

# Gaetano Scaduto

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## Education

PH.D STUDENT IN ANALYSIS OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROCESSES NOV 2022-PRESENT  
*University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, Italy (supervisors: Delia Baldassarri, Fedra Negri)*

VISITING PH.D STUDENT FEB 2024-PRESENT  
*University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium (sponsor: Stefaan Walgrave)*  
Collaborating in the activities of the [NOTLIKEUS](#) project

MASTER'S DEGREE IN POLITICAL AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATION SEP 2020-JULY 2022  
*University of Turin, Turin, Italy - 110/110 with honors, special mention, and rights of publication*

BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN MATHEMATICS FOR ENGINEERING SEP 2017-JUL 2020  
*Polytechnic University of Turin, Turin, Italy - 110/110*

## Summer Schools, Winter Schools, and Short Courses

THE SUMMER INSTITUTES IN COMPUTATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA, JUNE 2024  
2-weeks summer school on computational methods, with competitive selection process.

ESSEX SUMMER SCHOOL IN SOCIAL SCIENCE DATA ANALYSIS UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX, JUL-AUG 2023  
*Confirmatory Factor Analysis and Structural Equation Modeling*  
*Causal Inference and Experiments in Social Sciences*

SISP - ITALIAN POLITICAL SCIENCE SOCIETY UNIVERSITY OF GENOA, SEP. 2023  
*Crash Course in Text Analysis*

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## Publications and Conferences

### PAPERS PUBLISHED IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

Mancosu, M., **Scaduto, G.** "Crowds and Smiles: Visual Opportunity Structures and the Communication of European Political Leaders During the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Mass Communication and Society* (2024): 1-26.

Bertero, A., **Scaduto, G.** (2023). A midsummer night's dream: political communication during the Italian 2022 electoral campaign. *Italian Journal of Electoral Studies* QOE-IJES.

**Scaduto, G.**, Mancosu, M. (2022). Lacrime di coccodrillo? Variazioni nel contenuto visuale su Instagram dei politici populistici e mainstream durante la pandemia. *Comunicazione politica*, 23(2), 255-276.

**Scaduto, G.** (2022). Gli algoritmi di computer vision: una guida all'uso per le scienze politiche e sociali. *Polis*, 36(2), 315-332.

## CONFERENCES PAPERS, ACTIVITIES, AND SEMINARS<sup>1</sup>

2024 *Conference of the Italian Political Communication Association (ASSOCOMPOL)*. Catania, 30 May-1 June.

Negri, F., **Scaduto, G.\***. The Pundit Paradox: Exploring the Mismatch between Supply and Demand in Italian Political Talk Show Guests.

2024 *CompText Conference (COMPTXT)*, Amsterdam, 2-4 May.

**Scaduto, G.\***, Decadri, S., Mancosu, M., Negri, F. Analyzing Visual Communication Strategies: A Comparative Study of Populist and Mainstream Political Parties on Instagram Across 28 European Countries (2019-2021).

SPS Seminar: "Picturing Politics? Exploring the mental images of partisans and ideologues shaped by cultural consumption choices", University of Milan, 17 January 2024.

**Scaduto, G.\***, Negri, F. Food for (political) thought: exploring the factors associated with making political inferences from apolitical cues in Italy

2023 *Conference of the Italian Political Science Society (SISP)*. Genoa, 14-16 September.

**Scaduto, G.\***, Negri, F. Food for (political) thought: exploring the factors associated with making political inferences from apolitical cues in Italy.

Mancosu, M., **Scaduto, G.\*** Crowds and smiles: Visual opportunity structures and the communication of European political leaders during the Covid-19 pandemic

2023 *VDATA Final Conference*. Pavia, 7-8 September.

Respi, C.\*, Gui, M., Legnante, G., **Scaduto, G.**, Serini, M., Pizzul, D., & Gerosa, T. Privacy protection as an exception in the digital inequality framework (and why this is not good news)

2023 *Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)*. Prague, 4-8 September.

**Scaduto, G.\***, Negri, F. Food for (political) thought: exploring the factors associated with making political inferences from apolitical cues in Italy.

2023 *Conference of the Italian Political Communication Association (ASSOCOMPOL)*. Turin, 8-10 June.

**Scaduto, G.\***, Negri, F. Food for (political) thought: exploring the factors associated with making political inferences from apolitical cues in Italy.

2022 *Conference of the Italian Political Communication Association (ASSOCOMPOL)*. Bologna June 30th-July 1st.

Mancosu, M.\*, **Scaduto, G.** The representation of political leaders in times of pandemic crisis. Evidence from 28 European countries.

## Teaching

<b>Tutor in Mathematics</b> - University of Milan-Bicocca	Nov 2023-July 2024 - 30 hours
<b>Tutor in Public Policies</b> - University of Milan-Bicocca	Oct 2023-July 2024 - 40 hours
<b>Subject Expert in Public Policies</b> - University of Milan-Bicocca	Dec 2022-present

## Awards

**Best paper from a Junior Researcher 2023** [awarded by the Italian Political Communication Association (ASSOCOMPOL) for the best paper presented in the 2023 conference].

**"Mini-scholarship" to take part in the 2024 Conference.** Italian Political Science Association (SISP) - 200€

**Scholarship - Excellence's Project 2022**, Department of Culture, Politics and Society - University of Turin - 1500€

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<sup>1</sup>Asterisks signal the paper presenter

**Study's prize 2021 & 2019**, Renato Einaudi University College of Turin - combined total 4000€  
**Scholarship by EDISU Piemonte (Regional Agency for Educational Rights) 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021**. Awarded through the combination of (higher) academic performance and (lower) parental income - combined total 25000€

## Other professional experiences

### ACADEMIC

**Research Collaborator** *University of Antwerp, Belgium* Feb 2024-Present  
Writing papers and analyzing data related to the activities related to the project "NotLikeUS" project. [See here for details](#).  
**Research Collaborator**, *Univesity of Milan-Bicocca, Italy* Sept 2023-Aug 2025  
Coordinating a cross-country data collection and designing experiments for the project "VIPOP - The Visual Politics of Populism".  
**Research Collaborator**, *University of Milan-Bicocca, Italy* Aug-Dec 2023  
Analysis and management of survey data for the project "VDATA - The Value of Digital Data"  
**Conference Assistant**, *European Survey Research Association conference 2023* Jul 2023  
**Research Fellow**, *Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin* May-June 2022  
Data gathering on the media outlets of 47 countries with research purposes. Data analysis on survey results (Stata, R). Data entry and data management (Excel)

### EXTRA-ACADEMIC

**Junior Research Specialist and Deputy Campaign Coordinator**, *Social Changes, Inc.* 2022  
Organized and coordinated multiple campaigns for the 2022 political (national parliament) and municipal elections in Italy.

## Skills

### LANGUAGES

**Italian**, mother tongue; **English**, C1, certified in 2019 (IELTS 7.5); C2, self-evaluated, 2024; **Dutch**, A1 (certified in August 2024)

### CODING SKILLS/SOFTWARES

**R**, Advanced; **C**, Proficient; **SQL**, Proficient; **LaTeX**, Proficient; **Microsoft Office package**, Proficient; **Python**, Intermediate; **C++**, Beginner; **Stata**, Beginner; **Html**, Beginner; **Javascript**, Beginner; **Matlab**, Beginner