

In today's #vatniksoup, I'll introduce an Italian sociologist, academic and talk show host, Alessandro Orsini (@orsiniufficiale). He's best-known for his pro-Kremlin & anti-NATO/Ukraine comments on the Russo-Ukrainian War on Italy's public broadcasting TV channel, @raitre.

1/18



Orsini hails from the academic world, and his currently working as the director and founder of the LUISS Observatory on International Security. His work has focused on the sociology of terrorism, an important topic that has absolute nothing to do with the war in Ukraine.

LUISS 🖀 FACULTY TUTORATO RICERCA AVVISI LECTURES & SEMINARS Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche Alessandro Orsini



### Curriculum

Curriculum

Meanach of soil on Account Industry or Lans University of Britse where the surber General Sociology and Sociology of services in the Department of Philadal Sciency, Brough Millions at the Science in Security of Sociology of services in the Department of Philadal Sciency, Brough Millions at the Science in Security of Sociology of services in the Security of Sociology of services in the Security of Sociology of services in the Security of Sociology of Sociology of services in the Department of Philadal Science and Security of Sociology of Sociology of Sociology of services in the Department of Philadal Science and Security of Sociology Sociology of S

#### Main Articles:

- "Padaculation leading to Temionin What Everyhody Should Econe, Studies in Carlifor and Temionin, (Binhotomina)

  "The Temionica Courageous' Most Sociology of Econer Left Temionin," in Studies in Carlifor and Temionin, 2010, pp.379-38.

  "The Park Poor Temionis Courageous' Most Sociology of Econer Left Temionin," in Studies in Carlifor and Temionin, 2010, pp.379-38.

  "Interior Whith a Temionis by Nacion A. Day Among the Dechaed Temionin Part II," Studies in Conflict and Temionin, 8 (2011) pp. 672-684.

  "Interior Whith a Temionis by Nacion A. Day Among the Dechaed Temionin Part II," Studies in Conflict and Temionin, 8 (2011) pp. 672-684.

  "Thomas the Prince of Temionin Part Studies of Conflict and Hermonia, 10 (2012), pp. 666-6692.

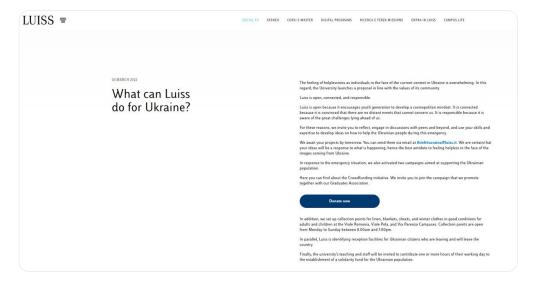
  "Libraria de Prince is the recompensation," Commentation, Linear Mars, 2016.

  Interior Conflict III and Conflict III



have been able to view online, I cannot find a single scientific publication on the subject in which he engages on TV. originality or the depth of his scientific knowledge, or because he knows how to create a morbid mechanism of media attention?» observes the sociologist, stigmatizing «the mingling that occurs in some political talks between the role of the expert and that of the opinion maker ».

Embarrassed by the Orsini's comments, LUISS University initially issued a statement on Mar 2022, reiterating its "full solidarity with the Ukrainian people" and distance itself from Orsini.



Before Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in Feb 2022, Alex was a minor character in the media world - you know, one of those experts that gets called on talk shows whenever his "expertise" is needed on a topic. But after the attack, his controversial, pro-Kremlin...





Home

News

Analysis

Europe

# A professor who spreads Russian narratives on Italian public TV

Analysis, Italy / December 25, 2022 / 13 minutes of reading



...polemic became extremely popular. The narrative was the same as every other vatnik expert: appeal to pacifism, antiwar attitude, denounce of NATO and calling them an aggressor, and criticism of Zelensky and Ukrainian politics.

