

## Daniele Albertazzi

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**Current Position:** Professor of Politics, Research Director, Co-Director of the Centre for Britain and Europe Department of Politics, University of Surrey, GU2 7XH, UK, Guildford, UK.

**Languages:** Native-level competence in Italian and English; I read French and Spanish.

### Education

- 23/6/2003 Ph.D in Political Communication, London Guildhall University,. Title: 'Padania or Northern Italy? The Invention of a National Community in the Words of the Lega Nord'. Supervisor: Professor Jerry Palmer. Examiners: Professor Anna Cento Bull and Dr Paul Cobley. **Pass, no corrections.**
- 18/2/1995 BA (4 years) in Humanities (with Media), University of Bologna, Italy. **110/110 e lode.**

### Professional Qualifications

- 30/6/2010 Postgraduate Course: "Reading German for Researchers", University of Birmingham, Dept. of German Studies.
- 14/5/2004 Postgraduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching (Higher Education), Canterbury Christ Church University, Centre for Studies of Higher Education.
- 4/2/2000 Certificate of Credit in Teaching Skills, London Guildhall University.

### Career to Date

- 2021-2019-2021 Professor of Politics, University of Surrey, Department of Politics and International Relations.  
Reader in Politics, University of Birmingham, Department of Political Science and International Studies (POLSIS).
- 2008-2019 Senior Lecturer in European Politics, University of Birmingham.
- 2004-2008 Lecturer in European Media, University of Birmingham.
- 2002-2004 Senior Lecturer in Media Studies, Canterbury Christ Church University.
- 2000-2002 Lecturer in Media Studies, Canterbury Christ Church University.
- 1999-2000 Seminar tutor and Lecturer in Media Studies (PT), London Guildhall University.

### Research Grants

**Research grants and awards as principal investigator** (with responsibility for: managing the budget, leading research teams, supervising research fellows, coordinating data collection and analysis, and producing all main research outputs):

1. Date of award: 9/08/2018. Research Grant (£ 896,820 FeC). Awarding body: Economic and Social Research Council. Title: 'The Survival of the Mass Party: Evaluating Activism and Participation Among Populist Radical Right Parties in Europe'. Period of award: 30 Months. Completed and approved.
2. Date of award: 1/07/2008. Research Project Grant (budget: £ 62,478). Awarding body: The Leverhulme Trust. Title: 'Regionalist vs. Nationalist Populists in Power: Actions and Reactions'. Completed and approved.
3. Date of award: 19/03/2007. Research grant (FeC: £ 84,891). Awarding body: The British Academy. Title: 'Resisting the Tide: Cultures of Opposition during the Berlusconi Years'. Completed and approved.

4. Date of award: 18/07/2007. Extension of research leave (FeC: £ 29,063). Awarding body: Arts and Humanities Research Council. Title: 'Populists in Power: Rhetoric and Communication Strategies'. Completed and approved.

### Research grants and awards as co-investigator (in progress)

'Gender and the Populist Radical Right in Western Europe: All Change?'. Research Project Grant (budget: £420,465). Short Application submitted to the Leverhulme Trust on 9 May 2024 (and approved). Long application to be submitted by 1 December 2024.

### Publications

#### Research Monographs

2025. *Populist Radical Right Parties in Action. The Survival of the Mass Party* (with S. van Kessel, A. Favero, N. Hatakka, J. Sijstermans and M. Zulianello). Oxford University Press. Based on the Economic and Social Research Council's project: 'The Survival of the Mass Party' Published Open Access in June 2025.

2021. *Populism in Europe: Lessons from Umberto Bossi's Northern League* (with D. Vampa). Manchester: Manchester University Press.

2015. *Populists in Power* (with D. McDonnell). London and New York: Routledge, pp. 204.

#### Peer-Reviewed International Journal Articles

2024. 'The <<mainstream>> in contemporary Europe: a bi-dimensional and operationalisable conceptualisation' (with M. Crulli), *West European Politics*, published online: 02 Jul 2024. Open Access.

2023. 'Why do party elites incentivise activism? The case of the populist radical right' (with S. van Kessel), *Party Politics*, published online: 18 July 2023. Open Access.

2023. 'Beyond anger: the populist radical right on TikTok' (with D. Bonansinga), *Journal of Contemporary European studies*, Published online: 29 Jan 2023. Open Access.

