

# Bernardo Venturi

## Professional experience

- Oct. 2015 – onwards      **Director, Agency for Peacebuilding (AP).** Establishment and development of AP as a non-profit organization based in Italy and focused on peacebuilding and conflict prevention through advocacy, evaluation, research, training and field support. Coordinator for different partnerships and field activities. Advocacy at the national and European level (Focal Point at the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office, EPLO). Several assignments (conflict analysis, assessment, baselines, etc.) and projects for regional organizations (i.e., EU, IGAD, OSCE), research institutes, international NGOs, local authorities and international networks. Establishment and planning of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Bologna Peacebuilding Forum (April 2019; May 2020) in partnership with the Johns Hopkins University.
- Sept. 2015 – onwards      **Associate Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI).** Thematic areas: peace, security and governance in Africa, EU Foreign Policy and EU civilian crisis management, development cooperation, and peacebuilding.  
Main current and recent activities: I. Coordinator of the project “Out of the security deadlock: challenges and choices in the Sahel”; II. Project “African Futures 2030” (2019-20) led by the EUISS; III. Focal Point for the European Think Tanks Group - ETTG (2017-20); Focal Point for the T20 Africa Task Force (2017- 20).  
Main past activities: I. Research and analysis for the revision and implementation of the EU Global Strategy (2015-16); II. Coordination of the project “The security-migration-development nexus revised: a perspective from the Sahel” (2017-18); III. Project “The international strategic dimension of Sub-Saharan Africa: Peace, Security and Development in the Horn of Africa” (2015-16). IV. Member of the partnership “African Futures” (2017), led by the EUISS; V. Contributor to the EU Horizon 2020 project “Preventing and Responding to Conflict: Developing EU CIVILIAN CAPabilities for a Sustainable Peace - EU-CIVCAP” (2015-18); VI. Coordinator of the project ‘Governance and security in the Sahel’ (2018 - ); VII. Coordinator for “Somali Perspectives: Institutional and Policy Challenges”, high level dialogue with representatives from different Somali State Regions (2016-17).
- Oct. 2013 – March 2015      **Director, Rondine Cittadella della Pace.** Manager and facilitator among MA students of the International Student Hall (residence for students from different cultures and countries in conflict, in particular Balkans, Caucasus, Middle East, Pakistan, USA and Sudan). Director of training and educational programmes. Co-designer of national and international projects.
- Feb. 2009 – Dec. 2013      **Lecturer, Marist College, Florence Branch Campus.** BA courses: ‘International Conflict Resolution’ (Spring and Fall 2012, Spring 2013); ‘Anthropology of Violence and Conflict’ (Spring and Fall 2010, 2011 and 2012, Spring 2013); Globalization and its consequences (Fall 2012, in agreement with the University of North Carolina); ‘A Sociology for Peace’ (Spring 2009; Spring and Fall 2010); ‘Intercultural Communication’ (Fall 2011); ‘Peace Education’ (Fall 2009). Development of the ‘Conflict Transformation Certificate’ in partnership with the National Conflict Resolution Center (NCRC), San Diego (CA).
- June 2004 – May 2013      **Director (2009-2013), Policy Officer (2004-2009), Centro Studi Difesa Civile (CSDC).** Advocacy at the national and European level. Representative Steering Committee member of the European Network for Civil Peace Service (EN.CPS). Elected member of the Steering Committee of the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (2012-14). Coordinator of a three-year peacebuilding project in Moldova-Transnistria. Research and policy analysis on peacebuilding, EU Foreign Policy, conflict prevention and related issues. Fundraising (EU, Italian MFA, foundations, privates) and coordination of several projects and trainings.
- Feb. 2011 – April 2013      **Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Bologna.** Research on the nexus between development, human rights and migration, including field research in Italy, Latvia, Romania and Spain. Organization of an international executive training course for civil servants and NGOs’ staff.

