

# Paula Rettl

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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

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

*Research Associate,* Jun ‘20 – Present  
DONDENA, **Bocconi University**  
LOSS Project (PI: Catherine De Vries)

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

*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

“Export shocks, insurance schemes and political behavior 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).*

“Words can hurt: how political communication can change the pace of an epidemic”  
(with Jessica Gagete-Miranda & Lucas Mariani).

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.*

“Politics on fire: the effect of forest fires on political behavior in Brazil” (with Silvia Pianta).

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

Draft available upon request

“An Anti-Feminist Backlash? Female Labour Market Participation and Gender Conservatism in Europe” (with Simone Cremaschi & Catherine De Vries).

Presented at: *MPSA 2022.*

Draft available upon request

“Rural isolation and political dissatisfaction in Italy” (with Simone Cremaschi, Marco Cappelluti & Catherine De Vries).

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

Draft available upon request.

“The political consequences of ageing societies: inter-generational polarization and COVID-19” (with Catherine De Vries & Francesco Billari).

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

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 & Julio Ramos Pastrana)

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

Funded by *Fondazione Roberto Franceschi.*

## 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.

## SELECTED TALKS

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

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

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).

## POLICY- ORIENTED WORK

“Enhancing connectivity through transport infrastructure: the role of official development finance and private investment” (2018) (OECD Development Co-operation Directorate).

“African economic outlook 2015: regional development and spatial inclusion” (2015) (OECD Development Centre).

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

“The European elections: towards pan-European politics?” (2014) (with Alessandra Cardaci, Scott Magalich and Marlene Schüsseler).

<b>IN THE MEDIA</b>	<i>Interview</i> : “Pro-Bolsonaro cities register higher COVID-19 contagion rates”, May 2020, O Globo (in Portuguese).
	<i>Mention of working paper</i> : “About Bolsonaro’s responsibility for the tragedy”, October 2020, Época (in Portuguese).
	<i>Author</i> : “Elections in Italy, a country divided in three”, Le Monde Diplomatique Brasil, March 2018 (in Portuguese).
	<i>Author</i> : “Elections in France: towards new party politics”, Le Monde Diplomatique Brasil, November 2017 (in Portuguese).
<b>OTHER TRAINING</b>	<i>ECPR Summer School</i> , (Budapest) Aug ‘19 Coursework: Experimental research: theory development, hypothesis generation and empirical tests (professor: John Jost).
	<i>IPSA Summer School</i> , (São Paulo) Jan–Feb ‘19 Coursework: predicting elections: analytical techniques and illustrative case studies (professor: Cliff Young).
	<i>IPSA Summer School</i> , (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).
	<i>Exchange program</i> , University of São Paulo Aug–Dec ‘13 Coursework: modern and contemporary political philosophy (B.A.).
	<i>Exchange program</i> , 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.).
<b>SKILLS</b>	<i>R</i> , <i>Stata</i> , <i>L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X</i> , <i>Qualtrics</i> .
<b>LANGUAGES</b>	<i>Portuguese (native)</i> , <i>English (fluent)</i> , <i>Italian (fluent)</i> , <i>French (fluent)</i> .
<b>SERVICES</b>	<i>Board member</i> : Student Association for Gender Equality and Diversity in Academia, Bocconi University (June 2021 - Present).
	<i>Reviewer</i> : International Organization, European Journal of Political Economy.
	<i>Organizer</i> : XII Regional Meeting of Geography Students, University of Campinas (2009).

## REFERENCES

### **Catherine E. De Vries**

Professor of Political Science  
Department of Social and Political Sciences  
Bocconi University  
[catherine.devries@unibocconi.it](mailto:catherine.devries@unibocconi.it)

### **Anthony Michael Bertelli**

Professor of Public Policy and Political Science  
Pennsylvania State University  
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### **Kenneth Scheve**

Dean Acheson Professor of Political Science and Global Affairs  
Department of Political Science  
Yale University  
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### **Piero Stanig**

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