

# Alberto Stefanelli

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interest spans from voting behaviour, methodology, public opinion, to political communication. I have a specific interest in populism, democratic representation, personalisation and presidentialisation of politics, campaign and party finance, and machine learning and big data.

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## EDUCATION

### 2012 – 2015 **Bachelor Degree**

1ST GRADE DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
*University of Padua, Italy*  
Avg. Grade: 28.53/30.  
Final Mark: 110/110.  
*Magna cum laude*

### 2016 – 2018 **Master Degree**

MASTER OF ARTS (MA), POLITICAL SCIENCE  
*Central European University<sup>1</sup>, Budapest, Hungary*  
Thesis Supervisor: Gabor Toka  
Cumulative GPA: 3.83/4  
Rank/Class Size: 1/10

### 2018 – 2022 **Doctoral Education**

PROSPECTIVE PHD CANDIDATE AT CENTRE FOR SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH  
*KU Leuven, Belgium.*  
Sponsor: Prof. dr. Bart Meuleman

## PUBLICATIONS

### PUBLISHED PAPERS

- [1] A. Stefanelli and M. Almagisti, "Costi della politica e finanziamenti: Il livello locale", in *Il Finanziamento Alla Politica in Italia*, ser. Biblioteca di testi e studi (1189), D. R. Piccio, Ed., Carocci, 2018, ISBN: 978-88-430-8676-4.
- [2] A. Stefanelli, "The Electoral Consolidation of the Five Star Movement", English, *Quaderni di Scienza Politica*, vol. Il Movimento Cinque Stelle: Prospettive di Ricerca a Confronto, no. 3, M. Almagisti and P. R. Graziano, Eds., Dec. 2017, ISSN: 1124-7959.
- [3] M. Almagisti and A. Stefanelli, "Dove soffia il vento del Nord", in *Cambiamento o Assestamento? Le Elezioni Amministrative Del 2016*, Istituto Carlo Cattaneo, 2016, pp. 9–22, ISBN: 978-88-941126-2-7.
- [4] —, "Voto al candidato presidente e liste personali e regionali. Il Veneto in prospettiva comparata", IT, *DEMOCRAZIA E DIRITTO*, no. 3, pp. 44–62, 2015, ISSN: 1972-5590. DOI: 10.3280/DED2015-003003.

<sup>1</sup>Central European University (CEU) is a graduate-level, English-language university accredited in the U.S. In 2015, CEU ranked among top 30 Universities in Europe for Political Science.

## PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

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- [5] A. Stefanelli, "Populist voters are irrational. Testing spatial models using populist attitudes", Accepted in the special issue The Political Psychology of Populism on the European Journal of Political Research (EJPR). Editors: Ryan E. Carlin, Kirk A. Hawkins, and Levente Littvay.

## SELECTED CONFERENCE TALKS

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- [6] A. Stefanelli, "The Downsian irrationality of Populist Voters. Testing spatial models using populist attitudes", Politicologenetmaal Conference, Leiden, 2018.
- [7] —, "Populist voters are irrational. Testing spatial models using populist attitudes", Team Populism Conference (invited), Budapest, 2017.
- [8] E. K. Jenne, R. Aguilar, Z. Enyedi, A. Stefanelli, and O. Utku, "Populism: Ideology, potential causes, individual and societal factors, and possible consequences.", (invited), 2017.
- [9] A. Stefanelli, "Competence or Proximity? Insights from a conjoint experiment", Urbino, 2017.
- [10] —, "Is yellow the new black? Five Star Movement candidate traits and issues association", (invited), Győr, 2017.
- [11] —, "Il M5S alle urne: Elezioni nazionali e amministrative a confronto", (invited), University of Padua, Nov. 2016.
- [12] A. Stefanelli and M. Almagisti, "Costi della politica e finanziamenti: Il livello locale", (invited), University of Turin, May 2016.
- [13] —, "Il voto di preferenza nelle principali città al voto", 2016.
- [14] M. Almagisti, N. Scarnera, and A. Stefanelli, "Tendenze nel voto in Veneto: Voto di preferenza e voto al candidato presidente", 2015.
- [15] M. Almagisti, A. Innocenzio, and A. Stefanelli, "Una prima analisi della campagna per le elezioni regionali del Veneto 2015", 2015.

