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## EDUCATION

**Bocconi University** 2017 – Present

Ph.D., Dept. of Political and Social Sciences  
*Committee:* Catherine De Vries (Chair), Piero Stanig, Lanny Martin, Kenneth Scheve (Yale), Daniela Campello (FGV)

**Sciences Po Paris** Jun, 2016

M.A., European Affairs (major), Politics and Public Policy (minor)  
*Thesis:* The effects of globalization on the values of Europeans: conflict of values from 1990 to 2010  
*Committee:* Nicolas Sauger (Chair), Bruno Cautrès

**State University of Campinas** Aug, 2013

B.A., Geography  
*CREA-SP prize for obtaining the top grade of the cohort*

## AFFILIATIONS AND ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Research Associate, Jun ‘20 – Present

DONDENA, **Bocconi University**  
LOSS Project (PI: Catherine De Vries)

Affiliated Student, Covid Crisis Lab, **Bocconi University** May ‘20 – Present

Junior Visiting Scholar, May ‘22– June ‘22  
Nuffield College, **University of Oxford**  
(hosted by David Rueda)

Visiting Assistant in Research, Sep ‘21 – Apr ‘22  
Dept. of Political Science, **Yale University**  
(hosted by Kenneth Scheve)

Research Assistant, Jun ‘18–Nov ‘19  
**Bocconi University**  
Populism and turnout (PIs: Massimo Anelli and Tommaso Colussi)

## WORKING PAPERS

6. Paula Rettl. [“Turning Away From the State: Trade Shocks and Informal Insurance in Brazil”](#)

Presented at: *MPSA 2020 (cancelled)*, *MPSA 2021*, *Status Workshop at University of Zurich (August, 2020)*, *ECPR Workshop Series 2021*; *The King’s Brazil Institute at KCL (March 2021)*.

5. Jessica Gagete-Miranda, Lucas Mariani, Paula Rettl. [“Words can hurt: how political communication can change the pace of an epidemic”](#).

Featured at [CEPR COVID Economics: Vetted and Real-Time Papers](#)  
Presented at: *MPSA 2021*, *LACEA’s Impact Evaluation Network Webinar on Impacts of COVID-19 in Latin American and Caribbean*, *REAL (The Rangel*

*Economic Analysis Lab) at Duke University, Leitner Political Economy Seminar, Washington University at St. Louis.*

4. Silvia Pianta and Paula Rettl. “Politics on fire: the effect of forest fires on political behavior in Brazil”.

Presented at: *The Climate Pipeline Project Conference at Harvard University, MPSA 2022.*

Draft available upon request

3. Simone Cremaschi, Paula Rettl, Cappelluti and Catherine De Vries “[Geographies of Discontent: How Public Service Deprivation Increased Far-Right Support in Italy](#)”.

Presented at: *APSA 2021, Conference on Theories of the Contemporary Divide in Western Societies at the EUI in 2021, MPSA 2022.*

2. Paula Rettl, Simone Cremaschi and Catherine De Vries. “An Anti-Feminist Backlash? Female Labor Market Participation and Gender Conservatism in Europe”.

Presented at: *MPSA 2022, EPSA, 2022.*

Draft available upon request

1. Paula Rettl, Catherine De Vries and Francesco Billari. “The political consequences of ageing societies: inter-generational polarization and COVID-19”.

Presented at: *Political Science Seminar at Nuffield College, Oxford University (November, 2020), EPSA 2021, EUSA 2022.*

Draft available upon request.

## IN PROGRESS

“Churn or choice? Economic and policy motivations of bureaucratic turnover and the 2002 election of Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva” (with Tainá Souza Pacheco, Anthony Michael Bertelli and Julio Ramos Pastrana).

National Identity and Trade Shocks (with Matthew Gabel and Kenneth Scheve).

Threat perceptions and anti-immigration attitudes (with Chiara Allegri).

Funded by *Fondazione Roberto Franceschi*.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

Paula Rettl, “Economic Globalization and Populism in Latin America and Beyond” (forthcoming). In Anthony Pereira, ed. *Right-Wing Populism in Latin America and Beyond*. London and New York: Routledge.

## GRANTS & AWARDS

Fondazione Roberto Franceschi Onlus Research Grant (with Chiara Allegri) (2020) – €4,650.

Full Ph.D. Scholarship. Bocconi University (2017 - 2022).

Paper competition: Europe in crisis: re-inventing the continent. College of Europe. Policy proposal shortlisted among the top three (2014).

Scientific Initiation Fellowship by the Brazilian National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (2012-2013) – R\$ 4,320.

## NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

*Research Intern*, OECD–DCD (Paris)

Mar ‘17–Aug ‘17

Contributed to quantitative analysis, literature review and writing of the report “Enhancing connectivity through transport Infrastructure”.

*Jr. Policy Analyst*, OECD–DEV (Paris) Nov ‘14–Jul ‘15

Contributed to conceptual framework, background research, quantitative and qualitative analysis, writing and editing of the “African Economic Outlook 2015: regional development and spatial inclusion”. Interaction with policy-makers.

*Research Intern*, UNU–CRIS (Bruges) Aug–Oct ‘14

Background research and writing of policy briefs; organization of seminars.

*Intern*, European Policy Centre (Brussels) Jun–Jul ‘14

Organization of seminars, report writing.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Public Administration* Sep ‘19–Feb ‘20

Course director: Anthony Bertelli

Level: M.A.

Responsibilities: in-class teaching, grading and tutorial sessions.

*Comparative Politics: Institutions and Institutional Development* Sep ‘19–Feb ‘20

Course director: Piero Stanig

Level: M.A.

Responsibilities: support with teaching materials and tutorial sessions.

*Topics in Comparative Politics* Sep ‘19–Feb ‘20 & Sep ‘20–Feb ‘21

Course director: Lanny Martin

Level: M.A.

Responsibilities: in-class teaching, support with teaching materials and tutorial sessions.

*States, Civil Society and Social Welfare* Sep ‘19–Feb ‘20

Course director: Paolo Graziano

Level: M.A.

Responsibilities: support with teaching materials and tutorial sessions.

## INVITED TALKS

Seminar Series, Dept. of Political Science, **Washington University at St. Louis** (Mar. 2022).

Leitner Political Economy Seminar, **Yale University** (Feb. 2022).

Status Workshop, **University of Zurich** (Sep. 2020).

The rise of conservatism and its social and spatial implications, **State University of São Paulo (UNESP)**, meetings of the Tutorial Education Program, Department of Geography, Rio Claro (Aug. 2020).

Economic shocks and public opinion, **State University of Maranhão (UEMA)**, Marielle Franco Study Group (May 2020).

## CONFERENCES

**APSA** 2021, 2022 (scheduled). **EPSA** 2021, 2022. **MPSA** 2020 (cancelled), 2021, 2022. **ISA** 2022.

The Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association’s Impact Evaluation

Network Webinar on Impacts of COVID-19 in Latin America (2020).

## POLICY-ORIENTED WORK

### IN THE MEDIA

Luk V. Langenhove, Ewout Ramon, Josh Gartland, Paula Retzl and Anna Selzer, “European policy brief: integration, devolution and regional leadership” (2014).

*Interview*: “Pro-Bolsonaro cities register higher COVID-19 contagion rates”, May 2020, O Globo (in Portuguese).

*Mention of working paper*: “About Bolsonaro’s responsibility for the tragedy”, October 2020, Época (in Portuguese).

*Author*: “Elections in Italy, a country divided in three”, Le Monde Diplomatique Brasil, March 2018 (in Portuguese).

*Author*: “Elections in France: towards new party politics”, Le Monde Diplomatique Brasil, November 2017 (in Portuguese).

## OTHER TRAINING

*ECPR Summer School*, (Budapest) Aug ‘19  
Coursework: Experimental research: theory development, hypothesis generation and empirical tests (professor: John Jost).

*IPSA Summer School*, (São Paulo) Jan–Feb ‘19  
Coursework: predicting elections: analytical techniques and illustrative case studies (professor: Cliff Young).

*IPSA Summer School*, (São Paulo) Jan–Feb ‘16  
Coursework: multi-method research: integration of case studies and regressions (professor: Jason Seawright); philosophy of science: positivism and beyond (professor: Patrick T. Jackson).

*Exchange program*, University of São Paulo Aug–Dec ‘13  
Coursework: modern and contemporary political philosophy (B.A.).

*Exchange program*, University of Copenhagen Aug ‘10–Jul ‘11  
Coursework: globalization and its discontents (B.A.); introduction to political geography (B.A.); globalization and employment relations in Europe (B.A.); a theory of political formation (M.A.).

## SKILLS

*R*, *Stata*, *L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X*, *Qualtrics*.

## LANGUAGES

*Portuguese (native)*, *English (fluent)*, *Italian (fluent)*, *French (fluent)*.

## SERVICES

*Board member*: Student Association for Gender Equality and Diversity in Academia, Bocconi University (June 2021 - Present).

*Reviewer*: European Journal of Political Economy, European Political Science Review, Government and Opposition, International Organization, West European Politics.

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