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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

M.A., European Affairs (major), Politics and Public Policy (minor) June, 2016
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

B.A., Geography August, 2013
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 towards redistribution and insurance, attitudes towards minority groups
Politics and policy in Latin America and Europe
Quantitative methods, causal inference, mixed-methods

WORKING PAPERS

[“The effects of commodity prices on voting for the left and the right in Brazil”](#)
MPSA Conference 2020 (cancelled); APSA Annual Meeting 2020.

[“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

IN PROGRESS

“Political change and turnover in public employment: evidence from a Brazilian election” (with Anthony Bertelli, Tainá S. Pacheco and Julio A. Ramos Pastrana), *MPSA 2020 (cancelled)*.

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

“COVID-19 and inter-generational conflict” (with Catherine De Vries and Francesco Billari).

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 assistant*, 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 effects of commodity shocks on voting for the left and the right in Brazil, University of Zurich, Status Workshop (organized by Tarik Abou-Chadi), October, 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

POLICY-ORIENTED PUBLICATIONS

“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).

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

Stata, *R*, *L^AT_EX*, *Qualtrics*

LANGUAGES

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

SERVICES

Organizer: XII Regional Meeting of Geography Students, Campinas, Brazil (2009)

Student representative: Geo-sciences Institute, Unicamp, Campinas, Brazil (2009)

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