

Gilberto CAPANO



CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

1985 Laurea in Political Sciences, University of Trieste
1990 Phd in Political Science, University of Florence

Professional Recognitions

- 2025 *Doctor Honoris Causa in Social Sciences*, University of Buenos Aires
- Included in the *Stanford/Elsevier Top 2% Scientists List* 2022 - 2023 - 2024 - 2025 (top2% in Political Science for both career-long impact and single-year performance from 2021 onwards)

Academic positions

2000-..... Professor of Political Science and Public Policy, University of Bologna

2014 (1/10)- 2017 (31/10) *Professor of Political Science and Public Policy, Scuola Normale Superiore, seat of Florence* (3 years appointment according to an agreement between the Scuola Normale Superiore and the University of Bologna)

1998-2000 Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Bologna

1992-1998 Assistant Professor, of Political Science, University of Bologna

1989-1992 Teaching Assistant and Lecturer (on annual contract basis), University of Bologna

Institutional Positions

- 2015- 2021 Director of UNIRES (Italian Centre for Research on Universities and Higher Education)
- 2014- 2017 Director of the PhD programme in political Science and Sociology, Scuola Normale Superiore and University of Bologna (<http://phd.sns.it/en/political-science-and-sociology/>)
- 2015-2017 member of the Academic Senate of the Scuola Normale Superiore
- 2010 -2013 Director of the PhD programme in Political Science, SUM-Italian Institute of Humanities (a joint degree with the Universities of Bologna, Padua, Naples “Federico II”)
- 2005-2007 Director of the PhD programme in Political Science, University of Bologna
- 2003-2009 Dean of the II Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Bologna (the best faculty, out of 37, of Political Sciences in Italy according to the CENSIS annual ranking years 2005-2010)
- 2003-2009 Member of the Academic Senate of the University of Bologna
- 2006-2008 Co-director of the ECPR European Summer School in Policy Analysis
- 2000-2003 Director of the undergraduate course “Management and Public Policy”, University of Bologna at Forlì.
- 2001-2002 Director of the European Master in Politics and Administration, University of Bologna at Forlì

Teaching activities

Undergraduate courses: Public administration, Public Policy Theory, Comparative Public Policy, Introduction to Italian Government.

Masters' courses: Theories of European Integration, Political Theory, Public Policy Theories, Comparative Public Policy; Legislative Behaviour; Comparative Policy Design

PhD courses: Theories for Political Analysis, Public Policy Theories, Public Policy and Governance, Comparative Higher Education, Policy Change and Policy Innovation, Understanding Policy Dynamics, Actors and Mechanisms in Public Policy (in 3 PhD programmes).

Actually supervisor of 2 PhD students (12 students in the past).

Member of committees for admission to PhD programme: 12 times.

Member of committees for final discussion in PhD programmes: 12 times.

Executive teaching

- Recurrent teaching activities at the National School for Public Administration, Rome (since 1992): public management, strategies for administrative reforms, policy design
- Crawford School of Public Policy (Australian National University) day-course on: Benchmarking governance and reforms in education policy (March 2013).
- Teacher in executive courses for directors of university departments (organized by the Italian Conference of University Rectors) (2011-2017): reforms in higher education in comparative perspective; directors as leaders or brokers; managing academic organizations.
- ENAP (Brazilian School of Public Administration): teacher of the module Policy Design and Policy Instruments for officials of Latin America (one-week course, May 2017; December 2018; March 2019; March 2021; May 2023; June 2024).
- Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada, Policy Design and Evaluation, Online course February-March 2022
- Executive Course on Policy Design for high civil servants of Greece, Italy, Portugal and Spain, organized by the Italian School of Public Administration and IPPA, June 2023
- Executive course IPPA-LKY School of Public Policy on Policy Design, February 2025

