



Diego Caballero Vélez

## EDUCATION

- 2017-2021 PhD. In Political Science, European Politics, and International Relations—Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa (Italy)  
*(Joint PhD from University of Florence, University of Siena, University of Pisa, and Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies)*  
**Thesis:** Producing public goods in the field of refugee protection: the case study of Poland in times of the migrant and refugee crisis.
- 2013-2015 MSc in International Law and International Relations – University of Granada, Granada (Spain)  
**Thesis:** The right to the assistance of an interpreter as part of the EU’s fundamental right to defence
- 2009-2013 BA in Translation and Interpreting – University of Córdoba, Córdoba (Spain)  
 (Language B: English, Language C: Arabic)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Research

- Sep. 2022-ongoing Post-doctoral researcher—Centre of Migration Research (University of Warsaw), Poland
- In-depth analysis of the influence of employers’ interests on labour migration in different political, economic and socio-cultural contexts in Italy (E-Factor project)
  - Coordination and complex implementation of qualitative research (desk research, collecting primary and secondary data).
  - Analysing the primary and secondary data.
  - Preparation (in a collaborative manner) and publication of papers in high-quality academic journals
- Oct. 2019 Visiting PhD researcher—Refugee Studies Centre (University of Oxford), UK
- Dec. 2019
- Data collection for the PhD research project
  - Testing PhD research hypothesis by applying different theoretical models
  - Presenting results/development of the research conducted in a work-in-progress seminar
- Feb. 2019 Visiting PhD fellow—SGH Warsaw School of Economics, Poland
- June 2019
- Conducting semi-structured interviews for the PhD research analysis
  - Data analysis (qualitative and quantitative)
  - Active participation (speaker, discussant, etc.) in scientific events at the university
  - Supporting Dr. Marta Pachocka in the implementation of the EUMIGRO project “Jean Monnet Module on the European Union and the Contemporary International Migration—an Interdisciplinary Approach” (Erasmus+ Programme, 2016–2019, SGH) and the EUSHARE project “Connecting the European Union of Shared Aims, Freedoms, Values and Responsibilities” (Erasmus+ Programme, 2016–2020, Polish European Community Studies Association, PECSA)
- Feb. 2016- June 2016 Research trainee—Institute for European Studies (Vrije Universiteit Brussels), Belgium  
*Cluster of Migration, Diversity and Justice*
- Research support of the cluster’s activities: research analysis, organisation of conferences, and seminars

## Teaching

- Nov. 2021  
Present
- University teaching assistant (“cultore della material”)–University of Pisa (Italy)
- Research support of the faculty, especially with regards to final examinations within the IRR course of the bachelor’s degree in Political Science (University of Pisa)
- External lecturer–SGH Warsaw School of Economics (Poland)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
2021
- Data Delivering Lecture on “The New Pact on Migration” (course within the EUMIGRO Project “Europe and International Migration: an Interdisciplinary Perspective”) under the supervision of Dr Marta Pachocka
- Total teaching: 1.5 hours
- External lecturer–University of Reims-Champagne-Ardenne (France)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
2021
- Delivering Lecture on “The EU migration crisis: the case of Poland” (for master’s degree in “*Intégration Européenne et Gouvernance Globale*”) under the supervision of Dr Marta Pachocka
- Total teaching: 2 hours
- External lecturer–University of Pisa (Italy)
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  
April  
2021
- Lecture for the course “Comparative Migration Policies and Politics” (for masters’ degree in International Studies)
- Lecture 1 (1.5 hours)—“EU migration and asylum policy: Security and Identity”
  - Lecture 2 (1.5 hours)—“Security and identity collective action theory, burden-sharing, and refugee protection”
- Total teaching: 3 hours
- Ap. 2020  
July 2020
- External lecturer–Catholic University of Applied Sciences of Mainz (Germany)
- I taught a full course on “Migration, Theories and Politics” for bachelor’s degree students in Social Sciences, Migration and Integration .
- Delivering lectures (online) and designing and correcting exams
  - Mentoring BA students
  - Choosing the reading material for the courses
- Total teaching: 2 hours per week on average (total: 20 hours)

