Alberto Stefanelli

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My substantive research interests include radical ideologies, voting behaviour, populism, and democratic representation. I am currently working on radical belief systems, liberal values, and polarisation. Methodologically, I am interested in matching and standardisation techniques, conjoint experiments, structural equation modelling, finite mixture modelling, quantitative text analysis, and data visualisation.

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EDUCATION

2018 – 2024	**Doctoral Education** FWO PHD FELLOWSHIP AT CENTRE FOR SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH *Faculty of Social Sciences[1], KU Leuven, Belgium.* *Sponsor: Prof. dr. Bart Meuleman*	2018 – 2021	**Master Degree** MASTER OF STATISTICS *Faculty of Science[2], KU Leuven, Belgium*
2016 – 2018	**Master Degree** MASTER OF ARTS (MA), POLITICAL SCIENCE *Central European University[3], Budapest, Hungary* *Thesis Supervisor: Gabor Toka* *Cumulative GPA: 3.83/4 with Distinction* *Rank/Class Size: 1/11*	2012 – 2015	**Bachelor Degree** BACHELOR DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION *University of Padua, Italy* *Avg. Grade: 28.53/30.* *Final Mark: 110/110.* *Magna cum laude*

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[3]According to QS Ranking, the Leuven Statistics Research Centre (LStat) is among the top 10 programs in Europe for Mathematical and Statistical Sciences and top 50 in the world.

[3]According to QS Ranking, the Faculty of Social Sciences is among the top 20 departments in Europe for Social, Political and Behavioural Sciences and the top 50 in the world.

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

Publications

Published Work

[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., 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.

Working Papers

1. M. Lukac, A. Stefanelli "Finite Mixture Model for Discovering Treatment Heterogeneity in Conjoint Experiments"
2. A. Stefanelli, M. Lukac "Power Analysis in Conjoint Experiments"
3. A. Stefanelli "From Ideological Convergence to Affective Hostility. Resolving the populist polarization paradox"
4. A. Stefanelli, F. Rossetti "Conditional Benevolents: Testing welfare conditionality among populist voters"
5. A. Stefanelli "Standardisation Techniques. A comparison using Monte Carlo simulations"

Academic Honours and Grants

2021	**CESS Best Poster Award for Innovations in Causal Inference and Experimental Research (w Martin Lukac)**
	CENTRE FOR EXPERIMENTAL SOCIAL SCIENCE (CESS), OXFORD
	Best Poster Award "Finite Mixture Model for Discovering Treatment Heterogeneity in Conjoint Experiments" at the 2021 PolMeth Europe
2021	**Dirk Berg-Schlosser Award**
	EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM FOR POLITICAL RESEARCH, BAMBERG
	Dirk Berg-Schlosser Award for outstanding pedagogy as a Teaching Assistant at the ECPR Method School
2019	**Best Master Thesis in Electoral Studies**
	ITALIAN ELECTORAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION, ROME
	Celso Ghini Award for the best master thesis in electoral studies and voting behaviour for the years 2017 and 2018

2018	**Research Grant**
	CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY
	Research grant for fielding a survey experiment.
2016 - 2018	**Master's Scholarship recipient**
	CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY
	Full tuition fee and health insurance.
2015	**Academic honour for thesis and grade excellence**
	UNIVERSITY OF PADUA, ITALY
	Thesis title: Personalisation and Presidentialisation of Politics in the Italian Regional Elections.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

MAY 2020	**Introduction to Conjoint Experiments**
	UNIVERSITY OF BAMBERG, BAMBERG, GERMANY
	Instructor at the Winter School in Methods and Techniques organised by the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
2019	**Propensity Matching and Standardisation techniques**
	HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM, JERUSALEM, ISRAEL
	Instructor for a workshop at the 15th International Graduate Conference in Political Science, International Relations, and Public Policy
2018 - 2021	**TA for the ECPR School in Advanced Methods**
	CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY AND BAMBER UNIVERSITY
	Teaching Assistant for:
	*1. **Structural Equation Modelling** - Instructor: Bart Meuleman*
	*2. **Multilevel Structural Equation Modelling** - Instructor: Bruno Castanho Silva*
	*3. **Advanced Multilevel Regression Modelling** - Instructor: Littvay (Levi) Levente*
	*4. **Automated Collection of Web and Social Data** - Instructor: Theresa Gessler (2019) and Pablo Barbera (2018).*
	*5. **Logistic Regression and Generalised Linear Models** - Instructor: Michał Kotnarowski*
	*6. **R Basics** - Instructor: Akos Mate*
	*7. **TA for Regression Refresher** - Instructor: Littvay (Levi) Levente*
2017 - 2018	**TA for Text Mining Boot Camp**
	CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY
	Teaching Assistant in the Text Mining and Text analysis Boot Camp. Introduction to Text Mining with R. Instructor: Jessie Labov and Littvay (Levi) Levente
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

OTHER RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

2018 – PRESENT	**Questionanaire design, data collection, and quality control of the National Belgian Electoral Study and National Belgian Minority Study** KU LEUVEN, LEUVEN, BELGIUM
2018 – PRESENT	**Member of the Experiments and Survey teams of Team Populism[4].** TEAM LEADER: RYAN CARLIN
2017 – 2018	**Vice president of the Central European University Populism Research Group (POPRES)** CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

WORK EXPERIENCE

2021	**World Health Organization Expert** WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION *Public attitudes on COVID-19 Vaccines in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Affiliation: KU Leuven/ZK Analytics)*
2018 – PRESENT	**External consultant and analyst** ZK ANALYTICS, OXFORD CENTRE FOR INNOVATION, UK *Data scientist for:* *1. **Education Endowment Foundation (EFF)** - Assessing movement of pupils between classes in secondary school during GCSE and their potential consequences for EEF impact evaluations* *2. **World Organization of the Scout Movement** - Measuring the impact of Scout activities on personal development. Multi-country analysis using propensity score matching and multilevel regression analyses.* *3. **Ministry of Transportation of United Kingdom** - Capability, health and mobility of older people. Complex survey design and panel data analysis with fixed effect and conditional probit estimators.* *4. **in2Science** - Analysis of experimental and semi-experimental data in a multilevel panel data design to assess the impact of specific educational programs on disadvantaged children' academic performances.*
2018 – PRESENT	**Consultant and analyst for the ECPR** EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM FOR POLITICAL RESEARCH (ECPR) *Analysis and improvement of the questionnaires for the ECPR Methods Schools.*
06/18 – 09/18	**Research Assistant for the Intellectual Theme Initiative** CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY *Data analysis, text mining and web scraping for the project Text Analysis Across Disciplines*

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

2015 – 2017	**Project coordinator** RESEARCH CENTRE "CENTRO GIORGIO LAGO", UNIVERSITY OF PADUA, ITALY *In-depth analysis of the regional (2015) and mayoral (2016) elections of Veneto and Friuli (Italy). Project in partnership with Corriere del Veneto (RCS).*
2015 – 2017	**Research assistant for SKY Electoral Night** YOUTREND/QUORUM FOR SKY TG, TURIN, ITALY *Data scraping for the 2016 Italian mayoral elections night, exit polls, real-time forecasts, visualisation of voting patterns (QGIS).*

LANGUAGE SKILLS

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

SOFTWARE AND PROGRAMMING SKILLS

PROFICIENCY	Linux, Mac OS, Windows R, R Makdown, Shiny, Mplus, LaTeX, QGIS, SPSS Doker, Github
INTERMEDIATE	Phyton, HTML, CSS
BASIC	MySQL, STATA, PHP, Java