

## **Rebecca Pedi**

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### **Current Academic Position**

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**November 2017-present: Assistant Professor of International Relations,**  
Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia

### **Research Interests**

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International Relations of Small States  
International Relations and the European Union  
International Relations and Entrepreneurship  
International Relations and Public Opinion

### **Education**

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#### **University of Macedonia, Department of International and European Studies**

PhD, April 2016

Topic: Theory of International Relations: Small States in the International System.

Awarded with Distinction

#### **University of Cambridge-Center of International Studies**

MPhil in International Relations, September, 2007

MPhil Thesis: The International Relations of Small States in the EU and the CFSP

#### **University of Sheffield-Department of Politics**

MA in International Political Economy, September, 2004

MA Thesis: Globalization and Democracy: Friends or Rivals?

Awarded with Distinction

#### **University of Macedonia, Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies**

BA, May, 2003

### **Scholarships**

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**University of Cambridge,** Cambridge European Trust Mphil Scholarship

### **Research Grants**

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#### **2019 Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation,**

Crisis' Emerging Diaspora's Tendencies Towards Greece (CR.E.DI.T.T.GR)

#### **2018 University of Macedonia Research Committee**

Resilience through Entrepreneurship: Enriching European External Action Service's Resilience Toolbox

## Teaching Experience

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### University of Macedonia, Department of International and European Studies

#### *Postgraduate*

*Students' Teaching Evaluation 4,7/5*

#### *International Relations of the EU*

*MA in International Studies, Spring Semester, 2018-2019*

#### *Strategy and International Relations*

*MA in International Relations and Security, Spring Semester 2017-2018/2018-2019/2019-2020*

*University of Macedonia in cooperation with the Supreme Joint War College*

#### *International Relations and Political Communication in the EU's Governance*

*MA in European Integration and Governance, Winter Semester 2017-2018/ 2018-2019*

#### *Undergraduate*

*Students' Teaching Evaluation 4,75/5*

#### *International Political and Economic Relations of Small States in the EU*

*Winter Semester: 2016-2017 / 2017-2018/ 2018-2019/2019-2020*

#### *Religion, Economy and International Politics*

*Spring Semester: 2016-2017 / 2017-2018/2019-2020*

#### *Introduction to International Relations*

*Winter Semester, 2018-2019/ 2019-2020*

#### *International Relations of Russia*

*Spring Semester, 2018-2019/2019-2020*

#### *Modern Diplomacy in Economy and Business*

*Winter Semester, 2018-2019/ 2019-2020*

#### *Strategy and International Relations (Teaching Assistant)*

*MA in International Relations and Security, Spring Semester 2015-2016*

*University of Macedonia in cooperation with the Supreme Joint War College*

#### *Active Learning Seminars in International Relations*

*International Relations and European Integration Lab, 2011-2015*

#### **Dissertations Supervisor**

23 Undergraduate and PostGraduate Dissertations (12 completed, 9 in progress)

## Research Projects

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University of Macedonia, Public Opinion Research Unit, Academic Coordinator, 2019-present

**Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation, Crisis' Emerging Diaspora's Tendencies Towards Greece (CR.E.DI.T.T.GR) 2019-2021, Principal Investigator**

**University of Erfurt & University of Macedonia, Migration in Europe - the impact on policy and law after 2015, DAAD Grants, 2018**

**University of Macedonia, Jean Monnet Center of Excellence Project No. 566753-EPP-1-2015-1-EL-EPPJMO-CoE "Research on the Crucial Issues of the European Integration"** Research Team: EU in the International System  
1/2018-6/2018 & 10/2016- 3/2017 & 12/2015-5/2016

#### **PostDoc Research**

Topic: *Small States in the United Nations Security Council: The Case of Greece 2005-2006, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia 10/2016 -10/2017*

**Technical University of Crete, University of Crete, University of Macedonia, EEA Funded Project: ForEMOsT code: 3864 Research Team: Entrepreneurship and Small States in Crisis 4/2016-3/ 2017**

