Alberto Stefanelli

Research Interests

My research interest spans from voting behaviour, methodology, public option, 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[1],
Budapest, Hungary
Thesis Supervisor: Gabor Toka
Cumulative GPA: 3.83/4
Rank/Class Size: 1/10

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.

Papers under review

[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). Editiors: Ryan E. Carlin, Kirk A. Hawkins, and Levente Littvay.

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[1]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.

Selected Conference Talks

[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", Dubrovnik, 2017.

[10] ——, "Competence or Proximity? Insights from a conjoint experiment", Urbino, 2017.

[11] ——, "Is yellow the new black? Five Star Movement candidate traits and issues association", (invited), Gyor, 2017.

[12] ——, "Il M5S alle urne: Elezioni nazionali e amministrative a confronto", (invited), University of Padua, Nov. 2016.

[13] A. Stefanelli and M. Almagisti, "Costi della politica e finanziamenti: Il livello locale", (invited), University of Turin, May 2016.

[14] ——, "Il voto di preferenza nelle principali città al voto", 2016.

[15] M. Almagisti, N. Scarnera, and A. Stefanelli, "Tendenze nel voto in Veneto: Voto di preferenza e voto al candidato presidente", 2015.

[16] M. Almagisti, A. Innocenzio, and A. Stefanelli, "Una prima analisi della campagna per le elezioni regionali del Veneto 2015", 2015.

Working Paper

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

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
	Guess 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

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

2017 – PRESENT	**Vice president of the Central European University Populism Research Group (POPRES)**
	CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

2018 – PRESENT   **Member of the Experiments and Survey teams of Team Populism[2].**
TEAM LEADER: RYAN CARLIN AND LITTVAY (LEVI) LEVENTE

OTHERS EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES AND TRAINING

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

JUNE 2018 – PRESENT
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*

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.

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).

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[2]Team Populism brings together renowned scholars from Europe and the Americas to study the causes and consequences of populism.

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

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

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

SOFTWARE AND PROGRAMMING SKILLS

PROFICIENCY LEVEL	Linux, Mac OS, Windows, R, Anaconda, QGIS, GIMP, Slack, SPSS, Phyton, LaTeX
INTERMEDIATE	GGplot2, Lexalytics, SAS, HTML, Markdown
BASIC LEVEL	MySQL, STATA, PHP