

# Wolfgang Minatti

PhD Researcher

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## Current Position

Since 2019 **PhD in Social and Political Science**, *European University Institute*, Florence, Italy.

Thesis: "A Theory of Legitimation in Civil War: Relational Legitimacy and Governance in the Colombian Conflict"

Advisor: Prof. Jeffrey Checkel

## Education

2018 – 2019 **MA in International Relations**, *University Leiden*, Leiden, The Netherlands.

GPA: 8.73 (Dutch Grading System) – Graduated Cum Laude

Focus on Conflict and Security Studies

Thesis: "Thinking Hybrid. An Exploration of 'Hybrid Warfare' in Chinese Strategic Thought"

Advisor: Prof. Isabelle Duyvesteyn

2015 – 2018 **BA in Political Science**, *University Innsbruck*, Innsbruck, Austria.

GPA: 1.37 (Austrian Grading System)

Thesis: "Is the Slingshot mightier than the Sword? A Strategic Analysis of why the United States cannot win Afghanistan"

Advisor: Prof. Gerhard Mangott

2015 – 2018 **Diploma in Law (Unfinished)**, *University Innsbruck*, Innsbruck, Austria.

## Research Interest

International Relations, Legitimacy, Conflict Studies, Insurgency, Rebel Governance, International Institutions.

## Publications

### Academic Publications

2020 Minatti, W., & Duyvesteyn, I. Concepts of legitimacy: Congruence and divergence in the afghan conflict. *Civil Wars*, 22(1), 1–25. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13698249.2020.1686876> .

### Working Papers

R&R Legitimate Governance in International Politics: Towards a Relational Theory of Legitimation .  
Legitimacy in Practice: The Meaning of Legitimacy for UN Peacebuilders.  
Whither Willkommenskultur? National Identity Change following the Arrival of Refugees in Germany in 2015, *with Selma Kropp*.  
Beyond Vulnerable Populations: Towards Relational Vulnerability in Fieldwork, *with Guillaume Gass*.  
Of Assistants and Researchers: Vulnerability in Post-Conflict Colombia, *with Laura Ramírez Rodríguez*.

### Policy Publications

- 2022 Minatti, W., & Ramírez Rodríguez, L. *Memory of violence and conflict in cabrera, colombia*. EUI Ideas. <https://euideas.eui.eu/2022/01/20/memory-of-violence-and-conflict-in-cabrera-colombia/> .
- 2021 Minatti, W. *Legitimate governance and the taliban's takeover*. EUI Ideas. <https://euideas.eui.eu/2021/09/13/legitimate-governance-and-the-talibans-takeover/> .
- 2020 Minatti, W. *The challenges of the afghan peace talks*. EUI Ideas. <https://euideas.eui.eu/2020/09/28/the-challenges-of-the-afghan-peace-talks/> .

## Teaching

- 2022 **Course: “Social Phenomena of Rebel Groups”**, *TU Darmstadt*, Darmstadt, Germany.  
Instructing a MA-Level Seminar; 100% of surveyed participants say the course’s teaching and content were better than other courses in their programme.
- 2022 **Pedagogical Training: Teaching and Learning in Higher Education**, *European University Institute*, Florence, Italy.
- 2021 **Course: Conducting Qualitative Fieldwork: Interviews and Participant Observation**, *European University Institute*, Florence, Italy.  
Co-Organising and Developing a PhD-Level Seminar with Prof. Caitlin Procter and Mariusz Bogacki

## Conferences & Presentations

- 2022 **APSA Annual Meeting**, *American Political Science Association*, Montreal, Canada, Panel Organiser; Papers: “Beyond Vulnerable Populations: Towards Relational Vulnerability in Fieldwork & Of Assistants and Researchers: Vulnerability in Post-Conflict Colombia”.
- 2022 **ECPR General Conference**, *European Consortium of Political Research*, Innsbruck, Austria, Panel Co-Chair; Papers: “Whither Willkommenskultur? National Identity Change following the Arrival of Refugees in Germany in 2015 & Beyond Vulnerable Populations: Towards Relational Vulnerability in Fieldwork & Of Assistants and Researchers: Vulnerability in Post-Conflict Colombia”.
- 2022 **Colloquium at TU Darmstadt**, *Political Science Department*, Darmstadt, Germany, Paper: “Legitimate Governance in International Politics: Towards a Relational Theory of Legitimation”.
- 2021 **CIVICA PhD Panel Series**, *Hertie School*, Berlin, Germany, Paper: “Legitimacy, Governance and Agency in Civil War: Towards a Theory of Legitimation in Conflict Settings”.
- 2021 **ECPR Joint Sessions**, Online only, Paper: “Beyond Legitimacy: Process, Agency and Localness in the Legitimation of International Organisations”.
- 2021 **Qualitative and Fieldwork Working Group**, *European University Institute*, Florence, Italy, Paper: “Ethical Obligations of Field Research: The Fallacy of ‘Vulnerability’ for Fieldwork in Violent Contexts”.
- 2020 **SSHA 2020 Annual Meeting**, Washington, DC, USA, Roundtable: “Politics, Economy, and Legitimation Crisis: Approaches to Studying Legitimacy in Unsettled Times” (Cancelled due to Covid).

## Relevant Professional Experience

- 2022 **Visiting Scholar at the Cluster of Excellence SCRIPTS**, *Freie Universität Berlin*, Berlin, Germany.
- 2021 – 2022 **Research Assistant to Prof. Jeffrey Checkel**, *European University Institute*, Florence, Italy.  
Project: “Institutions at Bay? Identity Politics in 21st Century Europe”

- 2021 **Visiting Scholar at the Department of Political Sciences**, *Universidad de los Andes*, Bogota, Colombia.
- Since 2020 **Co-Host of the Qualitative and Fieldwork Working Group**, *European University Institute*, Florence, Italy, <https://www.qualfie.eu>.
- 2020 **Research Assistant to Prof. Jeffrey Checkel**, *European University Institute*, Florence, Italy.  
Project: "Process Tracing and International Political Economy"
- 2018 **Internship at the Austrian Economic Chambers**, Cairo, Egypt.
- 2017 – 2018 **Member of the Academic Forum for Foreign Policy**, Innsbruck, Austria.

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## Grants

- 2021 Early Career Researcher Grant by the *European University Institute*.
- 2021 Free Project Travel Grant by *CMHF Infinitus*.
- 2021 Open Pool Scholarship for the *Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research*, *Syracuse University*.
- 2019 PhD Scholarship at the *European University Institute* by the *OeAD*.

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## Languages

- German Native
- English Proficiency
- Spanisch Intermediate

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## References

- Prof. Jeffrey Checkel**, *European University Institute*, [jeffrey.checkel@eui.eu](mailto:jeffrey.checkel@eui.eu).
- Prof. Isabelle Duyvesteyn**, *University Leiden*, [i.duyvesteyn@hum.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:i.duyvesteyn@hum.leidenuniv.nl).
- Dr. Eugenio Cusumano**, *University Leiden*, [e.cusumano@hum.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:e.cusumano@hum.leidenuniv.nl).