

Institution	: European University Institute (EUI)
Name	: Luigi NARBONE
Function	: Director, Middle East Directions Programme Cluster coordinator “Peace & Security”, School of Transnational Governance
Date of birth	: 1960/03/02
Nationality	: Italian

Areas of expertise:

- EU affairs, foreign and security policies
- Middle East and North Africa (MENA), with particular focus on Gulf countries
- International relations, International trade / economics

Key qualifications and achievements:

- 30-year work experience in international affairs / international organizations in position of increasing responsibility
- Direct experience of designing and implementing European policies towards the MENA region
- Demonstrated management skills in challenging work environments
- Excellent communication and writing skills in English, French, Italian and Spanish
- Demonstrated experience in innovation and strategic planning, including management and fundraising
- Experience in shaping, directing and supervising policy-relevant research and training

Education:

Institution:	■ The John Hopkins University, SAIS, Washington D.C., USA
Date:	■ 1987
Degree:	■ M.A. in International Relations and International Economics

Institution:	■ University of Bologna, Italy
Date:	■ 1983
Degree:	■ Bachelor Degree in Political Science (Laurea summa cum laude)

Employment record:

Date:	■ Since June 2018
Country:	■ Italy
Institution:	■ European University Institute (EUI)
Position:	■ Director, Middle East Directions Programme (MEDirections) ■ Cluster coordinator “Peace & Security”, School of Transnational Governance (STG)
Description:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Directs a policy-oriented research programme focusing on conflict dynamics, socio-political and religious transformations and political economy in MENA ■ Orients and coordinates the programme’s fundraising activities ■ Manages the team of researchers and programme officers ■ Organizes public events at the EUI and outside (conferences, workshops, executive trainings and collaborations with other institutions and think-tanks) ■ Contributes to the programme’s research activities

Date: ■ Oct. 2017 – June 2018
Country: ■ Belgium
Institution: ■ European External Action Service (EEAS)
Position: ■ **Adviser to Managing Director, MENA Department**
Description: ■ Responsible for regional political, security and economic issues
■ Representing EEAS at senior level in international meetings and conferences

Date: ■ Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017
Country: ■ Italy
Institution: ■ European University Institute (seconded from EEAS)
Position: ■ **Director, Middle East Directions Programme**
Description: ■ Designed and established a policy-oriented research programme focusing on conflict dynamics, socio-political and religious transformations and political economy in MENA
■ Oriented and coordinated the programme's fundraising activities
■ Managed the team of researchers and programme officers
■ Organized public events at the EUI and outside (conferences, workshops, executive trainings and collaborations with other institutions and think-tanks) as well as in-person briefings by programme researchers with EU institutions
■ Contributed to the programme's research activities through the editing of ebooks on key regional issues and the writing of ebook chapters, policy brief, articles and op-eds.

Date: ■ Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2015
Country: ■ Italy
Institution: ■ European University Institute (EUI)
Position: ■ **EU Fellow**
Description: ■ Lectured and conducted research on Middle Eastern geopolitics and the Gulf Cooperation Council's foreign policy
■ Organized an international conference on the Gulf region
■ Contributed to and co-edited an ebook on the Gulf monarchies after the Arab spring

Date: ■ Oct. 2012 – Sept. 2014
Country: ■ Belgium
Institution: ■ European External Action Service (EEAS)
Position: ■ **Inspector, Delegation Evaluation and Support Division**
Description: ■ Led Inspections to EU delegations in various regions

Date: ■ Nov. 2008 – Sept. 2012
Country: ■ Saudi Arabia
Institution: ■ European External Action Service (EEAS)
Position: ■ **Ambassador, Head of Delegation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (also accredited to Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates)**
Description: ■ Ensured EU presidency function in Saudi Arabia
■ Represented, negotiated and developed relations in the other 5 countries of accreditation
■ Followed closely with regular missions and reported on the crisis in Bahrain
■ Followed-up implementation and development of EU-GCC Joint Action Programme
■ Managed regional delegation (17 staff and Euro 1 million administrative budget)

