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defended his Doctoral Dissertation in 2010. His work *Understanding Ex-Combatants. Central Themes in the Lives of Former Paramilitaries in Colombia* focused on an aspect often neglected in the literature about Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration (DDR): the lives of the beneficiaries of DDR policies once they have finished their programs. For his research, Dr. Nussio interviewed 62 former Colombian paramilitaries. The goal of this inductive approach was to build a substantive theory that consisted of interrelated categories grounded in qualitatively collected data. According to his analysis, the central themes in the ex-combatants lives are the emotional legacies stemming from their involvement in war, strategies to overcome security challenges and economic difficulties, as well as a pact with the state, stigma within communities and a disrupted family life. Some preliminary policy implications complemented the empirical analysis of his study.

Dr. Nussio majored in History and minored in Philosophy and Communications at the University of Basel between 2000 and 2005. After working as a journalist for different Swiss print media, in 2007 he enrolled in the Doctoral Program in International Affairs and Governance at the University of St. Gallen under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Sánchez and Prof. Dr. Christoph Frei.