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Academic positions

Leverhulme Early Career Fellow   2024-ongoing
King's College London · Department of Political Economy

Research Fellow   2021-2023
University of Exeter · Centre for Computational Social Sciences

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science · King's College London   2022
Thesis: *Policy responsiveness in the European Union*

M.Sc. in Public Management · Bocconi University, Milan   2016

M.A. in European Affairs · Institut d'études politiques, Paris   2016

B.A. in Political Science · University of Naples "Federico II"   2014

Erasmus programme · University of Ljubljana   2014

Publications

Peer-reviewed articles

Marzi, P. & Scotto di Vettimo, M. (2026) "Whom do you serve? A comparative analysis of congruence between party representatives, voters, and economic elites (2007 - 2017)", *European Political Science Review*. Accepted for publication.

Scotto di Vettimo, M. & Koop, C. (2026) "Technocrats, reputation, and responsiveness in policy explanation", *Governance*, 39(1): e70103. DOI: 10.1111/gove.70103.

Scotto di Vettimo, M., Haraldsson, A., Gelovani, S., Banducci, S., Koc-Michalska, K. & Theocharis, Y. (2026) "Research challenges and training needs in text analysis for political science research", *European Political Science*. Online First, 1–13. DOI: 10.1017/S1682098325100015.

Kersting, N., Schütte, L., Scotto di Vettimo, M., Lange, S., Thompson, J., Ruggeri, F., di Stefano, R., Buma, R., Cristea, V., Antonucci, L., Krouwel, A., D'Ippoliti, C. & Lopéz-Ortega, A. (2026) "Citizens' Trust in the European Union During Crisis and Conflicts Across 10 Countries", *Politics and Governance*, 14, 1–21. DOI: 10.17645/pag.11116.

Zhirnov, A., Thomeczeck, J.P., Antonucci, L., Scotto di Vettimo, M., Buma, R., Cristea, V., Kersting, N., Krouwel, A., Lange, S., Lopéz-Ortega, A., Thompson, J., Di Stefano, R. & Ruggeri, F. (2026) "A Populist Axis? Analyzing Connections between Populist, Economic, and Cultural Dimensions of Political Space", *Comparative Political Studies*. Forthcoming. DOI: 10.1177/00104140261418623.

Thomeczek, J.P., Zhirnov, A., Scotto di Vettimo, M., Lange, S., Buma, R., Cristea, V., Dolle, M., Kersting, N., Krouwel, A., Lopéz-Ortega, A., Thompson, J., Antonucci, L., Di Stefano, R. & Ruggeri, F. (2025). "One model to rule them all? Choosing axes for European political landscapes with VAA data", *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*. Online First, 1–10. DOI: 10.1080/19331681.2025.2469166.

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from the 2019 European Parliament Elections in Italy, the Netherlands, Germany and Sweden", *Electoral Studies*, 94, 102906. DOI: 10.1016/j.electstud.2025.102906.

Haraldsson, A., Gelovani, S., Scotto di Vettimo, M., Kalsnes, B. & Koc-Michalska, K. (2024). Citizen-produced political text: An interdisciplinary study of inequalities in research. *Questions de communication*, 46. DOI: 10.4000/12yfj.

Koop C. & Scotto di Vettimo, M. (2024). Non-majoritarian institutions, media coverage, and 'reinforced accountability'. *Governance*, 37(2): 599–617. DOI: 10.1111/gove.12785.

Devine, D., Valgarðsson, V., Smith, J., Jennings, W., Scotto di Vettimo, M., Bunting, H. & McKay, L. (2024). Political trust in the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic: A meta-analysis of 67 studies. *Journal of European Public Policy*, 31(3): 657–679. DOI: 10.1080/13501763.2023.2169741.

Koop, C. & Scotto di Vettimo, M. (2023). Do the media scrutinise central banking? Evidence from the Bank of England. *European Journal of Political Economy*, 77: 102296. DOI: 10.1016/j.ejpoleco.2022.102296.

