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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS & AFFILIATIONS

- The Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES)** Mannheim, Germany
Postdoctoral Fellow (Funded by the Baden-Württemberg Foundation) Jan 2026 - Present
- The Royal Geographic Society** London, United Kingdom
Associate Postgraduate Fellow Oct 2022 - Present
- The London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE)** London, United Kingdom
Fellow, International Relations Department Jan – Dec 2025
PhD Studentship, International Relations Department (Fully Funded by the IRD) Sept 2020 – Dec 2024

QUALIFICATIONS

- The London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE)** London, United Kingdom
PhD in International Relations Sept 2020 – Jan 2025
- Subfields: Comparative Politics | Peace & Conflict | Human & Economic Development
 - Defended Successfully in December 2024 | Viva Result: *No corrections*
 - Degree Conferred January 31, 2025
 - Dissertation: [“Sleight of State: How Host Governments Influence International Humanitarian Aid”](#)
- Institute for Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research (IQMR)** Syracuse, New York
Select Courses: Natural & Randomized Experiments, Multi-method Research, Ethnographic Methods, Re-Thinking Small-N Comparisons June/July 2023
- Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)** Online/Virtual/Remote
Select courses: Spatial Econometrics, Mixed Methods, Causal Inference, Social Science Data Visualization June/July 2022
- The London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE)** London, United Kingdom
Postgraduate Teaching Certificate Sept 2021 – March 2023
Associate Fellow (AFHEA) in the UK Professional Standards Framework for teaching and learning support in higher education.
- University of Essex Summer Methods School** Online/Virtual/Remote
Select Courses: Intro to R, GIS & Spatial Methods, Math Primer, Regression Analysis June/July 2021
- Georgetown University, Walsh School of Foreign Service** Washington, D.C., USA
Master of Science in Foreign Service (MSFS) Aug 2017 - May 2019
- Graduate Certificate in Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies
 - Concentration in Comparative Politics, Peace & Conflict
 - Awarded the Certificate of Academic Excellence

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Authoritarian Politics	Humanitarian Emergencies & Displacement
Civil Wars	Political Economy
Comparative Social Policy	Qualitative & Mixed Methods
Conflict & Democracy	The Politics of Aid
Corruption & Governance	Social Movements & Collective Action
Data Science & Quantitative Methods	Social Security & Welfare
Historical Political Sociology	Substate Conflict & Political Violence

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Della Guardia, A. (2023). Rethinking Displacement: A Book Review of Irfan, A. (2023) *Refuge and Resistance: Palestinians and the International Refugee System*; Laker, F. (2021) *Rethinking Internal Displacement: Geo-political Games, Fragile States, and the Relief Industry*; and Carney, M. (2021) *Island of Hope: Migration and Solidarity in the Mediterranean*. *Transformations, Special Issue: Displacement, volume 1(2)*, 143-149. <https://gfptransformations.org/issues/transformation-volume-1-issue-2/>

Della Guardia, A., Lake, M., & Schnitzer, P. (2022). Selective inclusion in cash transfer programs: Unintended consequences for social cohesion. *World Development*, 157, 105922. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2022.105922>

Works in Progress

Della Guardia, A. *Smokescreens and Strangleholds: How Host Governments Obstruct Humanitarian Response*. (Under review)

Della Guardia, A. Lake, M. & Morlino, I. 2026. *The Information Paradox: Aid, Service Provision, and Trust in Government in Areas of Conflict and State Fragility*. (Under Revision; Accepted at *Comparative Politics*)

Reference Publications

Della Guardia, A. (Forthcoming in 2026). *Extraordinary Expeditions: The Voyages and People That Changed History*. Bloomsbury, ABC-CLIO. (Reference Book).

Della Guardia, A. 2023. "Landscape, African Settlement and Trade." African Studies AP Curriculum. Bloomsbury, ABC-CLIO.

Della Guardia, A. (2023). "Climate, African Settlement and Trade." African Studies AP Curriculum. Bloomsbury, ABC-CLIO.

