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Present and past positions

Oct 9, 2015 - Post-doctoral fellow - Collegio Carlo Alberto
Now

Feb 16 - Research fellow - PRIN Project - Come cambia la rappresentanza politica in Italia.
Aug 31, 2015 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)

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

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

(with R. Ladini and C. Vezzoni) Electoral participation, disagreement and diversity in social networks: a matter of intimacy? *Communication Research*. Accepted with minor revisions.

2018 Populism, emotionalized blame attribution and selective exposure in social media: a comparative analysis of Italy and UK. *Comunicazione Politica*. In press.

- 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

(with Mario Quaranta and Sergio Martini) A tale of bias: Longitudinal evidence on the effect of electoral defeat on citizens' evaluations of the economy.

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

Revised and resubmitted articles

(with G. Bobba, A. Seddone and C. Cremonesi) Populism and Gender Gap: Exploring the Interaction between Populist Parties and Facebook Users.

Book chapters

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

Working and conference papers

- 2011** Evaluating Goodness-of-fit for Ecological Inference Models: a Simulation Approach. *Paper presented at SISP conference*, Palermo, September 2011.
- 2014** Protest, apathy and the rise of 5 Stars Movement. A geographical approach. *working paper*.
- 2016** (with M. E. Shin) The Red and the Black: ideological party replacement and the electoral success of the Northern League in the red belt *working paper*.
- 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.
- 2016** (With R. Ladini and 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** (With G. Bobba) Using deep learning to derive basic characteristics of Facebook users: an application on the Brexit campaign *Paper presented at SDU Thursday seminar*, Odense, June 2017
- 2016** (With M. Ferrin and 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
- 2016** (With D. N. Hopmann) Influence in political discussion and strong/weak ties regimes in Europe: a comparative analysis. *working paper*.

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. *APSA Annual Meeting and Exhibition*.
- 2017** A Tale of Bias: Economic Evaluations and the 2016 Italian Constitutional Referendum. Urbino. *SISP Conference 2017*
- 2017** Electoral participation, disagreement and diversity in social networks: a matter of cohesiveness? Urbino. *SISP Conference 2017*
- 2017** Geografia politica della rabbia (The political geography of anger). Torino. *Riabitare l'Italia Seminar*.

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 - Master in Public Policy and Social Change
Collegio Carlo Alberto
- 2016** Instructor: Quantitative methods - Crash course - Master in Public Policy and
Social Change.
Collegio Carlo Alberto
- 2017, 2018** Docente a contratto: Voters and political parties in European democracies
Department of Culture, Politics and Society
University of Torino,
- 2017** Docente a contratto: Quantitative methods. 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

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

Computing skills

Operating systems	Windows, Linux, *BSD
Program-ming skills	Advanced programming, parallel computing, Agent-based modeling, Neural networks GIS
Software skills	Microsoft Office, LaTeX, SPSS, Stata, R, Grass, Quantum GIS, Lisrel