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CURRENT POSITION

Reader (Senior Associate Professor) in Politics and International Relations, School of Politics and IR, University of Kent (October 2018-). Areas of expertise: biopolitics, neoliberalism, citizenship and migration, religion and secularism in international politics, posthumanism

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) in Politics and International Relations, School of Politics and IR, University of Kent (October 2014-September 2018)

Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Politics and International Relations, School of Politics and IR, University of Kent (September 2012-September 2014)

Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in International Politics, School of Politics, University of Surrey (November 2011-July 2012)

ESRC Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of International Relations, University of Sussex (December 2010-November 2011)

Sessional Lecturer (Adjunct Professor), School of Political Science and International Studies, University of Queensland, Australia (July-November 2010)

Sessional Lecturer (Adjunct Professor), School of Social and Political Science, University of Canterbury, New Zealand, (February-June 2010)

EDUCATION

PGCHE (Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education), University of Kent, 2013

PhD, Department of International Politics, University of Wales, Aberystwyth, 2005-2009

MSc Econ (Master) in International Politics, University of Wales, Aberystwyth, 2003-2004

MA (Master) in International Relations, University of Bologna, 2002-2003

LAUREA summa cum laude in Economics, University of Naples, 1994-2002 (4-year course p. time)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Neoliberal Citizenship: Sacred Markets, Sacrificial Lives* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022)
- *Europe's Encounter with Islam: The Secular and the Postsecular* (Abingdon and New York: Routledge 2012), published simultaneously hardback and paperback.
- *Religion and Coloniality: Five Meditations*
 - Co-authored monograph, with Cecelia Lynch, Nadia Fadil, Santiago Slabodsky, and J. Cameron Carter, to be published in 2023 by Notre Dame University Press.

Edited books

- *The Refugee Crisis and Religion: Secularism, Security and Hospitality in Question* (London: Rowman and Littlefield, 2017) (co-edited with Erin K. Wilson)
- *Towards a Postsecular International Politics: New Forms of Community, Identity, and Power* (New York: Palgrave, 2014) (co-edited with Fabio Petito)

Edited journal issues

- 'The Postsecular in International Relations', *Review of International Studies* 2012 Special Issue (co-edited with Kimberly Hutchings and Fabio Petito).

Articles in peer-reviewed academic journals

- 2019. 'Neoliberalism as Religion: Sacralization of the Market and Post-truth Politics', *International Political Sociology*, 14 (1): 57-76
- 2019. 'Resilience beyond neoliberalism? Mystique of complexity, financial crises, and the reproduction of neoliberal life', *Resilience: International Policies, Practices and Discourses*, 7:3, 224-239
- 2018. 'Citizenship for sale and the neoliberal political economy of belonging.' *International Studies Quarterly* 62.3: 482-493.
- 2017. 'Governing Populations through the Humanitarian Government of Refugees: Biopolitical Care and Racism in the European Refugee Crisis'. *Review of International Studies*, 43(5): 809-832.
- 2017. 'Governing the Resilience of Neoliberalism through Biopolitics.' *European Journal of International Relations* 23(3): 489-512.
- 2016. 'Governing Uncertainty in a Secular Age: Rationalities of Violence, Theodicy and Torture.' *Security Dialogue* 47:117-132.
- 2014. 'Widening participation, the instrumentalization of knowledge and the reproduction of inequality'. *Teaching in Higher Education*, 2014, 19 (8). pp. 860-869.

