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Public Policy and Administration  
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## EDUCATION

### **Bocconi University**

Ph.D., Public Policy and Administration 2017–today  
*Committee:* Catherine De Vries (Chair), Piero Stanig, Anthony Bertelli  
*Fields:* Comparative politics, political economy, political behavior

### **Sciences Po Paris**

June, 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**

August, 2013  
B.A., Geography  
*CREA-SP prize for obtaining the top grade of the cohort*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative politics, political economy, political behavior  
Political consequences of economic shocks and economic hardship  
Preferences for redistribution and insurance, attitudes towards minority groups  
Politics and policy in Latin America and Europe  
Quantitative methods, causal inference, mixed-methods

## 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*; *APSA 2021 (scheduled)*.  
Draft available upon request.

“Words can hurt: how political communication can change the pace of an epidemic” (with Lucas Mariani and Jessica Gagete-Miranda), Featured at [CEPR COVID Economics : Vetted and Real-Time Papers, 12, 104-137](#)  
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*.

“The political consequences of ageing societies: inter-generational polarization & 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), *MPSA 2020 (cancelled)*.

“Feeling threatened and support for anti-immigration policies” (with Chiara Allegri).

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

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

## GRANTS & AWARDS

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

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

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.

## EMPLOYMENT

*Research Associate*, DONDENA, Bocconi University (Milan) June ‘20–today  
LOSS Project (PI: Catherine De Vries).

*Research Assistant*, Bocconi University (Milan) June ‘18–November ‘19  
Populism and Turnout (PIs: Massimo Anelli and Tommaso Colussi).

*Research Assistant*, 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.

*Research Assistant*, 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 the Welfare*

Sep '19–Feb '20

Course director: Paolo Graziano

Level: M.A.

Responsibilities: support with teaching materials and tutorial sessions.

## SELECTED TALKS

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, August 2020.

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

Words can hurt: how political communication can change the pace of an epidemic, Duke University, The Rangel Economic Analysis Lab (REAL), May 2020.

Politics and Epidemics, Technical High School of Campinas, April 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).

## IN THE MEDIA

*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 - today).

*Reviewer*: European Journal of Political Economy.

*Organizer*: XII Regional Meeting of Geography Students, University of Campinas (2009).

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