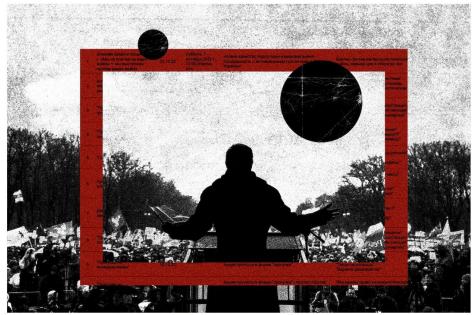


War in Ukraine Live briefing Verified videos Donbas region Russian combat capabilities HIMARS

## Kremlin tries to build antiwar coalition in Germany, documents show

Marrying Germany's far right and far left is a Kremlin goal, according to a trove of Russian documents reviewed by The Washington Post

By Catherine Belton, <u>Souad Mekhennet</u> and <u>Shane Harris</u>
April 21, 2023 at 2:00 a.m. EDT



### **OUR DEMANDS** 6 Slash the Pentagon Not One More Penny for War in Ukraine **Budget** 7 Abolish the CIA and **Negotiate Peace** Military-Industrial Stop the War Deep State Inflation Abolish War and **Disband NATO Empire** Global Nuclear Restore Civil Liberties De-Escalation Free Julian Assange

The goal of Orsini's rhetoric is of course to sway the public opinion on Ukraine and the military and humanitarian aid they're receiving. They also heavily criticize NATO. This strategy has been simply copied to every Western country, and Italy is no exception.

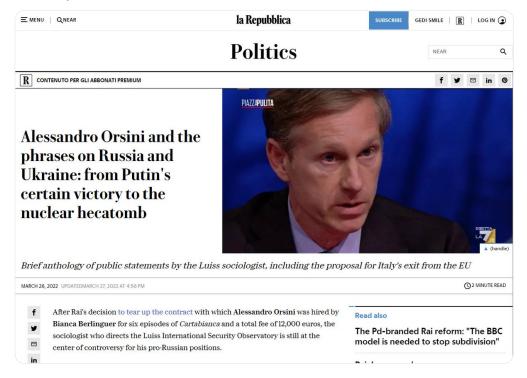


In one episode of a show called "Cartabianca", Orsini stated that if Putin were to use nuclear bomb due to the war going badly for Russia, Europe would be "morally co-responsible". He then continued, that in order to avoid nuclear war, we should "let Putin win the war".

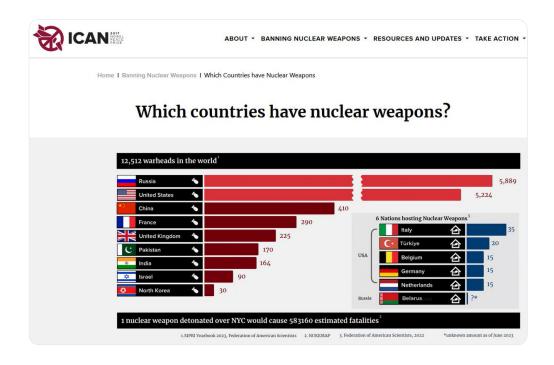
7/18



Some days later, he declared that "This is a losing war. Either we give Putin what he wants, or he takes it anyway," after which he continued that Russia will continue to advance & that instead of sending weapons, Italy should build "two huge hospitals" for Ukrainian children.8/18



He's also stated that he prefers to "children live in a dictatorship than die under bombs in the name of democracy". Basically his argument justifies the use of nuclear blackmail, making it a viable strategy for countries like North Korea and China.





Alex has spread the "genocide in Donbas" BS and on one occasion stated that "anyone who says that Russia should withdraw is an imbecile, an idiot," and that if they do, Ukraine will

### 10/18 https://t.co/Txwg6z1xBS





He even lied about being in contact with "the mothers from Mariupol", who allegedly told him they want Ukraine to surrender.

Orsini's called the conflict "a local confrontation" caused by NATO expansion.

