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## Curriculum Vitae

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### Scientific Positions

- Since 2022 **Associate Professor**, *University of Turin, Italy*
- Since 2021 **Affiliate**, *Collegio Carlo Alberto, Italy*
- 2019-2022 **Assistant Professor**, *University of Turin, Italy*
- 2019 **Post-doctoral fellow**, *Horizon 2020 project, DEMOS: Democratic Efficacy and the Varieties of Populism in Europe, University of Turin, Italy*
- Jun 2017 **Visiting Graduate Scholar**, *Southern Denmark University, Department of Political Science, Sponsor: David N. Hopmann*
- 2015-2019 **Post-Doctoral Fellow**, *Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin, Italy*
- Apr/Jun 2014 **Visiting Graduate Scholar**, *University of California - Los Angeles, Department of Geography, Sponsor: Michael E. Shin*
- 2010-2014 **Research Associate**, *Cost action IS0806, The True European Voter, Action Chairs: Hermann Schmitt, Paolo Segatti*

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### Higher Education

- 2010-2015 **Ph.D. - Sociology and Social Research**, *University of Trento, Advisor: Cristiano Vezzoni*
- 2007-2010 **MA, Sociology and Social Research**, *University of Trento, Grade: Magna cum laude*
- 2004-2007 **BA, Sociology**, *University of Milan-Bicocca*

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### Selected awards and third party funding

- 2023 **PRIN - Research Projects of National Relevance**, Proposal title: SUSPECTS - StUdying Support, demand, and Endorsement of Conspiracy Theories in six European countries (€ 273.766 - PI), *Ministry of University - Italy*
- 2023 **PRIN - Research Projects of National Relevance**, Proposal title: ECHO-BIT - Echo CHambers, Opinions and Behaviors in Italy (€ 239085 - Unito Unit PI), *Ministry of University - Italy*
- 2022 **Grant for internationalization**, Proposal title: Experiments in Democracy (€ 30.000 - Proposal with Massimiliano Demata), *University of Turin, Italy*

- 2018 **Collegio Carlo Alberto co-funding grant.**, Proposal title: ITANES (Italian National Election Study) pre-election RCS wave (€ 10.000 - Proposal with Giuliano Bobba), *Collegio Carlo Alberto, Italy*
- 2016 **Best Ph.D. thesis**, *University of Trento, Italy*
- 2013 **4th year PhD grant from**, School of Social Sciences committee - University of Trento, *Italy*

## Peer-reviewed articles

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- [33] Bobba, G., Mancosu, M., Roncarolo, F., Seddone, A., Vegetti, F. (2021). Losers get sick? The effects of electoral defeat on perceptions of pandemic risk. *Quaderni Dell'Osservatorio Elettorale QOE-IJES*, 84(2), 79–91.
- [32] Mancosu, M., Seddone, A., Bobba, G., Cremonesi, C., Mancini, P., Roncarolo, F., Legnante, G. (2021). 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.
- [31] Mancosu, M., Vegetti, F. (2021). “Is it the message or the messenger?”: Conspiracy endorsement and media sources. *Social Science Computer Review*, 39(6), 1203–1217.
- [30] Mancosu, M., Ladini, R., Vassallo, S. (2021). Political consequences of conspiratorial thinking: evidence from 2016 Italian constitutional referendum. *Acta Politica*, 56, 69–88.
- [29] Mancosu, M., Ferrin Pereira, M. (2021). Terrorist attacks, stereotyping, and attitudes toward immigrants: the case of the manchester bombing. *Social Science Quarterly*, 102(1), 420–432.

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- [27] Mancosu, M., Vegetti, F. (2020). What you can scrape and what is right to scrape: A proposal for a tool to collect public Facebook data. *Social Media+ Society*, 6(3), 2056305120940703.
- [26] Vegetti, F., Mancosu, M. (2020). The impact of political sophistication and motivated reasoning on misinformation. *Political Communication*, 37(5), 678–695.
- [25] Ladini, R., Mancosu, M., Vezzoni, C. (2020). Electoral participation, disagreement, and diversity in social networks: A matter of intimacy? *Communication Research*, 47(7), 1056–1078.
- [24] Ferrín, M., Mancosu, M., Cappiali, T. M. (2020). Terrorist attacks and Europeans' attitudes towards immigrants: An experimental approach. *European Journal of Political Research*, 59(3), 491–516.
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- [22] Mancosu, M., Ladini, R. (2020). The red and the black: neo-fascist inheritance in the electoral success of the Lega in Tuscany, Umbria, and Marche. *Journal of Modern Italian Studies*, 25(2), 197–216.
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- [5] Mancosu, M. (2023). I luoghi del consenso per i partiti maggiori. In Vassallo, S. Verzichelli, L. *Il bipolarismo asimmetrico. L'Italia al voto dopo il decennio populista*, Bologna, Il Mulino.

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- [3] Seddone, A., Bobba, G., Mancosu, M., Vegetti, F., (2022). 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* (pp. 17–29). Feltrinelli.
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