

## Gaia Mastrosanti (*she/her*)

International Politics graduate specialising in European and migration policy. Experience in think-tank research, editorial work, and university teaching. Skilled in analytical writing, policy analysis, and communicating research to broad audiences. Curious, rigorous, and dedicated to transforming complex evidence into clear and accessible insights for policy and public debate.

### Professional experience

#### ISPI – Institute of International Political Studies

*Editorial Trainee* | October 2024 – November 2025

- Support editorial team in communication management, research, and content strategy.
- Contribute policy-focused articles and analytical pieces to ISPI's editorial board.
- Edit, fact-check, and refine English-language texts to ensure clarity, accuracy, and consistency with institutional objectives.
- Coordinate with authors and researchers to manage editorial workflows and oversee the timely publication of articles and reports.
- Manage article publication and updates on ISPI's website.

#### Trinity College Dublin

*Teaching Assistant – Faculty of Political Science* | January 2024 – August 2024

- Led tutorials, designed lesson plans, and facilitated student comprehension of political science concepts.
- Graded essays and exams, providing detailed feedback and fostering critical thinking skills.

#### TecnoEdizioni Srl, Milan

*Editor Assistant* | August 2020 – August 2023

- Edited and proofread articles for multiple magazines.
- Managed website content and communications.
- Coordinated social media communication on LinkedIn and X.

*Communications Intern* | July 2020 – August 2020

- Assisted newsroom with press review and editorial research.
- Supported social media functions with content creation and research.

### Selected publications

- Mastrosanti, Gaia. "Why Externalisation Will Not Resolve the EU's Migration Dilemma." In *EU-Africa: "Dealing" with Migration?*, edited by Matteo Villa, Report, ISPI, 1 October 2025. — [Link](#)
- What Implications Does Migration Have for Italy's and the EU's Cooperation with Africa? — [Link](#)
- "Why Externalization Won't Fix EU's Migration Policy" *Between Shores: Reframing EU Migration Policy Through an African Lens*, edited by Matteo Villa, Dossier, ISPI, 15 July 2025. — [Link](#)

**Full list of publications:** <https://www.ispionline.it/en/bio/gaia-mastrosanti>

### Education

**Trinity College Dublin** — *MSc in International Politics* | August 2024 | Final Grade: 69% (Merit)

**Thesis:** "Representing Refugees: Migration Discourses Before and After the Ukraine War". Supervisor: Dr. Liam Kneafsey

**University of Milan** — *Bachelor's Degree in International Politics, Law and Economics* | July 2023 | Final Grade: 110 cum laude (GPA: 4.0)

**Thesis:** "Anti-immigration policies in Salvini's Italy". Supervisor: Dr. A.M. Jeannet

**Erasmus Exchange, Trinity College Dublin** — 2023

Completed coursework in sociology and Ireland-focused political studies, engaging with a different academic culture and refining analytical and writing skills through research-driven assignments and essays.

### Skills

- **Languages:** English (C2), Italian (native), German (B1, Goethe-Zertifikat)
- **Research & Analysis:** Policy analysis, qualitative and quantitative research methods, data interpretation
- **Data & Tools:** RStudio, Microsoft Excel, Google Analytics, WordPress
- **Academic Writing & Editing:** Academic and policy report writing, proofreading, fact-checking, editorial management
- **Digital & Communication Tools:** Sprout Social, Canva, Mailup (for research dissemination and content management)

### Awards and activities

- INPS Scholarship (2023-2025)
- University Merit Scholarship, University of Milan (2022-2025)