Research Interests

Budgetary process;
administrative reform;
politics and administration;
comparative higher education policy;
legislative behaviour;
theories of policy change;
the role of interests' groups in policy-making;
governance changes in education and higher education;
policy design dynamics;
policy design and policy instruments;
the social impact of Political Science in a comparative perspective;
policy design in comparative healthcare policies;
policy robustness and crisis management
Policy capacities and bureaucracies

IMPACT FACTOR, according to Google Scholar H-48/ G-91; Scopus 31; WoS 28

Funded Fellowships

1987-89	Research Fellow, Italian Department of Public Administration, Rome
1991	Research Associate Conservation Foundation e Resources of the Future (Washington, D.C.).
1992	Research Fellow UC-Irvine
1994	Visiting Associate, Center for Studies in Higher Education, UC-Berkeley.
1994.	Visiting Associate, Institute of Education, University of London
1994	Visiting Associate, Center for Higher Education Policy Studies, University of Twente, The Netherlands
1996	Visiting Associate, Institute of Education, University of London
2010	Visiting Fellow, department of Political Science, University of Montreal
2011	Visiting Fellow, department of Political Science, University of Montreal

- 2013. Visiting Fellow, Department of Politics and International relations, Australian National University
- 2013 Visiting Fellow, Ontario Institute of Education Studies, University of Toronto
- 2014 Visiting Fellow, department of Political Science, University of Montreal
- 2018 Visiting Fellow, Education University, Hong Kong
- 2018 Visiting Fellow, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- 2019 Visiting Fellow, Lew Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore
- 2026 Eminent Policy Scholar, College of Public Policy, Hamad Bin Khalifa University
- 2026 Academic Fellow, Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG), Melbourne
- 2026 Miegunyah Distinguished Visiting Fellow, University of Melbourne

Grants and participation to funded research

- 1987: Member of the research project on” Politics and Administration in Friuli Venezia Giulia: budgetary policy and civil protection policy. Institute of Sociology, Gorizia.
- 1988-92: Member and vice-coordinator of the research Project “Formulation and implementation between politics and administration”, Italian National Council of Research, Rome (167,000 Euro)
- 1991-92: Member and vice-coordinator of the bilateral research Project “Integrated Eco-Politics”, Italian National Council of Research, Rome and University of Georgia (87,000 Euro)
- 1992-95 Member and vice-coordinator of the Research Program "Governing Environmental Policies", Italian National Council of Research, Rome (113,00 Euro)
- 1992-96 Member and vice-coordinator of the Research Program “Public Policies in the contemporary State between structural and cultural constraints”, Italian National Council of Research, Rome (234,000 Euro)
- 1994-1998 Coordinator of the Research Project “The regime transition in Italy: which impact on public policy?” Italian National Council of Research, Rome (220,000 Euro)
- 1995-1999 Member and vice-coordinator of the Research Program “Policy Formulation and bureaucratic behaviour in fast changing systems”, Italian National Council of Research, Rome (156,000 Euro)
- 1997-1998 Cordinator of the Research Project “Bureaucratic Behaviour and policy-making, Italian National Council of Research, Rome (Euro 78,000)
- 1998-1999 Member and vice-coordinator of the Research Program Cofin-Miur Administrative reform in comparative perspective, Italian Ministry of Education (98,000 Euro)