2021. 'Right-Wing Populist Party Organisation Across Europe: The Survival of the Mass-Party? Introduction to the Thematic Issue' (with S. van Kessel), *Politics and Governance*, 9 (4), pp. 224-227. Open Access.

2021. 'Right-Wing Populist Party Organisation Across Europe: The Survival of the Mass-Party? Conclusion to the Thematic Issue', (with S. van Kessel), *Politics and Governance*, 9 (4), pp. 365-370. Open Access.

2021. 'The Right-Wing Alliance in the Time of the Covid-19 Pandemic: All Change?' (with D. Bonansinga and M. Zulianello), *Contemporary Italian Politics*, 13 (2), pp. 181-195.

2021. 'Populist Electoral Competition in Italy: The Impact of Sub-National Contextual Factors' (with M. Zulianello), *Contemporary Italian Politics*, 13 (1), pp. 1-28.

2018. "'No Regionalism Please, We are Leghisti!' The Transformation of the Italian Lega Nord Under the Leadership of Matteo Salvini' (with A. Giovannini and A. Seddone). *Regional & Federal Studies*, 28 (5), pp. 645-671.

2016. 'Going, Going,... Not Quite Gone Yet? "Bossi's Lega" and the Survival of the Mass Party'. *Contemporary Italian Politics*, 8 (1), pp. 1-16.

2015. 'Italy After the 2013 Elections' (with A. Giovannini). *Journal of Modern Italian Studies*, 20 (4), pp. 427-37.

2015. 'A Mountain Giving Birth to a Mouse? On the Impact and Legacy of Silvio Berlusconi in Italy' (with J. Newell). *Modern Italy*, 20 (1), pp. 3-10.

2013. 'Populism and Liberal Democracy: Populists in Government in Austria, Italy, Poland and Switzerland' (with S. Müller). *Government and Opposition*, 48 (3), pp. 343-371.
2013. 'Amici fragili: the Alliance between the Lega Nord and the Popolo della Libertà as seen by their Representatives and Members'. *Modern Italy*, 18 (1), pp. 1-18.
2012. 'La sfida del populismo alla democrazia liberale'. *La Rivista delle Politiche Sociali (Italian Journal of Social Policy)*, 1, pp. 191-212.
2011. 'Di lotta e di governo: the Lega Nord and Rifondazione Comunista in Office' (with J. Newell and D. McDonnell). *Party Politics*, 17 (4), pp. 471-487.
2010. 'The Lega Nord Back in Government' (with D. McDonnell). *West European Politics*, 33 (6), pp. 1318-1350.
2009. 'Reconciling "Voice" and "Exit": Swiss and Italian Populists in Power'. *Politics*, 29 (1), pp. 1-10.
2007. 'Addressing "the People" – A Comparative Study of the Lega Nord's and Lega dei Ticinesi's Political Rhetoric and Styles of Propaganda'. *Modern Italy*, 12 (3), pp. 327–347.
2006. 'The Lega dei Ticinesi: The Embodiment of Populism'. *Politics*, 26 (2), pp. 133-139.
2006. "'Back to Our Roots" or Self-Confessed Manipulation? The Uses of the Past in the Lega Nord's Positing of Padania'. *National Identities*, 8 (1), pp. 21-39.
2005. 'The Lega Nord in the Second Berlusconi Government: in a League of its Own' (with D. McDonnell). *West European Politics*, 28 (5), pp. 952-972.
2005. 'Enough Vaccine? The Berlusconi Years' (with D. McDonnell). *Modern Italy*, 10 (1), pp. 3-8.
2002. 'Discursive Strategies around "Community" in Political Propaganda - the case of the Lega Nord' (with I. Fremeaux). *National Identities*, 4 (2), pp. 145-160.

#### Edited Books

2021. *Populism and New Patterns of Political Competition in Western Europe* (with D. Vampa). London and New York: Routledge, pp. 294.
2009. *The Media: an Introduction* (with P. Cobley). London: Pearson, pp. 569.
2009. *Resisting the Tide: Cultures of Opposition Under Berlusconi (2001-06)* (with C. Brook, C. Ross and N. Rothenberg). London and New York: Continuum, pp. 250.
2008. *Twenty-first Century Populism: The Spectre of Western European Democracy* (with D. McDonnell). London: Palgrave, pp. 251.

