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PREVIOUS POSITION

From 15/02/2015: **Research Fellow** –PRIN Project – Come cambia la rappresentanza politica in Italia. La
to 31/08/2015: 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

Electoral behavior, diffusion of innovations, quantitative methods, spatial econometrics, agent-based
modeling, experimental design

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, Forthcoming on *European Journal of Population*
- 2016: Contexts, Networks, and Voting Behavior: The Social Flow of Political Communication in Italy, *Italian Political Science Review*
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ACCEPTED ARTICLES

- 2016: (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*.
- 2016: (With Cristiano Vezzoni) Local and National Effects in the Electoral Cycle: The Case of Italy (2001-2009), *Territory Politics and Governance*.
- 2016: (With Cristiano Vezzoni) Actor-Partner Interdependence Models and Voting Behavior: Methodology and Applications, (Conditional accept). *Political Psychology*
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REVISED AND RESUBMITTED ARTICLES

- 2016: Hai veramente letto la domanda? Valutazione della qualità delle risposte nelle survey online attraverso domande screener (Did you really read the question? Evaluating the quality of answers in online surveys through screener questions).
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ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

Interpersonal communication, voting behavior, and influence in an election campaign: Evidence from the 2009 German elections.

Contextual effects, awareness, and voting behavior. Does knowing about local politics increase the influence of the context?

Scientific literacy and conspiracism: evidence from a pilot study in Italy.

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.
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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 conference, 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.
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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
- 2016: M. Mancosu. “Populism, selective exposure, and emotional appeals in social media. A comparative approach using Facebook reactions”. XXX SISP conference
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REVIEWER ACTIVITY

European Sociological Review, Archivio di Studi Urbani e Rurali (Rural and Urban Studies Archive), International Political Science Review, Comunicazione Politica (*Political communication*), Contemporary Italian Politics, Social Science Research

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

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

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 scienze sociali” (*Quantitative methods for the Social Sciences*) (MA in Sociology and Social Research).
University of Trento, Italy

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

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

Winter 2013-2014- **Instructor**: “Introduction to Stata” (Economics and Management/Local Development
2015: 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: **Instructor:** “Quantitative methods” - Master in Public Policy and Social Change
Collegio Carlo Alberto

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian: Native speaker

English: Fluent

COMPUTING SKILLS

Operating Systems: Windows, Linux, *BSD

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

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

Milan, 12/21/2016