- 2002-2004 National Coordinator of the project *Cofin-Miur* 2002 “Italian Parliament in the long transition: changes and trends”, Italian Ministry of Education (165,000 Euro)
- 2004 Coordinator of a research project on “Top managers in Italian public administration” funded by the Presidency of the Italian Government, (Euro 115,000)
- 2006-2007 National Coordinator of the national project on “Which role for representative assemblies? National parliaments and regional councils between legislation and accountability”, Italian Ministry of Education (136,000 Euro).
- 2007 Coordination of the research project on “Customer satisfaction in Italian Public Administration” funded by the Presidency of the Italian Government, (Euro 102,000)
- 2008 Coordinator of a research project on “The role of executive education in improving the quality of top management in Italian public administration. A Comparative perspective”, funded buy the Italian Association of Municipalities, (40,000 Euro).
- 2008 Coordinator of a research project on “Metropolitan governance and local development”, funded by the Presidency of the Italian Government (38,000 euro).
- 2008-2009 Coordinator of Research Unit PRIN 2007 on “Public Policies and legislative arena in Italy”, Italian Ministry of Education (39,000 Euro).
- 2009-2010 Member of the Research group on “Governance in forestry, education and environmental policies”, funded by the *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council* of Canada (personal grant 15,000 euro)
- 2010- Co-coordinator of the research on “Governance higher education in four EU countries”, funded by the Conference of Italian Rectors (50,000 euro)
- 2011-2013 National coordinator of the research project PRIN 2009 on “Policy agenda in Italy; parties, institutions and interest groups”, Italian Ministry od Education (248,000 Euro).
- 2012 Faculty Award of the Canadian Government (10,000 Euro)
- 2011-2014 Co-coordinator of a research project on “The implementation of the university reform”, funded by the Italian Ministry of Education (200,000 euro)
- 2015 -2017 Co-coordinator of a research project on “Impact of the new funding system on the institutional behaviour of Italian universities”, funded by the Italian Ministry of Education (Euro 150.000)
- 2015-2016 Coordinator of a Research project on “Governance regimes shifts and performance in higher education”, funded by the Scuola Normale Superiore (70,000 Euro)
- 2016-2020: Chair of the EU-Cost Action 15207 “Professionalization and Social Impact of European Political Science” (Euro 700.000)
- 2016-19 National coordinator of the research project PRIN 2015 “Governance Regime Changes in Higher Education from a comparative perspective: systemic performances, national policy dynamics and institutional responses” (euro

- 441.000)
- 2020-23 National coordinator of the research project PRIN 2017 “Who Advises What, When and How? Policy analysis capacity and its impact on Italian policy-making” (euro 560.000)
- 2022-26 Project Partner, “Diversity of higher education systems, differentiation processes and policy mixes” (PI: Benedetto Lepori), (CHF 742.000), Swiss National Science Foundation
- 2022-26 Coordinator of a Research unit of RETURN-PNRR – on *Adaptation, Mitigation and Crisis management in climate change*, Italian Ministry of Higher Education (180.000 Euro)
- 2023-25 Coordinator of a Research Unit of PRIN 2022 *Designing Recovery in Italy between Voices and Expertise – DRIVE – Policy instruments, organised interests, analytical capacities and public opinion in the Italian NRRP*, Italian Ministry of Higher Education (73.000 Euro)

Best Paper Awards

- 2018 Best Paper 2018 of the journal *European Policy Analysis* (coauthor with M.T. Galanti): ‘Policy Dynamics and Types of Agency: From Individual to Collective Patterns of Action’.
- 2022 the paper “From policy entrepreneurs to policy entrepreneurship: actors and actions in public policy innovation, coauthored with M.T Galanti, won the 2021 Best Paper prize by an Early Career Researcher of the journal *Policy & Politics*.
- 2025 Best paper biennial award 2024 of the *Journal of Asian Public Policy* “The role of tool calibrations and policy specifications in policy change: evidence from healthcare reform efforts in Korea 1990-2020”, with M. Howlett and M. Ramesh.

Professional Activities and Consultancy

- 1995 Consultant, Italian Department of Public Administration, Rome
- 1996-1999 Consultant on The Multicampus Project, University of Bologna
- 1996-2010 Chief Evaluator in various municipalities (*membro di nuclei valutazione e OIV di comuni*)
- 1998-1999 Director of the Reinventing Laboratory of the public employment for the Emilia-Romagna Region, Italian Department of Public Administration, Rome.
- 2002 Co-author of the “Proposals for changing public administration”, Italian Presidency of Council, Rome
- 2004-.... Consultant of the Italian Ministry of Higher Education
- 2008-2009 Consultant of the Italian Ministry for Public Administration
- 2009-2015 President of the Internal Evaluation Unit, University of Genova
- 2020-2026 Member of the Internal Evaluation Unit, University of Calabria