Scotto di Vettimo, M. (2022). Measuring public support for European integration using a Bayesian IRT model. *European Union Politics*, 23(2): 171–191. DOI: 10.1177/14651165221080400.

Book chapters

Koop C., Scotto di Vettimo, M. & Rosas-Medina, P. (2025). ¿Independientes pero bajo control? Evaluando la rendición de cuentas de múltiples aristas de las instituciones no mayoritarias. In Dussauge Laguna, M. & Casas Benítez, A. (eds): *Debates emergentes sobre administración y políticas públicas*. FLACSO: México (2025). DOI: 10.2307/jj.31761188.10. English version available at this link.

Reports

"Report on the platform for the OPTED project (D9.5)" (with Banducci, S., Balluff, P., Gelovani, S. & Theocharis, Y.). September 2023. Report written as part of the OPTED project.

"Report on Producing a prototype platform for the OPTED project (D9.4)" (with Banducci, S., Gelovani, S. & Theocharis, Y., Dhamal, P.). September 2022. Report written as part of the OPTED project.

"Report on training and research needs and opportunities for the OPTED platform (D9.3)" (with Banducci, S., Gelovani, S. & Theocharis, Y.). May 2022. Report written as part of the OPTED project.

Selected working papers

"Talking Heads: Communication and responsiveness at the European Council". *Revise & Resubmit*.

"EUCO Statements Database: A new dataset on leaders' public communication during European Council summits". *Under review*.

"When are estimates coming from voting advice applications likely to be biased?" (with Zhirnov, A., Thomeczeck, J.P., Antonucci, L., D'Ippoliti, C., Horvath, L., Thompson, J., Buma, R., Christea, V., Di Stefano, R., Kersting, N., Krouwel, A., Lopéz-Ortega, A. & Strobl, M.). *Under review*.

"A Micro-approach to Statistical Matching to Expand the Investigation of Insecurity, Gender and Populism" (with Di Stefano, R., Antonucci, L., D'Ippoliti, C., Strobl, M., Thomeczek, J.P., Zhirnov, A., Banducci, S., Kersting, N. & Krouwel, A.). *Under review*.

"Timing matters: The European Council and urgency in EU legislative politics" (with Bressanelli, E., Koop, C. & Reh, C.)

"Do central bank communication and outreach affect public attitudes towards the organisation? Evidence from a survey experiment" (with Koop, C. & Turnbull-Dugarte, S.).

"Do societal priorities matter for the agenda of independent central banks?" (with Koop, C.).

Grants & awards

Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship · 'Opening the black box of EU's most powerful institution: the European Council' (2024-2026) · ECF-2023-018.

Consultancies & research collaborations

External consultant   Jan. 2026 - Mar. 2026
University of Catania · Coodinator: Prof Marcello Carammia
Project "*Politicisation, representation, and agenda setting in the European Parliament (EUQuest)*"

External consultant   Apr. - May 2025
University of Siena · Coodinator: Prof Luca Verzichelli
Project: "*The REpresentative DIsconnect: diagnosis and strategies for RECTification (REDIRECT)*"

External consultant   Nov. 2024 - Mar. 2025
Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies · Coodinator: Dr Edoardo Bressanelli
Project: "*Knowledge and Experts in the PolicY of Sustainable Development (KEYS)*"

External consultant   Nov. 2024 - Mar. 2025
Istituto Carlo Cattaneo · Coodinator: Prof Salvatore Vassallo
Project: "*The Far-Right in EU Coalition Politics: Chances and Threats for the European Project*"

External consultant   Feb. - May 2022
NATO, Strategic Communication Centre of Excellence

Research Associate   2019 - 2021
King's College London, Policy Institute · Coodinator: Prof Bobby Duffy
Project: "*Generations: Does When You're Born Shape Who You Are?*"

Research Assistant   Apr. - Dec. 2021
University of Southampton · Coodinator: Prof Will Jennings
Project: linking historical polling and voting data for UK constituencies.