- 2014. 'Collective Evil and Individual Pathology: The Depoliticization of Violence Against Afghan Civilians', *International Politics*, 2014, 51. pp. 508-524 (with Harmonie Toros).
- 2013. 'Terrorism, Organised Crime and the Biopolitics of Violence', *Critical Studies on Terrorism*, 2013, 6(1): 73-91 (with Harmonie Toros).
- 2013. 'Between Normalisation and Exception: The Securitisation of Islam and the Construction of the Secular Subject', *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, 2013, 41: 159-181.
- 2012. 'Postsecular resistance, the body, and the 2011 Egyptian Revolution', *Review of International Studies*, 2012, 38(5): 1057-78.
- 2012. 'The Postsecular in International Relations: An Overview', *Review of International Studies*, 2012, 38(5): 931-42 (with Fabio Petito).
- 2012. 'Security and Secularization in International Relations', *European Journal of International Relations*, 2012, 18(1): 177-199.
- 2008. 'Political Church, Procedural Europe, and the Creation of the Islamic Other', *Journal of Religion in Europe*, 2008, 1(3): 273-301.
- 2008. 'Appropriation and Redemption in Contemporary Western Discourses on Islam in Europe', *St Antony's International Review*, 2008, 3(2): 74-93.

Book chapters

- Wilson, Erin K. and Mavelli, Luca (2017) Religion and the Global Migration Crisis: Secularism, Security and Solidarity in Question. In: Mavelli, Luca and Wilson, Erin K. Wilson, eds. *The Refugee Crisis and Religion: Secularism, Security and Hospitality in Question*. Rowman and Littlefield, London, pp. 1-22.
- Wilson, Erin K. and Mavelli, Luca (2016) Taking Responsibility: Sociodicy, Solidarity, and Religious-Sensitive Policymaking in the Global Politics of Migration. In: Saunders, Jennifer B. and Fiddian-Qasmiyeh, Elena and Snyder, Susanna, eds. *Intersections of Religion and Migration: Issues at the Global Crossroads*. Palgrave, New York, 261-284.
- 2016. The Governmentality of Terrorism: Uncertainty, Risk Management, and Surveillance. In: Jackson, Richard, ed. *Routledge Handbook of Critical Terrorism Studies*. Routledge, New York and London.
- Mavelli, Luca and Wilson, Erin K. (2016) Postsecularism and International Relations. In: Haynes, Jeffrey, ed. *Routledge Handbook of Religion and Politics*. Routledge, New York and London, pp. 251-269.
- Mavelli, Luca and Petito, Fabio (2014) 'Towards a Postsecular International Politics'. In: Mavelli, Luca and Petito, Fabio (eds) *Towards a Postsecular International Politics: New Forms of Community, Identity, and Power* (Palgrave Macmillan, New York)
- Mavelli, Luca (2014) 'Secularism, Postsecularism, and States of Exception in the 2011 Egyptian Revolution and Its Aftermath'. In: Mavelli, Luca and Petito, Fabio (eds) *Towards a*

Postsecular International Politics: New forms of community, identity, and power (Palgrave Macmillan, New York)

- 'Europe's identity crisis, Islam in Europe, and the crisis of European secularity' (2014), in Roberto Tottoli (ed), *Routledge Handbook of Islam in the West*
- 'Beyond Secularism: Immanence and Transcendence in the Political Thought of William Connolly', in Alan Finlayson (ed.), *Democracy and Pluralism: The Political Thought of William Connolly*, pp. 144-163 (London: Routledge, 2009).

Policy papers

- Erin K. Wilson and Luca Mavelli (2014) *Faith and the Asylum Crisis: The role of religion in responding to displacement* (Policy Paper presented at the European Parliament, 19.11.2014)

Review exchange

- Luca Mavelli and Anne Norton, 'Luca Mavelli and Anne Norton review each other's books on discourses on Islam, the West and Post-secularism', *European Political Science* 14(2): 196-202.

Book reviews

- Stig Jarle Hansen, Atle Mesøy, Tuncay Kardas (eds.), *The Borders of Islam Exploring Huntington's Faultlines, from Al-Andalus to the Virtual Ummah*, *Millennium*, 39:2 2010.
- F. Petito and P. Hatzopoulos (eds.), *Religion in International Relations: The Return from Exile*, *Religioni e Società*, 23: 62, 2008.

