

MANLIO GRAZIANO

PROFESSOR · AUTHOR · GEOPOLITICAL ANALYST

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Professor of geopolitics at the Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po, and the Sorbonne, and founder and director of the Nicholas Spykman International Center for Geopolitical Analysis. Author of more than twenty books published in six languages, including titles with Stanford University Press, Columbia University Press, and Palgrave Macmillan; his work has been reviewed in The New Yorker and The Economist. Regular contributor to Corriere della Sera, Limes, Gnosis, Appunti, and International Affairs Forum.

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Founder and Director	Nicholas Spykman International Center for Geopolitical Analysis	
Professor / Lecturer in Geopolitics and Geopolitics of Religions	Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po	2020–Present
Instructor, Geopolitics	Université Paris IV – La Sorbonne, Formation continue	2009–Present
Instructor, Geopolitics of Religions	Geneva Institute of Geopolitical Studies	2012–Present
Geopolitical Columnist	Appunti	
Contributor	Corriere della Sera, Gnosis, Limes, International Affairs Forum, and other publications	

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Italian Politics and History	Université Stendhal, Grenoble III. Dissertation on Italian political identity.	2004
Master's Degree in French Language and Modern Literature	University of Turin, Italy. Coursework included Italian language and contemporary history.	1982
Teaching Qualification in Italian and History	French Conseil national des Universités	2005
Teaching Qualification in French Language and Civilization		1992

ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po	Geopolitics; Geopolitics of Religions	2020–Present
Université Paris IV – La Sorbonne	Geopolitics, Formation continue	2009–Present
Geneva Institute of Geopolitical Studies	Geopolitics of Religions	2012–Present
Università di Torino	Visiting Scientist Program	February–April 2021
American Graduate School of International Relations and Diplomacy, Paris	Geopolitics; Geopolitics of Religions	2010–2018
HEC Paris	Geopolitics	2016–2018

Paris, France | +33 6 65 30 91 19 | manlio.graziano@gmail.com | www.manliograziano.com

Universities of Turin, Bologna, Rome La Sapienza, and Milano-Bicocca Seminars in geopolitics and geopolitics of religions	2015–Present
Université d'Évry Major Geopolitical Issues of the 21st Century	2009–Present
Université Inter-Ages de Versailles Major Geopolitical Issues of the 21st Century	2008–Present
Université Auguste Rodin, Meudon Major Geopolitical Issues of the 21st Century	2015–2018
SKEMA Business School Geopolitics; Paris, Sophia Antipolis, Lille, and Suzhou	2012–2015
Censis, Rome Internal seminar on the Geopolitics of Italian Identity	2009
École Supérieure de Traduction et de Relations Internationales (ESTRI), Lyon Italian Issues	2006–2008
LUISS Guido Carli, Rome Geopolitics of the Catholic Church	Spring–Summer 2007
Universities of Paris III – Sorbonne Nouvelle, Tours, Nanterre Paris X, Stendhal Grenoble 3, and Lyon II Italian Studies	2000–2010
Secondary Schools, Turin French History and Literature	1988–1999

RESEARCH AREAS

- Geopolitics
- National Identity
- International Relations
- Borders
- Geopolitics of Religion
- Global Political Change
- Political History

BOOKS

- *Come si va in guerra. Propaganda, interessi, ideologie. Cosa infiamma lo scontro tra le potenze.* Mondadori, 2026.
- *Disordine mondiale. Perché viviamo in un'epoca di crescente caos.* Mondadori, 2024.
- *Geopolitica della paura. Come l'ansia sociale orienta le scelte politiche.* Egea, Bocconi University Press, 2021.
- *Geopolitics of International Relations in the 21st Century / Géopolitique des relations internationales au XXI^e siècle.* 2020.
- *Geopolitica. Orientarsi nel grande disordine internazionale.* Il Mulino, 2019.
- *L'isola al centro del mondo: Una geopolitica degli Stati Uniti.* Il Mulino, 2018.
- *What Is a Border?* Stanford University Press, 2018.
- *Holy Wars and Holy Alliance: The Return of Religion to the Global Political Stage.* Columbia University Press, 2017.
- *In Rome We Trust: The Rise of Catholics in American Political Life.* Stanford University Press, 2017.
- *Frontiere.* Il Mulino, 2017.
- *In Rome We Trust. Cattolici e vita politica americana.* Il Mulino, 2016.
- *Lufta e shenjte dhe e shenjta aleance. Fete dhe trazira nderkombetare ne shekullin XXI.* Saras, Tirana, 2015.
- *Guerra santa e santa alleanza. Religioni e disordine internazionale nel XXI secolo.* Il Mulino, 2015.
- *Essential Geopolitics: A Handbook.* 2011; English and French editions.
- *El siglo católico. La estrategia geopolítica de la Iglesia.* RBA Libros, Barcelona, 2012.
- *Il secolo cattolico. La strategia geopolitica della Chiesa.* Laterza, Rome, 2010.