## Project management

- April 2022  
Sep. 2022
- Research logistic coordinator–Institute d’Études Européennes (Université Libre de Bruxelles), Brussels (Belgium)
- Providing support in the development of the projects.
  - Following-up on the management of secured funding (e.g., contribute to activity reports, budgeting, etc.).
  - Providing guidance and assistance for writing the projects and funding applications in English and French.
  - Helping team members to interpret legal and regulatory texts pertaining to the research policy of the ULB.
  - Contribute to the dissemination and the valorisation of the projects.
  - Logistical guidance in the implementation of projects.

Projects carried out at the IEE-ULB (Institute for European Studies at the Université Libre de Bruxelles) :

### 1) EUqualis (2022-2024)

EUqualis is a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence dedicated to the challenges associated with ‘Inequality and the EU’.

### 2) GEM-DIAMOND

GEM-DIAMOND is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action Doctoral Network and builds on the successful GEM-STONES projects previously led by the IEE. It is entitled GEM-DIAMOND -



Globalisation, Europe and Multilateralism: Democratic Institutions, the rise of Alternative Models and mounting Normative Dissensus. The project focuses on how the growing dissensus surrounding liberal democracy, both within and beyond Europe.

- Oct.2021  
Feb. 2022
- Blue Book trainee– Research Executive Agency, Unit C.4. , European Commission, Brussels (Belgium)
- Project management
  - Communication, Dissemination, and Exploitation (social media monitoring, preparation of brochures, results packs)
  - Policy feedback to partner and end-user DGs
  - Supporting the transition process from Horizon 2020 to Horizon Europe

### Governmental institutions

Oct.2022  
Present

External expert– Spanish Ministry of the Presidency

Jan.2015  
Jul. 2015

Trainee– Spanish Honorary Consulate of Florence (Italy)

- Support of administrative activities related to international public and private law

### PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue Other language(s)	Spanish	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
		Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English (PhD program in English)		C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Italian (Certificate PLIDA C2)		C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
French		B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
Arabic		A2	A2	A2	A2	A2
Polish		A2	A2	A2	A2	A2

- Job-related skills
- ✓ Experience in programme/project design, project implementation and monitoring;
  - ✓ Knowledge of and experience with quantitative and qualitative research methods
  - ✓ Capacity to conduct independent research and data analysis.
  - ✓ Good knowledge of the EU research and innovation area (Horizon 2020 implementation)
- Digital skills
- ✓ Working knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook), NVivo (content analysis); Stata (statistical analysis)

- AWARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS
- Doctoral Fellowship, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa (Italy)- 2017-2021
  - Erasmus Grant, University of Oxford-10/2019-12/2019
  - Master's degree grant, Spanish national scholarship- 2013-2014
  - Spanish Erasmus Grant, Hogeschool Gent- 2012-2013
  - Grant Bachelor's degree grant, Spanish national scholarship- 2009-2013

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

- Caballero Vélez, Diego (forthcoming). *Contesting Migration Crises in Central Eastern Europe: A political economy approach to Poland's responses towards refugee protection provision*. Palgrave Macmillan. Contract signed. Date of publication: December 2023.
- Caballero Vélez, Diego, Marta Pachocka and James Roberts (Eds.) (forthcoming 2024). *International Migration Governance as Public Goods*. Contract signed. Palgrave Macmillan

### Peer-reviewed journals

Under revision:

- Lutz, Philipp, and Diego Caballero Vélez (2024) "Refugee protection as a public good: What benefits for states?", *Perspectives on Politics*

Published:

