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Dr. Zanotti received her doctorate at Florida International University in 2004. Her research and teaching include critical political and international relations theory, as well as international organization, security, peacekeeping democratization and human security. Zanotti has published articles in Alternatives, International Peacekeeping, Security Dialogue (forthcoming September 2008), the Journal of International Relations and Development (forthcoming September 2008) as well as in the European University Working Papers Series. She has also contributed chapters to books and collections, such as the Annuario IAI/ISPI, 2006 Edition (in Italian, with Raffaele Marchetti) and The United Nations, Past Present and Future, edited by Alissa Wartners and Scott Kaufman (Nova History, 2008, forthcoming). Professor Zanotti is currently working with Dr. Max Stephenson on a new project that explores the role of community-based foundations in international governance and peace building. Prior to joining VT, Professor Zanotti worked for about ten years at the United Nations, where she has served both in administration and as a political advisor for Peacekeeping Operations. She has spent several years in the field. She was twice in Haiti, in 1995 and 1999. In 1999 she represented the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in a "Needs Assessment Mission" deployed in Haiti by the United Nations Secretary General to devise the shift of the UN mandate from peacekeeping to peace building. In 2001-2003 she was in Croatia where she performed the functions of Deputy to the Head of the United Nations Liaison Office in Zagreb. Laura spent the 2005-2006 academic year as a Jean Monnet Fellow at the European University Institute in San Domenico di Fiesole, Italy. Since 2006 she has also served as a Visiting Professor at the Ph.D. and Master programs at the School of International Relations, Trento University, Italy. Previously she received funding from the Latin America and Caribbean Institute at Florida International University, and the Mellon Foundation.