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### CONTRIBUTION

My strongest contribution to the ECPR GSN will consist of both an organisational and substantial added value. The main aim will be to build research networks intended to create strong epistemic communities of young researchers meant to meet through workshops and international events organised by the network itself in cooperation with Member Institutions. These should result not only in practical contributions through studies and papers, but also in strong social connections any young researcher should be able to count on at the beginning of his/her career and afterwards. Furthermore, I believe I could bring to the Graduate Student Network the experience gained on the field both on the policy-making and the policy-analysis side with several working experiences, in particular, through new research topics and perspectives.

### EXPERIENCE

I worked as a research assistant at the Italian Senate, at the Brussels-based Think Tank EPC and was an EU Commission Trainee (Service for Foreign Policy Instruments – CFSP Operations Unit). On a more practical level, I have learned to live, study and work in international environments. During my BA I was chosen as the Head Delegate of a delegation composed by students coming from a network of Universities in Rome to attend the World Model United Nations organised by Harvard University in Taipei, Taiwan. This experience was accompanied by the participation to the IPSA Think Tank research network, my activity as junior lecturer and teaching assistant at Luiss University and practical experiences of volunteering and organisational activities (including fundraising) in Brazil and Vietnam. I believe the combination of such aspects has allowed me to build a suitable profile to be part of the ECPR Graduate Student Network.

### OTHER INFORMATION

One of the main difficulties to be faced by young researchers at the beginning of their career is to get truly involved in the academic world. Indeed, such opportunity can be provided by young researchers' networks, such as GSN, which can serve as a social platform. However, besides focusing only on the transnational level of the network, it will be important, in my opinion, to strongly rely on each member strengths. The possibilities that the single individual and the single institution can offer should be considered, along this reasoning, as an added value and enough space should be left to proposals for new inputs on research (such as the formation of conference panels) and events at different institutions hosted by wide-ranging epistemic communities. As I had the opportunity to live and study in the USA, Australia and Belgium I got to know the added value of diverse perspectives and variety not only in life, but also in research.