

# Matteo Cianforlini

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## Current positions

**Ph.D. Candidate**, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna

**Assistant to the PhD Coordinator**, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna

**Teaching Assistant** for the course “Foundations of Politics”, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna

## Education

### University of Bologna

*Ph.D., Political and Social Sciences*

Ongoing

Research Project: Dealing with the increasing complexity of the international development finance regime: the cases of the AIIB and the NDB

### University of Bologna

*Master's in International Politics and Economics*

February 2023

Thesis: Is the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank promoting a new and alternative model of governance?

Final grade: 110/110 cum laude

### University of Bologna

*Bachelor's in International and Diplomatic Sciences*

July 2020

Final Grade: 107/110.

## Teaching Experience

**Teaching Assistant** for the compulsory Undergraduate course in “Foundations of Politics”, University of Bologna, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Spring semester, 2025. Total hours taught: 12

## Work Experience

### Assistant to the PhD Program Coordinator

*Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna*

December 2024 – ongoing

- Organization of seminars and events

- Creation of the PhD course calendar
- Participation in PhD council meetings

### **Multilateralism and International Economy Program Trainee**

*Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)*

May 2022 – August 2022

- Conducted desk research, analysis, and drafted working papers

### **Economic and Commercial Office Trainee**

*Permanent Representation of Italy to the UN and International Organizations in Geneva*

May 2022 – August 2022

- Prepared reports and summaries relating to the activities of the Italian Representation

### **Trainee**

*Emilia-Romagna Delegation to the European Union*

November 2021 – December 2021

- Monitored European policies and funding programs 2014-2020
- Oversaw negotiations for the approval of the 2021-2027 programs
- Participated in meetings and conferences on behalf of the delegation

## **Policy Publications**

### **Technology Policy in an Economic Security Era: Recommendations for a G7 FDI Screening Toolkit**

*Benson, E., Cianforlini, M., Iotti, R. M. P., Lizzi, F. G., & Tajoli, L. (2024). Think 7 Italy. <https://www.global-solutions-initiative.org/policy-brief/technology-policy-in-an-economic-security-era-recommendations-for-a-g7-fdi-screening-toolkit/>*

### **Gli italiani e gli aiuti pubblici allo sviluppo**

*Angelucci, D., Piccolino, G., Fattibene, D., Paviotti, I. & Cianforlini, M. (2022). Roma, IAI.*

<https://www.iai.it/it/pubblicazioni/gli-italiani-e-gli-aiuti-pubblici-allo-sviluppo>

## **Conferences and presentations**

**Europaem Spring School, University of Oxford, 17-20 March 2025 – Shaping Sustainable Finance?**

*European Engagement with the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's Energy Strategy*

**ReConnect China - Horizon Europe Research Consortium, Tartu, 23-27 October 2024 (EU**

**Horizon-funded)** – *Keeping Tabs on the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank: The EU States' Influence on the Chinese Financial Initiative.*

**Standing Group di Relazioni Internazionali (SGRI) - Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP),**

**Parma, 20-21 June 2024 – Dealing with the Increasing Complexity of International Development Finance: The Cases of the AIIB and NDB.**

## Activities

### **Head of the Communication Team for the Hikma Student Association**

*Forlì, Italy*

November 2020 – August 2021

## Affiliations

Connect Research Center, University of Bologna

Since September 2024

European International Studies Association (EISA)

Since February 2025

Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP)

Since February 2025

## Skills & Languages

### **Software**

*R, MAXQDA*

### **Languages**

*Native Italian; Fluent in English, French, and Spanish*