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Julia Croce obtained her Ph.D. in Management at The Geneva School of Economics and Management, University of Geneva, in January 2024 and is currently a research fellow at The Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy.

In her research, she explores the politicisation of business and the conceptual and normative foundation of this state-like role of corporations in terms of legitimacy and democratic processes. More specifically, she studies the increasing responsibility of business in defining and respecting peace, democracy, and human rights in societies afflicted by fragility and conflict.

During her stay at The Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy, Julia will work on her book which addresses the complexity of peace- and democracy-building processes from a management perspective. Guided by the question of whether and why business has a responsibility to promote peace and democracy, the book will undertake an in-depth analysis of how business affects these processes by addressing the following overarching research questions: Why does business have a responsibility to promote peace and democratic developments? What are the spillovers of business activities regarding peace and democracy? And how does business affect peace and democratic developments?

Julia also has had the opportunity to gain extensive practical knowledge on corporate social responsibility and technical assistance in developing countries during her professional experiences at the United Nations, the European Chamber of Commerce in Myanmar, and in the private sector.

Recently, she published a [blog on the how employees in the mining industry in Zimbabwe understand human rights and peace](#) for The Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa (FLIA), The London School of Economics and Political Science.

SPOKEN LANGUAGES

English, Italian, German

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Political Role of Business
- Business and peace- and democracy-building processes
- Fragile and Conflict-affected Countries

GEOGRAPHICAL REGION OF EXPERTISE

- Southeast Asia
- Africa