Sept. 2006 – June 2013	<b>Tutor, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Florence.</b> Lectures, seminars and thesis supervision, course of 'Conflicts and Mediation Theories'.
July 2009 – Dec. 2013	<b>Free-lance journalist</b> for 'Osservatorio Balcani-Caucaso'. journalistic articles on Moldova.
Feb. 2010 – Feb. 2011	<b>Lecturer, Faculty of Preservation of the Cultural Heritage, University of Bologna.</b> Postgraduate course of 'Political Sociology'. Supervision of final thesis.
March – August 2009	<b>Visiting Researcher, Moldova State University,</b> Chişinău. Research on Moldova-Transnistria conflict. Promotion of new partnerships and projects.
April 2006 – Feb. 2010	<b>Tutor, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Bologna.</b> Lectures, seminars and thesis supervision, course of 'Human Rights and History of International Law'. Establishment and organization of the summer school 'Civil Peace Corps and International Cooperation' (2009).

## Main assignments

August 2020 – onwards	<b>Lead Researcher, Ceasefire and Transitional Security Arrangements Monitoring and Verification Mechanism (CTSAMVM).</b> Analysis of the CTSAMVM Mission (2014-2020) in South Sudan.
Feb. 2020 – onwards	<b>Independent Expert Evaluator, European Commission - Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA).</b> Evaluation of EU Aid Volunteers and Erasmus projects.
Nov. 2019 – Jan. 2020	<b>Analyst, Search for Common Ground (SFCG).</b> Conflict analysis on <b>Central African Republic (CAR)</b> - <i>Analyse des données et rédaction du rapport pour Analyse de conflits dans la région de Bamingui Bangoran</i> - Projet Rapid Response in CAR.
Sept. 2018 – Sept. 2019	<b>Research consultant, United States Institute of Peace (USIP).</b> Meta-Review of Youth Peacebuilding Programs: Assessing the effectiveness of increasing youth participation in peacebuilding. Review and analysis of 50+ projects implemented by USIP (research conducted as a member of the Agency for Peacebuilding's team).
Jan. – Feb. 2019; 2020	<b>Evaluator, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB).</b> Evaluation of IF@ULB postdoctoral projects, Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions – H2020.
August 2018 – onwards	<b>Evaluator, Search for Common Ground (SFCG).</b> Final evaluation the 24-month project "Inuka!" – Community-Led Security Approaches to Violent Extremism in <b>Coastal Kenya</b> " implemented in four counties with support from the US State Department's Democracy, Human Rights and Labour Bureau (DRL).
August 2018 – Feb. 2019	<b>Leading Evaluator, GVC-We World.</b> Evaluation of two EU Aid Volunteers projects.
March – June 2018	<b>Leading Evaluator, Oxfam.</b> Evaluation of Oxfam's work to increase citizen engagement and influence on agriculture policies and practices in <b>Burkina Faso</b> and <b>Tanzania</b> , with fieldwork in Tanzania. Focus on local and national advocacy processes lead by women smallholder farmers.
Nov. 2017 – Feb. 2018	<b>Facilitator and Researcher, Municipality of Bologna.</b> Facilitation and analysis for the writing of the Local Action Plan for the integration and human rights of migrants. Research on new forms of participation of migrants at the local level in the framework of a European project.
June – Oct. 2017	<b>Consultant, CONCORD Europe</b> (European Confederation of Relief and Development NGOs). Research, support and facilitation for CONCORD's position on the European Union's Multiannual Financial Framework post-2021.
August – Nov. 2016	<b>Evaluator, Search for Common Ground (SFCG).</b> Final evaluation of the project "Madam President" implemented in <b>Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Tunisia</b> and financed by USAID. Fieldwork in Tunisia.
March – June 2016	<b>Leading Evaluator, Search for Common Ground (SFCG).</b> Final evaluation of the 24-month project "Promoting Healthy State-Citizen Relations in Africa" implemented in <b>Kenya, Nigeria and Tanzania</b> and financed by USAID. Fieldwork in Tanzania.
Oct. 2015 – Jan. 2016	<b>Consultant, Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation.</b> Assessment of the potential establishment of Kvinna till Kvinna in the <b>Horn of Africa</b> (focusing on the eight IGAD countries and with a regional perspective). Thematic focus mainly on: conflict and security situation, women and women's movements, human rights, stakeholders and donors.