Contributions to specialized blogs

- Wilson, Erin K. and Mavelli, Luca, 'Was Jesus a Refugee? Encountering the Divine through the Truly Human', *ABC Religion and Ethics*, 24/12/16, <http://www.abc.net.au/religion/articles/2016/12/24/4597121.htm>.
 - Wilson, Erin K. and Mavelli, Luca, 'The Refugee Crisis and Religion: Beyond Physical and Conceptual Boundaries', *The Immanent Frame*, 1/12/16, <https://tif.ssrc.org/2016/12/01/the-refugee-crisis-and-religion/>.
 - Wilson, Erin K. and Mavelli, Luca, 'Good Muslim/Bad Muslim' and 'Good Refugee/Bad Refugee' Narratives are Shaping European Responses to the Refugee Crisis', *LSE Religion and the Public Sphere*, 6/12/16, shorturl.at/ivIS2.
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AWARDS & GRANTS

- **Visiting Fellowship**, Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Bologna, Italy, February-March 2022.
- **Nominated by the School of Politics and IR at Kent for the University Research Prize** (Consolidator). My research has been recognized as 'cutting-edge', 'timely and provocative', of 'internationally significant standing', 'at the centre of key debates within the discipline' and capable of stimulating 'considerable debate' within and beyond academia. My research path has been described as 'an impressive upward trajectory' that places me in a very strong position 'to offer future innovative and significant research'; January 2018
- **Faculty Research Grant**, University of Kent, to carry out research on Kenneth Waltz and Human experience of War, £1,998 (July 2014).
- **British Council's Bridging Voices** program, with Erin Wilson (University of Groningen) and Elzbieta M. Gozdzia (University of Georgetown): £15,638: grant awarded to the University of Kent (September 2013; 30 August 2014); title of the project: 'Addressing the Asylum Crisis: Postsecular Contributions to Rethinking Protection in Global Politics'.
- **Research School Fund**, School of Politics and IR, University of Kent, with Tugba Basaran, Feargal Cochrane, Élise Féron, Toni Haastrup, Amanda Klekowski von Koppenfels, Neophytos Loizides, £9,980 (October 2013; 30 August 2014); title of the project: 'Deconstructing the Securitization/Migration Nexus: Remapping Understandings of Diaspora Identities and Behaviour for International Security'.
- **ECPR Research Session**, 9-12 July 2013 Essex, with Erin Wilson, accommodation and living expenses; title of the project: 'The Postsecular and Political Belonging'.
- **ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowship** 2010-2011 (£72,000); title of the project: 'The Secular and the Postsecular: Subjectivity, Power, Europe and Islam'.
- My proposal 'The Postsecular in International Relations' (co-authored with Fabio Petito) was selected as the 2012 *Review of International Studies* **Special Issue** following an open competition, May 2011
- Nominated for the '**Most Outstanding Teacher Award**' and **Commendation for 'outstanding tutoring'**, University of Queensland, 2010
- **BISA Founders Award** 2008 (£500)
- **E.H. Carr Scholarship**, Aberystwyth University, 2005-2008 (£33,000)
- **Robert Schuman Scholarship**, European Parliament, Luxembourg, 2005 (6000 €)
- **Philip Morris Marketing Prize**, placed 11th (out of 377) in 1999 and 4th (out of 433) in 2000 and awarded the participation in the *Philip Morris Advanced Marketing Course*, Volterra, Italy, October 1999 and 2000