11/18



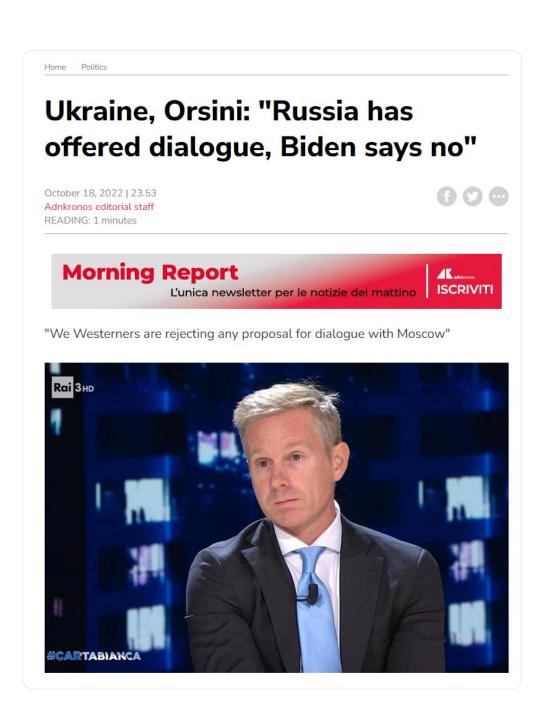
When Russians fled Kherson, Alex was injecting vast amounts of copium, suggesting that Russia was actually "conducting a high-level organizational and logistical operation." "It was the Russian army itself that left the city without a fight," he then concluded.





He portrays Russia as the party that's constantly offering an olive branch, suggesting that they're the ones offering peace negotiations. Which is technically true, as Putin and most vatniks started talking about peace after Russia annexed the four Ukrainian oblasts.





Like so many others, Orsini was forecasting a "terrible Christmas" for Europeans as Russia turned off their gas pipes and stopped their oil deliveries. He blamed Zelensky for all this, stating that he's making "very serious mistakes" by not giving Putin what he wants.

## Orsini: "Zelensky will destroy Ukraine, negotiations with Putin or a terrible Christmas"

September 28, 2022 | 09.11 Adnkronos editorial staff READING: 1 minutes





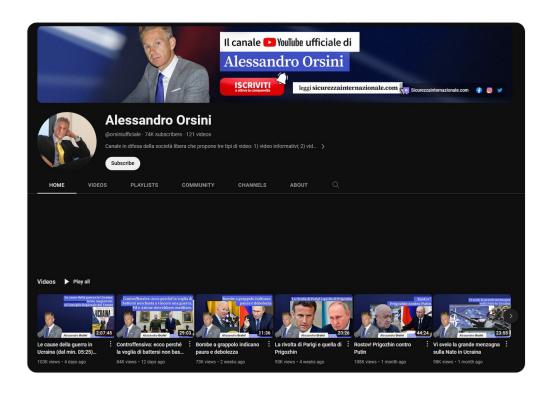


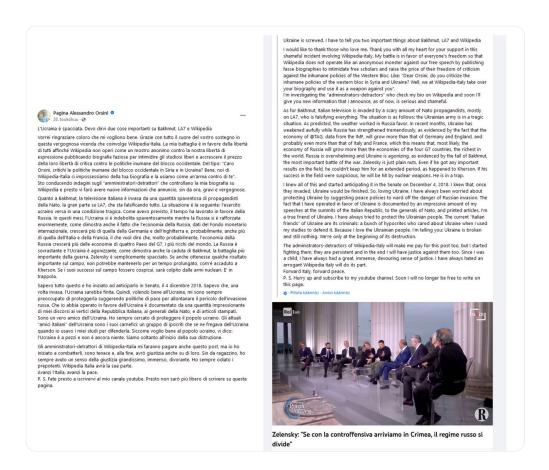


"It is not possible that in a free society only good things are said about Zelensky. He is making very serious mistakes"

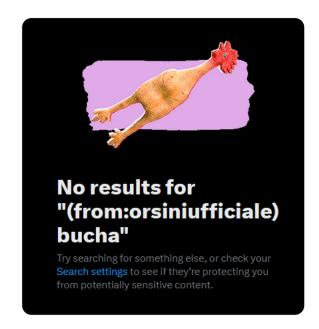


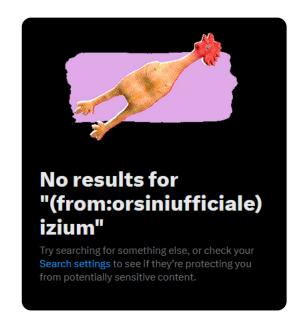
Alessandro's main channel for propaganda is his YouTube channel. He spreads his BS to his 74 000 followers, posting his analysis around once a week. For some reason, he doesn't condemn Russia's genocidal invasion, but only talks about the "mistakes" made by the West.

