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Employments

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER

OCT 2025-PRESENT DAY

Erasmus University Rotterdam. Rotterdam. The Netherlands.

Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Department of Public Administration and Sociology (DPAS), Governance and Pluralism.

Working on the project "Understanding the different meanings of climate change among the public"
PI: Professor Willem De Koster

TEACHING ASSISTANT (TUTOR) IN PUBLIC POLICIES

OCT 2023-SEPT 2025

University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, Italy

BS in Organization Science

TEACHING ASSISTANT (TUTOR) IN MATHEMATICS

NOV 2023-SEPT 2025

University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, Italy

BS in Organization Science

Research Collaborator

SEPT 2023-AUG 2025

University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, Italy

Involvement in the activities related to the project "VIPOP - The visual politics of populism" (PI: Mattia Zulianello, UniTS; Vice PIs: Fedra Negri, Unimib; Luigi Curini, Unimi). These activities included (but were not limited to):

- a) Designing a survey fielded in 4 European countries
- b) Designing survey experiments
- c) Working with computational methods to download and analyze politicians' social media posts
- d) Managing the relationship between the working group and the survey company
- e) Supervising the translation and cultural adaptation of the survey in multiple national contexts

Research Collaborator

AUG-DEC 2023

University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, Italy

Analysis and management of survey data for research purposes for the project "VDATA - The Value of Digital Data"

Conference Assistant,

JUL 2023

European Survey Research Association, Milan, Italy

Assisted in the activities related to the 2023 European Survey Research Association Conference.

Research Fellow

MAY-JUNE 2022

Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin, Italy

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).

Junior Research Specialist and Deputy Campaign Coordinator 2022

Social Changes, Inc., Rome, Italy

- a) Contributed to organizing and coordinating multiple campaigns for the 2022 political and municipal elections in Italy.
- b) Managed the relationship with companies providing media analysis services (WebPredict) and provided insights on how to use media analysis for strategic purposes during the campaign.
- c) Coordinated and conducted research on advertisements and media profiles of adversarial campaigns.
- d) Created electoral databases useful for electoral insights (R). Provided training on digital strategies (WhatsApp-Telegram Cascades) to staff members of multiple campaigns.
- e) Coordinated and wrote a daily newsletter, including press reviews and campaign insights with strategic consideration.
- f) Contributed to the construction of targets for social media political advertisements.

Part-Time Receptionist 2021-2022

Renato Einaudi University College, Turin, Italy

Supervised on the general life and activity of the college. Front office relations. Management of relations with the administration of the college and maintenance, cleaning, and organizational figures.

Students' Tutor 2021-2022

Renato Einaudi University College, Turin, Italy

Mediation between the college administration and its students. Conflict resolution. Support in first arrival orientation. Management of students' educational plan.

Education**PH.D STUDENT IN ANALYSIS OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROCESSES** NOV 2022-PRESENT DAY
University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, Italy

Supervisors: Fedra Negri (Unimib), Delia Baldassarri (New York University).

Thesis title: "Thinking About Politics: An Experimental Inquiry into the Mental Associations between Political and Apolitical Traits and Their Social Consequences in Italy"

VISITING PH.D STUDENT FEB 2024-AUG 2025

University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium

Supervisor: Stefaan Walgrave

Collaborating in the activities of the "[Media, Movement and Politics](#)" ([M2P](#)) research group and the [NOTLIKEUS](#) project as a visiting researcher during my PhD. at the University of Milan Bicocca

MASTER'S DEGREE IN POLITICAL AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATION SEP 2020-JULY 2022

University of Turin, Turin, Italy

Thesis supervisor: Moreno Mancosu

Thesis title: "A country of upbeat songs while there is death outside? Analysis of Italian politicians' visual communication on Instagram during the Covid-19 pandemic"

Final grade: 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

Thesis supervisor: Giacomo Como

Thesis title: "Social Choice Theory"

Final grade: 110/110

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

SEP 2012-JUL 2017

Liceo Classico "Empedocle", Agrigento, Italy
Final Grade: 100/100 with honors

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.
Various teachers.

ESSEX SUMMER SCHOOL IN SOCIAL SCIENCE DATA ANALYSIS, UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX JUL-AUG 2023

Confirmatory Factor Analysis and Structural Equation Modeling Essex, UK
Teachers: Prof. Peter Schmidt (University of Giessen), & Dr. Daniel Seddig (University of Cologne)

ESSEX SUMMER SCHOOL IN SOCIAL SCIENCE DATA ANALYSIS, UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX JUL-AUG 2023

Causal Inference and Experiments in Social Sciences Essex, UK
Teachers: Dr. Ryan T. Moore (American University)

SISP - ITALIAN POLITICAL SCIENCE SOCIETY SEP. 2023

Crash Course in Text Analysis Genoa, Italy
Teachers: Dr. Silvia Decadri (University of Milan)

In the Media

RADIO

2. [Buongiorno InBlu 23/01/2025](#), Radio InBlu 2000.
1. [Buongiorno InBlu 25/10/2024](#), Radio InBlu 2000.

ONLINE MEDIA

4. "[Talk-show politici, lo specchio di un'Italia polarizzata](#)" (with Negri F., in Italian). LaVoce.info. January 2025.
 2. "[What your menu choice says about your politics](#)" (with Negri F.). The Loop. October 2024.
 1. "[Dimmi cosa mangi e ti dirò che partito voti](#)" (with Negri F., in Italian). LaVoce.info. October 2024.
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Awards, Grants, and Memberships

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. The prize refers to "*Food for (political) thought: investigating factors and behaviors associated with political inferences from apolitical cues in Italy*" (with F. Negri)

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Conference Fee Waiver for the International Journal of Press/Politics 2024 conference - 300€

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

Ph.D. Scholarship University of Milan Bicocca, Department of Sociology and Social Research - 16,243.00€ per year for three years

Ph.D. Scholarship University of Trento, Department of Sociology and Social Research (Declined to accept Ph.D. scholarship at UNIMIB)

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

Study's prize 2021, Renato Einaudi University College of Turin - 1500€

Study's prize 2019, Renato Einaudi University College of Turin - 2500€

Scholarship by EDISU Piemonte (Regional Agency for Educational Rights) 2021. Awarded through the combination of (higher) academic performance and (lower) parental income - 5100€

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Scholarship by EDISU Piemonte (Regional Agency for Educational Rights) 2019. Awarded through the combination of (higher) academic performance and (lower) parental income - 5100€

Scholarship by EDISU Piemonte (Regional Agency for Educational Rights) 2018. Awarded through the combination of (higher) academic performance and (lower) parental income - 5100€

Scholarship by EDISU Piemonte (Regional Agency for Educational Rights) 2017. Awarded through the combination of (higher) academic performance and (lower) parental income - 5100€

MEMBERSHIPS

Member of ASSOCOMPOL (Italian Political Communication Association) [Since 2024]

Member of SISP, (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica - Italian Political Science Society) [Since 2023]

Member of ECPR Affective Polarization Standing Group [Since 2023]

Skills

LANGUAGES

Italian, Native.

English, C2.

CODING SKILLS/SOFTWARES

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