#### Edited Special Issue of Journals

2021. 'Right-Wing Populist Party Organisation Across Europe' (with S. van Kessel). *Politics and Governance* (Open Access).
2015. 'Berlusconi's Impact and Legacy' (with J. Newell). *Modern Italy*, 20 (1).
2015. 'Italy after the 2013 elections' (with A. Giovannini). *Modern Italian Studies*, 20 (4).
2005. 'Italy under Berlusconi' (with D. McDonnell). *Modern Italy*, 10 (1).

## Book Chapters

2021. 'La coalizione di destra al tempo del Covid-19: tra continuità e cambiamento' (with D. Bonansinga and M. Zulianello), in Giovannini, A. and Mosca, L. (ed.) *Politica in Italia 2020*. Bologna: Il Mulino.
2021. 'Introduction' (with D. Vampa), in Albertazzi, D. and Vampa, D. (eds.) *Populism and New Patterns of Political Competition in Western Europe*. London and New York: Routledge, pp. 1-18.
2021. 'The Strategies of Party Competition: a Typology' (with D. Bonansinga and D. Vampa), in Albertazzi, D. and Vampa, D. (eds.) *Populism and New Patterns of Political Competition in Western Europe*. London and New York: Routledge, pp. 50-72.
2021. 'Conclusion' (with D. Vampa), in Albertazzi, D. and Vampa, D. (eds.) *Populism and New Patterns of Political Competition in Western Europe*. London and New York: Routledge, pp. 269-288.
2017. 'Populism and Liberal Democracy: Populists in Government in Austria, Italy, Poland and Switzerland' (with S. Müller), in Mudde, C. (ed.) *The Populist Radical Right: A Reader*. London and New York: Routledge, pp. 508-525.
2009. 'Introduction' (with P. Cobley), in Albertazzi, D. and Cobley, P. (eds.) *The Media: an Introduction*. London: Pearson, pp. 1-11.
2009. 'The Parties of the Centre Right: Many Oppositions, One Leader' (with D. McDonnell), in Newell, J. (ed.) *The Italian General Election of 2008 – Berlusconi Strikes Back*. London: Palgrave, pp. 102-117.
2009. 'Introduction: This Tide is not for Turning' (with N. Rothenberg), in Albertazzi, D. et al. (eds.) *Resisting the Tide: Cultures of Opposition Under Berlusconi (2001-06)*. London and New York: Continuum, pp. 1-16.
2009. 'In Bed with the Enemy: Infighting Among Governing Parties and the Return of the Centre' in Albertazzi, D. et al. (eds.) *Resisting the Tide: Cultures of Opposition Under Berlusconi (2001-06)*. London and New York: Continuum, pp. 59-70.
2008. 'Introduction: The Sceptre and the Spectre' (with D. McDonnell), in Albertazzi, D. and McDonnell, D. (eds.) *Twenty-first Century Populism-The Spectre of Western European Democracy*. London: Palgrave, pp. 1-11.
2008. 'Switzerland: Yet Another Populist Paradise', in Albertazzi, D. and McDonnell, D. (eds.) *Twenty-first Century Populism-The Spectre of Western European Democracy*. London: Palgrave, pp. 100-118.
2008. 'Conclusions: Populism and Twenty-first Century Western European Democracy' (with D. McDonnell), in Albertazzi, D. and McDonnell, D. (eds.) *Twenty-first Century Populism-The Spectre of Western European Democracy*. London: Palgrave, pp. 217-223.

## Invited speeches and lectures funded by the host – Selection

2025. Book presentation: "Populist Radical Right Parties in Action: The survival of the mass party", University of Groningen (NL), 13 June 2025.
2025. Research seminar: "Italy's League under Matteo Salvini: noisy online but timid in Parliament". University of Lincoln, 14th May 2025
2025. Book presentation: "Populist Radical Right Parties in Action: The survival of the mass party", LUISS University, Roma, 27th March 2025.
2024. Book presentation: "Populist Radical Right Parties in Action: The survival of the mass party", Università di Trieste, 9 December 2024.

2023. Book presentation: “Niche or Mainstream? The Radical Right in Europe Today”, University of Bologna, 12 December 2023.

2022. Book presentation: “Populism in Europe: Lessons from Umberto Bossi’s Northern League”, Università di Trieste, 3 March 2022.