## WORKING PAPER

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A. Stefanelli, "Categorical classification and vote choice. A predicting model using machine learning"

F. Vegetti, S. Belli, A. Stefanelli, "The 2016 Italian Constitutional Referendum: Protest or Economic Voting?"

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- SUMMER 2018 **TA for Automated Collection of Web and Social Data (ECPR)**  
CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY  
*Teaching Assistant in the Automated Collection of Web and Social Data at the 2018 ECPR Method School in Budapest. Instructor: Pablo Barberá*
- SUMMER 2018 **TA for R Basics (ECPR)**  
CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY  
*Teaching Assistant in the R Basics course at the 2018 ECPR Method School in Budapest. Instructor: Akos Mate*
- SPRING 2018 **TA for Text Mining Boot Camp**  
CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY  
*Teaching Assistant in the Text Mining Boot Camp. Introduction to Text Mining with R. Instructor: Jessie Labov and Littvay (Levi) Levente*

- MAY 2018 **TA for Regression Refresher (ECPR)**  
UNIVERSITY OF BAMBERG, BAMBERG, GERMANY  
*Teaching Assistant at the Winter School in Methods and Techniques organised by the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)*
- WINTER 2018 **TA for Experimental Political Science**  
CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY  
*Teaching Assistant and guest speaker (Human Intelligence Task platforms) in the Experimental Political Science course. Instructor: Littvay (Levi) Levente*
- FALL 2017 **TA for Text Analysis Across Discipline**  
CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY  
*Teaching Assistant (data management and analysis) in the university wise course Text Analysis Across Discipline. Instructor: Jessie Labov*
- 2016 **Introductory seminars at bachelor level**  
UNIVERSITY OF PADUA, ITALY  
*Guest speaker for two seminar on political communication and campaigning (with Mario Rodriguez) and regional electoral systems (with Marco Almagisti). Instructor: Marco Almagisti*

## ACADEMIC HONOURS AND AWARDS

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- 2016 - 2018 **Advanced certificate in Research Methodology and Social Analysis**  
CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY
- JUNE 2018 **Travel Grant for the Politicologenetmaal Conference in Leiden, Netherlands. (400 EUR)**  
CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY
- MARCH 2018 **2018 Winter School Grant (250 EUR)**  
ECPR METHODS SCHOOL, BAMBER, GERMANY
- JAN. 2018 **Research Grant for the an experiment. (400 EUR)**  
CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY
- SEP. 2017 **Travel Grant for the Team Populism Conference. Organiser: Nebojsia Blanusia.**  
UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB, CROATIA
- JUNE 2017 **Travel Grant for the Italian Political Science Association Annual Conference. (450 EUR)**  
CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY
- JUNE 2017 **Travel Grant for the Hungarian Political Science Association Annual Conference. (180 EUR)**  
CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY
- 2016 - 2018 **Master's Scholarship recipient. Full tuition fee and health insurance. (26.000 EUR)**  
CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

2015 **Academic honour for thesis and grades excellence**

UNIVERSITY OF PADUA, ITALY

*Thesis title: Personalisation and Presidentialisation of Politics in the Italian Regional Elections.*

## OTHER RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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2018 – PRESENT **Member of the Experiments and Survey teams of Team Populism<sup>2</sup>.**

TEAM LEADER: RYAN CARLIN AND LITTVAY (LEVI) LEVENTE

2017 – PRESENT **Vice president of the Central European University Populism Research Group (POPRES)**

CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

## OTHERS EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES AND TRAINING

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2018 **Structural Equation Modelling (SEM) with R, ECPR Winter School, Bamberg**  
*Structural Equation Modelling training (4 ECTS). Instructor: Ulrich Schroders*