Furthermore:

- *Short listed in 2012 for the appointment of the seven members of the National Supervisory Committee of Scientific Research*
- *Short listed (the only external one among the three selected candidates), for the position of Director of the Department of Human, Social and Heritage Sciences of the Italian National Council of Research, 2013*
- *Short listed (15 selected out of 280 candidates) for the appointment of the 7 members of the Italian Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research (ANVUR, January 2019)*

Research and teaching evaluation experience

- Assessor for Israeli, Swiss, Belgian, Canadian Research Councils, and the Italian Agency for the evaluation of research and universities (ANVUR).
- Certified systemic expert for assessing quality assurance (ANVUR) (*esperto di sistema ANVUR*).
- Qualified as expert for the Independent Bodies of Evaluation in the Italian administrative system.
- Assessor for promotions of various foreign universities

Editorial activity

Editor of *Policy & Society* (since 2009) (a top -ranked journal in Public Administration and in Political Science according to the WoS and the Scopus rankings)

Editorial Boards:

- *Evaluation and Programme Planning* (since 2015);
- *Journal of European Public Policy* (2016-2023);
- *Policy Design and Practice* (since 2017);
- *Australian Journal of Public Administration* (2023-2025);
- *Higher Education Dynamics* (books series of Springer) since 2021.
- *European Journal of Higher Education* (2024-..)

Editor of the *Rivista Italiana di Politiche Pubbliche* (2008-2014)

Co-editor of *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis* (2015-2024)

Referee for: *European Political Science Review*; *Public Administration*, *International Public Management*, *Higher Education*, *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*, *Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education*, *International Political Science Review*; *European Journal of Political Research*; *Policy and Politics*; *Journal of European Public Policy*; *Studies in Higher Education*; *Journal of Educational Change*; *Critical Policy Studies*; *International Review of Administrative Sciences*; *Quality and Quantity*; *Modern Italy*; *Critical Policy Studies*; *International Review of Administrative Sciences*; *Regulation and Governance*; *Policy Sciences*; *Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning*; *Public Policy and Administration*; *West European Politics*; *Political Studies Review*; *Science and Public Policy*; *Transport Policy*; *Public Policy and Administration*, *Energy Policy*; *Research Policy*; *Climate Policy*; *Scandinavian Journal of Public Administration*; *Latin American Policy*; *Journal of Public Policy*; *Journal of Education Policy*; *Acta Politica*, *Governance*, *International Journal of Educational Research*, *Journal of Asian Public Policy*, *Cities*; *Public Administration Review*; *Administration and Society*; *Public Personnel and Management*; *Health Policy*; *Marine Policy*; *Journal of Health Organization and Management*; *European Policy Analysis*; *Political Behavior*; *Policy Studies Journal*.

Membership

- Chair of the Publications Sub-committee- ECPR (2021-2024)
- Chair Committee of the Stein Rokkan Prize (2018-2021)
- Member of the Executive Committee of the International Public Policy Association, in charge of the Summer Schools Network (2020-2023) and for Relations with Practitioners (2023-2026)

- Member of the Executive Committee of the European Consortium of Political Research (2018-2024)
- Member and Treasurer the Executive Committee of the International Public Policy Association (2014-2019) (Co-founder of the association)
- Member of the Executive Committee of the International Political Science Association (2009 – 2014)
- Chair of the Committee on Research and Training of the *International Political Science Association* (2012 - 2014)
- Member of the Steering Committee of the International Conference of Public Policy
- Member of the Consortium of Higher Education Researchers.
- Member of the Steering Committee of the ECPR Standing Group on “Theoretical Perspectives in Policy Analysis” (2003-2009)
- Member of the Executive Committee of the Italian Political Science Association (2002-2014).
- Secretary of the Italian Political Science Association (1994-1998)