**University of Macedonia, Department of International and European Studies**

**Jean Monnet Project No. 528932-LLP-1-2012-GR-AJM-IC "New Challenges to the EU's integration Dynamic."** 9/ 2012-8/2013

#### **Publications**

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##### **Articles in Journals**

Pedi, R. 2019. "From the "Small and Smart State" to the "Small and Entrepreneurial State": Rethinking the International Relations of Small States Within the EU and Beyond It. *Baltic Journal of European Studies*, Vol. 26(1) pp. 3-19 (with Katerina Sarri)

Pedi, R., 2019. The (Small) State of the Union: Assessing the EU's Ability to Implement Its Global Strategy. *New Perspectives Interdisciplinary Journal of Central and East European Politics and IR*, Vol. 27 (1) pp. 43-72

Pedi, R., 2017. Foreign Policy in the Twenty-First Century-by Christopher Hill. *Political Studies Review*, 15(2), pp. 279-280 (Review)

Pedi, R., 2017. Small State Status Seeking: Norway's Quest for International Standing-by Benjamin de Carvalho and Iver Neumann. *Political Studies Review*, 15(2), pp. 275-276 (Review)

Pedi, R., 2016. Cyprus' Reunification: from the "Momentum" trap to a "Small but Smart" State Strategy, Eurodialogue: Journal of International Relations, European Economic & Social Studies, 5 (with Ilias Kouskouvelis)

Pedi, R., 2016. The Nordic Countries and the European Union: Still the other European Community?- by Grøn et. al, *Political Studies Review*, 14(4), pp. 616-617 (Review)

Pedi, R., 2016. Small States and International Security: Europe and Beyond- by Archer et. al, *Political Studies Review*, 14(1), pp 79-80 (Review)

Pedi, R., 2015. International Relations: Good-Bye Hegemony! Power and Influence in the Global System"—by Simon Reich and Richard Ned Lebow. *Political Studies Review*, 13(4), p.586 (Review)

Pedi, R., 2014. Political Theory: Neoclassical Realism in European Politics: Bringing Power Back in—by Asle Toje and Barbara Kunz. *Political Studies Review*, 12(2), pp. 266-267 (Review)

Pedi, R. 2013. Small State Strategies in the EU: Good Practices and the Hellenic EU Presidency. *Foreign Affairs Hellenic Edition*, December, 2013, *Special Edition*, pp. 56-69 (after invitation) (in Greek)

Pedi, R., 2012. The European Union as a Small Power: After the Post-Cold War—by Asle Toje. *Political Studies Review*, 10(3), pp. 460-461. (Review)

### **Chapters in Edited Volumes**

Pedi, R. (2020) Small States in Europe as Buffer Between East and West. In G. Baldacchino & A. Wivel (eds.). *Research Handbook on the Politics of Small States*. Cheltenham. UK: Edward Elgar Publishers. ISBN: 978-1-78811-292-5.

Pedi, R. 2020. Entrepreneurship beyond Business: The Potential of Entrepreneurship Theory in Understanding International Relations Phenomena. In Galanaki E., Nikandrou, E. Panagiotopoulou, L. *Honorary Volume for Professor Nancy Papalexandri*. Athens: Benos Publications (with Katerina Sarri)

Pedi, R., 2018. Cyprus in the Eastern Mediterranean: A Small State Seeking for Status.. In S. Litsas and A. Tziampiris (eds). *The New Eastern Mediterranean*. New York: Springer. (with Ilias Kouskouvelis)

Pedi, R., 2017. Greece in the aftermath of the economic crisis needs to change its strategy in the international system: Choosing between Melians and David. In Marangos J., (ed.), *The Internal Impact and External Influence of the Greek Financial Crisis*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

