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Current position

Postdoctoral Research Fellow. University of Turin. 2020–present

Previous academic appointments

Postdoctoral Research Fellow. University of Milan. 2018–2020

Postdoctoral Research Fellow. Central European University. 2013–2018

Teaching Associate. Chair of Political Economy, University of Mannheim. 2012–2013

Marie Curie Early Stage Researcher. Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES). 2009–2012

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, *Summa cum laude*, University of Mannheim (Germany), 2014

M.A. Social Science, *with Honors*, University of Milan (Italy), 2009

B.A. Linguistic and Cultural Mediation, University of Milan (Italy), 2005

Work experience (private sector)

Data science consultancy for ZK Analytics. (2016–present)
Tasks:

- Regression analysis
- Machine learning
- Quantitative text analysis of open-ended survey data (topic modeling, sentiment analysis)
- Data visualization and reporting

Data science consultancy for xUpery. (2017)
Tasks:

- Automated collection of Twitter data via rest API
- Scaling and visualization of Twitter following patterns

Project work experience (academic)

ISSP – International Social Survey Programme. (2019–)

Tasks:

  ISSP country representative for Italy (with Andrea Pedrazzani)

  Survey design

  Survey implementation

CUPESSE - Cultural Pathways to Economic Self-Sufficiency and Entrepreneurship. (2015–2018)

Tasks:

  Survey design

  Survey implementation

  Data processing, cleaning, and management

  Data analysis

COST Action IS0806, The True European Voter. (2009–2014)

Tasks:

  Data harmonization and integration

ELECDEM – Training Network in Electoral Democracy. (2009–2012)

Tasks:

  Research for Work package 6 - European Electoral Democracy Under Stress

Teaching

Political Science and Public Opinion (in Italian, University of Turin, 2020–)

Introduction to R (University of Milan, 2019–)

Quantitative methods for political and social research with SPSS (in Italian, University of Milan, 2019)

Quantitative Text Analysis (in Italian, University of Turin, 2019)

Data analysis with Stata (University of Milan, 2018–2019)

Survey Statistics (University of Heidelberg, 2018)

Introduction to Experimental Research in the Social Sciences (ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, 2017–2018)

Intro to GLM: Binary, Ordered and Multinomial Logistic, and Count Regression Models (ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, 2014–2017)

Introduction to Stata and R (University of Zagreb, 2016)

Introduction to Data Analysis and Graphics with R (University of Mannheim, 2012)

Research

Peer reviewed journal articles

Federico Vegetti, Moreno Mancosu. "Perceived exposure and concern for misinformation in context: Evidence from 27 European countries." 2021. *American Behavioral Scientist*, accepted for publication.

Federico Vegetti, Levente Littvay. "Belief in conspiracy theories, aggression, and attitudes towards political violence." 2021. *Italian Political Science Review*, in press.

Moreno Mancosu, **Federico Vegetti**. "Is it the message or the messenger? Conspiracy endorsement and media sources." 2020. *Social Science Computer Review*, in press.

Giuliano Bobba, Moreno Mancosu, Antonella Seddone, **Federico Vegetti**. "Il Barometro dell'Odio nello Sport. L'hate speech online nelle conversazioni sportive su Facebook e Twitter." 2020 *Problemi dell'informazione*, 2/2020: 313–318.

Moreno Mancosu, **Federico Vegetti**. "What you can scrape and what is right to scrape. A proposal for a tool to collect public Facebook data." 2020. *Social Media + Society*.

Federico Vegetti, Moreno Mancosu. "The impact of political sophistication and motivated reasoning on misinformation." 2020. *Political Communication*, 37(5), 678–695.

Martin Lukes, Manuel Feldmann, **Federico Vegetti**. "Work values and the value of work: different implications for young adults' self-employment in Europe." 2019. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 682(1), 156–171.

Federico Vegetti. "The Political Nature of Ideological Polarization: The Case of Hungary." 2019. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 681(1), 78–96.

