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Employment History

- March 2025 – Present  **PostDoctoral Research Fellow in Public Policy** with the research project *From Crises to Reform: the Institutionalisation of Beliefs from Policy Debates to Legislative Outputs*, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna.
- November 2020 – March 2025  **Ph.D. Candidate**, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna.
- Jan 2023 – Jun 2023  **Visiting Scholar**, Department of Government, University of Essex.
Supervisor: Philip Leifeld
Activities: Development and Empirical Application of Discourse Network Analysis

Education

- 2020 – 2025  **Ph.D. (*cum laude*)**, Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna, Department of Political and Social Sciences.
Thesis title: *Policy Processes in Times of Crises: the Common European Asylum System*
- 2018 – 2020  **Erasmus Mundus M.A.**, University of Groningen and University of Strasbourg in Euroculture: Society, Politics and Culture in a Global Context.
- 2015 – 2018  **B.A.**, Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia in European Languages and Cultures.

Research Publications

- 1 G. Capano, L. Mastroianni, and S. Profeti, “Unpacking the multidimensional relationship between crisis and policy change. a systematic review,” *Policy and Society*, vol. Early View, NA, 2026.  DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/polsoc/puaf041>.
- 2 P. Leifeld and L. Mastroianni, “13: Discourse network analysis and its use in education,” in *Handbook of Social Network Analysis and Education*, N. Kolleck, Ed., Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2025, pp. 191–203.  DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781035312191.00019>.
- 3 L. Mastroianni and S. Profeti, “How to talk about crises? Leaders’ narrative strategies during the COVID-19 vaccination campaign in Italy and France,” *Policy Studies Journal*, vol. Early View, pp. 1–20, 2025.  DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/psj.12585>.
- 4 L. Mastroianni, “How Do Crises Affect Policy Subsystems? The Evolution of Policy Core Beliefs in the EU Asylum Policy,” *JCMS - Journal of Common Market Studies*, vol. 62:6, pp. 1475–1499, 2024.  DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/jcms.13615>.
- 5 F. Trastulli and L. Mastroianni, “What’s new under the sun? a corpus linguistic analysis of the 2022 italian election campaign themes in party manifestos,” *Modern Italy*, vol. 29:1, pp. 51–72, 2024.  DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/mit.2023.45>.
- 6 L. Mastroianni, “Solidarity in EU Immigration and Asylum Law: A Corpus Linguistic Analysis,” in *The Principle of Solidarity: International and EU Law Perspectives*, E. Kassoti and N. Idriz, Eds., The Hague: T.M.C. Asser Press, 2023, pp. 181–208.  DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-94-6265-575-1_10.

Conferences, Workshops and Summer Schools

- 2025
- **ECPR Webinar Series of the Standing Group on Public Policy**, Presenter: *Crises and Policy Process Research*, online.
 - **38th Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Political Science (SISP)**, Panel Chair & Discussant: Crisis and agency in the policy process, Naples (Italy).
 - **ECPR General Conference**, Paper Presenter, Thessaloniki (Greece).
 - **7th International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP7)**, Paper Presenter, Chiang Mai (Thailand).
 - **1st Early-Career Roundtable & Workshop on Public Policy**, Organiser, with the support of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP), the School of Transnational Governance of the European University Institute (EUI) & the Department of Political and Social Sciences of the University of Bologna (UniBo), Italy.
- 2024
- **37th Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Political Science (SISP)**, Panel Chair: Network Approaches to Political and Social Sciences, Trieste (Italy).
 - **37th Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Political Science (SISP)**, Paper Presenter, Trieste (Italy).
 - **4th International Workshops on Public Policy (IWPP4)**, Paper Presenter in the Workshop 'The Politics of Governing Crises', Guadalajara (Mexico).
- 2023
- **36th Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Political Science (SISP)**, Paper Presenter, Genova (Italy).
 - **ECPR General Conference**, Paper Presenter, Prague (Czechia).
 - **6th International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP6)**, Paper Presenter, Toronto (Canada).
 - **Workshop 'Policy Narratives in Power Plays: Exploring the Narrative Policy Framework's Contributions to the Analysis of Political Dynamics'**, Paper Presenter, Speyer (Germany).
 - **ECPR Joint Sessions**, Paper Presenter in the Workshop 'Networks of Political Beliefs', Toulouse (France).
 - **Conference On Policy Process Research (COPPR)**, Paper Presenter, Denver (USA).
- 2022
- **35th Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Political Science (SISP)**, Paper Presenter, Rome (Italy).
 - **ECPR General Conference**, Paper Presenter, Innsbruck (Austria).
 - **MethodsNET Summer School in Social Research Methods**, Course: Discourse Network Analysis, Nijmegen (the Netherlands).
 - **11th Biennial Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on European Union (SGEU)**, Paper Presenter, Rome (Italy).
- 2021
- **Conference 'Imagining Solidarity in International and Regional Law'**, Paper Presenter, The Hague (Netherlands).

Teaching and Other Academic Activities

- From November 2025
- Editorial Coordinator for *Policy and Society*
- From March 2025
- Collaborator within the project *RETURN: Multi-risk science for Resilient Communities under a changing climate*, Spoke 8, Scientific Referee: Giliberto Capano (Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna)
- March-September 2025
- Collaborator within the project *Designing Recovery in Italy between Voices and Expertise – DRIVE – Policy instruments, organised interests, analytical capacities and public opinion in the Italian NRRP*, Scientific Coordinator: Giliberto Capano (Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna)

Teaching and Other Academic Activities (continued)

- May-June 2025  External Collaborator for Discourse Network Analysis within the project *Energy transition, interest groups, incumbent companies and alternative coalitions: navigating the Italian energy policy between the post-pandemic recovery plan and the Russian-Ukrainian war*, Principal Investigator: Andrea Prontera (University of Macerata)
- From 2025  Member of the Executive Committee of the Standing Group on Political Research Methods (MetRiSP) - Società Italiana Scienza Politica (SISP)
- 27 November 2024  Teaching Seminar **Research Methods in Political Science: a Network Perspective**, Course on Research Methods, M.A. Politics, Administration and Organization, University of Bologna (Italy).
- From 2023  Reviewer for Policy & Politics, Policy Studies Journal (PSJ), Journal of European Public Policy (JEPP).
- 4 November 2022  Presentation in the **European Solidarity: Comparative Interdisciplinary Approach to Law, Politics and Social Challenges**, EU_SOCIAL Jean Monnet Module Kick-Off, University of Bologna (Italy).

Other Experiences

- 2019 – 2020  Trainee at **European Commission Joint Research Centre**, Communication and Events Coordinator, H.2 Unit Knowledge Management Methodologies, Communities and Dissemination, Ispra (Italy).