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EDUCATION

NASP Graduate School, University of Milan

October 2023 – Present

Ph.D Candidate in Political Science

Milan, Italy

- Supervisors: Prof. Andrea Ceron, Prof. Giovanna M. Invernizzi
- Thesis Title (Provisional): “The balance between positional and valence issues in party competition”
- Research Interests: Political Parties, Computational Methods, Electoral Behavior, Political Scandals, Quantitative Text Analysis, Survey Experiments

University of Mannheim

May 2025

Visiting PhD Researcher

Mannheim, Germany

- Visiting Fellowship at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES)

University of Milan

October 2020 – March 2023

Master's Degree in Administration and Public Policy, 110/110 with honours

Milan, Italy

- Thesis Title: “Communicating in times of crisis: a comparative analysis of school policy discourse in Italy and Great Britain during the covid-19 pandemic”

University of Milan-Bicocca

October 2017 – October 2020

Bachelor's Degree in Sociology

Milan, Italy

- Thesis Title: “Gender Representations in the Media: The Model of the Global Media Monitoring Project”

SUMMER, WINTER SCHOOLS & ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Adapters: Lightweight Machine Learning for Social Science Research, GESIS

June 2025

Adapter-based fine-tuning of LLMs in Python

Large Language Models for Political Scientists, SISP 2024

September 2024

Gained hands-on experience with LLMs for political science research using Python

Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS), University of Bologna

June 2024

2-weeks summer school on computational methods, with competitive selection process

RECSM Winter Methods School, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

March 2023

Network Analysis and Visualization with R

RECSM Summer Methods School, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

June 2022

Introduction to Python, Introduction to R, Survey Methodology and Survey Design

TEACHING & TUTORING

Guest Lectures

Political Sociology

2023 – 2024

BA in International Sciences and European Institutions, University of Milan

Course taught by Prof. Cristiano Vezzoni

Lecture: “Measuring Democracy: Theory and Practice” – [Lecture slides](#)

Politics, Philosophy and Public Affairs

2024

Thesis Seminars for Master's students, University of Milan

Lecture: “How to plan a social sciences research design” – [Lecture slides](#)

Lecture: “Introduction to Qualitative Research” – [Lecture slides](#)

Academic Tutoring & Teaching Assistant

Master's Degree Course in Politics, Philosophy and Public Affairs

January 2024 – October 2024

University of Milan, Italy

Bachelor's Degree Course in Political Science

September 2023 – Present

University of Milan, Italy

PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCES & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Conferences & Seminar Presentations

- 2025** SISP 2025 Conference. *Italian political science association*, University of Naples, *Forthcoming*.
- 2025** RC33 Conference on Social Science Methodology, *Forthcoming*.
- 2025** **Sangiovanni, S.**, “When Valence Strategies Increase Polling Support: Evidence from Electoral Campaigns”. *CCA Days 2025*, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin
- 2025** **Sangiovanni, S.**, Ceron, A. & Invernizzi G. M., “Investigating Political Scandals: Combining Conjoint Analysis and Audio-Based Experiments”. *MZES-DVPW Conference Methods of Political Science*, University of Mannheim
- 2024** Platini, U. & **Sangiovanni, S.**, “Analyzing Public Perceptions of Government Actions and Political Scandals Through Survey Experimental Designs”. *POLS PIRSS Seminars Series*, University of Milan
- 2024** SISP 2024 Conference. *Italian political science association*, University of Trieste. 12-14 September 2024
- 2024** **Sangiovanni, S.**, “Valence Theory and Political Scandals: A Proposal of a Conjoint Experiment” *CCA Days 2024*, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin
- 2022** **Sangiovanni, S.**, Lombardi, A., Nascone, M., Rossoni, E. “European Emission Trading System: The impact of EU-ETS on costs and benefits.” *Jean Monnet Centres of Excellence*, University of Milan

Working Papers

- Sangiovanni, S.**, Ceron, A., Invernizzi, G. “Investigating Political Scandals: Combining Conjoint Analysis and Audio-Based Experiments”
- Sangiovanni, S.** “When Valence Strategies Increase Polling Support: Evidence from Electoral Campaigns”
- Sangiovanni, S.** “Economic Performance Indicators and Strategic Valence Choices”
- Celebrin, G., **Sangiovanni, S.** “Generational Perspectives on Democracy: Migrants’ Satisfaction Across National and European Levels”
- Holdrich, E., **Sangiovanni, S.**, Végh, M. “Analyzing Hungarian Parliamentary Debates with ManifestoBERTa”
- Sangiovanni, S.** “Feeding the Cycle of Negativity: Exploring the Media’s Influence on the Tone of Electoral Campaigns”

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Academic

- Conference Organization Team Member** September 2023
ESPAnet 2023, University of Milan, Italy
Managed logistics for conference sessions and collaborated with colleagues in supervising students responsible for assisting conference attendees. Contributed to the preparation of conference materials and documentation
- Research Assistant** October 2020 – December 2020
Global Media Monitoring Project, University of Milan-Bicocca, Italy
Collected and analyzed tweets from 7 Italian newspapers as part of the Global Media Monitoring Project, in collaboration with the Milano-Bicocca University research group. [Read the italian GMMP 2020 Report](#)
- Tutoring Online Project** October 2022 – March 2023
Bocconi University - Harvard University, Milan, Italy
Delivered over 40 hours of tutorship in Mathematics, English, and Italian to support students with financial and learning difficulties

Extra-Academic

- Esports Caster – Content Creator** September 2014 – May 2018
Spaziogames, Milan, Italy
Created content and managed live streaming events via OBS Studio, provided live commentary for esports tournaments with over 10k concurrent viewers and wrote articles and reviews for the website

AWARDS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2025** Visiting PhD Fellowship, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES)
- 2025** MetRiSP Workshop Travel Grant, awarded by SISP, GPR, and ECPR’s Standing Group on Political Methodology
- 2025** MZES-DVPW Conference Travel Grant for Early-Career Researchers, awarded by MZES
- 2023** Doctoral Scholarship. Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Milan

SKILLS

Languages	English (IELTS Academic Band 8, C1), Italian (native), Spanish (A2)
Programming Languages	R, Python, L ^A T _E X, SQL
Data Analysis Tools	STATA, Tableau, SPSS
Developer Tools	Git, GitHub, VisualStudio Code, Jupyter Notebook
Live Streaming Tools	OBS Studio, OBS Ninja, StreamElements
GIS Tools	QGIS