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Present and past positions

2021-present **Affiliate** - Collegio Carlo Alberto

2019-present **Assistant professor** - University of Turin

2015-2019 **Post-doctoral fellow** - Collegio Carlo Alberto

Education

2015 Ph.D. in Sociology and Social Research - University of Trento
Title: Voting in Context – A theory of environmental effects on electoral behavior
Advisor: Cristiano Vezzoni (University of Trento)

2010 MA in Sociology and Social Research - University of Trento, *magna cum laude*.

2007 BA in Sociology - University of Milano-Bicocca.

Peer-reviewed articles

2022 (with F. Vegetti) Perceived exposure and concern for misinformation in context. Evidence from 27 European countries. *American Behavioral Scientist* (IF 2.558). Accepted Paper.

2022 (with S. Vassallo) The life cycle of conspiracy theories: evidence from a long-term panel survey on conspiracy beliefs in Italy. *Italian Political Science Review* 52(1), 1-17.

2021 (with G. Bobba et al.) Losers get sick? The effects of electoral defeat on perceptions of pandemic risk. *Italian Journal of Electoral Studies*. EarlyView.

2021 (with A. Seddone et al.) Negativity in the news and electoral behavior between first- and second-order elections. *Italian Political Science Review*. EarlyView.

- 2021** (with A. Seddone et al.) How Do 'Easy' and 'Tough' Media Shape Candidates' Evaluation? Effects of Visibility and Tone on Voters during the Election Campaign. *Comunicazione politica*. 22 (1), 47-78.
- 2021** (with M. Ferrin) Terrorist Attacks, Stereotyping, and Attitudes Toward Immigrants: The Case of the Manchester Bombing. *Social Science Quarterly* (IF 1.280). EarlyView.
- 2020** (with F. Vegetti) What You Can Scrape and What Is Right to Scrape: A Proposal for a Tool to Collect Public Facebook Data. *Social Media + Society* (IF 2.807). July 2020.
- 2020** (with F. Vegetti) "Is it the message or the messenger?" Conspiracy endorsement and media sources. *Social Science Computer Review* (IF 2.696). EarlyView
- 2020** (With A. Seddone, G. Bobba, and F. Vegetti) Il Barometro dell'Odio nello Sport. L'hate speech online nelle conversazioni sportive su Facebook e Twitter. *Problemi dell'informazione*. 2/2020. 313-318
- 2020** (with F. Vegetti) The impact of political sophistication and motivated reasoning on misinformation. *Political Communication* (IF 5.912). 37(5), 678-695.
- 2020** (with R. Ladini and S. Vassallo) Political Consequences of Conspiratorial Thinking: Evidence from 2016 Italian Constitutional Referendum. *Acta Politica* (IF 1.185). EarlyView.
- 2020** (with R. Ladini) The Red and the Black: post-fascist inheritance in the electoral success of the Lega in the red belt. *Journal of Modern Italian Studies* (IF 0.482). 25(2), 197-216.
- 2019** (with C. Cremonesi, G. Bobba and A. Seddone) The European Union in the media coverage of the 2019 European election campaign in Italy: towards the Europeanization of the Italian public sphere. *Journal of Modern Italian Studies* (IF 0.482). 24(5), 668-690.
- 2019** (with R. Ladini) The neo-fascist territorial legacy and the success of the Lega in the 2019 European elections: a multilevel approach. *Italian Political Science*. 14(2), 114-128.
- 2019** (with M. Quaranta and S. Martini) A tale of bias: Longitudinal evidence on the effect of electoral defeat on citizens' evaluations of the economy. *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* (IF 1.779). 32(3), 604-620.
- 2019** (with M. Ferrin and T. M. Cappiali) Terrorist Attacks And Europeans' Attitudes Towards Immigrants: An Experimental Approach. *European Journal of Political Research*. (IF 2.830). 59(3), 491-516.
- 2019** (with D. N. Hopmann) Influence on political discussion and strong/weak ties regimes in Europe: a comparative analysis. *European Political Science Review* (IF 2.327). 11(3), 301-317.
- 2019** Interpersonal communication, voting behavior and influence in election campaigns: a directional approach. *Quality & Quantity*. 53, 2917-2932.
- 2019** (with C. Cremonesi et al.) Political information exposure and populist attitudes in the 'laboratory of populism'. An exploratory analysis of the 2018 Italian general election campaign. *Comunicazione Politica*. 1/2019, 39-62.
- 2019** The deep roots of populism: protest, apathy and the success of Movimento 5 Stelle in 2013 Italian Elections. *Italian Political Science*, 13(3), 44-60.
- 2019** (with G. Bobba) Using Deep-learning Algorithms to derive Basic Characteristics of Social Media Users: The Brexit Campaign as a Case Study. *PLoS ONE* (IF 2.740) , 14(1), e0211013.
- 2019** (with R. Ladini, and C. Vezzoni) "Short is better" - Evaluating the attentiveness of online respondents through screener questions in a real survey environment. *Bulletin of Sociological Methodology*. 141(1), 30-45.

