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PREVIOUS POSITION

From 15/02/2015 to 31/08/2015: Research Fellow –PRIN Project – Come cambia la rappresentanza politica in Italia. La decisione di voto nel ciclo elettorale 2013-2015 (*How does political representation change? Vote choice during 2013-2015 electoral cycle*).

EDUCATION

Spring 2015: Ph.D. in Sociology and Social Research at the University of Trento
Dissertation title: "Voting in Context – A theory of environmental effects on electoral behavior"

Dissertation advisor: Cristiano Vezzoni (University of Trento)

Dissertation committee:
Delia Baldassarri (New York University)
Hans M. Schadee (University of Milano-Bicocca)
Michael E. Shin (University of California Los Angeles)

Fall 2010: MA in Sociology and Social Research at the University of Trento, *magna cum laude*.

Dissertation: "Analisi geografica: metodologia e applicazione ai dati elettorali aggregati"

Winter 2007: BA in Sociology at the University of Milano-Bicocca

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political behavior, diffusion of innovations, quantitative methods, spatial econometrics, agent-based modeling, experimental design, conspiracy theories

ARTICLES ON PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

2014: Geographical Context, Interest in Politics and Voting Behaviour: The Case of the Northern League in Italy, *Contemporary Italian Politics*, 6*(2)*,131-146.

2016: (With Cristiano Vezzoni) Diffusion processes and discussion networks: an analysis of the propensity to vote for the 5 Star Movement in the 2013 Italian election, *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties,* 26*(1)*, 1-21.

2016: (With Raffaele Guetto, Stefani Scherer and Giulia Torricelli) The Spreading of Cohabitations as a Diffusion Process. Evidence From Italy, *European Journal of Population*, 32*(5)*,661-686.

2016: Contexts, Networks, and Voting Behavior: The Social Flow of Political Communication in Italy, *Italian Political Science Review*, 46*(3)*, 335-354.

2016: (With Cristiano Vezzoni) Local and National Effects in the Electoral Cycle: The Case of Italy (2001-2009), EarlyView, *Territory Politics, Governance.*

2017: (With Cristiano Vezzoni) Actor-Partner Interdependence Models and Voting Behavior: Methodology and Applications, EarlyView. *Political Psychology.*

2017: (With Cristiano Vezzoni) "Blood is thicker than water": Interpersonal influence, selection, and the role of the family in forging Italians' political agreement, *International Journal of Communication*. 11, 647–668.

2017: (With Riccardo Ladini and Cristiano Vezzoni) Hai veramente letto la domanda? Valutazione della qualità delle risposte nelle survey online attraverso domande screener (*Did you really rad the question? Evaluating the quality of answers in online surveys through screener questions*). Accepted. Giornale Italiano di Psicologia

2017: (With Salvatore Vassallo and Cristiano Vezzoni) Believing in Conspiracy Theories: Evidence from an Exploratory Analysis of Italian Survey Data. *South European Society and Politics,* 22*(3)*, 327-344.

2017: Interpersonal communication, voting behaviour and influence in an election campaign: The 2009 German elections. Accepted. *Austrian Journal of Political Science.*

2017: Contextual effects, awareness, and voting behavior. Does knowing about local politics increase contextual influence? Accepted. *Politics*.

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ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

(with Riccardo Ladini and Cristiano Vezzoni) Electoral participation, disagreement and diversity in social networks: a matter of cohesiveness?

Populism, emotionalized blame attribution and selective exposure in social media: a comparative analysis of Italy and UK.

(with Giuliano Bobba) *Using Deep-learning Algorithms to derive Basic Characteristics of Facebook Users: The Brexit Campaign as a Case Study.*

BOOK CHAPTERS

2015: La pista nera. Il successo della Lega in Toscana e l'eredità del Msi (*The black trail: political traditions and electoral results of the Northern League in 2015 Tuscany regional elections*), in Paparo, A., Cataldi, M. (Eds.) "Dossier CISE 2014-15". Roma. CISE.

2016: (with Filippo Barbera) Il microcredito come processo sociale: diffusione, imitazione e apprendimento (*Microcredit as a social process: diffusion, imitation and learning*) in Barbera, F, Podda, A. (Eds.) "L'isola che c'è. Microcredito e azione pubblica in Sardegna". Milano. EGEA.

2017: L'analisi spaziale (*Spatial analysis*) in Barbera, F., Pais, I. (Eds.) "Fondamenti di sociologia economica". Milano. EGEA.

WORKING AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

2011: M. Mancosu. "Evaluating Goodness-of-fit for Ecological Inference Models: a Simulation Approach", Paper presented at SISP conference, Palermo, September 2011

2014: M. Shin, M. Mancosu, "Protest, apathy and the rise of 5 Stars Movement. A geographical approach", working paper

2016: M. Mancosu, M. Shin, "The Red and the Black: ideological party replacement and the electoral success of the Northern League in the red belt", working paper

2016: M. Mancosu, "The diffusion of political behaviors and the role of negative word-of-mouth. An agent-based approach", Paper presented at EUSN conference, Paris, June 2016

2016: M. Mancosu, R. Ladini. "Disagreement in social networks and electoral participation: a matter of cohesiveness?", Paper presented at EPSA conference, Brussels, June 2016

2016: R. Ladini, M. Mancosu, C. Vezzoni. "Did you really read the question? Evaluating the quality of on-line survey answers by screener questions", Paper presented at ECPR General confernce, Prague, September 2016

2016: M. Mancosu. "Populism, selective exposure, and emotional appeals in social media. A comparative approach using Facebook reactions". Paper presented at SISP conference, Milan, September 2016.

