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Education

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

VISITING PH.D STUDENT FEB 2024-PRESENT
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

MASTER’S DEGREE IN POLITICAL AND PUBLIC COMMUNICATION SEP 2020-JULY 2022
University of Turin, Turin, Italy
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
Final grade: 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 Essex, UK

ESSEX SUMMER SCHOOL IN SOCIAL SCIENCE DATA ANALYSIS, UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX JUL-AUG 2023
Causal Inference and Experiments in Social Sciences Essex, UK

SISP - ITALIAN POLITICAL SCIENCE SOCIETY SEP. 2023
Crash Course in Text Analysis Genoa, Italy

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*. <https://doi.org/10.36253/qoe-14224>

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. <https://www.rivisteweb.it/doi/10.3270/104851>

Scaduto, G. (2022). Gli algoritmi di computer vision: una guida all’uso per le scienze politiche e sociali. *Polis*, 36(2), 315-332. <https://www.rivisteweb.it/doi/10.1424/104525>

CONFERENCES PAPERS, ACTIVITIES, AND SEMINARS¹

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 (COMPTTEXT)*, 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

TUTOR IN MATHEMATICS

NOV 2023-JULY 2024 - 30 HOURS

University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, Italy.

TUTOR IN PUBLIC POLICIES

OCT 2023-JULY 2024 - 40 HOURS

University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, Italy.

SUBJECT EXPERT IN PUBLIC POLICIES

DEC 2022-PRESENT

University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, Italy

¹Asterisks signal the paper presenter

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)

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

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) 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021. Awarded through the combination of (higher) academic performance and (lower) parental income - 25000€ (over 5 years)

Other professional experiences

ACADEMIC

Research Collaborator *University of Antwerp, Belgium* Feb 2024-Present

Involvement in the activities related to the project “NotLikeUS” project. [See here for details.](#)

Research Collaborator, *University of Milan-Bicocca, Italy* Sept 2023-Aug 2025

Involvement in the activities related to the project “The visual politics of populism” (PI: Mattia Zulianello, UniTS; Vice PIs: Fedra Negri, Unimib; Luigi Curini, Unimi).

Research Collaborator, *University of Milan-Bicocca, Italy* Aug-Dec 2023

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

Conference Assistant, *European Survey Research Association* Jul 2023

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

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

Contributed to organizing and coordinating multiple campaigns for the 2022 political 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