



Giliberto CAPANO

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

1985	Laurea in Political Sciences, University of Trieste
1990	PhD in Political Science, University of Florence, Italian Ministry of Education

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 (top 2% 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
2014-2017	<i>Professor of Political Science and Public Policy, Scuola Normale Superiore</i> (1/10/2014 - 31/10/2017, 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
2001-2002	Director of the European Master in Politics and Administration, University of Bologna

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 (14 students in the past).

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

Member of committees for final discussion in PhD programmes: 15 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; April 2026.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Budgetary process; administrative reform; politics and administration; comparative higher education policy; legislative behaviour; theories of policy change; the role of interest 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-52 / G-91; Scopus 33; WoS 32

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, Lee 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 (78,000 Euro)
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 <i>Cofin-Miur</i> 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 (115,000 Euro)
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 (102,000 Euro)
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 <i>Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council</i> 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 (150.000 Euro)
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” (700.000 Euro)
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” (441.000 Euro)
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” (560.000 Euro)
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 RE TURN-PNRR on <i>Adaptation, Mitigation and Crisis management in climate change</i> , Italian Ministry of Higher Education (180.000 Euro)
2023-25	Coordinator of a Research Unit of PRIN 2022 <i>Designing Recovery in Italy between Voices and Expertise (DRIVE): Policy instruments, organised interests, analytical capacities and public opinion in the Italian NRRP</i> , Italian Ministry of Higher Education (73.000 Euro)

BEST PAPER AWARDS

2018	Best Paper 2018 of the journal <i>European Policy Analysis</i> (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 <i>Policy & Politics</i> .
2025	Best paper biennial award 2024 of the <i>Journal of Asian Public Policy</i> : “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.

2026 Lasswell Prize for the best paper published in 2025 in *Policy Sciences*: “Theorizing the functions and patterns of agency in the policymaking process”, with T. Galanti, K. Ingold, E. Petridou, C. Weible.

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 (<i>membro di nuclei valutazione e OIV di comuni</i>)
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 an expert for the Independent Bodies of Evaluation in the Italian administrative system.
- Assessor for promotions for 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.

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

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

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-..)
- *Revista do Serviço Público* (since 2026)

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 of 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 M. Howlett). *The Politics of Detail: The Micro-Dimension of Policy Design*. Palgrave, 2026.
2. (with B. Baldi, M. Casula, and S. Profeti). *Amministrazioni pubbliche in Italia*. Il Mulino, 2026.
3. (with Luca Verzichelli). *The Fate of European Political Science*, Palgrave, 2023.
4. (with F. Toth, J. Rayner, A. Zito). *Trajectories of Governance: how states have shaped critical policy sectors*. Palgrave, 2022.
5. (with Chou, Howlett, Mukherjee, Peters, Ravinet). *Designing for policy effectiveness*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2018.
6. (with M. Regini e Matteo Turri). *Come salvare l'università italiana. Oltre i miti e i tabù*, Bologna, Il Mulino, 2017.
7. (with M. Regini and M. Turri). *Changing Governance in Universities. The Italian Case in Comparative Perspective*, London: Palgrave-MacMillan, 2016.
8. (with F. Raniolo, S. Piattoni, L. Verzichelli). *Manuale di Scienza Politica*, Bologna, Il Mulino, 2014 (*Handbook of Political Science*), II edition 2017.

9. *L'università in Italia*, Il Mulino, Bologna, 2000. (*The Italian University System*)
10. *La politica universitaria*, Il Mulino, Bologna, 1998. (*Higher Education Policy*)
11. *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*)
12. *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*)
13. *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* (co-editor 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 Mannelli, 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. 2026. (with Yuchen Guo). Conditional Autonomy, Discursive Gatekeeping, and Patterns of Action: How Experts Influence Policy in China's One-Party System. *Policy Studies Journal*, 54(3), 1-17, e70151.
2. 2026. (with Rebecca Ghio). University reform without strategic direction: political capacity and analytical weakness in the 2025 reforms. *Contemporary Italian Politics*, 18(3), 444-461.
3. 2026. (with A. D'Angelo). Local responses to the threats of dramatic crises: Do institutional leaders make a difference, and if so, how? *Disaster*, 50(3), July, e70059.
4. 2026. (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*, 46(2), 179-196.
5. 2026. (with P. Zittoun, S. Profeti). The Politics of Governing Crises: Three Types of Policymaking under Uncertainty, Urgency, and Threat. *Policy and Society*, 45(1), 1-13.
6. 2026. (with L. Mastroianni, S. Profeti). Unpacking the multidimensional relationship between crisis and policy change. A systematic review. *Policy and Society*, 45(1), 14-32.
7. 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.
8. 2025. (with S. Scarrow). Italy: anomaly, outlier or forerunner? *Italian Political Science Review*, 55(2), 93-104.
9. 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.

10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 2025. On the Shoulders of Giants: Restoring the Normative Afflatus of Political Science. *European Political Science*, 24(3), 388-396.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 2024. (with M. Howlett). Calibration and Specification in Policy Practice: Micro-Dimensions of Policy Design. *Policy Design and Practice*, 7(2), 115-128.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. 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*, 41(5), 740-769.
26. 2023. Health policy under the microscope: A micro policy design perspective. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 11, DOI: 10.3389/fpubh.2023.1180836.

27. 2023. (with M.T. 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.
28. 2023. (with L. Verzichelli and G. Vicentini). European Political Science vs. the Pandemic: Patterns of Professional Adaptation. *Political Studies Review*, 21(1), 63-81.
29. 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.
30. 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.
31. 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.
32. 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.
33. 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.
34. 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.
35. 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.
36. 2021. (with M.T. Galanti). From policy entrepreneurs to policy entrepreneurship: actors and actions in public policy innovation. *Policy & Politics*, 49(3), 321-342.
37. 2021. (with C. Acciai). Policy instruments at work: a meta-analysis of their applications. *Public Administration*, 99(1), pp. 118-136.
38. 2020. (with M. Howlett and M. Ramesh). Policy-Makers, Policy-Takers and Policy Tools: Dealing with Behavioural Issues in Policy Design. *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*, 22(6), 487-497.
39. 2020. (with A. Pritoni). Exploring the determinants of higher education performance in Western Europe: a Qualitative Comparative Analysis. *Regulation & Governance*, 14(3), 764-786.
40. 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.
41. 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.
42. 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.

43. 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.
44. 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.
45. 2019. Reconceptualizing Layering. From mode of institutional change to mode of institutional design: Types and outputs. *Public Administration*, 97(3), 590-604.
46. 2019. (with E. Pavan). Designing anticipatory policies through the use of ICTs. *Policy and Society*, 38(1), pp. 96-117.
47. 2019. (with A. Bali and M. Ramesh). Anticipating Effectiveness in Policy Design. *Policy and Society*, 38(1), pp. 1-13.
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- 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)

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