### **Papers in International Peer-Reviewed Conferences**

Pedi, R., 2019. The King is dead Long Live the King: Small States and the US from the Cold War to Trump. 13th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, EISA. Sofia, Bulgaria, 11-14 September 2019

Pedi, R. 2019. From Serial Summitry to Networks: How Is Cooperation among Lesser Powers Evolving in the Eastern Mediterranean? 13th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, EISA. Sofia, Bulgaria, 11-14 September 2019 (with Ilias Kouskouvelis)

Pedi, R., 2019. The Power (Politics) of the Weak Revisited: Realism and the Study of Small State Foreign Policy. EWIS 2019, EISA, Krakow 26-29 June (with Anders Wivel)

Pedi, R. 2019. Entrepreneurship and Public Diplomacy: Old Wine in New Bottles?. 6th International Conference on Applied Economics, Volos 30 May- 1 June 2019 (with Katerina Sarri)

Pedi, R., 2019. Resilience through Entrepreneurship: Enriching European External Action Service's Resilience Toolbox. ISA 2019 Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada, 27-30 March. (with Katerina Sarri)

Pedi, R., 2018. From the 'Small but Smart State' to the 'Small and Entrepreneurial State': Rethinking the International Relations of Small states. Paper Presented at European International Studies Association 12th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Prague 12-15 September 2018 (with Katerina Sarri)

Pedi, R. 2018. Realism and Small State Studies: Not as Strange Bedfellows, as You Think. Paper Presented at European International Studies Association 12th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Prague 12-15 September 2018

Pedi, R. 2018. Soft power, public diplomacy and entrepreneurship: a new nexus for an old goal. Paper Presented at ICIB 2018 International Conference on International Business, Thessaloniki, Greece, 17-20 May, 2018 (with Katerina Sarri)

Pedi, R. 2018. Entrepreneurship stimulation as a diplomacy tool: Lessons from the US, Israeli, Dutch, French and British diplomatic missions' initiatives in Greece during the economic crisis. Paper presented at ISA 2018 Annual Convention 4-7 April San Francisco US (with Katerina Sarri)

Pedi, R. 2017. The "Start-Up" Nation was not built in one night: Entrepreneurship and Israel in light of Small States International Relations. *Paper presented at ICIB 2017 International Conference on International Business*, Thessaloniki 19-21, May. (with Katerina Sarri)

Pedi, R. 2017. Towards a Framework for Understanding Opportunity and Change in International Relations. *Paper presented at ISA 2017 Annual Convention, Understanding Change in World Politics, Baltimore, 22-25 February.* (with Katerina Sarri)

Pedi, R. 2016. Reconsidering the "Small but Smart State" concept: Small States as Entrepreneurs. *Paper Accepted at 10th Pan-European Conference on International Relations: International Relations in World Society, Izmir, 7-10 September.* (with Katerina Sarri)

Pedi, R. 2016. Entrepreneurship beyond business: exploring the use of entrepreneurship insights to understand International Relations Phenomena, *Paper presented at FOREMOST Conference: Entrepreneurship in Turbulent Times*, Chania, 29-31 August. (with Katerina Sarri)

Pedi, R., 2016. Debunking the "Inside/Outside-Divide" in the International Relations of Small Powers. *Paper presented at CEEISA-ISA 2016 Conference: The Politics of International Relations*, Ljubljana, 23-25 June.

Pedi, R. 2016. EU as a Security Actor inside and Outside Europe: Enormous Challenges and Limited Prospects. *Paper presented at CISS-ISA 2016 Conference: Boundaries and Borders in an Evolving World Order: Challenges and Prospects*, Thessaloniki, 13-15 June.

Pedi, R. 2012. Small States Striving for Influence: The Case of the neutral and non-aligned states in the EU's CFSP. Paper presented at the International Conference on International Business, Thessaloniki, 17-19 May.

