

MARGHERITA MENCARELLI

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EDUCATION

November 2025-
Present

Phd Candidate in Diplomacy and International Cooperation
University for Foreigners of Perugia (Perugia, Italy)

Research Project: From Multilateral Mediation to Conflict Management: The Evolution of U.S. Foreign Policy toward the Israeli–Palestinian Conflict

September 2022-
June 2024

Master's degree in African Studies
Dalarna University (Falun, Sweden)

Grade A, with the thesis “Is Israel committing genocide? An analysis of South African newspapers' perception of the government's decision to condemn Israel for genocide crimes before the International Court of Justice”

December 202-
April 2024

Master's degree in International Relations
University for Foreigners of Perugia (Perugia, Italy)

110/110 cum laude with the thesis “U.S. Foreign Policy toward Israel: from the Israeli Independence to the 2023 Israeli-Hamas War”

March 2022-
March 2023

Master in Leadership for International Relations and Made in Italy
Italy-U.S. Foundation

Final project work: “Implementation of an e-commerce plan for the Italian brand Brunello Cucinelli in the Asian market with a specific focus on Japan”

October 2018-
November 2021

Bachelor's degree in International and Intercultural Communication
University for Foreigners of Perugia

110/110 cum laude with the thesis “The Construction of the Enemy. From Xenophobia to Pandemic”

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

February 2026

Course “**Geopolitics of the Middle East**” - *ISPI*

Comprehensive analysis of regional dynamics, security issues, and international relations in the MENA area.

June 2023

Advance Culture Course “**Reinventing Italy. Italian Culture between Resistance and Reconstruction (1943-1948)**” - *University for Foreigners of Perugia*

Interdisciplinary study of Italy's political and cultural transition following World War II.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- September 2023-
December 2023 **Cultural and Press Office Intern**
Italian Embassy in Washington, D.C. (United States)
- MAECI-CRUI program, writing speeches for the Ambassador, organizing cultural promotion events, writing social posts, and preparing reports and briefings of seminars and conferences in the political field.
- July 2021-
September 2021 **Press Intern**
Corebook Multimedia & Editoria (Perugia, Italy)
- Drafting and publishing articles in the online magazine AboutUmbria.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- December 2021-
Present **Still I Rise (Perugia, Italy)**
- Fundraising activities, promotion, and awareness raising in schools and universities. In April and May 2022, guided tours of the "Through our eyes" exhibition.
- June 2017 **Caritas Association (Norcia, Italy)**
- Volunteering in Norcia to help earthquake populations.
- December 2015-
December 2018 **Manitese Association (Perugia, Italy)**
- “Much MORE than a gift package” project in Perugia’s Feltrinelli bookstore.

AWARDS

- March 1, 2023: “**Monia Andreani**” **Graduate Prize for Bachelor’s thesis** - *Monia Andreani Foundation*, for the thesis “The Construction of the Enemy. From Xenophobia to Pandemic”
- June 3, 2022: **America Youth Prize for University Talent** - *Italy-U.S. Foundation*

PUBLICATIONS

- Mencarelli M., (2024), “Is Israel committing genocide?: An analysis of South African newspapers' perception of the government's decision to condemn Israel for genocide crimes before the International Court of Justice”, *DiVA Portal*, <https://www.diva-portal.org/smash/record.jsf?pid=diva2%3A1885564&dswid=4259>
- Cingari S., Mencarelli M. “Alta cultura Courses restart”, *Micropolis Umbria*, giugno 2022, XXVII, p. 20
- Drafting articles during the internship period at the online magazine AboutUmbria. <https://www.aboutumbriamagazine.it/author/margherita-mencarelli/>

LANGUAGES

- Italian | Native
- English | Advanced (C1)
- Spanish | Intermediate (B1)
- Arabic | Elementary (A2) – Currently pursuing