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Present and past positions

2019 **Post-doctoral fellow** - University of Turin

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

2015 **Research fellow** - PRIN Project - Come cambia la rappresentanza politica in Italia. La decisione di voto nel ciclo elettorale 2013-2015

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.

Books

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

Peer-reviewed articles

2019 Interpersonal communication, voting behavior and influence in election campaigns: a directional approach. Quality & Quantity. EarlyView.

2019 (with Cristina 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 Giuliano Bobba) Using Deep-learning Algorithms to derive Basic Characteristics of Social Media Users: The Brexit Campaign as a Case Study. *PLoS ONE*, 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*. 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*. EarlyView.
- 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*. EarlyView.
- 2017** Interpersonal communication, voting behaviour and influence in an election campaign: The 2009 German elections. *Austrian Journal of Political Science*. 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*, 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*, 11, 647-668.
- 2017** (with C. Vezzoni) Actor-Partner Interdependence Models and Voting Behavior: Methodology and Applications, *Political Psychology*. 39(1), 163-176.
- 2016** (with C. Vezzoni) Local and National Effects in the Electoral Cycle: The Case of Italy (2001-2009). *Territory Politics, Governance*. EarlyView.
- 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*, 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.

Articles under review

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- 1** (with Federico Vegetti) Political sophistication moderates the impact of partisan motivated reasoning on belief in fake news. Evidence from a survey experiment in Italy
- 2** (with Federico Vegetti) What you can scrape and what is right to scrape. A proposal for a tool of data collection on Facebook

Revised and resubmitted articles

- 1 (with Riccardo Ladini) The Red and the Black: post-fascist inheritance in the electoral success of the Lega in the red belt
- 2 (with Mario Quaranta and Sergio Martini) A tale of bias: Longitudinal evidence on the effect of electoral defeat on citizens' evaluations of the economy.
- 3 (with Mònica Ferrin and Teresa M. Cappiali) Terrorist Attacks And Europeans' Attitudes Towards Immigrants: An Experimental Approach
- 4 (with David N. Hopmann) Influence on political discussion and strong/weak ties regimes in Europe: a comparative analysis
- 5 Interpersonal communication, voting behavior and influence in election campaigns: a directional approach.

Book chapters

- 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.

Working and dormant papers

- 2019 (with Cristiano Vezzoni) Political discussions, selection, and the role of specialized networks: an experimental approach
- 2019 (with Riccardo Ladini and Salvatore Vassallo) Political Consequences of Conspiratorial Thinking: Evidence from 2016 Italian Constitutional Referendum
- 2019 (with Mònica Ferrin and Teresa M. Cappiali) How short is short? Assessing the (non)-persistent effect of terrorist attacks on attitudes toward immigrants: The Manchester bombing
- 2011 Evaluating Goodness-of-fit for Ecological Inference Models: a Simulation Approach. *Paper presented at SISP conference, Palermo, September 2011.*
- 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.*

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 seminar*
- 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. *MAPS seminars*.
- 2015** La forza dei legami (politici) deboli: reti di discussione e diffusione del Movimento 5 Stelle alle elezioni politiche del 2013. 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*
- 2016** Disagreement in social networks and electoral participation: a matter of cohesiveness?. Brussels. *6th EPSA annual conference*.
- 2016** Short is better: Examining the properties of the Instructional Manipulation Checks through an experimental approach. Prague. *2016 ECPR General Conference*.
- 2016** Negative word-of-mouth in threshold diffusion processes. An agent-based approach. Paris. *2016 EUSN conference*.
- 2016** Populism, selective exposure, and emotional appeals in social media: a comparative approach using Facebook reactions. Milano. *SISP General Conference*.
- 2016** Discussant. From concepts to indicators: methodological and technical issues panel. Milano. *2016 SISP conference*.
- 2017** Prevalence and determinants of conspiracy theory believes in Italy. Collegio Carlo Alberto. *MAPS seminars*
- 2017** Using deep learning to derive basic characteristics of Facebook users: an application on the Brexit campaign. Odense. *SDU Thursday seminar*.

2016	Terrorist Attacks and Europeans' Attitudes towards Immigrants: An Experimental Approach. San Francisco. <i>APSA Annual Meeting and Exhibition</i> .
2017	A Tale of Bias: Economic Evaluations and the 2016 Italian Constitutional Referendum. Urbino. <i>SISP Conference 2017</i>
2017	Electoral participation, disagreement and diversity in social networks: a matter of cohesiveness? Urbino. <i>SISP Conference 2017</i>
2017	Geografia politica della rabbia (The political geography of anger). Torino. <i>Riabitare l'Italia Seminar</i> .
2017	Geografia politica della rabbia (The political geography of anger). Torino. <i>Riabitare l'Italia Seminar</i> .
2018	What you can scrape and what is right to scrape. A proposal for a tool of data collection on Facebook. Torino. <i>SISP Conference 2017</i>
2018	How do press and TV shape candidates' evaluation? An analysis of 2018 Italian national elections. Torino. <i>SISP Conference 2017</i>
2018	How do press and TV shape candidates' evaluation? An analysis of 2018 Italian national elections. Perugia. <i>AssoComPol conference 2017</i>
2019	The social logic of conspiracy ideation. Patterns of network homogeneity among conspiracy theory believers in

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, 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
2012, 2013, 2014, 2015	Instructor: Introduction to Stata (Sociology and Social Research Ph.D.). School of Social Sciences University of Trento, Italy
2013, 2014, 2015	Instructor: Introduction to Stata (Economics and Management/Local 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	Instructor: Quantitative methods - Social Change in Public Policy and 2018 Collegio Carlo Alberto
2016, 2018	Instructor: Quantitative methods - Crash course - Master in Public Policy and Social Change. Collegio Carlo Alberto
2017, 2018, 2019	Docente a contratto: Voters and political parties in European democracies Department of Culture, Politics and Society University of Torino,
2017, 2018	Docente a contratto: Quantitative methods. NASP Ph.D. Program. Università degli Studi di Milano
2018	Docente a contratto: Quantitative methods - Consolidation. NASP Ph.D. Program. Università degli Studi di Milano

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	<i>Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale (ANS) - II Fascia</i> - Sector 14/C3 (Political Sociology)

Reviewer Activity

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

Computing skills

Operating systems Windows, Linux, *BSD

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

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

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