Date: ■ March 2006 – Nov. 2008
Country: ■ Belgium
Institution: ■ European Commission (EC)
Position: ■ **Deputy Head of Unit / Acting Head of Unit Security Policy, DG RELEX Brussels**
Description: ■ Supervised the Unit's activities in the areas of counter-terrorism, non-proliferation, international security, civil-military operations, trans-national security threats
■ Represented the EC at G8
■ Prepared strategy and programmed instrument for Stability (euro 484 million)

Date: ■ Sept. 2003 – Feb. 2006
Country: ■ Belgium
Institution: ■ European Commission (EC)
Position: ■ **Task force member / Policy Officer, European Neighbourhood Policy, DG RELEX Brussels**
Description: ■ Responsible for political, human rights, economic and trade aspects
■ Negotiated ENP action plans for Mediterranean countries,

Date: ■ Nov. 2000 – Aug. 2003
Country: ■ Turkey
Institution: ■ European Commission (EC)
Position: ■ **Head of Political Section – Chargé d'affaires, EC Turkey Delegation**
Description: ■ Responsible for political, public affairs and information. Monitored political, security and HR developments
■ Managed financial cooperation in the fields of political criteria, human rights, public administration, information and communication (20 million per year).

Date: ■ April 1996 – Oct. 2000
Country: ■ Chile
Institution: ■ European Commission (EC)
Position: ■ **Head of Trade and Cooperation Section – Chargé d'affaires, EC Chile Delegation**
Description: ■ Analyzed and reported on political, economic and bilateral trade issues
■ Managed development assistance, assisted HQ in bilateral trade negotiations and disputes
■ Deputized HoD.

Date: ■ Feb. 1993 – April 1996
Country: ■ Russian Federation
Institution: ■ European Commission (EC)
Position: ■ **Advisor, EC Russian Federation Delegation**
Description: ■ Advised on privatization, financial services, small and medium enterprises, TACIS section
■ Analyzed and reported on economic and trade issues
■ Liaised with international financial institutions

Date: ■ Dec. 1989 – Jan. 1993
Country: ■ United States of America
Institution: ■ United Nations (UN)
Position: ■ **Economist, UNDESA**
Description: ■ Responsible for regional development projects for East Asia
■ Researched and wrote country profiles and participated in strategy formulation for sectoral assistance to East Asian countries

Date: ■ Oct. 1988 – Oct. 1989
Country: ■ Sudan
Institution: ■ United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Position: ■ **Field Economist**
Description: ■ Advised on Sudan's macro-economic, private sector and regional development

Date: ■ Jan. 1987 – Dec. 1987
Country: ■ United States of America
Institution: ■ National Institute for Public Policy
Position: ■ **Consultant / Analyst on Security Issues**

Date:	■ Jan. 1986 – Dec. 1986
Country:	■ United States of America / Italy
Institution:	■ Nomisma S.p.a.
Position:	■ Consultant / Analyst on World Bank activities

Languages:

Languages	Speaking	Reading	Writing
Italian	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
English	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Spanish	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
French	Excellent	Excellent	Good
Russian	Basic	Notions	Notions
Turkish	Notions	Notions	Notions

International conferences (scientific organizer):

“Debating stability in North Africa, the Sahel and Horn of Africa: how transnational dynamics and geopolitics impact governance and development agendas”, Pisa, September 2020. Co-organiser together with Francesco Strazzari Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies (SSSA) and Giovanni Faleg, EUISS

“Natural resources and conflicts in the MENA region and its immediate neighbourhood”, Annual Conference, MEDirections, EUI, October 2019

“Exiting War Economy Dynamics: What Future for Stabilisation and Reconstruction in the MENA?”, Annual Conference, MEDirections, EUI, November 2018

“Beyond Borders and States: New Actors in the Globalized Middle East”, Annual Conference, MEDirections, EUI, July 2017

“Rethinking the Middle East: Transformations, Flows and (Dis)orders”, Annual Conference, MEDirections, EUI, March 2016

“Domestic Dynamics and Global-Regional Perspectives in the Gulf Region. Implications for the European Union”, EUI, April 2015

Lecturing and training:

(scientific organizer)

“Young Policy Adviser Course”, OSCE/ODHIR – School of Transnational Governance, 11-15 November 2019.