Tosun, Jale, José Arco-Tirado, Maurizio Caserta, Zeynep Cemalcilar, Markus Freitag, Felix Hörisch, Carsten Jensen, Bernhard Kittel, Levente Littvay, Martin Lukes, William Maloney, Monika Mühlböck, Emily Rainsford, Carolin Rapp, Bettina Schuck, Jennifer Shore, Nadia Steiber, Nebi Sümer, Panos Tsakloglou, Mihaela Vancea, **Federico Vegetti**. "Perceived economic self-sufficiency: A country-and generation-comparative approach." 2019. *European Political Science*, 18(3), 510–531.

Federico Vegetti and Daniela Sirinic. "Left-right Categorization and Perceptions of Party Ideologies." 2019. *Political Behavior*, 41(1), 257–280.

Bruno Castanho Silva, **Federico Vegetti** and Levente Littvay. "The Elite Is Up to Something: Exploring the Relation Between Populism and Belief in Conspiracy Theories." 2017. *Swiss Political Science Review*, 23(4), 423–443.

Federico Vegetti and Dragoş Adăscăliţei. "The impact of the economic crisis on latent and nascent entrepreneurship in Europe." 2017. *International Entrepreneurship and Management Journal*, 13(4), 1289–1314.

Federico Vegetti, Zoltán Fazekas and Zsombor Méder. "Sorting your way out: perceived party positions, political knowledge, and polarization." 2017. *Acta Politica*, 52(4), 479–501

Federico Vegetti. "From Political Conflict to Partisan Evaluations: How Citizens Assess Party Ideology and Competence in Polarized Elections." 2014. *Electoral Studies*, 35, 230–241

Federico Vegetti, Monica Poletti and Paolo Segatti. "Availability or disengagement? How Italian citizens reacted to the two-faced parliamentary grand coalition supporting the Monti government." 2014. *Polis* 28(1)

Federico Vegetti, Monica Poletti and Paolo Segatti. "When responsibility is blurred. Italian national elections in times of economic crisis, technocratic government, and ever-growing populism." 2013. *Italian Political Science Review* 43(3)

Books

Federico Vegetti. *The Electoral Implications of Political Polarization*. 2020. Aracne editrice. ISBN: 978-88-255-3027-8.

Book chapters

Federico Vegetti. "Ideological Polarisation" in Schmitt, H., Segatti, P., van der Ejik, C. *Consequences of Context. How the Social, Political and Economic Environment Affects Voting*. 2021. ECPR Press. ISBN: HB 978-1-53815-150-1.

Federico Vegetti, Riccardo Ladini. "Transizione 2013-2018" in Schadee, H., Segatti, P., Vezzoni, C. *Apocalisse della democrazia italiana. Italiani tra due elezioni*. 2019. Il Mulino. ISBN: 978-88-15-00000-0.

Hans Schadee, Paolo Segatti, **Federico Vegetti**. "La rappresentazione dello spazio politico all'epoca della (presunta) morte di sinistra e destra" in Schadee, H., Segatti, P., Vezzoni, C. *Apocalisse della democrazia italiana. Italiani tra due elezioni*. 2019. Il Mulino. ISBN: 978-88-15-00000-0.

Paolo Segatti, **Federico Vegetti**. "L'economia e il terremoto elettorale del 2018" in Schadee, H., Segatti, P., Vezzoni, C. *Apocalisse della democrazia italiana. Italiani tra due elezioni*. 2019. Il Mulino. ISBN: 978-88-15-00000-0.

Hans Schadee, Paolo Segatti, **Federico Vegetti**. "Una domanda di più democrazia o di democrazia invisibile?" in Schadee, H., Segatti, P., Vezzoni, C. *Apocalisse della democrazia italiana. Italiani tra due elezioni*. 2019. Il Mulino. ISBN: 978-88-15-00000-0.

Dragoş Adăscăliţei and **Federico Vegetti**. "Deregulation and Job Security during the Great Recession. A multilevel analysis" in Isidorsson, T., Kubisa, J. (eds.) *Job Quality in the Era of Flexibility*. 2018. Routledge. ISBN: 9781138561595.

Federico Vegetti. "Hungary: The stability of Fidesz's domain" in De Sio, L., Emanuele, V. and Maggini, N. (eds.) *The European Parliament Elections of 2014*. 2014. CISE - Centro Italiano Studi Elettorali. ISBN (print): 978-88-98012-15-2 / ISBN (online): 978-88-98012-16-9.