Sept. – Nov. 2015	<b>Consultant, Crisis Management Initiative (CMI).</b> Organization of a study visit in South Tyrol for an official high-level delegation from <b>Moldova</b> , including its autonomous region of Gagauzia. The visit aimed to normalize relations between the central level of the Moldovan Government and the autonomous region of Gagauzia.
May – July 2015	<b>Evaluator, Conciliation Resources (CR).</b> Mid-term evaluation of the project “Building peace in Mindanao through public participation in governance” co-financed by the European Union. Fieldwork in the <b>Philippines</b> .
2010; 2012; 2015	<b>Electoral Observer, OSCE-ODIHR.</b> Local Elections, <b>Albania</b> (June 2015); Parliamentary Elections, <b>Belarus</b> (Sep. 2012); early Parliamentary Elections, <b>Kazakhstan</b> (Jan. 2012); early Parliamentary Elections, <b>Moldova</b> (Nov. 2010).
June 2015 – June 2016	<b>Senior Analyst, Wikistrat.</b> Occasional structured studies, analysis and briefings on international politics for strategic planning, early warning, scenario forecasting, and risk management.
May 2014 – Dec. 2016	<b>Fellow, Centro Studi Difesa Civile (CSDC).</b> Assignments on EU advocacy and international projects and training programs. Representative at the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO) until 2016.
Dec. 2011 – Feb. 2012	<b>Independent Expert Evaluator, European Commission – Research Executive Agency (REA).</b> Seventh Research Framework Programme – Security (FP7-SEC-2012-1).
June 2006 – Dec. 2010	<b>Researcher and Consultant, Tuscany Region.</b> Geographic focus: Asia and Eastern Europe. Thematic focus: conflict sensitivity, development, peacebuilding.

## Education

Jan. 2006 – June 2009	<b>Ph.D. in History of Political Thought, University of Bologna.</b> Research project on the history and methodology of the peace research field and on the evolution of the critical studies on security ( <i>First Class Honours</i> ).
Jan. – March 2008	<b>Research Fellow, International Peace Research Institute, Oslo (PRIO), Security Program.</b> Research for the Ph.D., reviewer, seminars.
Sep. 1999 – March 2004	<b>Laurea (4-year degree), Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Bologna,</b> major in ‘Human Rights and Humanitarian Intervention’.
Sep. – Oct. 2003	<b>Visiting Researcher, United States Institute for Peace (USIP),</b> Washington, D.C. Research for the final dissertation.
Oct. 2001 – June 2002	<b>Visiting Student, Sussex University,</b> Brighton (U.K.).

## Professional trainings

June 2017 – Sep. 2017	<b>Rotary Peace Fellowship, Chulalongkorn University,</b> Bangkok, Thailand. Intensive course designed to strengthen mid-term career peacebuilders. Field studies in Thailand and Cambodia.
June 2012; Sep. 2012	<b>Executive Training Seminars:</b> Political Participation in a Globalized World (June 2012); EU Foreign Policy (Sept. 2012), <b>European University Institute (EUI),</b> Florence, Italy.
Oct. 2011	<b>United Nations Civilian Staff Officer Course (UNCIVSOC), Folke Bernadotte Academy and SWEDINT,</b> Stockholm, Sweden.
Sep. 2011	<b>Training on EU peacebuilding policies, EPLO,</b> Brussels, Belgium.
April 2011	<b>LTO’s and Core Team’s Training ‘Reporting on Electoral Observation and Teambuilding’, Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna,</b> Arezzo, Italy.
Feb. 2010	<b>Training for Short Term Observer (STO), Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna,</b> Arezzo, Italy.

