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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Miami, Department of Political Science

Associate Professor, with tenure

2021-

Assistant Professor

2015-21

Research and teaching interests: international security, civil wars, ethno-nationalism, nonviolent resistance, coercion, psychology of IR, preventive war, religion and violence

Princeton University, School of Public and International Affairs

Postdoctoral Research Scholar in Regional Political Economy, Niehaus Center

2015-16

EDUCATION

Columbia University

2008-15

Ph.D. in Political Science (2015)

Dissertation committee: Jack Snyder, Page Fortna, Robert Jervis

M.Phil. in Political Science (2011); M.A. in Political Science (2010)

Johns Hopkins, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)

2004-06

M.A. in Strategic Studies (2006)

University of Florence

1999-2004

B.A. in Political Science, summa cum laude (2004)

BOOK

C. Pischedda, *Conflict Among Rebels: Why Insurgent Groups Fight Each Other* (Columbia University Press, 2020).

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

C. Pischedda, M. Gilli, and A. Gilli, “Weapons of the Weak: Technological Change, Guerrilla Firepower, and Counterinsurgency Outcomes,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 69 (9), 2025.

C. Pischedda and M. Vogt, “When Do Religious Organizations Resort to Violence? How Local Conditions Shape the Effects of Transnational Ideology,” *Ethnopolitics* 24 (1), 2025.

C. Pischedda, A. Cheon, and S. Moller “Can You Have It Both Ways? Attribution and Plausible Deniability in Unclaimed Coercion,” *European Journal of International Security* 9 (4), 2024.

C. Pischedda and A. Cheon, “Does Plausible Deniability Work? Assessing the Effectiveness of Unclaimed Coercive Acts in the Ukraine War,” *Contemporary Security Policy* 44 (3), 2023.

L. Balcells, C. Chen, and C. Pischedda, “Do Birds of a Feather Flock Together? Rebel Constituencies and Civil War Alliances,” *International Studies Quarterly* 66 (1), 2022.

C. Pischedda, “Ethnic Conflict and the Limits of Nonviolent Resistance,” *Security Studies* 29 (2), 2020.

C. Pischedda, “Wars within Wars: Why Windows of Opportunity and Vulnerability Cause Inter-Rebel Fighting in Internal Conflicts,” *International Security* 43 (1), 2018.

S. Costalli, L. Moretti, and C. Pischedda “The Economic Costs of Civil War: Synthetic Counterfactual Evidence and the Effects of Ethnic Fractionalization,” *Journal of Peace Research* 54 (1), 2017.

S. Collard-Wexler, C. Pischedda, and M. Smith “Do Foreign Occupations Cause Suicide Attacks?” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 58 (4), 2014.

M. Morelli and C. Pischedda, “The Turkey-KRG Energy Partnership: Assessing its Implications,” *Middle East Policy* 21 (1), 2014.

E. Borghard and C. Pischedda, “Allies and Airpower in Libya,” *Parameters* 42 (1), 2012

C. Pischedda, “Partition as a Solution to Ethnic Conflict,” *International Spectator* 43 (4), 2008.

C. Pischedda, “A Plan for Military Intervention in Darfur,” *African Security Review* 16 (4), 2007.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

C. Pischedda, “Terrorism During Civil War,” in M. Abrahms (ed.), *The Routledge Companion to Terrorism Studies: New Perspectives and Topics* (London: Routledge, 2024).

C. Pischedda, “The Appeasement Puzzle and Competition Neglect”, in F. Attinà, L. Bozzo, M. Cesa, and S. Lucarelli (eds.), *Eirene and Athena: Studies in International Politics in Honor of Umberto Gori* (Florence: Firenze University Press, 2022).

M. Morelli and C. Pischedda, “Oil, Federalism, and Third-party Intervention”, in F. Andreatta and E. Castelli (eds.), *Solutions and Failures in Identity-based Conflicts* (Trento: FBK Press, 2015).

C. Pischedda, “Un’Analisi dell’Efficacia della Violenza Indiscriminata in Guerra di Contro-guerriglia”, in S. Costalli and F. Moro (eds.), *La Guerra nello Stato* (Milan: Vita e Pensiero, 2010).

OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

C. Pischedda, Review of J. Biggers’ *In Sardinia: An Unexpected Journey in Italy*, *Italian Americana*, 2025.

C. Pischedda, Review of R. N. Juliani’s *Little Italy in the Great War: Philadelphia’s Italians on the Battlefield and Home Front*, *Italian Americana*, 2021.

C. Pischedda, “Review Essay: War and Peace in a Hidden Gem of Italian American Literature,” *Italian Americana*, 2020.

C. Pischedda, Review of P. Krause’s *Rebel Power*, *Political Science Quarterly*, 2018.

C. Pischedda, “Conflict Resolution and the Everyday Politics of International Intervention,” *Journal of International Organizations Studies*, 2015 (review of S. Autesserre’s *Peaceland*).

C. Pischedda, Review of F. Christia's *Alliance Formation in Civil War*, *H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable Reviews*, 2013.

I. Elbadawi, G. Milante, and C. Pischedda, "Referendum, Response, and Consequences for Sudan: The Game Between Juba and Khartoum," World Bank Policy Research Working Paper, 2008.

C. Pischedda, "Moral and Strategic Dimensions of Humanitarian Military Intervention," *International Spectator*, 2008 (book review of T. Seybolt's *Humanitarian Military Intervention*).

C. Pischedda, "Lessons for Peacebuilders," *International Spectator*, 2007 (book review of M. Doyle and N. Sambanis' *Making War and Building Peace*).