2021 Keynote: ‘Participation Without Power: Activism, Community and Centralisation Among the Populist Radical Right’, 6<sup>th</sup> Prague Populism Conference (online): ‘Current populism in Europe: What has changed since the start of the pandemic’, 17-19 2021, Organised by the Charles University in Prague, the Goethe Institut and the Heinrich Böll Foundation.

2020. Presentation of ESRC project ‘The Survival of the Mass Party’ at the London School of Economics. Event organised and funded by the Anti-Politics Specialist Group of the Political Studies Association. 12 February.

2019. Jean Monnet lecture: “‘No Regionalism Please, We are Leghisti!’ The Transformation of the Italian Lega Nord Under the Leadership of Matteo Salvini” for the programme: “Challenges to European Integration: Multidisciplinary Perspectives” at Oxford Brookes University, 9 December. Funded by the host.

2019. Keynote: ‘(Again) On Populism and Liberal Democracy’, The Jean Monnet Centre for Excellence in European Governance at de Montfort University, Leicester, 1st July. Funded by the host.

2019. Research paper: ‘Can a Populism of the Left Thrive in Europe today?’, King’s College, London, 4 April. Funded by the Italian Democratic Party (London branch).

2019. Research paper: ‘The Remarkable Transformation of the Lega Nord under Matteo Salvini: From Regionalist Populist to Populist Radical Right’, Italian Studies at Oxford (ISO), 28 February. Funded by The University of Oxford.

2019. Sessions as visiting professor for the PhD programme: “Global Politics and Governance”, University of Urbino, Dipartimento Economia, Società, Politica (DESP). 18-20 February. Funded by the University of Urbino.

2019. Contribution to Plenary session: ‘Regionalism, Nationalism and “Chameleonic” Populism: The Case of the Italian Lega Nord’ (co-authored with A. Giovannini and A. Seddone), the 4<sup>th</sup> Prague Populism Conference ‘Current Populism in Europe: Culture, History, Identity’, 21 May. Funded by Charles University and Goethe Institute in Prague.

2018. Key note on ‘Regionalism, Nationalism and “Chameleonic” Populism: The Case of the Italian Lega Nord’ (co-authored with A. Giovannini and A. Seddone), at the ‘Mainstreaming Populism –seminar’, University of Helsinki, 12 April. Funded by the University of Helsinki.

2017. Sessions as visiting professor at the University of Florence, Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche e Sociali. 4-14 December. Funded by the University of Florence.

2017. Key note on: ‘Chameleonic Populism in Europe’, at the International Conference ‘Media, Democracy, Populism: The Media as Mediators and Promoters of Populism’, 9 and 10 November, Belgrade, the University of Arts in Belgrade and the Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Belgrade. Funded by the host.

2017. Research paper on ‘Populism and Liberal Democracy: the Treatment of Minorities and Alleged Outgroups’ at the Global Minority Rights Summer School 2017: ‘Interrogating Populism from the Perspective of Vulnerable Minorities’, 17-21 July, Budapest. Funded by Middlesex University, London, and the Tom Lantos Institute, Budapest.

2016. Sessions as visiting professor for The University of Florence, 5-13 December, Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche e Sociali. Funded by the host.

2016. Keynote on ‘Populisti al potere in Svizzera e in Italia: Blocher, Bossi e Berlusconi’, at the International Conference: ‘Populismo mediatizzato: una ridefinizione dell’argomentazione politica?’, 15 November, Rome, Swiss Institute, funded by the host.

2016. Research paper on: 'The Lega Nord under Umberto Bossi and Beyond. Leadership, Ideology and Party Organisation', at the International Conference: 'Populism and Democracy', 28-29 June, Zurich, The Foundation for Population, Migration and Environment and NCCR Democracy. Funded by the host.

2016. Research paper on 'The Lega Nord under Umberto Bossi and Beyond. Leadership, Ideology and Party Organisation', 2nd International Conference: 'Current Populism in Europe: Impact on the Political Landscape', 23-24 May, Prague, Charles University in Prague, the Goethe Institut and the Heinrich Böll Foundation. Funded by the hosts.

2015. Research paper on: 'Organizzazioni di partito: dove va la Lega?'. Conference: 'Visti da fuori! Politica e Società in Italia: come ci guardano gli altri', 18 December, Urbino, Università degli studi di Urbino and the UK's Political Studies Association. Funded by the Italian Politics Specialist Group of the Political Studies Association.

