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EDUCATION

PhD in Social and Political Science

European University Institute

Since Sept 2019 Florence, Italy

- Thesis: 'Legitimation during Civil War: Process and Relationality of Legitimacy in Contexts of Conflict' | Advisor: Prof. Jeffrey Checkel

MA in International Relations

University Leiden

Sept 2018 – July 2019 Leiden, The Netherlands

- Graduated Cum Laude | GPA: 8.73 (Dutch Grading System)
- Focus on Conflict and Security Studies
- Thesis: 'Thinking Hybrid. An Exploration of 'Hybrid Warfare' in Chinese Strategic Thought' | Advisor: Prof. Isabelle Duyvesteyn

BA in Political Science

University Innsbruck

Sept 2015 – Feb 2018 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

Diploma in Law (Unfinished)

University Innsbruck

Sept 2015 – Feb 2018 Innsbruck, Austria

EXPERIENCE

Internship at the Austrian Economic Chambers

May 2018 – July 2018 Cairo, Egypt

Member of the Academic Forum for Foreign Policy

Aug 2017 – Aug 2018 Innsbruck, Austria

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Minatti, W., & Duyvesteyn, I. (2020). Concepts of Legitimacy: Congruence and Divergence in the Afghan Conflict. *Civil Wars*, 22(1), 1–25. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13698249.2020.1686876>

Blog Posts

Minatti, W. (2020). *The Challenges of the Afghan Peace Talks*. EUI Ideas. <https://euiideas.eui.eu/2020/09/28/the-challenges-of-the-afghan-peace-talks/>

RESEARCH INTEREST

Civil War

What is the role of ideation in civil war?
What are the ethics of fieldwork in contexts of political violence?

Rebel Strategy

Which patterns shape non-state actor strategic thought? What drives military and strategy adaptation of rebel groups?

Governance

How do armed actors govern in civil war?
How is governance negotiated between civilians and governance providers?

Legitimacy

Why and how do armed actors legitimise themselves in civil war? How can we theorise and operationalise legitimation in violent contexts?

GRANTS

2019 PhD Scholarship at EUI by the OeAD

LANGUAGES

German	Native
English	Proficiency
Spanish	Basic

REFERENCES

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