“Natural Resources and Geopolitics in the MENA: Disruptions, Transformations and Pathways”, MEDirections/STG Autumn School, European University Institute, 23-25 October 2019

“Economy in War-Torn Countries: Pathways to Recovery and Reconstruction”, Executive Training Seminar, MEDirections/STG, European University Institute, 30 January-1 February 2019

“Learning from conflicts: Approaches to Peace-building and the role of Europe”, Executive Training Seminar, STG, European University Institute, 13-15 December 2017 & 12-14 December 2018

“Conflicts in the Middle East: Formulating New Responses to Crises”, Summer School, MEDirections/STG, European University Institute, 5-8 July 2017

(lecturer)

“Middle East and North Africa: Transformations and Challenges” (18 hours course), Master’s degree in International Security Studies, Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa, Academic year 2019-20

"Conflicts, geo-politics and diplomacy in the MENA: what role for the EU?", Seminar, Master's degree in International Security Studies, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, 29-30 November 2018

"The Saudi-Iranian conflict and the future of the Gulf region", Boğaziçi University / TÜSİAD Foreign Policy Forum, Istanbul, September 2017

"Conflicts, geo-politics and diplomacy in the Middle East", Master's diploma Human Rights and conflict management, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, March 2017

"Facing disintegration in the MENA region. What role for diplomacy?", EURAC Summer School on Human Rights, Minorities and Diversity, Bolzano, July 2016

"Regional and Global Policies of Saudi Arabia and GCC members after the Iran Nuclear Deal", Boğaziçi University / TÜSİAD Foreign Policy Forum, Istanbul, April 2016

"Il Golfo fra ambizioni e fragilità", ISPI, Diploma in Politica Internazionale, Palermo, March 2016

"Arabia Saudita. Potenza regionale in crisi?", Università Bocconi / Corriere della Sera, Milan, February 2016

"EU-Gulf Relationship: challenges and opportunities", Gulf Cooperation Council Secretariat, Riyadh, January 2016

"The Gulf Countries' role and challenges after the Arab Spring. What are the implications for Europe?", Department of Politics (seminar POLI234 "Globalization in the Middle East"), University of Liverpool, April 2015

"L'Europe dans le monde, entre puissance et marginalisation", MOOC "Géopolitique de l'Europe", Sciences Po Paris, March 2015

"The Middle East and the EU: Challenges and Responses", The John Hopkins University / SAIS Europe, Bologna, February 2015

"The European Union and the Gulf countries: a complex relation with untapped potential", Joint RELEX/Middle East Working Group Session, EUI, Florence, January 2015

"The Gulf Cooperation Council and Its Member States from a Business Perspective", ISTAO Master's in International Management, Ancona, 2014

"EU approach in the fight against terrorism", ISPI, Milan, 2008

"The EU Accession Process and its Impact on Turkey's Reform Agenda", The John Hopkins University, SAIS Bologna, 2005

"The Enlargement and the EU Constitution", College of Europe, Bruges, 2004

"Turkey and the future of Europe", The John Hopkins University, SAIS Bologna, 2003

"Trade and monetary issues", UN – ECLAC Summer School on Latin American Economies, Santiago, 2000

"International Trade and Regional Economic Integration" & "EU Foreign Direct Investments in Chile", Universidad de Chile, academic years 1998-1999 and 1999-2000

Publications:

Books

- *Rethinking the Politics of Natural Resources in the Middle East*, MEDirections ebook, European University Institute, forthcoming
- *Fractured stability: war economies and reconstruction in the MENA* (ed.), MEDirections ebook, European University Institute, 2019.
- *Inside wars: local dynamics of conflicts in Syria and Libya* (ed., with A. Favier & V. Collombier), MEDirections ebook, European University Institute, 2016.
- *The Gulf Monarchies beyond the Arab spring: changes and challenges* (ed., with M. Lestra), ebook, European University Institute, 2015.
- *Contro la paura* (with G. Massobrio & V. Demicheli) Baldini & Calstoldi, Milano, 2016.