- 2018** (with G. Bobba, A. Seddone and C. Cremonesi) Populism and Gender Gap: Exploring the Interaction between Populist Parties and Facebook Users. *International Journal of Press/Politics* (IF 2.612). 23(4), 458-475.
- 2018** (with R. Ladini and C. Vezzoni) Electoral participation, disagreement and diversity in social networks: a matter of intimacy? *Communication Research* (IF 3.758). 47(7), 1056-1078.
- 2018** (with C. Vezzoni) Local and National Effects in the Electoral Cycle: The Case of Italy (2001-2009). *Territory Politics, Governance* (IF 2.163). 6(3), 381-399.
- 2018** Populism, emotionalized blame attribution and selective exposure in social media: a comparative analysis of Italy and UK. *Comunicazione Politica*. 1/2018, 73-92.
- 2018** Contextual effects, awareness, and voting behavior. Does knowing about local politics increase contextual influence? *Politics* (IF 1.375). 39(3), 315-331.
- 2017** Interpersonal communication, voting behaviour and influence in an election campaign: The 2009 German elections. *Austrian Journal of Political Science* (IF 0.300). 46(3), 33-44.
- 2017** (with S. Vassallo and C. Vezzoni) Believing in Conspiracy Theories: Evidence from an Exploratory Analysis of Italian Survey Data. *South European Society and Politics* (IF 2.472), 22(3), 327-344.
- 2017** (with R. Ladini and C. Vezzoni) Hai veramente letto la domanda? Valutazione della qualità delle risposte nelle survey online attraverso domande screener (en. tit. Did you really read the question? Evaluating the quality of answers in online surveys through screener questions). *Giornale Italiano di Psicologia*. 4/2017, 973-992.
- 2017** (with C. Vezzoni) "Blood is thicker than water": Interpersonal influence, selection, and the role of the family in forging Italians' political agreement. *International Journal of Communication* (IF 1.194), 11, 647-668.
- 2017** (with C. Vezzoni) Actor-Partner Interdependence Models and Voting Behavior: Methodology and Applications, *Political Psychology* (IF 3.265). 39(1), 163-176.
- 2016** Contexts, Networks, and Voting Behavior: The Social Flow of Political Communication in Italy. *Italian Political Science Review*, 46(3), 335-354.
- 2016** (with R. Guetto, S. Scherer and G. Torricelli) The Spreading of Cohabitations as a Diffusion Process. Evidence From Italy, *European Journal of Population* (IF 1.280), 32(5), 661-686.
- 2016** (with C. 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.
- 2014** Geographical Context, Interest in Politics and Voting Behaviour: The Case of the Northern League in Italy. *Contemporary Italian Politics*. 6(2), 131-146.

Book chapters

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- 2022** (With A. Seddone et al.) C come cospirazione. Attitudini populiste e teorie del complotto ai tempi del covid. In "Dalla pandemia all'infodemia. La disinformazione ai tempi del Covid-19" (edited by M. Sessa). Milano, Feltrinelli.
- 2017** L'analisi spaziale (en. tit. Spatial analysis) in Barbera, F., Pais, I. (Eds.) *Fondamenti di sociologia economica*. Milano. EGEA.
- 2016** (with F. Barbera) Il microcredito come processo sociale: diffusione, imitazione e apprendimento (en. tit. 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.
- 2015** La pista nera. Il successo della Lega in Toscana e l'eredità del Msi (en. tit. 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.

Books

- 2018** *Contexts, Networks, and the Vote. An Analysis of Environmental Effects on Electoral Behavior in Italy* . Rome. Aracne.

