

Beniamino Masi

POST-DOC RESEARCHER

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Academic Appointments

University of Pisa

Pisa, Italy

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHER

Dec. 2025 – Present

- Research Project: “WATER SENSitive communities”.
- Tasked with the development of a governance framework for Decentralized Water Management (DWM).
- Conducting comparative institutional and empirical analysis via in-depth interviews with policy stakeholders.

Council for European Studies

New York, USA (Remote)

COMMUNICATION OFFICER

May 2023 – Present

- Officer for the “Political Parties, Party Systems and Elections” Research Network.
- Managing internal communications, newsletter drafting, and dissemination of research activities.

University of Padua

Padua, Italy

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHER

Dec. 2023 – Nov. 2024

- Research Project: “Governing the Just Transition: Eco-social Politics and Policies in the EU”.
- Conducted fieldwork and in-depth semi-structured interviews with policy stakeholders in Italy, Spain, and Belgium.
- Performed comparative qualitative analysis of data from four country cases.

Kieskompas

Amsterdam, Netherlands

(Remote)

COUNTRY EXPERT (ITALY)

Nov. 2021 – Dec. 2021

- Advisory on the Italian leg of a cross-country survey experiment and translation of survey items.

Education

University of Pisa

Pisa, Italy

PHD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Nov. 2020 – June 2024

- Thesis: “Patterns of party organizational change. Convergence and disintermediation in Europe (1969-2017)”.
- Supervisor: Prof. Eugenio Pizzimenti.

University of Florence

Florence, Italy

M.A. IN POLITICS, INSTITUTIONS AND MARKETS

2018 – 2020

- Final Grade: 110/110 cum laude.

University of Pisa

Pisa, Italy

B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

2015 – 2018

- Final Grade: 108/110.

Publications

MONOGRAPHS

Masi, B. (Forthcoming). *The Transformation of Party Organization in Europe: The Age of Disintermediation*. Palgrave Macmillan.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Masi, B. (Forthcoming). Towards a Comparative Framework for Analysis of Eco-social research. *Rivista Italiana di Politiche Pubbliche*. [Class A Journal - 14/A2]

- Domorenok, E., **Masi, B.** (Forthcoming). Implementing the Just Transition Fund: patterns of multilevel governance. *Journal of Common Market Studies*. [Class A Journal - 14/A2]
- Pizzimenti, E., **Masi, B.**, & Calossi, E. (Forthcoming). Converging or diverging? Intra-party Change in the Italian Parties (2012-2024). *Comparative Italian Politics*. [Class A Journal - 14/A2]
- Bardi, L., Calossi, E., Cicchi, L., & **Masi, B.** (2026). Measuring Political Representation in Italy: A VAA-based Analysis of the 2022 Election. *Comparative Italian Politics*. [Class A Journal - 14/A2]
- Pizzimenti, E., **Masi, B.**, & Luperi Baglini, L. (2024). Party Organizational Development and Change: A Theoretical Framework. *Italian Political Science*. [Class A Journal - 14/A2]
- Pizzimenti, E., Piccio, D.R., & **Masi, B.** (2024). Does regulation matter? Trajectories of party organizational change in Western Europe (1970-2010). *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*. DOI: 10.1080/14782804.2023.2301298. [Class A Journal - 14/A2]
- Pizzimenti, E., Calossi, E., Cicchi, L., & **Masi, B.** (2022). Do parties converge? An empirical analysis of party organizational and policy issue saliency change in Western Europe (1970–2010). *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*. DOI: 10.1080/14782804.2022.2119215. [Class A Journal - 14/A2]
- Masi, B.**, & Pizzimenti, E. (2022). The Political Foundations of Party Organizational Change. *Comparative European Politics*. DOI: 10.1057/s41295-022-00299-0. [Class A Journal - 14/A2]
- Masi, B.** (2021). Looking through the mirror: representativeness of the Italian party system before the 2018 General Election. *Quaderni dell'Osservatorio Elettorale (QOE-IJES)*, 84(1), 69-83. DOI: 10.36253/qoe-10237. [Class A Journal - 14/A2]