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

1. (with Luca Verzichelli). *The Fate of European Political Science*, Palgrave, 2023.
2. (with F. Toth, J. Rayner, A. Zito). *Trajectories of Governance: how states have shaped critical policy sectors*. Palgrave, 2022
3. (with Chou, Howlett, Mukherjee, Peters, Ravinet), *Designing for policy effectiveness*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press. 2018
4. (with M. Regini e Matteo Turri), *Come salvare l'università italiana. Oltre i miti e i tabù*, Bologna, Il Mulino,. 2017
5. (with M. Regini and M. Turri), *Changing Governance in Universities. The Italian Case in Comparative Perspective*, London: Palgrave – MacMillan, 2016
6. (with F.Raniolo, S. Piattoni, L. Verzichelli), *Manuale di Scienza Politica*, Bologna, Il Mulino, 2014. (*Handbook of Political Science*), II edition 2017.
7. *L'università in Italia*, Il Mulino, Bologna, 2000. (*The Italian University System*)
8. *La politica universitaria*, Il Mulino, Bologna, 1998. (*Higher Education Policy*)
9. *L'improbabile riforma. Le politiche di riforma amministrativa nell'Italia repubblicana*, Bologna, Il Mulino, 1992, pp. 364. (*The Improbable reform. Italian Administrative reform policy in the Republican age*)
10. *Il sistema regione: politica ed amministrazione in Friuli Venezia-Giulia*, (with R. Lizzi and G. Delli Zotti), Milano, Angeli, 1989 (*The regional system between politics and administration. The case of Friuli Venezia Giulia*)
11. *Linee evolutive della forma Stato nell'età contemporanea*, Padova, Cedam, 1986, pp.156 (*Evolution of the State in Contemporary Age*)

Edited books

1. *Routledge Handbook of Policy Advisory Systems* (coeditor with Jonathan Craft and Michael Howlett). London: Routledge. 2026
2. *Politica in Italia. Edizione 2022. I fatti dell'anno e le interpretazioni. Gli avvenimenti del 2021* (co-editor with Giulia Sandri). Bologna: Il Mulino, 2022,
3. *Convergence and Diversity in the Governance of Higher Education: Comparative Perspectives* (co-editor with D. Jarvis), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020.
4. *Le Politiche Pubbliche in Italia* (co-editor with A. Natalini), Bologna, il Mulino, 2020.
5. *Guide to Modern Public Policy* (co-editor with Michael Howlett), Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2020.
6. (co-editor with A.A. Virani, M. Howlett, M. Ramesh), *Making Policies Work: First and Second Order Mechanisms in Policy Design*, London, Edward Elgar, 2019.
7. (co-editor with M. Regini) *Come cambia la governance. Università italiane ed europee a confronto*. p. 1-280, Roma: Fondazione CRUI, 2015. (How Italian Universities are changing. A comparison with European Trends)
8. (co-editor with M. Howlett, M. Ramesh), *Varieties of Governance: Dynamics, Strategies and Capacities*, Palgrave, 2015.
9. (co-editor con M. Meloni) *Il costo dell'istruzione*, Bologna, il Mulino, 2013 (The Cost of Education)
10. (co-editor with Elisabetta Gualmini), *Le pubbliche amministrazioni in Italia*, Bologna, Il Mulino, 2011, 2' ed. (Public administration in Italy)
11. (co-editor with M. Regini) *Tra didattica e ricerca: quali assetti organizzativi per le università italiane? Le lezioni dell'analisi comparata*, Roma, Fondazione CRUI, 2011. (Between teaching and Research. Which organizational arrangements for Italian Universities? Lessons from comparative analysis)
12. (co-editor with Michael Howlett) *European and North American Experiences in Policy Change. Policy Drivers and Policy Dynamics*, London, Routledge, 2009
13. (co-editor with Beppe Tognon), *La crisi del potere accademico in Italia*, Bologna, Il Mulino, 2008 (The Crisis of academic power in Italy)
14. *Non solo potere. Le altre facce della politica*, Bologna, Il Mulino, 2008. (Not only Power. The other faces of Politics)
15. (co-editor with Salvatore Vassallo), *Customer satisfaction: a che punto siamo?*, Soveria Monnelli, Rubbettino, 2007.
16. (co-editor with S. Vassallo), *La dirigenza nell'ambito dei differenti modelli*