- Caballero Vélez, Diego, and Jan Misiuna (2021) "When exit policies determine the entry policies: the case of *Karta Polaka*", *International Migration*, Special Issue. DOI: 10.1111/imig.13050
- Caballero Vélez, Diego, and Marta Pachocka. (2021) "Producing public goods in the EU: European integration processes in the fields of refugee protection and climate stability", *European Politics and Society*, 22(1): 1-18.
- Caballero Vélez, Diego, and Ekaterina Krapivnitskaya (2020) "The EU migration policy securitization process: from a domestic to a foreign dimension", *Journal of Public Policy Studies*, 4(28): 105-122.
- Caballero Vélez, Diego (2018) "European Union Political Theories in Times of Crisis. The Cases of Economic and Monetary Union and of the European Union Migration and Asylum Policy", *The Review of European Affairs*, 2(2): 5-21. ISSN: 2544-6703

### Chapters in edited books (peer reviewed)

Under revision:

- Caballero Vélez, Diego, and Marta Pachocka (2024) "Exploring the Migration and Refugee Crisis in the EU and Relevant Policy Responses after 2014", in Y. Abu-Laban, M. Paquet, and E. Tungohan (eds.), *Migration and Citizenship: Political Science, Policies and Research in Global Comparative Perspective*, McGill-Queen's University Press
- Caballero Vélez, Diego, Maggy Lee and Matthew Light (2024) "Beyond Fortress Europe – Variations, Contestations and Instrumentalisation in Migration Control in Central Eastern European Region", in M. Bosworth, K. Franko, M. Lee, and R. Mehta (eds.), *Handbook on Border Criminology*, Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd.

Published:

- Brumat, Leiza, Diego Caballero Vélez, and Marta Pachocka (2023) "The Role of International Organizations in Global Migration Governance: Sustainable Development as a Strategy for extending Global Public Goods", in: E. Latoszek, A. Kłos (eds.), *Global public goods and sustainable development in the practice of international organizations. Responding to Challenges of Today's World*, Brill
- Caballero Vélez, Diego, and Marta Pachocka (2019) "Understanding EU Member States cooperation within the asylum regime during the migration and refugee crisis from an IR perspective", in A. Adamczyk, M. Dziembała, A. Kłos, M. Pachocka (eds.), *EU Facing Current Challenges, Opportunities, Crisis and Conflicts*, Warsaw: Elipsa. ISBN: 978-83-8017-307-

### Working papers (peer reviewed)

- Caballero Vélez, Diego (2021) "'Flexible solidarity' on the New Pact on Migration: Overcoming a collective action problem?" ASILE paper series. European University Institute and CEPS

### Policy briefs (peer reviewed)

Under revision:



- Caballero, Vélez, Diego (2023) "EU's defence policy evolution: The strategic incorporation of migration", *CSDS Policy brief*, Brussels School of Governance.

Occasional reviewer for the following journals: *The Review of European Affairs*; *Journal of International Migration and Integration*

CONFERENCE  
AND SEMINARS  
(selected)