2015. Invited speech on 'Right-wing Populist Parties in Europe: Here to Stay?'. International Conference: 'Current Populism in Europe: A Threat to Liberal Democracy?', 18-19 May, Prague, Charles University in Prague and the Heinrich Böll Foundation, funded by the hosts.

*In addition to this selection of invited keynotes and lectures, in the last fifteen years I have delivered eighteen externally funded papers and thirteen University-funded papers, by attending international conferences such as those of the American Political Science Association, the European Consortium for Political Research and the Political Studies Association*

**Past teaching experience:** Italian politics, Fascism and authoritarianism, research methods, media studies, political communication.

### **Current teaching**

- *Populism and Democracy in Comparative Perspective*. Final year undergraduates. The course introduces participants to an extensive conceptual, theoretical and empirical scholarship on populism and reflects on the ambivalent relationship between populism and democracy.
- *Activism, Participation and Party Organisation*. Final year undergraduates and Master's students. The course explores what is "activism" in the age of social media and how different organizational vehicles (parties, movements, NGOs, pressure groups) contribute to the functioning of democracy.
- *Dissertation module*. Final Year undergraduates. The module enable students to explore an area of particular interest to them within their chosen pathway of study, by using the research methods learnt as part of their degree.

### **Impact**

#### Impact case study – REF 2014

I have provided one of the four impact case studies submitted by the department of Modern Languages at Birmingham to REF 2014 . Title: 'Right-wing populism in contemporary Europe: a contribution to its public understanding'.

#### Invited speeches to policy makers – Selection

2019. Paper: 'Can a populism of the left thrive in Europe today?', King's College, London, 4 April. Organised and funded by the Italian Democratic Party (London branch) for its members.

2017. Invited speech on 'Populism in the age of social media' at the British-German Forum 2017: Securing the future in a changing world to 2020 and beyond', organised by Wilton Park (the executive agency of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office). 9-13 July. Funded by Wilton Park.

2017. Invited speech on 'The emergence of new parties in Europe' at the meeting: 'The future of a liberal international order: trends and challenges towards 2030', organised at Wilton Park by the UK Foreign and

Commonwealth Office and the Ministry of Defence, with support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. 1-3 March 2017. Funded by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

2014. Invited Speech for: 'The end of open societies? Experience with government participation and toleration'. Conference: 'Right turn for Europe? Right-wing populism, extremism, and the European elections', Cologne, 17-18 March. Funded by The German Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb), in cooperation with the European Commission's Representation in Bonn.

2011. Keynote speech on 'Populism and Liberal Democracy' at the 6th Research and Policy Days: 'The state of Democracy', 10-11 November, Parliament House, Helsinki. Funded by The Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS), with the support of the Kalevi Sorsa Foundation.

2011. Opening keynote speech on 'The Populist Challenge to Democracy in Western Europe' at the Forum RPS/Espanet- ITALIA 2011: 'Populismi in Europa: Cause, caratteristiche nazionali, ruolo delle politiche', Rome, 24-25 November. Proceedings published in *La Rivista Italiana delle Politiche Sociali*, Issue 1, 2012. Funded by the Italian Union CGIL.

## External Engagement

### Reviewing and advisory roles

#### Government Bodies

2004-2010 & 2011-14. Ministry of Education and Research (Italy), The National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes (ANVUR). Evaluation of the Quality of Research in Italian Universities. I have evaluated the quality of published outputs as a member of the panels 'Sociology of Culture' and 'Political Science'.

#### Funding institutions

2009-2012. Member of the Arts and Humanities Research Council Peer Review College.

2000-2024. Reviewer for the following organisations: The Leverhulme Trust; the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC); the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO, the Dutch Research Council); and the OeNB Anniversary Fund (Austrian Central Bank).

#### Publishers

2000-2024. I have evaluated book proposals for a variety of publishers, including Palgrave, Lexington, Pearsons, BFI, Nomos, and Routledge.

#### Academic Journals

2000-2021. I have refereed articles for a variety of academic journals, such as *the European Journal of Political Research, Government and Opposition, Party Politics, West European Politics, Political Studies, Modern Italy, The Journal of Modern Italian Studies, The Journal of Contemporary European Studies, German Politics, Regional and Federal Studies, Contemporary Italian Politics, and the European Political Science Review*.