KEYNOTES, INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **Invited talk:** *Neoliberal Citizenship: Sacred Market, Sacrificial Lives*
 - University of Bologna, 18 February 2022
 - University College London, Department of Geography, 5 October 2022
 - Nottingham Trent University, 18 October 2022
 - University of Warwick, 16 November 2022
 - University of Sussex, 23 November 2022
 - London Metropolitan University, 8 February 2023
 - University of Manchester, 16 June 2023
- **Invited talk:** 'Spectres of COVID-19' to be presented at *Resilience in the Post-COVID-19 World Disorder*, University of Trento 9-11 June 2022 (co-authored with Jonathan Joseph)
- **Invited talk:** 'Political Economies of the Sacred' to be presented at *Christendom and After International Relations*, University of Exeter, 11 May 2019 (cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic)
- **Keynote:** 'From Difference to Sameness: Scapegoating and Austerity in the European refugee crisis', 2019 Colloquium on Religion and Violence, University of Innsbruck 12 July 2019, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ao3Vjlm1FIA&t=12s>
- **Invited talk:** The European refugee crisis, Oslo-Kent workshop, University of Oslo, 20 May 2019
- **Invited talk:** The Neoliberal Rationality of Secularism, University of Notre Dame, USA, 16 March 2019
- **Invited talk:** 'The Neoliberal Political Economy of Civilization and the Sacralization of the Market', presented at the workshop 'Civilizations Against the Threat of Social Barbarism'. Dialogue of Civilisations Research Institute, Berlin, 18 June 2018. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Z3e--HzdUI&t=211s>
- **Invited talk:** 'Religion and Populism', presented at the workshop 'Re-examining Religion and Modernities' organized by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and the Keough School of Global Affairs at the University of Notre Dame, USA, Chicago 6 June 2018
- **Keynote:** 'Rethinking Europe Between and Beyond the Secular and the Religious', presented at the workshop 'Tell me Europe, How do You Feel about Religion?', University of Innsbruck, Austria, 24 May 2018
- **Invited talk:** 'Market Fundamentalism, Neoliberalism, and Postsecular Critique', 2018 ISA Conference, San Francisco, as part of the panel 'Religion, Reflexivity and Politics', organized by Marcos Scauso, University of California, Irvine (panel includes Professor Mustapha Pasha and Professor Cecelia Lynch); 6 April 2018

- **Invited talk:** 'Governing the Resilience of Neoliberalism through Faith', workshop 'Resilience and Hegemony: Questioning Adaptation Discourses', University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany, co-organized by the University of Sheffield, invited by Professor Jonathan Joseph to join a selected group of 9 leading scholars of resilience in IR (including Professor David Chandler and Professor Julian Reid); 18 January 2018; followed by a special issue.
- **Invited talk:** 'Blurring the Boundaries of the Secular and the Religious in Migration Discourse', at the workshop 'Reimagining Difference in Migration and Displacement', Centre for Religion, Conflict and Globalization, University of Groningen, Netherlands. 14 Sept. 2017
- **Keynote:** 'If Europeans Want to Live, Refugees Must Die! The Biopolitical and Moral Economy of the Refugee Crisis', University of Leiden, Netherlands, 12 Sep 2017
- **Invited talk:** The transformation of truth in a postsecular age (with Erin K. Wilson) ECPR Joint Session, University of Nottingham, 14 June 2017
- **Invited talk:** 'Pope Francis and the Neoliberal Sacralisation of the Market', delivered at conference 'Popes on the Rise! Mobilization, Media, and Political Power of the Modern Papacy', Vatican City, organized by the University of Munster (Germany) 23 March 2017.
- **Radio Interview:** 'The Politics of the Refugee Crisis', *NPR's Here and Now*, <https://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2015/09/14/politics-refugee-crisis>, 14 September 2015
- **Keynote:** 'Secularism, Postsecularism and Islam in Europe', University of Lisbon, as part of the summer school 'Religion in the Public Domain', 11 July 2015.
- **Invited talk:** 'Political Theology and Biopolitics in the European Refugee Crisis', at the workshop 'International Political Theology: International Relations as Theo-Political Discourse?', University of St Andrews (unable to attend), 1 May 2015
- **Keynote:** 'Faith and the Asylum Crisis: The role of Religion in Responding to Displacement', delivered at the European Parliament as part of the presentation of the eponymous policy paper co-authored with Erin Wilson, invited by Denis De Jong, MEP 19 Nov. 2014.
- **Presentation:** 'Faith and the Asylum Crisis', Georgetown University, Washington DC (May 2014), University of Kent, Brussels (June 2014)
- **Invited talk:** 'Migration and Postsecularity', City University London, 14 April 2014, BISA workshop organized Dr Sara Silvestri
- **Invited talk:** 'The Securitisation of Islam and the Construction of the Secular Subject', CARC, University of Kent, 30 October 2013.
- **Presentation:** 'Uncertainty, Religious Violence and the Secularisation of Torture', ECPR General Conference, Bordeaux, 4-7 September 2013 (also discussant on panel on 'Europe as a normative power')