- *The Failure of Italian Nationhood: The Geopolitics of a Troubled Identity*. Palgrave Macmillan, New York, 2010; paperback, 2013.
- *Senza nazione? Geopolitica di un'identità difficile*. Donzelli, Rome, 2007.
- *L'Italie. Un État sans nation? Géopolitique d'une identité nationale incertaine*. Éditions Érès, 2007.
- *Identité italienne et identité catholique. L'Italie laboratoire de l'Église*. L'Harmattan, Paris, 2007.
- *Editor, L'Italie aujourd'hui. Situation et perspectives après le séisme des années quatre-vingt-dix*. L'Harmattan, Paris, 2004.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- "Fearful New World" in *Diversity, Fear and Religions: Cultural Accommodation in a Globalized World*, Routledge, 2025, pp. 39–52.
- "Paul Kennedy e la difficile gestione del declino relativo" in Edoardo Boria and Matteo Marconi (eds.), *Geopolitica dal pensiero all'azione. Spazio e politica in età contemporanea*, Argos, Rome, 2022.
- "Frontiere" *Enciclopedia Italiana di Lettere, Scienze e Arti*, X Appendice, Treccani, 2020.
- "Identità" *Enciclopedia Italiana di Lettere, Scienze e Arti*, X Appendice, Treccani, 2020.
- "The Next Middle Ages: Religion and Political Culture" in Jeffrey Haynes (ed.), *Routledge Handbook of Religion and Political Parties*, Routledge, 2019.
- "'Mare Nostrum' in a Multipolar World: A Geopolitical Analysis of a Superfluity of Claims" in Mario Mignone (ed.), *The Idea of the Mediterranean*, Forum Italicum Publishing, Stony Brook, 2017.

SELECTED ARTICLES & COMMENTARY

- "Emmanuel Macron Is Sinking Europe" International Affairs Forum, March 20, 2026.
- "The Great Disorder" International Affairs Forum, March 3, 2026.
- "The Gang of Anti-Globalists" International Affairs Forum, April 30, 2025.
- "Trump's War" International Affairs Forum, March 3, 2025.
- "Trump's Rhetoric Shows the Erosion of American Strength" January 30, 2025.
- "The Two-State Solution Is a Recipe for Carnage" Foreign Policy, February 5, 2024.
- "United States: The End of an Illusion of Omnipotence" The Conversation, July 20, 2022.
- "Is the U.S. Winning Russia's War in Ukraine?" Zócalo Public Square, May 19, 2022.
- "China-Russia: The Unlikely Alliance" International Affairs Forum, June 18, 2021.
- "A Geopolitical Reading of Fear" with Fabio Petani, The Conversation, January 18, 2021.
- "Europe's Solidarity Trap" Limes, April 16, 2020.
- "Viral Debt. Who Will Pay for the War Against Covid, and Until When?" Limes, March 23, 2020.
- "America's Decline Is Relative but Real—and Potentially Dangerous" Zócalo Public Square, March 9, 2018.
- "Borders and Barriers" Stanford University Press Blog, February 27, 2018.
- "From the Vote to the Vatican" Stanford University Press Blog, May 27, 2017.

- “The Long Crisis of the Nation-State and the Rise of Religions to the Public Stage” *Philosophy & Social Criticism*, vol. 42, nos. 4–5, May–June 2016.
- “The Rise and Fall of the ‘Mediterranean Atlanticism’: The Case of the Near-East” *Modern Italy*, vol. 12, no. 3, November 2007, pp. 287–308.