Research Assistant   2018
King's College London · Coodinators: Prof Christel Koop and Dr Edoardo Bressanelli
Project: analysis of informal politics of European Union legislation.

Teaching

Course Convenor · **London Doctoral Training Partnership**   2025-ongoing
Quantitative methods for text classification and topic detection

Teaching Assistant · **University of Exeter**   2022-2024
Introduction to Social Data (2023-2024)
Data Analysis in Social Science 1 (2022-2023)

Teaching Assistant · **King's College London**   2018-2021
Comparative political systems
Introduction to political science
Integration of the European Union (2018-2020)

Guest Lecturer · **King's College London**   2019

Data & tools

Bank of England Speeches Dataset (with Koop, C.). Version December 2025. Accessible here.

scRapEU: An R function to scrape data on EU laws. Version December 2025. Accessible here.

OPTED Meteor. https://meteor.opted.eu/ (member of the scientific team).

Scotto di Vettimo, M., Haraldsson, A., Gelovani, S., Banducci, S., Koc-Michalska, K. & Theocharis, Y. (2022) "A survey of the research challenges and training needs in text analysis for political science research". [Data collection]. DOI: 10.24378/exe.4344.

Reviwer

Peer-reviewed journals

British Journal of Political Sciences · European Journal of Government and Economics · European Journal of Political Research · European Union Politics · Frontiers in Political Science · Journal of European Public Policy · Journal of Public Policy · Public Opinion Quarterly · Review of International Political Economy · West European Politics

Funding bodies

National Science Centre, Poland

Conferences

International Workshops on Public Policy (IWPP) of the International Public Policy Association (Ottawa 2026[*]).

Council for European Studies' (CES) International Conference of Europeanists (Dublin 2026).

Annual International and Interdisciplinary Conference on the Quantitative and Computational Analysis of Textual Data (COMPTEXT) Conference (Vienna 2025[‡]; previously also in Amsterdam 2024, Glasgow 2023[+], and Dublin 2022).

Italian Political Science Association's (SISP) Annual conference (Naples 2025[‡]; previously also in Trieste 2024, Genoa 2023[‡], and Rome 2021*).

Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on the European Union (Rome 2021).

American Political Science Association's (APSA) Annual meeting (San Francisco 2020).

European Political Science Association's (EPSA) Annual conference (Prague 2020).

* Panel organiser; [+] panel chair; [‡] panel discussant.

Workshops & invited talks

Navigating time pressure in the European Union, March 2026 · Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich

The normalisation of the European Council, February 2025 · Europa University Flensburg

Political science research on EU politics and policies: agendas, challenges and opportunities, May 2024 · University of Catania.

Conceptualising, measuring and mapping global authoritarianism, March 2023 · University of Exeter. Workshop sponsored by the Exeter Global Authoritarianism Network

Parliamentary Data for a Better Democracy, Brussels, June 2022

Governing through the storm: institutional change in testing times, February 2022 · Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna in Pisa

Politics and International Relations seminar, February 2022 · University of Southampton

Memberships

Quantitative and Computational Text Analysis Association · COMPTEXT (2025-)
COST action network OPINION · 'Tools' and 'Data Management' Working Groups (2024-)
Political Studies Association of the United Kingdom · PSA (2024-)
Italian Political Science Association · SISP (2022-)

Other professional experience

Business developer · Lattanzio Advisory Public Sector, Rome   2017
Internship · Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Rome   2016
Internship · Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU, Brussels   2016

Computer, methodologies, & language skills

Software, services & Programming languages: Amazon Mechanical Turk, R, Python, Stata, SPSS, Office package, LaTeX, Qualtrics, Prolific, JAGS.

Skills: Web scraping, Machine learning algorithms, Quantitative text analysis, Survey experiments, Analysis of survey data, Bayesian Item Response Theory, Large language models.

Languages: Italian (Native speaker), English (C2), French (B2), German (A2).

References

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