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EDUCATION

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM, New York, NY

Master of Arts, Journalism, Politics Concentration, May 2026

Key Courses: Investigative Journalism; Human Rights and Criminal Justice; Data Journalism

Article: Surveillance Algorithms: Brazil as a Laboratory for Facial Recognition

The Price of Free WiFi: The new frontier of digital control in public housing developments

MILAN UNIVERSITY, Milan, Italy

Master's Degree in Print, Television and Multimedia Journalism, 2023

PADUA UNIVERSITY, Padua, Italy

Master's Degree in Law, 2020

EXPERIENCE

FANPAGE, Rome, Italy

2025

September 2023-July

Editor and Investigative-Undercover journalist

- Worked for over a year on “[The Meloni Youth](#)” (2023), an investigative video series exposing extremist rhetoric and networks within the youth movements tied to Italy’s ruling party, Fratelli d’Italia. Hosted the companion podcast “[The Meloni Youth](#)”, expanding the investigation into a long-form audio narrative. The investigation won the [DIG Award for “Investigative Short”](#), and sparked nationwide media coverage and [parliamentary inquiries](#) in Italy and the European Parliament regarding the rise of far-right ideology among young activists.
- Led an investigation into the Italian procurement of Israeli-made spyware (Paragon); conducted fieldwork and source interviews, mapped procurement channels and intermediaries—including the Israeli company Corsight AI—and analyzed the legal and policy implications of state and private surveillance technologies.
- Authored and co-researched the investigation “[Hunting the Foreigner](#)”, exposing anti-immigrant networks and xenophobic violence in Italy, from the Remigration Summit supported by the Lega party to secret chats and attacks by the far-right group Articolo 52.
- Authored and co-researched the investigation “[The Corrupt School](#)”, exposing the black market of academic credentials in Italy, where fake courses, manipulated exams, and illegitimate certificates reward those who pay and penalize those who merit.
- Contributed to establishing Fanpage.it as one of Italy’s leading multimedia investigative outlets, known for immersive reporting, fact-based storytelling, and ethical standards.

AVVENIRE, Milan, Italy

September 2022-September 2023

Reporter – Foreign Affairs & Economy Desk

- Reported on the Iran protests after Mahsa Amini’s death, the Somalia drought and humanitarian crisis, and Italy’s PNRR-related energy and recovery policies.
- Covered national issues such as gang violence in Milan and migrant shipwrecks on the Central Mediterranean route, producing timely articles for print and [digital](#) editions.

- Authored the [“Who Will Listen”](#), exposing violence and abuse within the Beccaria juvenile detention center.
- The investigation led to the initiation of a formal judicial inquiry by the magistrature, demonstrating the direct social and legal impact of the reporting.
- Conducted field research, interviews with current and former inmates.
- Produced multimedia reporting, combining narrative, data, and documentary evidence.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- *Video/Audio:* Adobe Premiere Pro; DaVinci Resolve; Adobe Audition; Flourish.
- *Investigative:* Open-source research (OSINT); FOIA; LexisNexis; [Bloomberg Terminal](#).
- *Languages:* Italian (native); English (Professional); Spanish (Beginner).
- *Courses:* Portrait Photography; Street Photography; Theatre Criticism & Classical Dramaturgy; RE-ACT Training – EU DATACROS III (Transcrime); EU-funded Cross-Border Project “Pirouette”.