C. Pischedda, "Transatlantic Economic Relations: The State of the Partnership and Prospects for Future Cooperation," Policy brief for the Italian Senate, Istituto Affari Internazionali: Rome, 2007 (abridged version published in Freedom and Union, 2007).

G. Hufbauer and C. Pischedda, "After Doha: Evolution or Revolution in the World Trading System?" Western Center for Economic Research, University of Alberta, 2007.

G. Hufbauer and C. Pischedda, "Learning the Correct Lesson about Protectionism," *Economic Perspectives*, 2007.

COMMENTARY

C. Pischedda and A. Cheon, "The limits of plausible deniability in Ukraine and beyond." *Political Violence @ A Glance*, Jun 7, 2023.

C. Pischedda, "What Star Wars can tell us about rebel movements," *Vox*, Mischief of Factions, Dec 8, 2017.

C. Pischedda, "A provocative article says the Islamic State is a mystery. Here's why that's wrong," *Washington Post*, Monkey Cage, Aug 27, 2015.

C. Pischedda, "America Must Destroy IS...But How?" *The National Interest*, Aug 15, 2014.

E. Borghard and C. Pischedda, "Why American Air Power Won't Save Iraq from ISIS," *The National Interest*, Jun 24, 2014.

M. Morelli and C. Pischedda, "Let Turkey and Kurdistan Get Closer," *The National Interest*, Oct 31, 2013.

E. Borghard and C. Pischedda, "Bombing Can Wait," *The National Interest*, Sep 12, 2013.

E. Borghard and C. Pischedda, "Obama's Syria Dilemma," *The National Interest*, Aug 30, 2013.

ONGOING RESEARCH

"It's Not You, It's Me: Egocentrism, Military Power, and Preventive War" (book project).

C. Pischedda, A.P. Pellegrino, and L. Balcells “Rebel Alliances and Civil War Outcomes” (article project).

B. Blankenship and C. Pischedda, “Bandwagon Beliefs in Coercive Bargaining” (article project).

DATASETS

Nonviolent Ethnic Challenges, NEC (coding ethnic character of nonviolent changes, 1945-2006)

Rebel Organizations’ Alliances Dataset, ROAD (with L. Balcells) (coding alliances in all rebel dyads, 1946-2015)

Weapons of the Weak, WoW (with A. Gilli and M. Gilli) (coding guerrilla firepower, 1800-2005)

FIELDWORK

Iraq, Oct 2012- Dec 2012; Turkey, Jan 2013; Ethiopia, Jul-Aug 2013

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, and FUNDED RESEARCH

Joint research project on mapping Syria’s rebel groups, funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Int’l Cooperation

2024

Provost Research Award, University of Miami

2023

Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship

2013

Grant for field research, Political Science Department, Columbia University

2013

Dissertation Fellowship, Columbia University

2012-13

Andrew W. Cordier Fellowship, Columbia University

2011-12

Summer Fellowship, Political Science Department, Columbia University

2011

Summer Teaching Scholar, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University

2011

Teaching Fellow, Columbia University

2009-11

Faculty Fellow, Columbia University

2008-09

Scholarships awarded by the Sardinian Regional Government; the Bologna Center, SAIS; Fellowship “Sandro Pertini” (all merit-based, covering SAIS tuition)

2004-06

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Miami: Introduction to International Relations; Nationalism, Ethnicity, and Conflict; Civil Wars; International Security; Psychology and International Relations

Columbia University: Conceptual Foundations of IR (SIPA); Warfare and Violence in Intra-state Conflict

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

World Bank, Development Research Group: Researcher in the Peace and Development/Post-Conflict Transitions team, 2007-08

World Bank Institute: Researcher in the Trade team, 2007-08

Peterson Institute for International Economics: Research Analyst, 2006-08

SERVICE

Chair of Conflict Processes section, MPSA, 2021

University of Miami: Member of the International Studies Steering Committee (2024-); member of the Organizer of POL Faculty Colloquium (2021-25); member of the Academic Integrity Committee (2020-25); member of student commencement speaker selection committee (2023); Pi Sigma Alpha rep. (2018-21); United Way rep. (2016-18); member of faculty search committees (2017-18); advisor for political science majors; faculty advisor for two UM undergraduate student organizations

Columbia University: undergraduate student advisor for all political science majors (2013-15)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Article manuscript reviewer for: *African Security Review*; *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations*; *American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*; *Civil Wars*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Comparative Politics*; *Conflict Management and Peace Science*; *Conflict, Security & Development*; *Defence and Peace Economics*; *Ethnopolitics*; *European Journal of International Relations*; *GeoJournal*; *International Interactions*; *International Organization*; *International Political Science Review*; *International Security*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *International Studies Review*; *Journal of Conflict Resolution*; *Journal of Global Security Studies*; *Journal of Institutional Economics*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Strategic Studies*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Medicine, Conflict and Survival*; *Political Science Quarterly*; *Political Science Research and Methods*; *Politics, Religion, and Ideology*; *Political Geography*; *Quaderni di Scienza Politica*; *Review of International Organizations*; *Security Studies*; *Small Wars & Insurgencies*; *World Politics*

Book manuscript reviewer for: De Gruyter; Oxford University Press; Pearson; Routledge; Rowman & Littlefield

Reviewer for: the Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of Italian Universities and Research Institutes (ANVUR); the Israel Science Foundation; the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences

Member of the faculty board for the University of Miami's George P. Hanley Democracy Center

Member of the selection committee for the Giancarlo Doria PhD dissertation award

International Policy Summer Institute (IPSI), Bridging the Gap, American University

Summer Workshop in the Analysis Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), Cornell University

LANGUAGES

Italian (native), English (fluent), Sardinian (conversational), French and Spanish (reading proficiency)