Policy Briefs

- "Towards a peaceful future for Ukraine's Donbass region", (with Jonas Brendebach and Dymtro Khutkyy), School of Transnational Governance Policy Brief, forthcoming.
- "Business not as usual. Building policies and institutional foundation for the reintegration of Ukraine's Donbas region", (with R  mi Duf  lot), School of Transnational Governance Policy Brief, forthcoming.
- "A US-Iran zero-Sum Game on Covid-19 Could Threaten Global Health Security" (with A. Divsallar). MEDirections Policy Brief, 2020/15, April 2020.

- “What economic model for a post-conflict Donbas? How economic measures could play a role in exiting the negative scenario” (with Lisa Ginsborg), School of Transnational Governance Policy Brief, 2019/06, June 2019.
- “What prospects for stabilisation and reconstruction in the Middle East and North Africa?”, MEDirections Policy Brief, 2019/04, March 2019.
- “Quale Mediterraneo nel 2020? Scenari a confronto”, MEDirections Policy Briefs, 2017/17, July 2017.

Articles and editorials

- “The EU-Tunisian relationship after 2011. Resilience, contestation and the return of the neglected socio-economic question”, EU-LISTCO project, forthcoming.
- “EU trade policy and resilience in the Southern Neighbourhood”, EU-LISTCO project, forthcoming.
- “The Covid-19 pandemic: One more challenge for Iran”, ORIENT, Deutsche Orient-Stiftung, III/2020, July 2020
- “Russia’s Strategy and interests in MENA conflicts: an Overview” ISPI, 21 December, 2019
- “De-escalating tension in the Gulf: why efforts to facilitate Arab-Iranian dialogue should be intensified (with T. Badawi), MEDirections, 5 June 2019.
- “Libya illegal immigration: the urgent need for a new strategy”, The Conversation Global, 13 June 2017.
- “A Pax Russica in the Middle East?”, The Conversation Global, 24 February 2017.
- “What Trump’s Presidency might mean for the crisis ridden Middle East”, MEDirections / European University Institute, 6 December 2016.
- “EU-Turkey Relations after the coup”, EU Observer, 2 August 2016.
- “Iran e Arabia Saudita, confronto geopolitico e situazione mediorientale”, in *Italianieuropei*, June 2015.
- “De-escalating tensions in the Arabian peninsula”, Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies / European University Institute, 13 April 2015.
- “The Rising Gulf. What Implications for the EU?” (with V. Talbot), in *The Rising Gulf. The New Ambitions of the Gulf Monarchies*, ISPI, 2015.
- “The bonds between the GCC and the EU grow deeper” (with G. de Benito), *Al Arabia News*, 13 June 2010.
- “EU-Turkey Trade: A Case of Deep Integration” (with A. Skuratowicz), in *The International Spectator*, Vol. 43, Issue 4, 2008
- “Running Around in Circles? The Cyclical Relationship between Turkey and the European Union” (with N. Tocci), in *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, 2007
- “Conditionality, Impact and Prejudice in EU-Turkey Relations: A View from Brussels”, in Istituto Affari Internazionali, July 2007
- “Human Rights, the EU and Turkey” in *Human Rights Education and Practice in Turkey in the Process of Candidacy to the EU*, Marmara University Publication no 690, Istanbul 2002
- “Las Relaciones Economicas U.E. Mercosur y Chile” in *Chile y Mercosur: Su futura Adhesión?*, Santiago, 2000
- “Análisis de los Acuerdos de Cooperación Unión Europea-Chile y la Unión Europea-Mercosur”, in *Chile y el Mercosur en America Latina*, Editorial Juridica de Chile, Santiago, 1999
- “Privatization and Enterprise Restructuring in the Russian Federation”, in *The International Spectator*, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Roma 3/1996
- “Riforme Economiche e Privatizzazioni in Russia” *Il Mulino*, Bologna, 3/1994
- “Economic Integration and Regionalism in East Asia”, in *The International Spectator*, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome, 4/1992
- “Se il dollaro sale la ripresa si arresta”, in *Mondo economico*, Milano, 1/1988
- “Governo militare e governo del sociale”, in *Aut Aut*, No. 205, La Nuova Italia, Firenze, 1985