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Masi, B.** (2024). Partiti in crisi? Per un'analisi empirica dell'evoluzione dei partiti politici. In D. Lembo et al. (Eds.), *Post. Sguardi sul cambiamento*. Mimesis.
- Masi, B.** (2023). "In una relazione complicata". Districare il rapporto tra cultura e mutamenti organizzativi nei partiti. In A. Dividus et al. (Eds.), *Itinerari del sapere*. Carocci.
- Masi, B.** (2022). The People and the Party: connecting populism and Intra-Party Democracy. In E. Calossi & P. Imperatore (Eds.), *Populism in contemporary Italian politics*. Pisa University Press.

Teaching Experience

University of Pisa

Pisa, Italy

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Mar. 2022 – Present

- Courses: *Comparative Politics, Public Policy Analysis and Organization Theory, Comparative Migration Politics and Policies, Geopolitics and International Relations Theories, Political System of the EU and the International System, International Relations*.
- Entrusted with the administration and evaluation of oral examinations to assess student proficiency. Responsibilities also included delivering specialized seminars and occasionally providing guidance to undergraduates for their research theses.

University of Pisa

Pisa, Italy

GUEST LECTURER

2024, 2025

- Course: "Public Policy Analysis and Organization Theory" (2h).
- Course: "Politics and Policies for Sustainable Development" (2h).
- Course: "Comparative Politics" (2h, 2022).

University of Florence

Florence, Italy

GUEST LECTURER

2024

- Course: "Elections, Parties, and Public Opinion" (2h).

Academic Service & Affiliations

JOURNAL PEER REVIEW

- *Comparative European Politics, Frontiers in Political Science, Government and Opposition, Politics & Policy, Quality & Quantity, Regulation & Governance*.

RESEARCH GROUPS & AFFILIATIONS

Political Party Database Project (PPDB)

MEMBER OF THE ITALIAN CODING UNIT

2018 – Present

ECPR Standing Group on Political Parties

MEMBER

Present

SISP Standing Group POPE (Parties, Public Opinion, Elections)

MEMBER

Present

EU&I – Voting Advice Application (European University Institute)

MEMBER OF THE ITALIAN CODING UNIT

2024

- Coder for the 2024 European Elections.

Navigatore Elettorale / Navigatore Politico

MEMBER OF THE SCIENTIFIC BOARD & CODER

2018, 2022

- Voting Advice Applications for the Italian National Elections.

Observatory on Politics and Institutions (OPI), Univ. of Pisa

AFFILIATE MEMBER

Present

- Section: “Political Parties and Representation” (OPPR).

Conferences

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

- SISP (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica): 2018, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.
- ECPR General Conference: 2021, 2024, 2025.
- The Politics and Policy of Transnational Challenges, University of Pisa: 2025.
- Dusseldorf Graduate Conference on Party Research: 2023.

Skills & Languages

Methodology	Quantitative Analysis, Comparative Methods, Text Analysis, QCA, Expert Interviews
Software	R, SPSS, fs/QCA, \LaTeX , Office Suite
Languages	Italian (Native), English (C1/Proficient), French (Basic), Spanish (Basic)

Methodological Training

University of Padua

Padua, Italy

SUMMER SCHOOL ON “THE ECOSOCIAL CHALLENGE”

2024

University of Genoa

Genoa, Italy

CRASH COURSE IN TEXT ANALYSIS USING R

2023

Aarhus University

Aarhus, Denmark

ECPR SUMMER SCHOOL ON POLITICAL PARTIES

2022

University of Wrocław

Wrocław, Poland

SUMMER SCHOOL ON QUANTITATIVE METHODS

2022

University of Pisa

Pisa, Italy

INTRODUCTION TO QCA (QUALITATIVE COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS)

2021

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