istituzionali delle pubbliche amministrazioni, Istituto Cattaneo e Dipartimento Funzione Pubblica, 2003 (Public Management in Italy: different institutional models)

17. *Parlamento e processo legislativo in Italia. Continuità e mutamento*, (co-editor with Marco Giuliani), Bologna, Il Mulino, 2001. (Parliament and legislative process in Italy)
18. *Dizionario di Politiche pubbliche* (co-editor with Marco Giuliani), Roma, NIS, 1996, pp.430. (IV ed, 2014, Roma, Carocci) (Dictionary of Public Policy)

Articles in International Journals peer-reviewed (ISI/SCOPUS)

1. 2025 (with G. Barbato and M. Turri). Policy Design and Institutional Resistance to Reform: The Case of Institutional Governance Reform in Italian Universities. *Higher Education Policy*, early view 29 October
2. 2025 (with S. Scarrow). Italy: anomaly, outlier or forerunner? *Italian Political Science Review*, 55(2):93-104.
3. 2025. (with F Toth). Controversial issues in crisis management. Bridging Public Policy and Crisis Management to better understand and address crises. *Risk, Hazards & Crisis in Public Policy*, 16(3), e12304.
4. 2025 (with A. Profeti and A. Pritoni). Does Policy Capacity Truly Matter for Governmental Effectiveness? A Conjunctural Analysis of the Quality of Governance in Italian Regions. *Governance*, 38(3), 1-14, e70027.
5. 2025 (with V. Elias de Oliveira). Do Policy Capacities Matter for Federal Policy Design? Evidence From the Implementation of Three Social Policies in Brazil. *Public Administration and Development*, early view 2 April 2025.
6. 2025. (with. T. Galanti, K. Ingold, E. Petridou, C. Weible). Theorizing the functions and patterns of agency in the policymaking process. *Policy Sciences*, 58(1), 3-26.
7. 2025. On the Shoulders of Giants: Restoring the Normative Afflatus of Political Science. *European Political Science*, 24(3), 388-396.
8. 2025. Policy implementation and policy instruments: the underdeveloped dimensions of the four 'political' American policy process theories. A Western European perspective. *European Policy Analysis*, 11(2), 230-253.
9. 2025. (with A. He and S. McMinn), Riding the tide of generative artificial intelligence in higher education policy: an Asian perspective. *Journal of Asian Public Policy*, 18 (2), 245-259.
10. 2025 (with P. Coletti). Between short-term and medium-to-long-term responses: mapping the impact of COVID-19 on Italian universities, *European Journal of Higher Education*, 15(1), 128-148.

