024

“Building and Interpreting Maritime Ceremony in Europe and Asia in the 17th Century”, *Translating cultures. Interpretations, adaptations, contaminations, reactions in history of Modern and Contemporary Europe (XVI-XXth centuries)*, Joint SAGAS-EUI-SNS Annual Seminar, Florence, March 2024

“‘I Was Mocked Everywhere for Wanting to Equal Crowned Heads’: Naval Salutes as the Symbolic Representation of Rank at Sea in the Republic of Genoa (1637-1685)”, *Reading between the lines: sources for political communication revisited*, European University Institute, Florence, June 2023 (**as organiser**)

“Naval Salutes, International Hierarchy and the Representation of Power at Sea in the Early Modern Mediterranean”, Inaugural Workshop, European University Institute, September 2022

“Diplomacy and the 1684 Bombing of Genoa”, *History of International Relations and Anthropology of Court Society Roundtable*, May 2021

“Naval Salutes in the Early Modern Era”, *History of International Relations and Anthropology of Court Society Roundtable*, January 2021

Winter Schools

Winter School in Archival Studies “Malta and the Order of St John in Europe (16th-18th centuries). Documents, People, Institutions”, Archivio di Stato di Firenze, Florence, Italy January 2024

Relevant professional experience

Private tutoring in history and English for two students, Paris, France 2018-current

Mentoring for new master’s students, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France 2021

Internship, French general consulate, Milan, Italy July 2019

Languages

Native: **French**

Proficient (written and oral): **English (C2), Italian (C2)**

Beginner: **Turkish**