### Services to professional organisations and learned societies

I have been involved with many of the activities of the Political Studies Association (PSA) by taking up a variety of roles within its Italian Politics Specialist Group:

2024-	Co-Convenor of the PSA's Italian Politics Specialist Group.
2017-2019	Secretary of the PSA's Italian Politics Specialist Group.
2010-2017	Convenor, then Co-Convenor, of the PSA's Italian Politics Specialist Group (Winner of the 'Specialist Group of the Year Award 2017').

- 2015- 2017 Liaison Officer between the Conference Group on Italian Politics and Society (Congrips) of the American Political Science Association (APSA) and the PSA's Italian Politics Specialist Group.
- 2017 Member of the Advisory Committee for the project 'Mainstreaming Populism in the Twenty-First Century (MAPO)', led by the Universities of Helsinki, Turku and Jyväskylä.
- 2013- 2015 Member of the UK Management Committee of the EU-funded COST action: 'Populist Political Communication in Europe'.

#### External Institutional Reviews, moderation, examining.

- 2011 External academic advisor at London Metropolitan University. Member of validation panel for: 'BA Digital Media', 'BA Social Media', 'BSc Media and Communications', and 'BSc Media, Communications and Journalism'.
- 2007-2008 External moderator for Birkbeck College, Faculty of Continuing Education, University of London. Course: 'Introduction to Media and Cultural Studies'.
- 2004-2008 External moderator for Birkbeck College, Faculty of Continuing Education, University of London. Course: 'Globalisation and Media Culture'.
- 2010- I have been external examiner for several PhD dissertations throughout the years, including for the University of Bath and the European University Institute (Florence).

#### **Dissemination of Knowledge**

##### Media work:

In the last ten years I have established a sustained relationship with prominent international media, by giving an average of thirty interviews a year to journalists on populism, the radical right and/or Italian politics. I have commented for organisations such as BBC News, BBC World, BBC Radio 4, Sky News, Euronews, CNN, AlJazeera English, The Wall Street Journal, The Financial Times, The Washington Post, the Independent, the Czech, Serbian and Italian public-service broadcasters, and many others [Full list available upon request].

##### Invited Blog Posts - Selection

2023. 'Giorgia Meloni: how the realities of office trumped the Italian prime minister's radicalism', *The Conversation*, 24 October.
2022. 'Italy's election is a case study in a new phase for the radical right', *The Conversation*, 13 October.
2021. 'Mario Draghi's governing bandwagon has been voted in. Expect a bumpy ride', *The Loop* (ECPR blog), 21 February.
2020. 'Untamed and Close to Power: How Europe's Populist Parties Are Navigating Coronavirus', *EA Worldview*, 5 May.
2020. 'Italy: Covid-19 and politics' (with M. Zulianello), *The UK in a Changing Europe*, 21 April.
2020. 'Matteo Salvini fails to make waves in local election but Italy's government remains on a knife edge' (with D. Pellegrino), *The Conversation*, 28 January.
2019. 'The Italian right sweeps to victory in Umbria: What now for the second Conte government?' (with M. Zulianello), *Europa* (LSE). 29 October. republished by *EA Worldview*.
2019. 'Matteo Salvini is down, but here's why he isn't out for the count just yet', *The Conversation*, 11 September. Republished by *The Independent* with the same title.
2019. 'How European elections could lead to the collapse of yet another Italian government'. *The Conversation*. 19 May. Republished by *EA Worldview*.

2018. 'Italy's new government: why a political novice is a strategic choice for prime minister', *The Conversation*, 24 May. Republished by *EA Worldview*.

2018. 'Italy election: what we know so far about who could form a government', *The Conversation*, 5 March. Republished by *EA Worldview* and as a *Birmingham Brief* (University of Birmingham).

2017. 'There's an election in Italy next year – and M5S has some familiar problems'. *The Conversation*, 11 October.

2017. 'Italy's looming election: will the Five Star Movement really form the next government?'. *Euopp blog* (London School of Economics and Political Science), 20 April. Republished by *EA worldview*.

2017. 'Forget about Strasbourg, it's Rome that will make or break the Five Star Movement'. *Euopp blog* (London School of Economics and Political Science), 10 January. Republished by *EA worldview*.