11. 2025. (with A. Cavalieri and A. Pritoni). The Triangle of Bureaucratic Policy Analysis and Professional Types of High-Level Civil Servants: Empirical Evidence from Southern Europe, *Policy Studies Journal*, 53(1), 69-90.
12. 2024. (with M. Howlett). Calibration and Specification in Policy Practice: Micro-Dimensions of Policy Design. *Policy Design and Practice*, 7(2), 115-128.
13. 2024. (with A. Bali, and M. Ramesh). The Micro-Dimensions of Health Policy Design: Evidence from a Comparative Analysis, *Policy Design and Practice*, 7(2), 129-143.
14. 2024. (with A. Pritoni). When and why high civil servants demand information from interest groups in policymaking. A Southern European perspective. *South European Society and Politics*, 29(1), 5-28.
15. 2024. (with E. Erittu, A. Natalini, G. Francisci). Assessing the types of policy networks in policymaking. Empirical evidence from administrative reform in Italy. *European Policy Analysis*, 10(3), 311-333.
16. 2024. (with A. Cavalieri, A. Pritoni). Bureaucratic policy work and analytical capacities in central administrations in Greece, Italy, Portugal and Spain: The results of a comparative survey. *International Review of Administrative Sciences*, 90(2) 385–401.
17. 2024 (with B. Lepori). Designing policies that could work. Understanding the interaction between policy design spaces and organizational responses in public sectors. *Policy Sciences*, 57 (1), 53-82.
18. 2024 (with M. Howlett and M. Ramesh). The Role of Tool Calibrations and Policy Specifications in Policy Change: Evidence from Healthcare Reform Efforts in South Korea 1988-2021. *Journal of Asian Public Policy*, 17:1, 1-20.
19. 2023. (with M. Howlett, L. Pal, M. Ramesh). Dealing with the challenges of legitimacy, values, and politics in policy advice, *Policy and Society*, 42(3), 275-287.
20. 2023. (with M. Casula, A. Malandrino, A. Terlizzi, F. Toth). A New Typology for Comparing Scientific Advisory Committees. Evidence from the Italian Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, *Review of Policy Research*, early view 18 July.
21. 2023. (with F. Toth). Health policy under the microscope: A micro policy design perspective, *Frontiers in Public Health*, 11, DOI: [10.3389/fpubh.2023.1180836](https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2023.1180836)
22. 2023. (with MT Galanti e G. Barbato) When the political leader is the narrator: the political and policy dimensions of narratives, *Policy Sciences*, 56 (2), pp. 233 – 265.

23. 2023. (with L. Verzichelli and G. Vicentini). European Political Science vs. the Pandemic: Patterns of Professional Adaptation, *Political Studies Review*, 21(1), 63-81
24. 2023. (with Federico Toth). Thinking Outside the Box, Improvisation, and Fast Learning: Designing Policy Robustness to Deal with what Cannot be Foreseen. *Public Administration*, 101(1), pp. 90-105
25. 2022 (with A. Malandrino). Mapping the use of knowledge in policymaking: barriers and facilitators from a subjectivist perspective (1990-2020). *Policy Sciences*, 55(3) 399-428.
26. 2022. Capano, G. & Sandri, G. The political leadership of Mario Draghi: an historical watershed or an inevitable bump in the road?, *Contemporary Italian Politics*, 14(2), pp. 118-132.
27. 2022. (with M. Howlett, D. Jarvis, and M. Ramesh). Long-Term Policy Impacts of the Coronavirus: Normalisation, Adaptation and Acceleration in the Post-Covid State. *Policy & Society*, 41(1), 1-12.
28. 2022. (with I. Engeli), Using Instrument Typologies in Comparative Research: Conceptual and Methodological Trade-offs, *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*, 24(2), pp. 99-116
29. 2021. (with A. Lippi) Decentralization, policy capacities, and varieties of first health response to the COVID-19 outbreak: evidence from three regions in Italy, *Journal of European Public Policy*, 28(8), 1197–1218.
30. 2021. (with M. Howlett), .Causal Logics and Mechanisms in Policy Design: How and Why Adopting a Mechanistic Perspective Can Improve Policy Design. *Public Policy and Administration*, 36 (2), 141-162.
31. 2021. (with M.T. Galanti) From policy entrepreneurs to policy entrepreneurship - actors and actions in public policy innovation. *Policy & Politics*, 49(3), 321-342.
32. 2021. (with C. Acciai) Policy instruments at work: a meta-analysis of their applications. *Public Administration*, 99(1), pp.118-136.
33. 2020. (with M. Howlett and M. Ramesh) Policy-Makers, Policy-Takers and Policy Tools: Dealing with Behaviourial Issues in Policy Design. *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*, 22(6), 487-497.
34. 2020. (with A. Pritoni). Exploring the determinants of higher education performance in Western Europe: a Qualitative Comparative Analysis. *Regulation & Governance*, 14(3), 764-786.
35. 2020. (with N. Goyal, M. Howlett, D. Jarvis, and M. Ramesh) Mobilizing Policy (In)Capacity to Fight COVID-19: Understanding Variations in National Responses- *Policy & Society*, 39(3), 285-308.
36. 2020. Policy design and state capacity in the COVID-19 emergency in Italy: If you are not prepared for the (un)expected, you can be only what you already are. *Policy & Society*, 39(3), 326-344.