- **Invited talk:** 'Undocumented Migration, the Camp, and Postsecularity: Rethinking Solidarity beyond Hospitality', ECPR Research Session, Essex, 9-12 July 2013.
 - **Invited talk:** 'Terrorism, Organised Crime and the Biopolitics of Violence', paper presented with Harmonie Toros at the workshop: 'Terrorism and Peace/Conflict Studies: Investigating the Crossroad', University of Kent, September 2012
 - **Presentation:** 'Postsecular resistance, the body, and the 2011 Egyptian Revolution', BISA 2012, June, Edinburgh and Telos Conference, New York, February 2013
 - **Presentation:** 'Torture and the Postsecular Body of the 2011 Egyptian Revolution', *The Postsecular in International Politics*, 27-28 October 2011, University of Sussex (also co-organizer of the conference).
 - **Roundtable contribution:** 'The Mediterranean and Religiously-inspired Parties' reflecting on the emergence of new political actors and the role of religion in the Arab revolts, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome, 18 April 2011; invited to a roundtable of academics, diplomats, and NGO representatives.
 - **Presentation:** 'The Securitization of Islam and the Construction of the Secular Subject', BISA 2011, 27 April, Manchester, and University of Sussex, 7 February 2011.
 - **Invited talk:** 'Security and Secularization in International Relations', Durham University 14 January 2011, and University of Queensland, Australia, 17 September 2010.
 - **Radio Interview:** On the French law proposing to ban the burqa in public spaces, *Radio Plains FM 96.9* (New Zealand), Christchurch, May 2010.
 - **Presentation:** 'Appropriation and Redemption in Contemporary Western Discourses on Islam in Europe', Religion and Politics Research Group, Aberystwyth University, 12 May 2008.
 - **Presentation:** "'In Europe but not of Europe": Non Muslims and Muslims beyond the secular/religious divide', ISA 2008, San Francisco, 26-29 March (also co-convener of the panel 'The Politics of Secularism, The Politics of Religion').
 - **Presentation:** 'Europe, Proceduralism and the reinforcement of Islamic Otherness', ISA 2008 'Responding to Difference/Exploring Identity in Europe', BISA 2007, 17 December, University of Cambridge.
 - **Presentation:** 'Islam and European integration: re-enforcing or overcoming the divide?', presented at 'Religion and Politics in the Construction of the European Union', 16 June 2007, LSE.
 - **Presentation:** 'Connolly's post-secular pluralism in the context of Europe', presented at 'Becoming Plural: The Political Thought of William E. Connolly', Swansea University, 11-12 May 2007.
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TEACHING (UNDERGRADUATE)

Religion and International Politics, University of Kent, since 2013 Teaching evaluations average: 4.6 (out of 5)

International History and International Relations, University of Kent, since 2013 Teaching evaluations average: 4.4 (out of 5)

Liberal Arts: Sessions on 'Migration', 'Surveillance Society', and 'The Sacred'

Political Ideologies, University of Surrey, Spring 2012, Teaching evaluation 4.6 (out of 5)

Politics of the Middle East, University of Surrey, Spring 2012, Teaching evaluation not collected

Globalization and International Political Economy, University of Queensland, Autumn 2010, Teaching evaluation: 4.5 (out of 5), nomination for the 'Most Outstanding Teacher Award', commendation for 'outstanding tutoring'

International Organizations: The United Nations and International Security, University of Canterbury, Spring 2010, Teaching evaluation: 4.6 (out of 5) and letter of commendation from the Head of School

Guest Lecturer, University of Canterbury

- 'Human Rights', as part of the module *Political and Social Philosophy*, March 2010
- 'Cosmopolitanism', as part of the module *Critical Approaches to IR*, September 2007

Academic Tutor, Aberystwyth University,

- *International Political Theory*, second-year & third-year undergraduates, 2005-6.
- *The Arab-Israeli Wars*, second-year & third-year undergraduates, 2006-7.

