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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS & AFFILIATIONS

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

EDUCATION

The London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE) PhD in International Relations ○ Subfields: Comparative Politics Peace & Conflict Human & Economic Development ○ Defended Successfully in December 2024 Viva Result: <i>No corrections</i> ○ Degree Conferred January 31, 2025 ○ Dissertation: “Sleight of State: How Host Governments Influence International Humanitarian Aid”	London, United Kingdom Sept 2020 – Jan 2025
The London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE) Postgraduate Teaching Certificate Associate Fellow (AFHEA) in the UK Professional Standards Framework for teaching and learning support in higher education.	London, United Kingdom Sept 2021 - March 2023
Georgetown University, Walsh School of Foreign Service Master of Science in Foreign Service (MSFS) ○ Graduate Certificate in Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies ○ Concentration in Comparative Politics, Peace & Conflict ○ Awarded the Certificate of Academic Excellence	Washington, D.C., USA Aug 2017 - May 2019
Concordia University, Department of Geography, Planning & Environment Bachelor of Arts in Human Environment, Honours (BA Hons)	Montréal, Canada Sept 2005 - June 2009

METHODS TRAINING

KODAQs Data Quality Academy Select Courses: Data Quality Foundations, Survey Data, Linked Data, Indicators & Metrics, Remedies & Corrections, Tools & Workflows	Hybrid / Remote March 2026 - Present
Institute for Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research (IQMR) Select Courses: Natural & Randomized Experiments, Multi-method Research, Ethnographic Methods, Re-Thinking Small-N Comparisons	Syracuse, New York June - July 2023

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

Select courses: Spatial Econometrics, Mixed Methods, Causal Inference,
Social Science Data Visualization

Online/Virtual/Remote

June - July 2022

University of Essex Summer Methods School

Select Courses: Intro to R, GIS & Spatial Methods,
Math Primer, Regression Analysis

Online/Virtual/Remote

June - July 2021

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Ethnographic Methods

Mixed Methods

Qualitative Methods

Neighbourhood Effects

Political Sociology

Social Cohesion

Social Protection

State & Societal Relations

Substate Conflict & Political Violence

Urban Sociology

PUBLICATIONS**Journal Articles**

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>

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://gfprtransformations.org/issues/transformation-volume-1-issue-2/>

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*. (Forthcoming in October issue of *Comparative Politics*)

Works in Progress

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

Book proposal: *Selective Protection: How Host Governments Influence Humanitarian Aid Amidst Conflict*. (Under review at Cambridge University Press.)

Della Guardia, A. *Barriers & Bridges: The Architecture of Social Cohesion*. (In progress.)

Reference Publications

Della Guardia, A. (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/hdnspu/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://coillink.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 (funding for 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

"*Computational Tools for the Political Science Research Lifecycle*." Accepted and participated in workshop at the APSA Virtual Conference, April 2026.

"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

Keynote panelist: “Development Aid Futures” at a regional development conference hosted by the *Khalifa International Foundation for Humanitarian Work*, Benghazi, February 2026

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

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

Keynote speaker: “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

Panelist: “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, LSE IRD, September 2021

Panelist at departmental event for interested applicants to PhD programme, LSE IRD, 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.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Committee Member, Ad-Hoc Committee on Graduate Student Engagement, Women, Gender, and Politics Section (APSA) | 2024-25

Organizing Team Member, Junior IO Scholars Workshop | 2024-25

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 | 2022-2025
African Political Economy Group (APEG) | 2020-2024
International Inequalities Institute Doctoral Participant | 2020-2023
International Political Economy Cluster, LSE International Relations Department | 2020-2024
International Studies Association | 2020-2022
Political Studies Association | 2026 - present
Security and Statecraft Cluster, LSE International Relations Department | 2020-2024
Social Policy Association | 2026 – present
Society for Longitudinal and Lifecourse Studies | 2026 - present
Conflict & Change Workshop, University College London | 2020-2024

Languages

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

Software

Computational Methods (ArcGIS, QGIS, R)
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

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