Working and dormant papers

- 2016** 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.
- 2014** (with C. Vezzoni) Political discussions, selection, and the role of specialized networks: an experimental approach.
- 2011** Evaluating Goodness-of-fit for Ecological Inference Models: a Simulation Approach. *Paper presented at SISP conference*, Palermo, September 2011.

Workshop and conference presentations

- 2021** Data scraping: An introduction on techniques of data collection on social media. *NASP-Collegio Carlo Alberto days*
- 2021** Different conspiracies for different people: Enemy-centered and generic conspiracy theories in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic. *UAM Research Seminar*
- 2021** Believe in everything? Conspiracism and acceptance of political misinformation in Italy *Cevipol invited seminar*
- 2020** Believe in everything? Conspiracism and acceptance of political misinformation in Italy *ITANES Online seminar*
- 2020** (with Giuliano Bobba and Antonella Seddone) Negativity in the news and electoral behavior between first- and second-order elections. Amsterdam, *ACES Workshop 2019 EP elections*
- 2019** (With Antonella Seddone et al.) Media effects and political attitudes across the electoral cycle: the Italian case. Lecce. *SISP Conference*
- 2019** (With Monica Ferrin) How short is short? Assessing the (non)-persistent effect of four terrorist attacks on attitudes toward immigrants (2015-2018). Lecce. *SISP Conference*
- 2019** (with Riccardo Ladini) A gender gap in misperceptions? Comparative evidence from crossnational surveys. Lecce. *SISP Conference*
- 2019** (with Federico Vegetti) Is it the Message or the Messenger?' Perceived News Accuracy and Partisan Media Outlets in the US . Wroclaw. *ECPR General Conference*
- 2019** The social logic of conspiracy ideation. Patterns of network homogeneity among conspiracy theory believers in Italy. Rome. *CISE Seminars*
- 2018** How do press and TV shape candidates' evaluation? An analysis of 2018 Italian national elections. Perugia. *AssoComPol conference 2017*
- 2018** How do press and TV shape candidates' evaluation? An analysis of 2018 Italian national elections. Torino. *SISP Conference 2017*

- 2018** What you can scrape and what is right to scrape. A proposal for a tool of data collection on Facebook. Torino. *SISP Conference 2017*
- 2017** Geografia politica della rabbia (The political geography of anger). Torino. *Riabitare l'Italia Seminar*.
- 2017** Electoral participation, disagreement and diversity in social networks: a matter of cohesiveness? Urbino. *SISP Conference 2017*
- 2017** A Tale of Bias: Economic Evaluations and the 2016 Italian Constitutional Referendum. Urbino. *SISP Conference 2017*
- 2017** Terrorist Attacks and Europeans' Attitudes towards Immigrants: An Experimental Approach. San Francisco. *APSA Annual Meeting and Exhibition*.
- 2017** Using deep learning to derive basic characteristics of Facebook users: an application on the Brexit campaign. Odense. *SDU Thursday seminar*.
- 2017** Prevalence and determinants of conspiracy theory believes in Italy. Collegio Carlo Alberto. *MAPS seminars*
- 2016** Discussant. From concepts to indicators: methodological and technical issues panel. Milano. *2016 SISP conference*.
- 2016** Populism, selective exposure, and emotional appeals in social media: a comparative approach using Facebook reactions. Milano. *SISP General Conference*.
- 2016** Negative word-of-mouth in threshold diffusion processes. An agent-based approach. Paris. *2016 EUSN conference*.
- 2016** Short is better: Examining the properties of the Instructional Manipulation Checks through an experimental approach. Prague. *2016 ECPR General Conference*.
- 2016** Disagreement in social networks and electoral participation: a matter of cohesiveness?. Brussels. *6th EPSA annual conference*.
- 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*
- 2015** La forza dei legami (politici) deboli: reti di discussione e diffusione del Movimento 5 Stelle alle elezioni politiche del 2013. Torino. *NetLab Seminar*
- 2015** The strength of weak political ties: The Case of Movimento 5 Stelle in 2013 Italian Elections. Moncalieri. *MAPS seminars*.
- 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 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*.
- 2013** The Strength of Weak Political Ties. The Case of Movimento 5 Stelle. Bordeaux. *7° ECPR General Conference*.
- 2013** Political Communication Beyond Cohesive Social Groups: The Case of Movimento 5 Stelle. Florence. *SISE 2013 Workshop*.
- 2012** Local and National Effects in the Electoral Cycle: The Italian Case (2001-2009). Madrid. *22° IPSA World Congress of Political Science*.