TEACHING (POSTGRADUATE)

Philosophy and Methodology of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent, Since Autumn 2014, teaching evaluations average: 4.5 (out of 5)

International Relations Theory, University of Kent, Autumn 2012 - 2104, Teaching evaluation: 4.5 (out of 5).

Nationalism, Migration and Identity in Europe, University of Surrey, Autumn 2011, Teaching evaluation: 4.5 (out of 5)

Religions, Cultures and Civilisations in International Relations (with Fabio Petito), University of Sussex, Spring 2011, Teaching evaluation: 4.4 (out of 5)

PHD SUPERVISION

- **September 2017-19**, Karim Hegazy, "Beyond Rituals and National Models of Integration: Muslim Migrants' Religiosity in a Western Context", **Second Supervisor**

- **September 2018** – Giulia Grillo, *The Years of Lead in Italy and the ethno-national conflict in Northern Ireland: a deliberative democracy perspective*, **Joint first supervisor**
- **September 2019** – Ugo Gaudino, *The Securitization of Islam in Europe: An Ontological approach*, **First supervisor**

PHD INTERNAL EXAMINER

- **February 2018**, Julian de Medeiros, 'Conspiracy Theory in Turkey': A Critical Discourse Analysis'

PHD EXTERNAL EXAMINER

- **May 2013**, London School of Economics, Marco Scalvini: *The European Public Debate on Muslim Integration: A Critical Analysis of the Discourse of Civic Integration in France, Germany, and the UK*
- **April 2019**, Australian Catholic University, Nicholas Morieson *Religion and the Populist Radical Right in Western Europe*
- **January 2020**, University of Waikato, Estelle Townshend New Zealand, *Religion and Political Survival: the Regional Strategies of Saudi Arabia, Iran, Qatar and the UAE*

EXTERNAL EXAMINER OF TAUGHT DEGREES

- Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research, International Studies Program, Oslo, June-July 2010.
- London School of Economics, European Institute, MSc Global Europe: Culture and Conflict programme, 2018-2022.

REVIEW AND PEER REVIEW ACTIVITY

- *European Research Council; University of St Andrews (Scotland)*
- *Routledge; Palgrave; Rowman and Littlefield; European Journal of International Relations; Security Dialogue; International Relations; Globalizations, Global Change, Peace and Security; Politics, Religion and Ideology; Review of International Studies*

ADMIN ROLES

- Deputy REF Coordinator (since 2019)
- Bi-Diplôme Programme Director (a joint dual-degree programme with Science Po Lille) (since 2019)
- School of Politics and IR Research Seminar Series Coordinator
- Public Speaker Programme Coordinator

- YA Abroad Coordinator (France, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Canada, Argentina, Czech Republic, Finland, Poland, Norway, and Turkey)
 - Director of joint honours programmes
 - 2011/2012: UG Exam Officer (University of Surrey)
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Robert Schuman Intern, European Parliament, Luxembourg, 2005

Carried out research on the communication strategy of the European Parliament, drafted recommendations and attended policy meetings.

Administrative Assistant, Ceredigion Crossroads, Charity, Aberystwyth, 2004-2005

Research Assistant, Assolatte, Representative and Lobbying Association, Brussels, 2003

Carried out research and wrote short articles on the impact of subsidies of the Common Agriculture Policy on developing countries and WTO negotiations, and participated in meetings of the European Commission dairy management committee.

Marketing Officer, Twice Group, E-broker & Financial Advisory, 2000-2002

Member of the team responsible for the elaboration of marketing strategies and policies; developed positioning and customer satisfaction analyses; coordinated a small team for the launch of an e-learning platform for financial education; responsible for the coordination, development and content of web projects.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English: active *fluent*, passive *fluent*; **Italian:** *native speaker*; **French:** active *good*, passive *good*.
