

SABRINA MASONI

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EDUCATION

PhD in Foreign Languages and Literatures University of Verona

10/2025 – current

- English Language and Translation (L-LIN/12)
- Supervisor: Professor Maria Ivana Lorenzetti
- Co-supervisor: Professor Massimiliano Demata
- Research areas: Critical Discourse Analysis; multimodality; political discourse; hate speech; far-right discourse; the discursive construction of identity and alterity in polarized socio-political contexts.

Master's Degree in International Studies (LM-52)

09/2022 – 03/2025

University of Turin | Final grade: 110 cum laude/110

- Specialization in European Studies
- Thesis: *The Representation of Immigrants in American Political Discourse: From George W. Bush to Joe Biden*
- Thesis Supervisor: Professor Massimiliano Demata
- Key fields of study: Discursive Strategies for Political Communication, International Relations, European Studies, Migration Studies
- Certifications: Diploma in Migration Studies
- Erasmus+ Thesis at the University of Valladolid

Bachelor's Degree in Political, Social and International Sciences (L-36)

09/2019 – 12/2022

University of Bologna | Final grade: 109/110

- Specialization in International Relations
- Thesis: *Hobbes, the State of Nature, and the Anarchic International System*
- Thesis Supervisor: Professor Giuseppe Sciara
- Key fields of study: Political Science, Law, Economics, International Relations, Social Studies, Statistics, Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis
- Erasmus+ Semester at Panteion University of Athens

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Research Mobility Grant funded by the University of Turin** 02/2025 – 03/2025
Awarded for thesis research abroad at the University of Valladolid. Conducted research under the supervision of Professor Laura Filardo Llamas, focusing on a comparative analysis of political discourse on immigration by four U.S. Presidents (Bush, Obama, Trump and Biden), as part of the main thesis project.
- **Erasmus + Study Grant** 02/2022 – 07/2022
Selected for the Erasmus+ programme during undergraduate studies. Spent one semester at Panteion University in Athens, attending courses in EU law and International Relations.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Participation in the CDA Spring Course organized by the Centre of Discourse Studies, offering a practical introduction to Critical Discourse Analysis (22/05/2025 – 26/06/2025)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- **Paper presentation, LINDES Seminars, University of Salamanca** 21/03/2025
Presented a paper based on selected findings from my MA thesis at the Seminar organized by the LINDES (Linguistic Descriptions of English) Research Group at the University of Salamanca. The paper focused on the comparative analysis of the representations of immigrants discursively constructed by four U.S Presidents (Bush, Obama, Trump and Biden).
- **Paper presentation, University of Valladolid** 27/02/2025
Presented a paper based on selected findings from my MA thesis to a group of staff members.
- **Paper presentation, Language Diversity International Conference, University of Chieti-Pescara** 03/12/2025
Presented a paper on the discursive representations of immigrants by four U.S Presidents (Bush, Obama, Trump and Biden).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Internship – Commission for the Recognition of International Protection Territorial Commission, Turin, Italy 06/2023 – 08/2023

- Managed asylum seekers' records (Vestanet, Modello C3 Corrente), analysed hearing transcripts, conducted COI research to verify the credibility of applicants' claims, and contributed to the drafting of decisions, ensuring compliance with asylum procedures.
- Verified interpreter availability and handled notifications, PEC communications and appeals (WebArch).
- Gained hands-on experience in asylum law, understanding procedural challenges and legislative updates.
- Participated in all phases of the international protection application process: preparation, hearing, statement verification and final decision.
- Developed skills in evaluating the credibility of information, assessing asylum applicants' integration status in Italy and applying legal standards to decision-making.
- Trained in managing emotional involvement during hearings, maintaining professional detachment and ensuring impartiality in decision-making.

VOLUNTEERING

Academic support and integration activities for second-generation minors at Sermig (Youth Missionary Service). Turin, Italy 01/2024 – 01/2025

- Assisted children and teenagers of immigrant background with homework and language support
- Organized educational and recreational activities to promote integration, socialization and personal development
- Collaborated with educators and volunteers to create an inclusive environment respectful of cultural diversity

SKILLS

Languages: English (C2), French (B2), Italian (Native)

Soft Skills: Critical Thinking, Flexibility, Effective Communication, Problem Solving, Teamwork, Attention to details.

Tools/Software: STATA, Antconc, Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Excel, Canva, Social Media.