International conferences and workshops

- Diego Caballero Vélez, and Sara Bojarczuk, "From the Polish-Belarus border crisis to the reception of Ukrainian refugees: migration as a political tool in the EU's CFSP?", Panel title: Migration governance, common security and collective defence: blurring the lines and/or building a nexus?, Italian Society of Political Science (SISP). 14-16 September, Genova (Italy).
- Diego Caballero Vélez and Sara Bojarczuk, "From the Polish-Belarus border crisis to the reception of Ukrainian refugees: migration as a political tool in the EU's CFSP?", Panel title: Emergency mobilities and emergency governance: from COVID-19 pandemics to the war in Ukraine, European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) 2023 General Conference. 4-8 September 2023, Prague, (Czech Republic).
- Diego Caballero Vélez and Philipp Lutz, "The Public Nature of Refugee Protection: What Benefits for States?", Panel title: Empirical and Normative Perspectives on Refugee Protection, 6th Neuchâtel Graduate Conference of Migration and Mobility Studies, 11-12 July 2023, Neuchâtel (Switzerland).
- Diego Caballero Vélez, "From Consultation to Legislation: Unraveling the Influence of Employers in Italian Immigration Policies", Panel title: Capital and employers framing "good" migration and shaping mobility, 2023 IMISCOE General Conference, 3-6 July 2023, Warsaw (Poland).
- Diego Caballero Vélez and Sara Bojarczuk, "From the Polish-Belarus border crisis to the reception of Ukrainian refugees: migration as a political tool in the EU's CFSP?", Panel: Disengaging with international solidarity: "unpacking" the externalization of EU migration policy, 29th International Conference of Europeanists (CES, Columbia). 27-29 June 2023, Reykjavik (Iceland).
- Diego Caballero Vélez and Sara Bojarczuk, "From the Polish-Belarus border crisis to the reception of Ukrainian refugees: migration as a political tool in the EU's CFSP?", Panel: Disengaging with international solidarity: "unpacking" the externalization of EU migration policy, The European Union in International Affairs Conference (EUIA 2023), 3-5 May 2023, Brussels (Belgium).
- Diego Caballero Vélez, "Identity, group size paradox and the limits of collective action: The case of Visegrad Group and EU asylum policy", Panel title: Constructivist Explanations of Global Public Goods, 2022 International Studies Association (ISA) Convention. 30.03.2022. Nashville, Tennessee, USA.
- Diego Caballero Vélez, 2021, "Public Goods and the EU Migration Regime: Poland's Provision of Refugee Protection", International Political Science Association (IPSA) 26th World Congress of Political Science. 15.07.2021 (virtual)
- Diego Caballero Vélez, "Producing public goods in the EU: An analysis of EU refugee protection and climate integration processes", Panel title: "Sharing Responsibility? The Politics and Policies of Asylum Governance", European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) 2019 General Conference; 4-7 September.2019, Wroclaw (Poland).

Invited seminars

- Diego Caballero Vélez, Lee Maggy, and Light Matthew, "Unpacking 'Fortress Europe'- Variations and Contestations in Border Control in the Central Eastern European Region", Border Criminologies Workshop, Centre for Criminology, Faculty of Law (University of Oxford), 11-12 September 2023 Oxford (UK)
- Diego Caballero Vélez and Philipp Lutz, The Public Nature of Refugee Protection: What Benefits for States?, Seminar Centre of Migration Research (University of Warsaw).16th May 2023, Warsaw (Poland).
- Diego Caballero Vélez and Philipp Lutz, "The Public Nature of Refugee Protection: What Benefits for States?", Seminar "A discussion on the benefits of free movement and refugee protection", Migration Policy Centre (Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies), European University Institute, 23rd February 2023, Florence (Italy).
- Diego Caballero Vélez, "'Flexible Solidarity' on the New Pact on Migration: overcoming a collective action problem?" (ASILE project), Migration Policy Centre (Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies), European University Institute. 17th September 2021 (online).
- Diego Caballero Vélez, "Member States' contribution to refugee protection provision in the EU: a public goods perspective", Work-in-Progress seminar series, Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford, 12th



November 2019, Oxford (UK).

Invitations as chair

- Chair for the session "Forced migration: Policy frameworks and refugee practices", 2023 IMISCOE General Conference, 3-6 July 2023, Warsaw (Poland).

- Chair for the session "Forced migration: understanding policies, effects and refugees' experiences", 2023 IMISCOE General Conference, 3-6 July 2023, Warsaw (Poland).

▣ Organisation of international conferences

- Panel: "Disengaging with international solidarity: "unpacking" the externalization of EU migration policy", 29th International Conference of Europeanists (CES, Columbia), Reykjavik, 2023 (with Gaia Romeo, Philipp Stutz, Sara Bojarcuzk and Ahmad Wali Ahmad Yar).

- Panel: "Disengaging with international solidarity: "unpacking" the externalization of EU migration policy", The European Union in International Affairs Conference (EUIA 2023), Brussels, 2023 (with Gaia Romeo, Philipp Stutz, Sara Bojarcuzk and Ahmad Wali Ahmad Yar).

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Florence, 10 December 2023