2017: M. Mancosu, G. Bobba "Deriving basic characteristics of Facebook users with deep learning algorithms: an application on the Brexit campaign". Paper Presented at University of Southern Denmark. June 2017

2017: M. Ferrin, M. Mancosu, M.T. Cappiali "Terrorist Attacks and Europeans' Attitudes towards Immigrants: An Experimental Approach". Paper presented at APSA Annual Meeting and Exhibition. San Francisco, September 2017

WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2010: "La geografia elettorale del nord Italia – 2006-2010" (The electoral geography in Northern Italy – 2006-2010), Milano, SISE Electoral Seminar (with Cristiano Vezzoni).

2010: "Spatial Analysis of Electoral Cycle in Northern Italy – 2006-2010", Siena, Scuola Superiore di Santa Chiara.

2011: "The Geography of Electoral Cycle in Northern Italy" – Reykjavik, 6° ECPR General Conference.

2011: "Evaluating Goodness-of-fit for Ecological Inference Models: a Simulation Approach" - Palermo, XXV SISP conference,

2012: "Local and National Effects in the Electoral Cycle: The Italian Case (2001-2009)" – Madrid, 22° IPSA World Congress of Political Science.

2013: "Political Communication Beyond Cohesive Social Groups: The Case of Movimento 5 Stelle" - Florence, SISE 2013 Workshop.

2013: "The Strength of Weak Political Ties. The Case of Movimento 5 Stelle" - Bordeaux, 7° ECPR General Conference.

2015: "The influence of discussion networks on the propensity to vote for a new party: Evidence from the 2013 Italian electoral campaign" – Milan, "Enlightenment or Manipulation: mass media and electoral campaigns" workshop.

2015: La pista nera: tradizione politica e risultati elettorali della Lega Nord alle elezioni regionali toscane del 2015 (The black trail: political traditions and electoral results of the Northern League in 2015 Tuscany regional elections), Florence, SISE 2015 Elections' Seminar.

2015: The strength of weak political ties: The Case of Movimento 5 Stelle in 2013 Italian Elections, Moncalieri, Collegio Carlo Alberto - MAPS seminars

2015: La forza dei legami (politici) deboli: reti di discussione e diffusione del Movimento 5 Stelle alle elezioni politiche del 2013, Torino, University of Torino, NetLab Seminar

2016: Did you really read the question? Evaluating the quality of on-line survey answers by screener questions, Barcelona, 2nd Barcelona-Gothenburg Workshop on Experimental Political Science

REVIEWER ACTIVITY

European Sociological Review, International Political Science Review, Comunicazione Politica (*Political communication*), Contemporary Italian Politics, Social Science Research, Quality & Quantity

GRANT AND AWARDS

2011: **Best MA (2009/10)**, Faculty of Sociology, University of Trento

2013: **4th year PhD grant** from the School of Social Sciences committee

2016: **Best Ph.D. A.a. 2013/14** - Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento

2016: **Collegio Carlo Alberto co-funding grant.** Proposal title: "ITANES (Italian National Election Study) CAWI panel - 8th wave" (1.5k €)

RELEVANT ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

2010-2013: **Junior Researcher** – COST action "The True European Voter"

2014-2015: **Research assistant** – PRIN "Come cambia la rappresentanza politica in Italia. La decisione di voto nel ciclo elettorale 2013-2015"

VISITING AND TEMPORARY POSITIONS

April-July 2014: **Visiting Graduate Researcher** – University of California – Los Angeles, Department of Geography

June 2017: **Visiting Scholar** – University of Southern Denmark, Department of Journalism

TEACHING

Summer 2010-2011: **Teaching Assistant**. "Measurement instruments in survey research".
Instructor: Cristiano Vezzoni
Essex Summer School - University of Essex, UK

Spring 2011: **Teaching Assistant**. "Metodi e tecniche per la ricerca sociale" (*Methods and Techniques for Social Research*).
Instructor: Cristiano Vezzoni
University of Trento, Italy

Winter 2013-2014: **Teaching assistant**. "Statistica per le scienze sociali" (*Statistics for the Social Sciences*),
Instructor: Stefani Scherer.
University of Trento, Italy

Spring 2013: **Instructor**. "Metodi quantitativi per le science sociali" (*Quantitative methods for the*

Social Sciences) (MA in Sociology and Social Research).
University of Trento, Italy

2012-2013-2014-2015: **Instructor**: "Crash course in statistica per la ricerca sociologica" (*Statistics for sociological research - Crash course*) (MA in Sociology and Social Research).
University of Trento, Italy

Winter 2012-2013-2014-215: **Instructor**: "Introduction to Stata" (Sociology and Social Research Ph.D.).
School of Social Sciences - University of Trento, Italy

Winter 2013-2014-2015: **Instructor**: "Introduction to Stata" (Economics and Management/Local Development Ph.D.).
School of Social Sciences - University of Trento, Italy

Spring 2015: **Instructor**: "Statistics for the scientific research – Theory and applications"
Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia – IIT

Winter 2015-2017: **Instructor**: "Quantitative methods" - Master in Public Policy and Social Change
Collegio Carlo Alberto

Winter 2016: **Instructor**: "Quantitative methods - Crash course" - Master in Public Policy and Social Change Collegio Carlo Alberto

Spring 2017: **"Docente a contratto"**: "Voters and political parties in European democracies",
University of Torino, Department of Culture, Politics and Society

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LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian: Native speaker
English: Fluent

COMPUTING SKILLS

Operating Systems: Windows, Linux, *BSD

Programming skills: Advanced programming, parallel computing, Agent-based modeling, Neural networks

Software: Microsoft Office, LaTex, SPSS, Stata, R, Grass, Quantum GIS, Lisrel

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