## Skills

**Languages:** Italian (mother tongue) | English (fluent) | Spanish (fluent) | French (intermediate) | Russian (basic) | Romanian (basic)

**Computer skills:** proficiency in MS Office Windows and good knowledge of other applications (Photoshop, FrontPage, EndNote, CorelDraw, etc.).

**Other skills:** excellent communication skills, open and outgoing personality. Ability to work in team and multicultural contexts. Problem-solving, very good organizational and coordination skills. Ability to pay close attention to details. Creative. Strong sense of responsibility.

**Other competencies and interests:** Ability to live and work in testing situations and harsh living conditions. Volunteer experiences and services in several countries. 16 years of athletics at the national level. Running, alpinism, biking and swimming not on a regular basis.

## Publications

### Monographs

- *Il Demone della Pace. Storia, Metodologie e Prospettive Istituzionali della Peace Research* [The Demon of Peace. History, Methodology and Institutional Perspectives of the Peace Research Field], Odoya Edizioni, 2013.

### Edited Books and Journal Special Issues

- *Out of the Security Deadlock: Challenges and Choices in the Sahel*, with Toure N., FEPS Publications, Brussels, 2020.
- *Governance and Security in the Sahel: Tackling Mobility, Demography and Climate Change*, Edizioni Nuova Cultura, Rome, 2019.
- *The Security–Migration–Development Nexus Revised: A Perspective from the Sahel*, Edizioni Nuova Cultura, Rome, 2017.
- *The Local Action Plans for Migrants' Integration and Human Rights*, with Furia A. (et al.), Il Mulino, Bologna 2017.
- *Politics - Special issue: Un nuovo "nomos della terra"? Governance internazionale, sviluppo e aiuto umanitario* [A New "Nomos of the Earth"? International Governance, Development and Humanitarian Aid], N.8:17.
- *The EU, the US and the International Strategic Dimension of Sub-Saharan Africa: Peace, Security and Development in the Horn of Africa*, with Pirozzi N., Edizioni Nuova Cultura, Rome, 2016.
- *Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution in Academic Curricula. Theoretical and methodological guide*, with Teosa V., CEP USM, Chişinău, 2013.

### Book Chapters

- 'Issues in EU-Africa Relations, with Pirozzi N., in Hastrup T. et al. (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of EU-Africa Relations*, Routledge, 133-143, 2021.
- 'Africa and Italy's Relations After the Cold War', in Nagar D. and Mutasa C. (eds.), *Africa and the World. Bilateral and Multilateral International Diplomacy*, Cham, Palgrave Macmillan, 169-188, 2018.
- 'Un Rinnovato Impegno per L'Africa' [A Renewed Commitment for Africa], in Greco E. (ed.), *Rapporto sulla Politica Estera Italiana*, Nuova Cultura, August 2018.
- 'Il Futuro della Gestione Civile delle Crisi dell'Unione Europea: Riflessioni e Raccomandazioni' [The future of EU crisis management: reflections and recommendations], with Vai L., in Azzoni A., Pirozzi N., *Civili in Missione* [Civilians in Missions], Nuova Cultura, 57-68, 2016.
- 'Processi di Democratizzazione in Asia Centrale: Stabilizzazione e Pacificazione dell'Afghanistan' [Democratic Processes in Central Asia: Stabilisation and Peace in Afghanistan], with Indeo F., in Giunchi E., *Società Civile e Democrazia in Medio Oriente e Asia*, Obarrao Edizioni, Milan, 115-144, 2011.
- 'Introduzione' [Introduction], with Comai G. in *Transnistria, un reportage fotografico*, Gughi Fassino, Silvy edizioni, Trento, 2010.
- 'Il Conflitto in Moldavia tra Diverse Percezioni e Nuove Possibilità' [The conflict in Moldova between Different Perceptions and New Possibilities], in Chiodi L., Privitera F., *Guida ai Paesi dell'Europa Centrale, Orientale e Balcanica. Annuario politico-economico 2006*, Il Mulino, Bologna, 95-105, 2007.

### Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- 'The Great Illusion: Security Sector Reform in the Sahel', with Toure N., *The International Spectator*, 55:4, 54-68, 2020.
- 'EU Member States' Capabilities in Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding: Personnel and Technology', with Pirozzi N. and Marrone A., *Global Affairs*, 4:2-3, 141-155, 2018.
- 'The African Union at a Glance: Is a Regional Game Changer Emerging?', *Africa e Orienti*, 20:2, 113-123, 2018.

- 'I Conflitti Globali tra Vincitori e Vinti' [Global Conflicts between Winners and Losers], *Anthropologica*, 5:1, 155-164, 2017.
- 'Language and Education Laws in Multi-Ethnic De Facto States: The Cases of Abkhazia and Transnistria', with Comai G., *Nationalities Papers*, 43:6, 886-905, 2015.
- 'Mainstreaming Unarmed Civilian Peacekeeping', in *Peace Review*, 27:1, 61-66, 2015.
- 'External Preconditions for Civilian Peacekeeping', in *Peace Studies Journal*, 7:2, 3-13, 2014.
- 'Norden: una Regione di Pace?' [Norden: a Region of Peace?], in *Analele Universitatii Bucuresti, seria Stiinte Politice*, 15:2, 11-23, 2013.
- 'Civil Society Organizations and Conflict Resolution: The Case of Moldova-Transnistria', in *International Journal on World Peace*, 28:2, 7-34, 2011.
- 'L'approccio Multilivello alla Mediazione Internazionale' [The Multitrack Approach to International Mediation], in *Quaderni di Giurisprudenza*, 3:1, 17-39, 2011.

#### Policy Papers

- 'A New Lifeline for the G20? The Role of African and European Actors in Enhancing Its Legitimacy and Effectiveness', with Barana L. et al., *T20 Saudi Arabia Policy Briefs*, October 2020.
- 'Differentiation in ASEAN, ECOWAS and MERCOSUR: A Comparative Analysis', with Gaens B. (et al.), *EU IDEA Papers*, Rome, August 2020.
- 'An Agenda for Europe in the World', with Barana L. (et al.), *ETTG Publications*, September 2019.
- 'The EU Budget for the future: views from Italy', with Fattibene D., *ETTG Publications*, July 2019.
- 'The Trouble with Italy's Development Cooperation', *IAI Commentaries*, June 2019.
- 'Toward the New Multiannual Financial Framework: Fuel for the EU Global Strategy and Development Cooperation?', *EU Global Strategy Watch* 12, FEPS, March 2019.
- 'Financing EU external action: Understanding member state priorities', with Castillejo C. (et al.), *ETTG Publications*, December 2018.
- 'Dual use technologies and civilian capabilities: Beyond pooling and sharing', with Stabile Avetrano A. (et al.) *EU-CIVCAP Deliverable 2.5*, Sept. 2018.
- 'Eight myths on the migration–development nexus that European and African policymakers need to reconsider', with Schöfberger I., *ETTG Publications*, June 2018.
- 'I beni pubblici europei nel bilancio dell'Unione' [Public Goods in the EU Budget], with Fontana O., *IAI Documents*, N.10, April 2018.
- 'The EU and the Sahel: A Laboratory of Experimentation for the Security–Migration–Development Nexus', *IAI Working Paper*, N.38/17.
- 'The Joint Africa-EU Strategy', with Pirozzi N., Sartori N., *Study for the European Parliament*, November 2017.
- 'L'Africa nelle politiche UE ed USA' [Africa in EU and American policies], *Focus Euroatlantico*, N.4, June 2017.
- 'Procedures, Personnel and Technologies for Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding' with De Zan T. and Tessari P., *EU-CIVCAP Deliverable 2.1*, November 2016.
- 'The EU's Struggle with Normative Leadership in Sub-Saharan Africa', *IAI Working Paper*, N.29/16.
- 'A New EU Strategic Approach to Global Development, Resilience and Sustainability', with Helly D., *IAI Working Paper*, N.14/16.
- 'Elements for an EU's Pan-Atlantic agenda: building an Atlantic community', with Pirozzi N., Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB), *Atlantic Future Policy Reports*, N.2, Feb. 2016.
- 'Charting the Future of the Atlantic', with Gratius S., Grevi G., Valladão A., Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB), *Atlantic Future Policy Reports*, N.1, Jan. 2016.
- 'EU Neighborhood Policies for Security, Defence and Conflict Prevention: any Added Value in Working with Diversified Local Actors?', in *Carrington Papers - Chatham House*, 2011.
- 'Prevenzione dei Conflitti alle Porte dell'Europa: la Costruzione di una Pace Stabile in Moldavia-Transnistria' [Conflict Prevention in European Neighborhood: the Construction of a Lasting Peace in Moldova-Transnistria], in *Quaderni*, Centro Studi Difesa Civile, N.1/11.
- 'The UN Global Conference on the Role of Civil Society in the Prevention of Armed Conflict and Peacebuilding', in *Quaderni*, Centro Studi Difesa Civile, N.1/06.