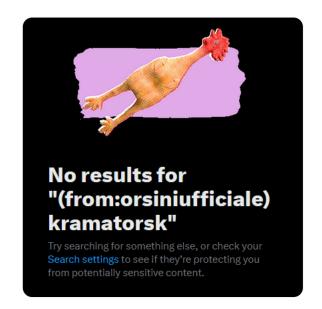




Alessandro, wouldn't it be time condemn Putin and Russia for their illegal war? Why aren't you talking about Bucha massacre? Or the mass graves in Izium? Kramatorsk railway bombing? Torture chambers in Kherson? And why do you claim to be a Russia expert?









World v Business v Markets v Sustainability v Legal v Breakingviews Technology v Invest

## Russians mistreated Kherson youngsters in 'children's cell,' says Ukraine official

### Reuters

December 15, 2022 1:31 AM GMT+2 · Updated 8 months ago





Dec 14 (Reuters) - Ukrainian investigators in an area recaptured from Russian troops have uncovered a cell where children were detained and mistreated, a senior Ukrainian human rights advocate said on

Dmytro Lubinets, the Ukrainian parliament's commissioner for human rights, said the cell was in one of four torture centres operated by Russian troops in Kherson - a city in southern Ukraine abandoned by pro-

Russia denies targeting civilians in the war and rejects allegations it has mistreated civilians.

Lubinets, who has presented a series of reports on alleged torture, said conditions were worse than sites of confinement investigated in other recaptured areas.

"We found 10 torture chambers in Kherson region, four in the city of Kherson," he told journalists at a briefing. "In one of the torture chambers we found a separate room, a cell where children were kept ... even the occupiers called it that, a children's cell."

The cell differed from adjacent rooms only in that occupying forces placed thin mats on the floor, he said.

"We have documented that the children were not provided with water, were given water every other day. They were practically not given food," Lubinets said.

"They used psychological pressure. They told them their parents had abandoned them and would not return."

One 14-year-old boy was detained, he said, for taking pictures of damaged Russian military equipment.

"These were children who, in the eyes of the invaders, were resisting," Lubinets said.

Lubinets did not provide evidence of his assertions. Reuters was unable to immediately confirm the veracity of his account.

Finally, let's pay out a scenario: a man comes to your house, kills your wife and daughter, claims that he now owns your living room and kitchen, and suggests that you should "negotiate" over all this.

How would you respond?









Orsini has been doing all this on a publicly funded TV channel called @RaiTre, meaning that this Russian propaganda is currently being funded by Italian citizens.

Fortunately, Italy's PM Giorgia Meloni has shown her strong support to Ukraine.



Thank you to sous-Chef @PunishedRazzi for helping me to deliver this soup.

### Past soups:

Support my work: https://t.co/R5xLjQf2Fh



### Vatnik Soup

#vatniksoup is a Twitter thread series (and a hashtag!) where I'll introduce pro-Russian actors and propagandists from around the world, be they so-called "independent journalists", politicians, mili...

https://vatniksoup.com



### Pekka Kallioniemi

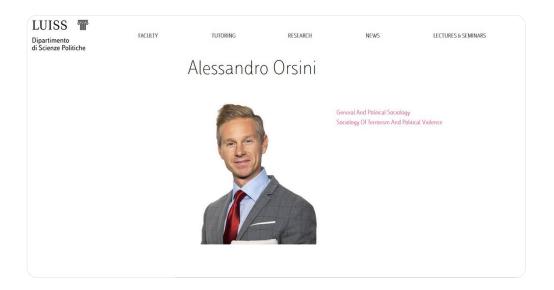
Support me in creating daily vatnik soups! All donations will be spent on research and production of vatnik soup or in the creation of web portal (vatniksoup.com) from where you can access this infor...

https://www.buymeacoffee.com/PKallioniemi

APPENDIX: Apparently Orsini is no longer in charge of the department of Observatory on International Security at LUISS.

As of today, his profile on LUISS's website has also been removed.





@trinityaudiobot

• • •