Policy Papers

Della Guardia, Anne Chartron & Lake, Milli May & Saidi, Mira. 2024. "Safety Nets in Contexts of Violence, Fragility and Forced Displacement: The Case of Burkina Faso and Cameroon," Social Protection Discussion Papers and Notes 192987, The World Bank. <https://ideas.repec.org/p/wbk/hdnpu/192987.html>

Schnitzer, P., Della Guardia, A. & Lake, M. 2023. *Targeting in Ultra-Poor Settings : Evidence from Six Countries in Rural Sabel (English)*, World Bank Group. United States of America. <https://coilink.org/20.500.12592/hg1t6x>

Conway, M., A. Khandros, A. Della Guardia, M. Wai-Poi, and G. Seshan. 2019. *Forced Displacement in the Mashreq: Impact on Household Welfare*. Washington, DC: World Bank.

AWARDS & FUNDING

Baden-Württemberg Stiftung (Foundation) Grant (subsistence funding up to two years)	2026-7
Political Geography Travel Grant (\$225)	2025
LSE Postgraduate Travel Grant (£1000/year)	2022-2024
Sir Patrick Gillam Scholarship Fund for fieldwork (£5000)	2023
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LSE International Relations Department IQMR Funding (fully-funded place)	2023
LSE International Relations Department Summer Methods School Funding (£1,500)	2022
LSE International Relations Department Summer Methods School Funding (£2,000)	2021
LSE International Relations Department Studentship: funded PhD position (~£18,000/year)	2020-24
Oxford-Radcliffe Scholarship – funded DPhil at University of Oxford (~£18,000/year, declined)	2020
Georgetown MSFS Academic Excellence Award	2019
Georgetown Walsh School Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$5000)	2018

CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

“Smokescreens and Strangleholds: How Host Governments Obstruct Humanitarian Response.” Presented at the *Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Chicago, USA, 2025.

“Orchestrating Migration: A Typology of Interventions Toward Migration & Displacement.” Presented at the *American Association of Geographers Annual Conference*, Detroit, USA, 2025.

“Smokescreens and Strangleholds: How Host Governments Obstruct Humanitarian Response.” Presented at the *Political Geography Annual Pre-Conference*, Detroit, USA, 2025.

“Disparities in Humanitarian Response & Host Government Influence.” Presented at the *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Philadelphia, USA, 2024.

“Humanitarian Priorities and Inequalities of Displacement Response.” Presented at the *American Association of Geographers Annual Conference*, Honolulu, USA, 2024.

“Navigating Humanitarian Response & The Deprioritization of the Internally Displaced.” Presented at the *Conflict & Change Workshop*, University College London (UCL), London, UK, 2024.

“Conflict, Stability and Social Protection: Poverty Reduction Programming in War.” Slated to present at APSA, Los Angeles, USA, 2023, but panel was withdrawn due to strikes.

“The Most Vulnerable of the Vulnerable: Horizontal Inequalities Between Refugees and IDPs.” Presented at the *American Association of Geographers Annual Conference*, Denver, USA, 2023.

“Geographies of Displacement, Horizontal Inequalities and Communal Conflict.” Presented at the *International Studies Association Annual Conference*, Nashville, USA, 2022.

“Geographies of Displacement, Horizontal Inequalities and Communal Conflict.” Presented at the London School of Economics and Political Science’s *Security and Statecraft Workshop*, London, UK, 2022.

“Targeting and Intra-Communal Relations in Chad’s National Safety Net Program.” Presented at the London School of Economics and Political Science’s *African Political Economy Group Workshop*, London, UK, 2020.

INVITED TALKS & EVENTS

Invitation to participate as a jurist (declined due to conflict), *Crisis Simulation Event*, War Studies Society, London School of Economics, October 2024.

“Development and Humanitarian Aid”, *Public Health Symposium at the University of Yaoundé*, Oct 2023.

“The Economics of Aid”, *Faculty of Economic Sciences at the University of Yaoundé*, Feb 2023.

Invitation to participate as panelist (declined due to conflict), “Displacement, Covid-19 Pandemic and Conflict Panel”, *London Conflict Review*, November 2021.

“Geographies of Displacement, Horizontal Inequalities, and Communal Conflict.” *CIVICA PhD Panel on Civil Wars and International Security*, April 2021.

