Stefano Marcuzzi

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Dr. Stefano Marcuzzi, a Modern History graduate at the University of Padua, took his D-Phil in History at the University of Oxford in 2016, with a thesis on Anglo-Italian relations during World War I and their impact on the strategy of the Entente. His work was mentored by Prof. Sir. Hew Strachan. Thereafter, Marcuzzi spent two years at the European University Institute (EUI) in Fiesole, Florence, as a Max Weber Fellow. He worked with Prof. Olivier Roy, Ambassador Luigi Narbone and Dr. Virginie Collombier on EU-NATO cooperation in the Mediterranean, particularly in the context of the Libyan crisis.

Marcuzzi later expanded this analysis during a 3-year Marie Curie Fellowship at the University College Dublin (UCD), with Carnegie Europe (Brussels) as the main partner organisation and the NATO Defense College Foundation (Rome) as a secondment partner. The Fellowship produced the first comprehensive and comparative assessment of NATO and EU policies in Libya since 2011, revealing how wrong assumptions, divisions, and inefficient employment of hard power by both organisations played a prominent role in the collapse of the Libyan state after the fall of Mu'ammar Gaddafi.

In 2022, Marcuzzi served as Political Analyst at the J2 (intelligence) branch of the NATO Rapid Deployable Corps Italy (NRDC-ITA) in Solbiate Olona, participating in the NATO Steadfast Jackal 2022 Exercise (STJA22) in November-December 2022.

While remaining an Adjunct Fellow at UCD, Marcuzzi collaborates with a number of think tanks and research groups, including Libya Analysis LLC (New York-London), the Atlantic Council (Washington), the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (Bonn), ISPI (Milan), the European Security and Defense College (ESDC) in Brussels, and the NATO Defense College in Rome. He is also an External Fellow at Boston University (BU).

His research interests include the working of coalitions and alliances in crisis and conflict (particularly EU and NATO crisis management), the changing character of war, and Mediterranean security, with a special focus on Libya.

Main publications:

Monographs:

The EU, NATO and the Libya conflict. Anatomy of a failure (London: Routledge, 2022).

Le guerre di Libia. Un secolo di conquiste e rivoluzioni (Bologna: Il Mulino, 2021) (co-authored with Gastone Breccia).

Britain and Italy in the era of the Great War: Defending and forging empires (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020), which was awarded the 2020 Norman B. Tomlinson Jr. prize of the World War One Historical Association as the best monograph in English on the First World War.

Peer-reviewed articles:

"Conquistatori, notabili e Senussi. La 'politica dei capi' italiana in Cirenaica, fra controguerriglia e 'pacificazione' (1912-1922)", «Ricerche Storiche», 2/2022.

"Il crocevia delle grandi potenze: la competizione per la Cirenaica e il suo impatto sui rapporti italo-inglesi (1911-1951)", «Ventunesimo Secolo», 49, 2021.

"From the Adriatic to the Mediterranean: Italy in the Allied naval strategy, 1915-1918", «War in History», XXVII, 3, 2020.

Book Chapters:

"Libya and the EU", in B. Tonra ed., A question of justice: conflict resolution and the European Union (Abindgon: Routledge, 2021).

"A Machiavellian ally? Italy in the Entente, 1914-1918", in V. Wilcox ed., *Italy in the Era of the Great War* (Leiden, Boston: Brill, 2018).

"Uno scomodo alleato: le ambizioni coloniali italiane e il confronto interalleato sulla spartizione dell'Impero Ottomano", in P. Neglie, A. Ungari eds., *La Guerra di Cadorna*, 1915-1917 (Roma: USSME, 2018).

"Italy's 'Parallel War' in Libya (1914-1924). A forgotten front of World War I", in De-Valera N.Y.M. Botchway, K.O. Kwarteng eds., *Africa and the First World War: Remembrance, Memories and Representations after Hundred Years* (Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholar Publishing, 2018).

Policy reports and briefs:

"The Libyan Banking Sector: A Microcosm of Global Enduring Disorder", Middle East Institute, 13 May 2023 (co-authored with Jason Pack).

"The role of the EU in the Libyan conflict since 2011", Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Libya Brief Series, 20 May 2022.

"Terrorist and Armed Groups in the Fezzan-Sahel Region: Recruitment and Communication Tactics", NATO STRATCOM COE, 6 January 2021 (co-authored with Jason Pack).

"Libya needs European boots on the ground", Carnegie Europe, 5 May 2020.

"Are multinationals eclipsing nation-states?", Project Syndicate, Long Reads, February 2019 (co-authored with Alessio Terzi).

"NATO-EU maritime cooperation: for what strategic effect?", NATO Defense College (NDC) Policy Brief series, No. 7, December 2018.

"Hybrid warfare in historical perspectives", NATO Defense College Foundation (NDCF) Papers, 25 June 2018.