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PERSONAL PROFILE

Open-source intelligence analyst with a regional specialism in the Eastern Mediterranean and the approaches to Suez, publishing methodology-led casework and assessments under my own byline. Bilingual in English and Greek, proficient in Italian, with beginner Modern Standard Arabic.

Published this month by the Council on Geostrategy on British posture on NATO's southern flank, and twice by Chatham House. Regional work covers Greek and Turkish maritime disputes, Eastern Mediterranean energy politics, Red Sea and Suez maritime security, and Chinese state-linked ownership of Mediterranean port infrastructure.

The discipline I care most about is stating plainly what the evidence supports and where it stops. Every published piece grades confidence claim by claim and records intelligence gaps rather than filling them with inference. I build in Python and SQL to enforce that discipline in code rather than by habit, and publish the code so the method can be checked. Undertaking the process to join 3 Military Intelligence Battalion as a Reservist.

INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTION

- **Analytical tooling.** MedGraph (2026), a dependency cascade model of the Eastern Mediterranean, Red Sea and South Caucasus. A SQLite schema with provenance constraints, two API extractors running against IMF PortWatch and UN Comtrade, a graph engine in Python and NetworkX, a browser port verified against it across four scenarios, and a self-contained interactive viewer. Every edge weight is labelled measured, with a citable source and retrieval date, or analyst assigned, referencing an assumption that carries a recorded falsifier. Sensitivity analysis identifies which assumption a conclusion rests on. Code, cached API responses and generated findings published.
- **Trade-data investigation,** August 2026. Measured dual-use displacement into Russia across Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and the UAE using the UN Comtrade API. Armenian electronics exports to Russia rose from \$9m to \$801m, from one fortieth of the total to more than a quarter, with the dual-use share rising in all eight country and chapter pairs tested. Direct German supply cannot account for the volume, which relocates the question from whether transshipment is occurring to where the goods originate. Published with its limits stated, including the sampling decision that most weakens it.
- **Regional assessment.** “*Why Britain should lead on NATO's southern flank*”, The Memorandum No. 37.2026, Britain's World, Council on Geostrategy, 11 August 2026. Assessed the Ankara Summit Declaration against the Eastern Mediterranean strategic picture: Greek and Turkish continental shelf and airspace disputes, the 2023 Athens Declaration, Montreux and the Turkish Straits, East Mediterranean Gas Forum security, and the F-35 and S-400 question. Argued from the primary declaration text against the prevailing secondary reading.
- **Thematic study on ownership and control,** July 2026. A 40-page open-source study of Chinese state-linked ownership across eleven Mediterranean container terminals, examining shareholding structures, concession terms and control, assessed against NATO logistical exposure. Applied Analysis of Competing Hypotheses and dimension-specific confidence grading separating commercial concentration, strategic dependency and military utility. Two positions where beneficial ownership could not be established were recorded as intelligence gaps. Includes three original data visualisations. Available on request.
- **Target research,** June 2026. Traced a designated individual's corporate network across Companies House filings, BVI registry records, the ICIJ Offshore Leaks Database, the OFAC SDN list and the relevant UK Supreme Court judgment, resolving entities across jurisdictions on partial-match records. Identified a divergence between UK designation and US non-designation that secondary reporting had not noted.
- **Verification casework,** June 2026. Two published identification cases: an aircraft resolved to type and operator from a partial cabin window image, and a vessel's identity and position established from a single photograph. Both document the collection path, the verification steps and the points at which the identification could have failed.
- **Policy submissions.** Two contributions to Chatham House's *Common Futures* programme, June and April 2026, on the future of the rules-based international order and on nuclear proliferation and arms control.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- **Open-source company research:** Companies House, BVI registry records, ICIJ Offshore Leaks Database, Open-Sanctions, OFAC SDN list, court judgments and business press; entity resolution across jurisdictions where names, addresses and directorships only partially match.
- **Critical evaluation of sources:** Source verification methodology (*Verification Handbook*); Analysis of Competing Hypotheses and confidence grading (CIA, *A Tradecraft Primer*); explicit recording of what the record does not show.
- **Memoranda and report drafting:** Long-form graded reports, published policy memoranda written to editorial

deadline, and method-led casework; writing for specialist and non-specialist readers.