#### Main Reports

- 'A Conflict Assessment in Bamingui-Bangoran Region. Rapid Response Project in CAR. Final Report.' with Totoro A., for Search for Common Ground, March 2020.
- 'Final Project Evaluation. EU Aid Volunteers complementing humanitarian aid: strengthening the link through deployment, capacity building and technical assistance', for GVC, October 2018.
- 'Evaluation of Oxfam's work to increase citizen engagement and influence on agriculture policies and practices in Burkina Faso and Tanzania', with other authors, Evaluation Report for Oxfam, July 2018.
- 'Madam President TV Series', with Monzani B. (et al.), Evaluation Report for Search for Common Ground, May 2017.

- 'Somali Perspectives: Security, Elections, and the Federalisation Process', *IAI Doc*, N.6/16.
- 'Promoting Healthy State-Citizen Relations in Africa', with Monzani B. and Kweyu B., Evaluation Report for Search for Common Ground, June 2016.
- 'The EU and the Global Development Framework. A Strategic Approach to the 2030 Agenda', with Magro M., *IAI Doc*, N.5/16.
- 'EU Relations with Latin America: From Social Resilience to Global Governance', *IAI Doc*, N.3/16.
- 'Building Peace in Mindanao Through Public Participation in Governance', with Monzani B., Evaluation Report for Conciliation Resources, July 2015.
- *Migration, Development and Human Rights. AMITIE Context Report*, with Gozzi G. and Furia A., printed by the Municipality of Bologna, 2011.
- *La cooperazione internazionale nelle aree di crisi: esiste un contributo specifico ai processi di pace dell'approccio decentrato?* [International Cooperation in Conflict Areas: Any Specific Contribution to Peace Processes from Decentralized Cooperation?], with Giacinti K., *CIRPAC Discussion Paper*, 2009.
- 'Cooperazione decentrata toscana in Europa' [Tuscany Decentralized Cooperation in Europe], in *Piano Operativo Regione Toscana 2007-2010*, September 2007.

#### Book Reviews

- Nina Caspersen, 'Peace Agreements: finding solutions to intra-state conflicts' (Cambridge; Malden: Polity Press, 2016), in *The International Spectator*, N.4/2017.
- Brewer J. D., 'Peace Processes. A Sociological Approach' (Polity Press 2010), in *Journal of Peace Research*, N. 1/11.
- MacLean S., Black R., David S., Timothy M., 'A Decade of Human Security. Global Governance and New Multilateralism' (Ashgate 2007), in *Journal of Peace Research*, N. 4/08.
- Hillman J., 'Un Terribile Amore per la Guerra' [A Terrible Love for War] (Adelphi 2005), in *Revista de Paz y Conflictos*, Universidad de Granada, May 2007.
- Krippendorff E., 'Critica della Politica Estera' [Criticism to Foreign Policy] (Fazi Editore 2004), in *Quaderni Satyagraha*, N. 11/07.