Speaker at Welcome Week event for incoming PhDs to IR Department, September 2021

Panelist at departmental event for interested applicants to PhD programme, November 2020

SELECT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The London School of Economics & Political Science
International Relations Department Fellow

London, United Kingdom
Sept 2024 – Present

The World Bank Group
Research Consultant (STC)

Remote
Jan 2021 – Feb 2024

Conducted qualitative study on cash transfer programming in conflict settings in the Sahel region. Conducted Literature Review on social protection programs and social cohesion in Fragile, Conflict and Violence Affected (FCV) contexts.

The London School of Economics & Political Science
Research Assistant to Dr. Milli Lake

London, United Kingdom
Sept – Dec 2020

Assisted Dr. Lake with background research, data management and administrative tasks for a project on women’s political leadership participation in Sri Lanka.

Navanti Group
Sahel Analyst

Arlington, Virginia, USA / Remote
April - Aug 2020

Managed socio-economic research projects in Sahel countries for US government contracts.

The World Bank Group
Research Consultant (STC)

Washington, D.C., USA / Remote
April 2019 - March 2020

Supported research projects on: (i) forced displacement and humanitarian response policy and programming in the Middle East and North Africa Poverty Unit; and (ii) cash transfer programming for women beneficiaries in the Africa Social Protection and Labor Unit.

Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace & Security
Research Assistant

Washington, D.C., USA
Aug 2018 - May 2019

Supported research projects on intimate partner violence in post-conflict settings and access to justice, as well as initial research examining the nexus of gender, climate change, and conflict.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE)

Graduate Student Teaching Assistant, Department of International Relations
Taught classes for a 200-level International Security course.

London, United Kingdom
Sept 2021 - May 2022

Georgetown University

Teaching Assistant, School of Foreign Service
Assisted with the Intro-level Statistics Course & Migration & Development Course.

Washington, D.C., USA
Aug 2018 - May 2019

Engineers Without Borders Canada

Advocacy Skills Teacher
Contributed to design of and ran policy and advocacy training and workshops for university-aged youth.

ON, QC, NL, NS, Canada
Oct 2015 - May 2017

Concordia University

Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography & Urban Planning
Assisted with classes for 100 & 200-level Geography courses.

Montreal, QC, Canada
Sept 2007 - May 2009

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Committee Member, Ad-Hoc Committee on Graduate Student Engagement, Women, Gender, and Politics Section (APSA) | 2024-Present

Organizing Team Member, Junior IO Scholars Workshop | 2024-Present

PhD Cohort Representative, LSE IR Department Staff-Research Student Liaison Committee | 2020-22

PhD Student Representative, LSE IR Department PhD Sub-Committee | 2021-22

IR Department PhD Representative, LSE Research Student Consultative Forum | 2020-21

Co-organizer of a panel on Gender, Security and the Humanitarian Sector, Georgetown University | 2018

Co-organizer of Security and Development Forum, Georgetown Anti-Poverty Society | 2018-19

Co-organizer of lecture series “Conversations with Practitioners”, Georgetown University | 2017-19

Undergraduate student representative for Geography Student Society, Concordia University, 2007-09

Reviewer: Democratization, SN Social Sciences

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS & ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association | 2023-Present

Associate Graduate Fellow, Royal Geographic Society | 2022-Present

African Political Economy Group (APEG) | 2020-2024

Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment | 2022-2024

International Inequalities Institute Doctoral Participant | 2020-2023

International Political Economy Cluster, LSE International Relations Department | 2020-Present

International Studies Association | 2020-Present

Security and Statecraft Cluster, LSE International Relations Department | 2020-Present

Conflict & Change Workshop, University College London | 2020-2024

Languages

English (Native / Bilingual)
French (Native / Bilingual)
Spanish (Intermediate conversational)

Software

Geographic Information Systems and related software (ArcGIS, QGIS, Geoda)
Proficient in Qualitative and Mixed Methods Software (Dedoose, NVivo)
Proficient in literature management software (Zotero, Mendeley, Endnote)

Right to Work

Current Right to Work in the UK (pre-settled)
Right to Work in European Union (citizen)
Right to Work & Enter the United States (citizen)

References

Milli Lake

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Erwin R. Tiongson

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Director, Global Human Development Program
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