- **Anti-corruption and regulatory frameworks:** Regulatory Compliance Specialization (University of Pennsylvania), covering compliance programmes, privacy law and data protection, and anti-corruption; analysis of policy and legal documentation on Commercial and Media Law desks at two London firms.
- **Tools and data:** Python for API extraction, data cleaning and graph analysis (requests, pandas, NetworkX), with published, documented and tested code; SQLite schema design with integrity constraints; SQL for querying, joining and aggregation; Maltego (certified) for entity resolution and relationship mapping; Kepler.gl for geospatial analysis; Excel for comparative datasets.
- **Confidentiality and detail:** Confidentiality-sensitive support within a crisis and reputation management consultancy; case materials prepared under version control; digital safeguarding and access-protocol compliance for a school pupil cohort.
- **Regional knowledge:** Eastern Mediterranean and the approaches to Suez; Greek and Turkish maritime and airspace disputes; Eastern Mediterranean energy politics and the East Mediterranean Gas Forum; Red Sea and Suez maritime security; Gulf and Western Europe as secondary areas.
- **Languages:** Bilingual English and Greek; proficient Italian; GCSE French; beginner Modern Standard Arabic.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Aiglon College | *Head of Communications, Summer School* *Switzerland | Summers 2025 and 2026*

- Manage digital safeguarding for a pupil cohort under strict welfare, reputational and access protocols, assessing incidents in real time and escalating correctly on first assessment.
- Conduct ongoing open-source research on competing international schools and the wider market, informing internal positioning.
- Act as primary point of contact between senior leadership and external professional crews; operate within a residential programme requiring irregular hours and short-notice cover.

Pharos Response | *Sales Administrator* *London, UK | September 2025 to January 2026*

- Supported consultants at a crisis and reputation management consultancy working on live client incidents.
- Collated information, conducted desk-based research and maintained accurate records across concurrent matters.
- Tracked actions, managed information flow to short deadlines and handled confidential material daily.

Winckworth Sherwood LLP & HCR Law | *Work Placements* *London | 2024 to 2025*

- Analysed complex policy and legal documentation on Commercial and Media Law desks.
- Supported fee earners through legal research and document review, and prepared case materials under version control.

Exeter Engineers Rugby Football Club | *Head of Publicity and Marketing (elected)* *Exeter, UK | 2023 to 2024*

- Exercised editorial judgement on reputational risk, including a decision not to publish material that would have damaged the club's standing with the university, its sponsors and individual members.
- Managed stakeholder relations between the committee, corporate sponsors and the student body.

EDUCATION

University of Exeter | *BA (Hons) Classics with Italian* *2022 to 2025*

- **Grade:** 2:1. A discipline built on reconstructing defensible conclusions from fragmentary and contested material, weighing competing interpretations, and stating what the surviving evidence will and will not support.
- **Achievement:** Winner, Best Delegation, Bath Model United Nations. Founded and led Pacexeter Run Club, 2024 to 2025, growing membership from a standing start.

St James Senior Boys' School *London*

- **A-Levels:** A*AA | 10 GCSEs

TRAINING AND MEMBERSHIPS

- **Regulatory Compliance Specialization**, University of Pennsylvania, August 2026. Four courses: compliance fundamentals, effective compliance programmes, privacy law and data protection, and anti-corruption.
- Maltego for Cybercrime Investigations (Maltego Technologies, July 2026). Introduction to the Threat Intelligence Lifecycle (IBM, August 2026). SQL Foundations (Microsoft, August 2026). Bellingcat Online Investigation Toolkit. In-person surveillance training, Dilitas Ltd, June 2026, with a further course booked for September 2026.
- Undertaking the process to join 3 Military Intelligence Battalion as a Reservist.
- Member, Chatham House. Member, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) and RUSI NextGen.