SELECTED REVIEWS & PRESS

Sergio Romano, *Corriere della Sera*: “uno dei migliori studiosi di politica internazionale” (“one of the finest scholars of international politics”), reviewing *Geopolitica*, June 2019.

The New Yorker, “Booted: What Really Ails Italy?,” on *The Failure of Italian Nationhood*, April 2011.

The Economist, “Oh for a New Risorgimento,” on *The Failure of Italian Nationhood*, June 2011.

Los Angeles Review of Books, “The De-WASping of the Power Elite,” on *In Rome We Trust*, September 2017.

H-Net Reviews, on *What Is a Border?*.

SELECTED INVITED LECTURES & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Stony Brook University (SUNY) “Europe: A Geopolitical Challenge,” International Conference “Quo Vadis, European Union?,” November 15, 2019.

Hofstra University “When the Money Runs Out: Borders, Debt and National Identity,” April 30, 2019.

Stony Brook University “When the Money Runs Out: Borders, Debt and National Identity,” April 24, 2019.

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven “Geopolitics of Religions,” December 17, 2018.

University of Glasgow “The New National and International Borders,” October 9, 2018.

Fondazione Bruno Kessler “Organization vs. Holy Texts: Violence and Political Essence of Religions,” October 11, 2017.

Stony Brook University (SUNY) “Mare Nostrum” in a Multipolar World: Geopolitical Analysis of a Superfluity of Claims, November 14, 2015.

United Nations Correspondents Association, New York “Religions and International Disorder in the 21st Century,” June 17, 2015.

Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome “Guerra santa e santa alleanza. La geopolitica delle religioni,” April 16, 2015.

American Graduate School of International Relations and Diplomacy, Paris “The Crisis in Ukraine: A Geopolitical Interpretation,” May 27, 2014.

International Centre for Geopolitical Studies, Geneva “Political Illusions and Geopolitical Realities,” July 11, 2012.

Italian Institute of Culture, New York “Italy without Nationhood?,” September 13, 2011.

Sciences Po, GREPIC “Italie, une identité nationale en question?,” November 23, 2010.

Stony Brook University, Center for Italian Studies “The Failure of Italian Nationhood,” September 14, 2010.

Brooklyn College (CUNY), Wolfe Institute “Why Fascism Was Not Able to Create an Italian Civil Religion,” September 8, 2010.

University of Bath “An Uncertain National Identity, A State without a Nation,” April 29, 2008.

Daedalos Institute of Geopolitics, Nicosia “The Catholic Church and the ‘Others’,” December 15–16, 2006.

CRIMIC–UNESCO, Paris IV – La Sorbonne “(Not) Teaching the Nation. The Italian Case,” June 2, 2005.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Member OGENI (Observatoire géopolitique des espaces nationaux et internationaux), Paris IV – Sorbonne	2007–2008
Member, Orientation Committee Daedalos Institute of Geopolitics, Paris–Nicosia	2005–2007
Editorial Staff Outre-terre, Paris	2005–2008
Editorial Staff Geopolitical Affairs, London	2006–2008
Peer Reviewer <i>The International Spectator</i> (Istituto Affari Internazionali / Routledge)	2007
Peer Reviewer <i>Économie appliquée</i>	2005

TRANSLATION

Languages: French → Italian; Italian → French; English → French; English → Italian.

- *Le Crédit Lyonnais (1863–1986). Études historiques* French → Italian.
- *Friedrich Engels, Notes on the War* English → French.
- *Arrigo Cervetto, La nuova contesa (1980–1989)* Italian → French.
- *Antonio Labriola, Saggi sul materialismo storico* Italian → French.

Additional translation work for Gruppo Editoriale L'Espresso, Sociovision-Cofremca, Société Bonmot, the Center of Political and Social Studies "Italo Baldelli," and TechTrans International.

LANGUAGES

Italian, French, English. Professional translation experience among these languages is documented above.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEDIA

- **Contributor:** Corriere della Sera, Gnosis, Limes, International Affairs Forum, and Appunti.
- **Geopolitical columnist:** Appunti.
- **Member of the editorial staff:** Outre-terre.