### **Research Essays Online**

Pedi, R. 2019. 'A Union that Strives for More': Von der Leyen's All-inclusive EU Narrative. [\*E-International Relations\*](#) (with Areti Vasmada)

### **Administrative/Advising Service (Indicative)**

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**-Member of the University of Macedonia Research Institute Governing Council 2019-present**

**-Member of the Quality Management Unit of the University of Macedonia, 2018-present**

**-Organizer of the International Workshop on the International Relations of Small States, 2018-present: (29-30/11/2018 Small Powers' Security and Strategy in Times of Change, Participants from Swedish Defence University, University of Copenhagen, University of Tallinn, University of Aberystwyth, University of Macedonia, University of Piraeus)**

**-Supervisor of the University's Students Team in the Project "Fulfilling NATO's burden-sharing commitments: advocacy and policy proposals from the Alliance's young leaders", Organized by the Egmont Institute (Belgium), the French Ecole de Guerre and George Washington University. (1st position in the Finals)**

**-Students Supervisor in a Collaborative Project with the French Consulate in Thessaloniki about the Local Elections**

**-Supervisor of the IR101 Students Project IR on Social Media**

### **Other Conferences/ International Workshops and Selected Talks (after invitation)**

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**-CATS Network Inaugural Meeting, SWP Berlin, Νοέμβριος 2019**

**-Hamburg Insecurity Sessions, Un-Canceling the Future, Institute for Peace Security, University of Hamburg, Νοέμβριος 2019**

**-ESDC Network Conference 2019 - CSDP Annual Training and Education Conference, *European Security and Defence College*, Νοέμβριος 2019**

**-Small Member States and the EU's CSDP, University of Warsaw, Center for European Studies, Ιούνιος 2019**

-Lesser Powers and the Changing Eastern Mediterranean, **University of Warsaw, Center for European Studies**, Ιούνιος 2019

-Trilateralism as a Response to Interdependence in the Eastern Mediterranean, **NATO Rapid Deployable Corps**, Φεβρουάριος 2019

-Small Member States and the EU as a Global Actor, Common Security and Defence Policy Orientation Course, Διοργάνωση: **European Security and Defence College**, Φεβρουάριος 2019

- A stocktaking of the European Council's conclusions on migration from 2015 to 2018: How close to and how far are the Council's conclusions from the positions of the refugee crisis frontline member states?, **University of Erfurt**, Σεπτέμβριος, 2018

-“Small Member States and the EU's CSDP” Lecture given after invitation in the context of the Common Security and Defence Policy Orientation Course, Organized by the European Security and Defence College (4-8 June 2018)

-“Religion and International Politics: an old story with new perspectives”. (after invitation)  
*Supreme Joint War College Conference: Islam in Greece and its near abroad* Supreme Joint War College, 20 October 2017

-“Small State Networks in the Eastern Mediterranean”. (after invitation)  
*Hellenic Navy General Staff Conference The role Navy in Greek History*, Officers Club of Thessaloniki

-“European Small States and Strategy: Revisiting Theory” (after invitation)  
*Swedish Defence University Workshop on Small States*, Swedish Defence University, 2-3 October 2017

-“Small States and the comprehensive approach: a challenge or an opportunity?”,  
*Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence Conference: Research on Crucial Issues of European Integration: From CSFP to EEAS: A Comprehensive Approach to EU Operations*,  
University of Macedonia, 10 March 2017

-“Small States' Odyssey”, TEDxLesvos, 4 December 2016

-“The Paradox Power of Studying Small States”, International Relations and European Integration Lab, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, 17 December 2014

### **Seminars/Continuing Education**

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**Career Course: Engaging IR Undergraduates through Collaborative Learning**, International Studies Association-Active Learning in International Affairs Section, Μάρτιος 2019

**Creative Teaching and Course Design Workshop**, International Studies Association-Active Learning in International Affairs Section, Φεβρουάριος 2017

### **Languages**

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English (Excellent Knowledge)  
French (Excellent Knowledge)

**Professional Associations**

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European International Studies Association  
International Studies Association