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EDUCATION

Ph.D., International Relations 2024

Florida International University, Miami, FL

Dissertation: "Faith Actors' Agency in the Reception and Integration of Latin American Queer Refugees in Spain and the United States." Awarded the 2024 Best Dissertation Award, School of International and Public Affairs.

Graduate Certificate, Latin American and Caribbean Studies 2023

Florida International University, Miami, FL

M.A., International Studies 2021

Florida International University, Miami, FL — Global Governance, International Law, and International Ethics

M.A., Religious Studies 2019

Florida International University, Miami, FL

Awarded the 2019 Christine Gudorf Outstanding Thesis Award, Department of Religious Studies.

Licentiate in Sociology, summa cum laude 2017

Universidad Nacional de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina

B.A., Theology, summa cum laude 2009

Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Postdoctoral Associate Fall 2025 – Spring 2026

Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University

Adjunct Faculty 2024 – Present

Department of Politics and International Relations / Department of Religious Studies, Florida International University

- INR 4603 – Theories of International Relations
- INR 4073 – International LGBT Politics and Advocacy
- INR 3045 – The Global Challenge of Refugees and Migrants
- INR 3214 – International Relations of Europe
- INR 2001 – Introduction to IR
- REL 4105 – Latino/a Immigration and Religion
- REL 3583 – World Christianity
- REL 2011 – Introduction to Religion

Adjunct Faculty 2024 – Present

Miami Dade College — courses in international law and organization, student success, multicultural communication, and career development

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Global governance and norms; forced migration and international protection; sexual orientation and gender identity-based refugees; non-state actors; international politics and religion; sociology of religion; intersectionality and queer theory in International Relations; qualitative research methods.

Geographical areas of expertise: European Union, Latin America, and the United States.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Thiel, M., Fiocchetto, E., & Maslanik, J. (2023). *The Politics of Social In/Exclusion in the EU: Civic Europe in an Age of Uncertainty*. Cham: Springer.
- Fiocchetto, E. (2023). "On Social and Legal Experiences at the Intersections of Human Mobility and SOGIESC." *Journal of Refugee Studies*, 36(3), 572–578.
- Fiocchetto, E. (2025). "The Madres de Plaza de Mayo in a Chapel of Mendoza." In *Religions in the Americas: Trans-hemispheric and Transcultural Approaches*. University of New Mexico Press.
- Fiocchetto, E. (2022). "Migration." In *Christianity in Latin America and the Caribbean (Edinburgh Companions to Global Christianity, vol. 6)*. Edinburgh University Press.
- Fiocchetto, E. (forthcoming, 2026). "Contested Queer Asylum: SOGIESC Normativities Constraining Queer Refugees." In *The SAGE Handbook of LGBTQ Studies*. SAGE.
- Fiocchetto, E., & Thiel, M. (forthcoming, 2026). "Queer Liminality and Queer Opacity in the Common European Asylum System."
- Fiocchetto, E. (forthcoming, 2027). "The Recognizable Queer Refugee: SOGIESC, Legibility, and International Protection." In *Sexualities in World Politics: How LGBTQ+ Claims Shape International Relations*. 2nd Edition. Routledge.
- Author of op-eds in Foreign Policy in Focus, Global Americans, Latinoamérica21, and The Times-Picayune.*

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "New Approaches against Sexual Exploitation." IV Symposium on Combating Human Trafficking, Organization of American States. Washington, DC, 2024. (Expert Speaker)
- "(In)Credible Queer Refugees: Discourses Around the Credibility Assessment of LGBTIQ+ Latin Americans Seeking Asylum in Spain." Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence Annual Conference, FIU, 2024. (Expert Speaker)
- Multiple papers presented at the International Studies Association, Latin American Studies Association, European Union Studies Association, Council for European Studies, and American Academy of Religion annual meetings (2018–2026).

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Best Dissertation Award, School of International and Public Affairs, FIU (2024)
- Dissertation Year Fellowship, University Graduate School, FIU (2023–2024)
- Excellence in Service Award, Department of Politics and International Relations, FIU (2021–2023)
- Christine Gudorf Outstanding Thesis Award, Department of Religious Studies, FIU (2019)
- CLASP Faculty Research and Professional Development Award, Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs (2026)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association · International Studies Association · Latin American Studies Association · European Union Studies Association · Council for European Studies · European Consortium for Political Research · University Association for Contemporary European Studies · American Academy of Religion · Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native) · English (proficient) · Italian (intermediate) · Portuguese, German, Biblical Greek, Latin, Masoretic Hebrew (reading/translation)