- 2011** Evaluating Goodness-of-fit for Ecological Inference Models: a Simulation Approach. Palermo. *XXV SISP conference*.
- 2011** The Geography of Electoral Cycle in Northern Italy. Reykjavik. *6° ECPR General Conference*.
- 2010** Spatial Analysis of Electoral Cycle in Northern Italy - 2006-2010. Siena. *Scuola Superiore di Santa Chiara seminar*
- 2010** La geografia elettorale del nord Italia - 2006-2010 (The electoral geography in Northern Italy – 2006-2010). Milano. *SISE Electoral Seminar* (with Cristiano Vezzoni).

Teaching

- 2010, 2011** Teaching Assistant. Measurement instruments in survey research.
Instructor: Cristiano Vezzoni.
Essex Summer School - University of Essex, UK
- 2011** Teaching Assistant. Metodi e tecniche per la ricerca sociale (Methods and Techniques for Social Research).
Instructor: Cristiano Vezzoni
University of Trento, Italy
- 2013, 2014** Teaching assistant. Metodi quantitativi per la ricerca (Quantitative methods).
Instructor: Stefani Scherer.
University of Trento, Italy
- 2013** Instructor. Laboratorio di Metodi quantitativi (Quantitative methods Lab) (MA in Sociology and Social Research).
University of Trento, Italy
- 2012/2015** 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
- 2012/2015** Instructor: Introduction to Stata (Sociology and Social Research Ph.D.).
School of Social Sciences
University of Trento, Italy
- 2013/2015** Development Ph.D.) School of Social Sciences
University of Trento, Italy
- 2015** Instructor: Statistics for the scientific research – Theory and applications
Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia – IIT
- 2015, 2017
2018** Instructor: Quantitative methods - Master in Public Policy and Social Change
Collegio Carlo Alberto
- 2016, 2018** Instructor: Quantitative methods - Crash course - Master in Public Policy and Social Change.
Collegio Carlo Alberto
- 2017/2021** Department of Culture, Politics and Society
Università degli Studi di Torino,
- 2017, 2018** Instructor: Quantitative methods. NASP Ph.D. Program.
Università degli Studi di Milano

- 2018** Instructor: Quantitative methods - Consolidation. NASP Ph.D. Program.
Università degli Studi di Milano
- 2019** Instructor: Scienza Politica 2.0 (Political science 2.0).
Department of Culture, Politics and Society
Università degli Studi di Torino
- 2020, 2021** Instructor: Analisi dei Media (Media analysis).
Department of Culture, Politics and Society
Università degli Studi di Torino
- 2020, 2021** Instructor: Istituzioni di sociologia (Sociology 101).
Department of Humanities
Università degli Studi di Torino

Grants 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 €)
- 2018** Collegio Carlo Alberto co-funding grant. Proposal title: ITANES (Italian National Election Study) pre-election RCS wave (10k €)

Visiting and temporary positions

- 2010/13** Junior Researcher – COST action The True European Voter
- Apr-Jun 2014** Visiting Graduate Researcher – University of California – Los Angeles, Department of Geography. Sponsor: Michael E. Shin
- Jun 2017** Visiting Scholar – University of Southern Denmark, Department of Journalism. sponsor: David Nicolas Hopmann
- 2018-2024** *Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale (ANS) - II Fascia* - Sector 14/C3 (Political Sociology)

Reviewer Activity

European Sociological Review, Italian Political Science Review, International Political Science Review, Comunicazione Politica, Contemporary Italian Politics, Social Science Research, Quality & Quantity, PLoS One, Bulletin of Sociological Methodology, Bulletin of Science Technology & Society, Journal of Politics, American Sociological Review, European Political Science Review

Membership of scientific societies

2020 *Istituto Cattaneo* - Member of the scientific committee

2021 *ITANES* - Member of the ITANES association

Computing skills

Operating systems Windows, Linux, *BSD

Program-ming skills Advanced programming, parallel computing, Agent-based modeling, Neural networks
GIS

Software skills LaTeX, SPSS, Stata, R, Grass, Quantum GIS, Lisrel