



## **ANTONIO ALBANESE**

*Director AGC NEWS*

*Director OSINT Unit*



### **Skills**

- Professional journalist and political-military analyst
- International and Political Studies
- Military and Diplomatic Studies
- Institutional and Corporate Communication - External Relations and Events Organization - English level C/2 and Spanish level B/2

### **Personal background**

Graduated in Political Science in 1992 from the University of Rome, La Sapienza, with a thesis on the organization of Francesco Crispi party in the Italian capital.

He is a Guardia di Finanza Reserve Officer, in this position he has held many prestigious positions in CIOR (Allied Confederation of Reserve Officers, a NATO structure that brings together Reserve Officers of the Atlantic Alliance), and from October 2012 to February 2013 he was head of the Italian CIOR Delegation.

Graduated PIO (Public Information Officer) at SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe) in Mons (Be), he was Secretary General of MEDFOR (Mediterranean Forum for Reserve Officers) and ARPa (Adriatic-Ionian Reserve Officers Partnership), two international organizations that bring together Mediterranean countries ROAs.

In 2012, he attended the Psyops - Cmic course organised by NATO-CIOR at the Atlantic Alliance Psychological Warfare Command in Bydgoszcz (Poland).

Thanks to these assignments, he has gained international diplomatic experience created by continuous confrontation with different European and Atlantic socio-political realities. In the meantime, since January 2011 he has been National President of URFI (National Association of Italian Guardia di Finanza Reserve Officers), and since October 2011 he has been on the Intelligence Analysts National Register (ANAI).

He is a political-military analyst for various Italian and foreign organizations and institutions; besides an intense professional publicity activity for various publications (newspapers, magazines and so on), in 2008, *L'imbarazzo afgano* (Bietti Media) was published, an analysis of the Italian presence in the Af-Pak scenario, prefaced by General Fabio Mini.

A freelance journalist since 1997 and a professional since 2001, during his professional career he has gained experience as director of local radios and newspapers; today he is also the director of



*Radio Antenna 1* radio station, after having been editor-in-chief of the monthly magazine *Area* for over a decade.

In February 2014 he was the only Italian speaker at Africa Security & Counter Terrorism 2014 in London, with the paper Risk assessment of terrorism coming from Africa to Europe. An Italian Perspective.

In September 2014 he participated as delegate to NIAS 2014 at NATO SHAPE.

In 2018 he was the Italian representative at the European Army Reserve Forces Conference held in Denmark and in 2020 he was designated for the same position and event for the Conference to be held in Estonia, which was later suspended due to the pandemic.

In July 2021, he participated as Secretary General of the Italian Delegation in the meeting with Gen. C.A. Claudio Graziano, Chairman of the European Union Military Committee.

In February 2022 he was appointed Head of the bilateral working group on security ITALY - GERMANY UNUCI - VdRBw (Verband der Reservisten der Deutschen Bundeswehr e. V.)

In October 2022, he participated as Secretary General of the Italian Delegation at the Autumn Meeting of the Gaining Initiative held in Stans (CH) at SWISS INT (Obersdorf) International Peacekeeping Centre of the Swiss Confederation Armed Forces.

In October 2022, he was in charge of Ceremonial for the First UNUCI National Gathering, held in Rome at the Altare della Patria - Monumento al Milite Ignoto (October 29th, 2022)

He is a speaker on topics concerning the fight against Islamic fundamentalist terrorism at Italian and foreign academic and security institutions (among others, La Sapienza University - Master in Geopolitics and Security; Roma 3 University - Chair of International Relations, Faculty of Political Science; Anti-Mafia Investigative Directorate - DIA, Carabinieri - Officers School; CIFIPE - Interforce Intelligence Training Centre; Guardia di Finanza Economic and Financial Police School).

**In 2012, together with his colleague Graziella Giangiulio, he founded the News Agency AGC COMMUNICATION srl, owner of the online magazine [www.agcnews.eu](http://www.agcnews.eu).**

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Co-author of the book *The Islamic State*, AGC Communication publisher in 2014 November.

Creator of the first OSINT course in e-learning (LINFA technical partner), online in 2015 February.

Co-author of the documentary *Decoding ISIS* - Produced by Todos Contentos Y yo Tambien and Magnolia - broadcasted by La 7 as part of the *PiazzaPulita* prime time program on June 8th, 2015 (sold in 38 countries worldwide).

2016 January: co-author of the second documentary on the Islamic State, produced by Ruvido: *Islamic State. Death of an unborn state?*



2016 November: co-author of the book *Daesh Matrix*, AGC Communication publisher.

2019: co-author of a documentary on war-torn Yemen about migrations, displaced Yemeni people and the tragedy of this country. The documentary was broadcasted by RAI DOC (Italian State Television) on September 19th.

2019-2021: Co-author of the book: *Migrants. Stories of a phenomenon*, AGC Communication publisher.

2020- 2021: Co-author of *RISIKO*, weekly radio program on Defense and Security issues, in collaboration with Radio Sparlamento

2021- 2023: Editor of "Geopolitica on The Rocks" (Geopolitics on The Rocks) weekly analysis of international events in the programmes *I fatti del weekend* (Weekend Facts) 2021 2022 and *The Traveling show* (2023) on Radio Rock.

2021 - 2022: Co-author and commentator of the geopolitical column *Kender, Gli Occhi sul Mondo Che Cambia* (*Kender, Eyes on a Changing World*), broadcast on *Camp Italia*, Italian Community of the *Second Life* social platform.

2021: Co-author of the book: *Drones' & Co, How Drones have changed warfare concepts*, AGC Communication publisher.

2021: Co-author of the book: *GEOPOLITICAL DIARY: Afghanistan 2001- 2021*, AGC Communication publisher.

2023 - Author of the essay *European Defence: time to get serious*, included in the collective volume *Public Policy Pathways. Proposals and ideas for remembering words that sometimes get lost* (February 2023).

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