Federico Vegetti. "Ungheria: la stabilità del predominio di Fidesz" in De Sio, L., Emanuele, V. and Maggini, N. (eds.) *Le Elezioni Europee 2014*. 2014. CISE - Centro Italiano Studi Elettorali. ISBN (print): 978-88-98012-13-8 / ISBN (online): 978-88-98012-14-5.

Work in progress

Moreno Mancosu, **Federico Vegetti**, Antonella Seddone, Giuliano Bobba. "Believe in everything? Conspiracist mindset and receptivity to political misinformation." Under Review

Maurizio Avola, Giorgio Piccitto, **Federico Vegetti**. "Ethnic Penalty in the European labour markets: a multilevel approach." Under Review

Federico Vegetti, Arturo Bertero, Giuliano Bobba, Moreno Mancosu, Antonella Seddone. "Fuel my fire. Social media, politica e hate speech in Italia"

Federico Vegetti, Moreno Mancosu, Arturo Bertero, Giuliano Bobba, Antonella Seddone. "Populist language, issues, and the success of party communication on Facebook: An analysis in 8 European countries"

Bruno Castanho Silva, Rosario Aguilar, **Federico Vegetti**. "Radical Right Populists and the Spread of Covid-19 Conspiracies on Facebook"

Steven M. Van Hauwaert, **Federico Vegetti**. "Immigration opinions and their origins: How European citizens respond to their environments (1980-2017)"

Zoltán Fazekas, **Federico Vegetti**. "They are all the same: Populism and perception of mainstream parties"

Aldo Paparo, **Federico Vegetti**. "Voting the candidate or the party? The role of SMD candidates in the 2018 Italian general election"

Andrea De Angelis, **Federico Vegetti**. "Will you ever vote for me? Electoral availability and dimensions of political conflict using propensities to vote measures"

Federico Vegetti, Paolo Segatti. "Attitudes toward immigration and the effectiveness of state institutions"

Federico Vegetti and Gergő Závecz. "Poison the well: Categorization, stereotyping and perceptions of political polarization"

PhD Thesis

"The Electoral Consequences of Ideological Party Polarization in Europe." University of Mannheim, 2014

Selected presentations

Populist language, issues, and the success of party communication on Facebook: An analysis in 8 European countries. *Prague Populism Conference* online, 2021

Ethnic Penalty in the European labour markets: a multilevel approach. *ECSR conference*. Lausanne (CH), 2019

They are all the same: Populism and perception of mainstream parties. *ISPP annual conference*. Lisbon (PT), 2019

Attitudes toward immigration and the effectiveness of state institutions. *EPSA General conference*. Belfast (UK), 2019

They are all the same: Populism and perception of mainstream parties. *EPSA General conference*. Belfast (UK), 2019

Poison the well: Categorization, stereotyping and perceptions of political polarization. *Convegno SISP (Italian Political Science Association)*. Turin (IT), 2018

What you can scrape and what is right to scrape. A proposal for a tool of ethical data collection on Facebook. *Convegno SISP (Italian Political Science Association)*. Turin (IT), 2018

Voting against the establishment? Voting behavior and candidates' characteristics at the 2018 elections *Convegno "Elezioni Politiche e Regionali 2017/2018"*. Salerno (IT), 2018

The backbone of the backbone of democracy. Validating measures of engagement and availability based on PTV scores. *Convegno SISP (Italian Political Science Association)*. Urbino (IT), 2017

Parenting style and the family transmission of ideology across cultures. *MPSA Annual Conference*. Chicago (USA), 2017

The family transmission of operational and symbolic ideology. *MPSA Annual Conference*. Chicago (USA), 2017.