2017 **Introduction to Time Series and Panel Data, Central European University, Hungary**  
*Hands-on workshop on Time Series, Panel Data and fixed effect models (in R). Instructor: Nemanja Stankov*

2017 **Web Scraping Workshop, Central European University, Hungary**  
*Two-days workshop in Python on web scraping and data cleaning. Instructor: Brian Fabo*

2015-2016 **Election Days, University of Turin, Italy**  
*Workshops on political communication, campaigning and fundraising in a three days long seminar. The project is organised by Quorum/You Trend in collaboration with the University of Turin and La Stampa.*

2014 **Soliya Project, University of Padova, Italy**  
*A virtual exchange program which entails weekly video conferencing sessions with other university students around the globe on issues concerning politics, intercultural integration, communication and new media technologies.*

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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AUGUST 2018 – PRESENT

ZK Analytics, Oxford Centre for Innovation, UK

*External consultant and analyst*

World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) - Measuring Scouting's Impact on the Personal Development of Young People. Propensity score matching and regression analysis

Ministry of Transportation of United Kingdom - Capability, Health and Mobility of Older People. Complex survey design cross-tabulation and panel data analysis with fixed effect and conditional probit estimators

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<sup>2</sup>Team Populism brings together renowned scholars from Europe and the Americas to study the causes and consequences of populism.

MARCH 2018 – PRESENT

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)

*External consultant and analyst for the ECPR Methods Schools*

Analysis and improvement of the questionnaires for the ECPR Methods Schools.

JUNE 2018 – SEPTEMBER 2018

Central European University

*Research Assistant for the Intellectual Theme Initiative*

Data analysis, text mining and scraping, and data collection within the project *Text Analysis Across Disciplines*

JANUARY 2015 – PRESENT

*Social Media Manager and Communication Specialist*

Social media manager of various academic and non-academic projects (i.e. Il Voto Sotto Esame, Politica e Storia - SISP Standing Group, Team Populism)

OCTOBER 2014 – SEPTEMBER 2016

Research Centre "Centro Giorgio Lago", University of Padua, Italy

*Project leader of a research project*

In-depth analysis of the regional (2015) and mayoral (2016) elections of Veneto and Friuli (Italy). Project in partnership with Corriere del Veneto (RCS).

19 JUNE 2016

You Trend/Quorum for Sky TG, Turin, Italy

*Research assistant for SKY TG*

Data collection for the 2016 Italian mayoral elections night, exit polls and real-time forecasts, post-electoral geographical maps using QGIS.

JANUARY 2014 – JUNE 2014

Research Centre "Centro Giorgio Lago", University of Padua, Italy

*Team leader of a research project*

Leader of the "Communication and Campaign" team. In-depth analysis of the communication and campaign organisation of the mayoral candidates of the city of Padua. Project in partnership with Corriere del Veneto (RCS).

FEBRUARY 2012 – JUNE 2012

*Campaign strategist and communication manager*

Chief of the communication and strategy team for the electoral campaign of the mayoral candidate Annamaria Damiano (Desenzano del Garda, Italy).

## OTHER EXPERIENCES

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MAY 2013 – NOVEMBER 2014

Partito Democratico, Milano (Italy)

*Member of Statute Commission of the Italian Democratic Party*

Review of national and Lombardy regional statute of the Italian Democratic Party (PD) according to the suggestions of regional and national elective assemblies.

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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ITALIAN	Native speaker
ENGLISH	Oral: Proficient (C2) – Written: Proficient (C2)
FRENCH	Oral: Basic (A2) – Written: Independent (B1)

## SOFTWARE AND PROGRAMMING SKILLS

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PROFICIENCY LEVEL	Linux, Mac OS, Windows R, QGIS, Slack, SPSS, Phython, $\LaTeX$ GIMP
INTERMEDIATE	Lexalytics GGplot2, HTML, Markdown
BASIC LEVEL	MySQL, STATA, PHP