37. 2020. (with A. Pritoni) What Really Happens in Higher Education Governance? Trajectories of adopted policy instruments in Higher Education over time in 16 European Countries. *Higher Education*, 80(5), pp. 989-1010.
38. 2020. (with M. Howlett) The Knowns and Unknowns of Policy Instrument Analysis: Policy Tools and the Current Research Agenda on Policy Mixes, *SAGE OPEN*, 10(1) pp. 1 – 13.
39. 2020. (with A. Pritoni e G. Vicentini), "Do Policy Instruments Matter? Governments' choice of policy mix and higher education performance in Western Europe. *Journal of Public Policy*, 40(3), pp. 375-401.
40. 2019. Reconceptualizing Layering. From mode of institutional change to mode of institutional design: Types and outputs. *Public Administration*, 97(3), 590-604.
41. 2019. (with E. Pavan). Designing anticipatory policies through the use of ICTs. *Policy and Society*, 38(1), pp. 96-117.
42. 2019. (with A. Bali and M. Ramesh), Anticipating Effectiveness in Policy Design, *Policy and Society*, 38(1), pp. 1-13.
43. 2019. (with A. Pritoni), Varieties of Hybrid Systemic Governance in European Higher Education, *Higher Education Quarterly*, 73(1), pp.10-28.
44. 2018. (with M. Howlett and M. Ramesh). Designing for Robustness: Surprise, Agility and Improvisation in Policy Design, *Policy and Society*, 37(4), pp. 405-421.
45. 2018. (with J.J. Woo). Designing policy robustness: outputs and processes. *Policy and Society* 37(4), pp.422-440.
46. 2018. (with M.T.Galanti). 2018. Policy dynamics and types of agency: From individual to collective patterns of action”, *European Policy Analysis*, 4 (1), 23-47.
47. 2018. Policy design spaces in reforming governance in higher education: the dynamics in Italy and the Netherlands, *Higher Education*, 75(5), pp.675-694.
48. 2017. (with J.J. Woo). Resilience and robustness in policy design: A critical appraisal, *Policy Sciences*, 50(3), pp. 399–426.
49. 2017. (with A. Lippi). How policy instruments are chosen: selecting between legitimacy and instrumentality, *Policy Sciences*, 50 (2), pp. 269-293.
50. 2017. Capano, G., Turri, M. Same Governance Template but Different Agencies. *High Education Policy* 30 (2), pp. 225–243
51. 2016. (with A. Pritoni). Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the ‘most’ reformist one of all? Policy innovation and design coherence of the Renzi government, *Italian Contemporary Politics*, 8(3), pp. 289-302.
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- Co-director of Workshop at the ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops: 2007, 2010, 2015
- Co-Director of Workshops at the IPPA Workshops in 2022 and 2024
- Co-organizer of the International Conference on Public Policy (2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2025)

Chair/discussant at:

- IPSA World Congress (2009, 2012, 2014; 2016)
- ECPR General Conference (2003, 2005, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015; 2016; 2017;

2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)

- ECPR Joint Sessions: 1994, 1998, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2015, 2017
- Council for European Studies (2011)
- MPSA (2016)
- ICPP 2013,2015,2017, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2025
- IPPA Joint Sessions of Workshop 2022, 2024