Relying on the Self: Entrepreneurial Attitudes in Times of Crisis. *MPSA Annual Conference*. Chicago (USA), 2016

Political polarization in Hungary. Invited presentation at the *Pre-ISA Workshop on Polarized Polities*. Atlanta (USA), 2016

Sorting your way out: perceived party positions, political knowledge, and polarization. Invited presentation at the *Comparative Politics Research Group Meeting, University of Southern Denmark*. Odense (DK), 2014

Ideological Bipolarization. Or the effect of stereotyping on the perception of ideological positions. *ISPP Annual Conference*. Rome (IT), 2014

The Meaning of Citizens' Left-Right Self-Identifications, and Its Implications. *MPSA Annual Conference*. Chicago (USA), 2014

When Responsibility is Blurred. Italian national elections in times of economic crisis, technocratic government, and ever-growing populism (with Monica Poletti and Paolo Segatti). *Convegno SISP (Italian Political Science Association)*. Florence (IT), 2013

The conflictual nature of ideological polarization (with Zoltán Fazekas). *ECPR Joint Sessions*. Mainz (DE), 2013

Party Polarization, Ideology, and Evaluations in Europe. *EPOP Annual Conference*. Oxford (UK), 2012

The SEED (Science Speed Dating) Project – An innovative method to foster interdisciplinary research projects (with Apollonia Goll and Mascha Rauschenbach). *EARLI SIG 4 Higher Education Conference "Creativity and Innovation in Higher Education"*. Tallinn (EE), 2012

Party Polarization and the Balance Between Ideology and Competence in Europe. *EPSA General Conference*. Berlin (DE), 2012

Party polarization as a constraint for the voter's choice in multiparty systems. Evidence from the Netherlands. *MPSA Annual Conference*. Chicago (USA), 2012

Seeing the trees from the forest: ideological self-placement and issue positions in a context (with Daniela Sirinic). *EPOP Annual Conference*. Exeter (UK), 2011

When it's hard to change. Party system polarization and the potential vote shifting in Europe. *ECPR General Conference*. Reykjavik (IS), 2011

Party system polarization and the distribution of party preferences. *Workshop in Advanced Techniques for Political Communication Research*. Amsterdam (NL), 2011

Polarization at the Meso-Level. The Effect of Party Characteristics on the Quality of Party Support. *Political Science Departmental Doctoral Seminar, Central European University*. Budapest (HU), 2011

A vicious cycle: Ideological polarization and centrifugal drives. *ECPR Graduate Conference*. Dublin (IE), 2010

Technical Training

International Workshop on Statistical Genetic Methods for Human Complex Traits. Institute for Behavioral Genetics, University of Colorado Boulder, 2016

TEV Winter School on Methodological Issues in Comparative Electoral Analysis. University of Trento, 2013

3rd International Summer School in Political Communication and Electoral Behaviour. University of Milan, 2012

ELECDEM Workshop in Comparative Research Methods: Analysing Cross-National and Multilevel Data in the Social Sciences. Istanbul, 2012

Hierarchical Models. University of Essex, 2011

Summer School in Political Psychology: Citizen Behaviors and Opinions. University of Oslo, 2011

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models. University of Mannheim, 2011

ELECDEM Workshop in Advanced Techniques for Political Communication Research: Content Analysis. University of Amsterdam, 2011

TEV Winter School on Methodological Issues in Comparative Electoral Analysis. Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities, 2013

Pooled Time-Series Cross-Sectional Analysis. University of Essex, 2010

Logit and Probit Models. University of Essex, 2010

ELECDEM Workshop in Experimental Methods. Brussels, 2010

ELECDEM Workshop in Electoral Survey Design. CEU, 2010

TEV Winter School on Methodological Issues in Comparative Electoral Analysis. University of Nottingham, 2013

Services

Reviewer for *Acta Politica*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Current Psychology*; *Democracy and Security*; *Electoral Studies*; *European Journal of Political Research*; *European Political Science Review*; *European Politics and Society*; *Frontiers in Political Science*; *Frontiers in Psychology*; *Government & Opposition*; *International Journal of Public Administration*; *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*; *Italian Political Science*; *Italian Political Science Review*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*; *Journal of Politics*; *Nature Human Behavior*; *Party Politics*; *PLOS One*; *Policy Sciences*; *Polis*; *Political Science Research Exchange*; *Politics*; *Representation*; *West European Politics*.

Software and programming

R, Stata, SPSS, Latex, Git

Languages

Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (basic), German (very basic)