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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Legislative Studies • Government Coalitions • Political Behaviour • Political Parties • Comparative Politics • Quantitative Methods • Computerised Textual Analysis • Italian Politics

CURRENT POSITION

Oct. 2021– **Associate Professor** (SSD GSPS-02/A Scienza politica)
Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Oct. 2018– **Assistant Professor** (SSD GSPS-02/A Scienza politica)
Oct. 2021 Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna

Mar. 2018– **Research Assistant**
Aug. 2018 Institute of Social and Human Sciences, Scuola Normale Superiore

2015-2017 **Post-doc Fellow**
Institute of Social and Human Sciences, Scuola Normale Superiore
Project: “Unconventional Central Banks: Making Monetary Policy in Hard Times”
Supervisor: prof. Manuela Moschella

2011-2015 **Post-doc Fellow**
Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna
Project: “Parties in parliament. Cohesion and voting behaviour in Italy”
Supervisor: prof. Aldo Di Virgilio

QUALIFICATIONS

Jun. 2023 National Scientific Qualification (ASN) as **Full Professor**
Sector 14/A2 – Political Science
Validity: 06/06/2023 - 05/06/2034

Jul. 2017 National Scientific Qualification (ASN) as **Associate Professor**
Sector 14/A2 – Political Science
Validity: 07/27/2017 - 07/27/2026

EDUCATION

- 2006-2010 **PhD in Political Studies** (in English)
Graduate School in Social, Economic and Political Sciences, Università degli Studi di Milano
PhD Dissertation: “Patterns of Party Cooperation: The Role of Past Experience in the Formation of Pre-Electoral Coalitions, Party Mergers, and Government Coalitions” (Defence: 06/18/2010)
Supervisor: prof. Luigi Curini; Defence committee chair: prof. Peter Mair
- 2004-2006 **Master’s Degree in Political Science**
Università degli Studi di Milano
Dissertation: “Content analysis in the building of the policy space: The case of the 2006 Italian election”
Supervisor: prof. Paolo Martelli
- 2000-2004 **Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science**
Università degli Studi di Milano
Dissertation: “Policy space and government stability: An application of coalition theories to the Italian case”
Supervisor: prof. Luigi Curini

EDUCATION ABROAD

- Sept. 2008 **18th ECPR Standing Group Summer School** “Political Parties and European Politics”
European University Institute, Florence, 08 - 20 September
- Jul./Aug. 2008 **Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection**
University of Essex, Colchester, UK, 09 July - 17 August
Attended courses:
- Mathematics for Social Scientists (part 1 and 2)
 - Theory of Regression
 - Analysis of Time Series Data

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2023- Member of the research programme **PRIN 2022** “Ipad: Italian PArties Digitalization” (*Scientific coordinator: prof. Marco Valbruzzi*)
- 2022-2025 Responsible of the research unity at the University of Bologna of the research programme **PRIN 2020** “Demope: Democracy under pressure” (*Scientific coordinator: prof. Andrea Ceron*)
- 2016-2019 Member of the research programme **PRIN 2015** “Politics and policy in Europe in hard times: Causes and consequences” (*Scientific coordinator: prof. Marco Giuliani*)
- 2015-2019 Research assistant in the **MIUR SIR 2014** project “Unconventional Central Banks: Making Monetary Policy in Hard Times” (*Scientific coordinator: prof. Manuela Moschella*)
- 2012-2016 Member of the research programme **PRIN 2010-2011** “How Political Representation Changes in Italy. Voting Decisions in the 2013–2015 Electoral Cycle” (*Scientific coordinator: prof. Paolo Segatti, Local scientific coordinator: prof. Daniela Giannetti*)

- 2014 Participation to the “**Eurovision Debate**” project, coordinated by the universities of Koblenz-Landau (*prof. Jürgen Maier*) and Mainz (*prof. Thorsten Faas*), and joined in Italy by the universities of Bologna (*coordinator: prof. Aldo Di Virgilio*), Siena (*prof. Paolo Bellucci*) and Trento (*prof. Cristiano Vezzoni*)
- 2014 Participation to the “**EUVOX 2014**” project as coder of Italian parties’ policy positions (*Scientific coordinators: prof. Luigi Curini and Andrea Ceron*)
- 2013– Participation in the international research programme “**Comparative Candidates Survey**” (CCS)
- 2011 Member of the research programme **PRIN 2008** “What do parties do? Challenges, adaptation and evolution of parties’ strategies in political competition and intra-party politics” (*Scientific coordinator: prof. Marco Tarchi, Local scientific coordinator: prof. Aldo Di Virgilio*)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE ABROAD

- Oct. 2012– **Visiting Scholar** at the *Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung* (MZES), Universität Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany
 Jan. 2013 *Host: prof. Hermann Schmitt*
 Funded by Marco Polo project, University of Bologna
- Jan. 2008-Jul. 2008 **Visiting Fellow** at the *Massachusetts Institute of Technology* (MIT), Cambridge, MA, USA
Host: prof. James Snyder, Jr.
 Funded by the “MIT-Italy Consortium”

FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2012 Marco Polo scholarship, University of Bologna, for a three-months stay at the *Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung* (MZES), Universität Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany
- 2007-2010 PhD scholarship, Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research
- 2008 MIT-Italy Consortium scholarship (US\$ 5000) for a six-months stay at the *Massachusetts Institute of Technology* (MIT), Cambridge, MA, USA

TEACHING AND TA

TEACHING

- 2021 University of Bologna
 - Quantitative Methods, I (20h, in English, PhD)
- 2020 University of Bologna
 - Introduction to Text Analysis (12h, in English, PhD)
- 2019– University of Bologna
 - Methodology of Social and Political Science (40h, in Italian, graduate)

- 2018– University of Bologna
 • Political Science (O-Z) (60h, in Italian, undergraduate)
- 2017-2018 Free University of Bozen
 • Introduction to Public Policy (36h, in English, undergraduate)
- 2016-2018 University of Bologna
 • Italian political system (20h, in Italian, undergraduate)
- TA
- 2017-2018 University of Bologna
 • Analysing Complexity (*prof. Ozalp Babaoglu*, in English)
- 2014-2015 University of Bologna
 • Political science (*prof. Aldo Di Virgilio*, in Italian)
- 2013-2014 University of Bologna
 • Statistics (*prof. Giancarlo Gasperoni*, in Italian)
- 2010-2011 Università degli Studi di Milano
 • Quantitative methods for social sciences (*prof. Luigi Curini*, in English)
- 2009-2010 Università degli Studi di Milano
 • Political science (*prof. Alberto Martinelli*, in Italian)
 • Analysis of political institutions (*prof. Paolo Martelli*, in Italian)
- 2008-2009 Università degli Studi di Milano
 • Analysis of political institutions (*prof. Paolo Martelli*, in Italian)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- 2018 Survey conduction “*Expert Survey, Italy 2022*” (with Daniela Giannetti and Andrea Pedrazzani)
- 2018 Survey conduction “*Expert Survey, Italy 2018*” (with Daniela Giannetti and Andrea Pedrazzani)
- 2013 Survey conduction “*Expert Survey, Italy 2013*”, (with Daniela Giannetti and Andrea Pedrazzani)
- 2012-2019 Researcher at *Istituto Carlo Cattaneo*, Bologna

LANGUAGES

- *Italian*: native
- *English*: fluent
- *German and Spanish*: beginner

IT SKILLS

- *OS*: MS Windows, macOS and Linux
- *Office automation*: MS Office, Open Office
- *Statistical software*: Stata, SPSS and R
- *Typesetting*: \LaTeX

AFFILIATIONS

Italian Political Science Association (SISP), European Political Science Association (EPSA), International Political Science Association (IPSA), European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS [2]

1. “Lo spazio della politica. Partiti e politiche da Berlusconi ai populist” Bologna: Il Mulino, 2022 (with D. Giannetti and A. Pedrazzani).
2. “L’arte di fare (e disfare) i governi: da De Gasperi a Renzi 70 anni di politica italiana.” Milano: Egea Bocconi, 2017 (with L. Curini).

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES [35]

3. “Challenging the Mainstream in Times of Crisis: Evidence from Legislative Speeches in Italy (2013-2018)” *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, 2025, forthcoming (with D. Giannetti and K. Umanski).
4. “Italy’s right turn. A spatial analysis of party competition in the 2022 Italian national election” *South European Society and Politics*, 2025, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13608746.2025.2452626> (with D. Giannetti, A. Pedrazzani and P. Gambacciani).
5. “Spatial contagion and party competition on environmental issue salience” *Electoral Studies*, 93, 2025, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2024.102893> (with L. Curini).
6. “Waving the same flag? Government legislation and obstructionism during the COVID-19 crisis in Italy” *Italian Political Science Review*, 2025, DOI: [10.1017/ipso.2024.29](https://doi.org/10.1017/ipso.2024.29) (with P. Gambacciani and A. Pedrazzani).
7. “What Makes Political Parties to Elect More Women? A Cross-Country Comparison” *The Journal of legislative Studies*, 2024, DOI: [10.1080/13572334.2024.2423576](https://doi.org/10.1080/13572334.2024.2423576) (with P. Pansardi).
8. “Anti-defection rules and party switching in the Italian Parliament” *Party Politics*, 2023, DOI: [10.1177/13540688231204310](https://doi.org/10.1177/13540688231204310).
9. “Party system change between elections: Evidence from the 18th Italian legislature” *Italian Political Science* 17(1), 2023, pp. 16-33.
10. “Faraway, so close: a spatial account of the Conte I government formation in Italy, 2018” *Italian Political Science Review* 52(1), 2022, pp. 83-100 (with D. Giannetti and A. Pedrazzani).
11. “The multi-agencies dilemma of delegation: Why do policymakers choose one or multiple agencies for financial regulation?” *Regulation & Governance* 16(4), 2022, pp. 1250-1264 (with M. Moschella).
12. “Libertà di mandato e party switching. Spunti dalla letteratura politologica” *Quaderni di scienza politica* 28(3), 2021, pp. 335-355.
13. “Candidate selection procedures and women’s representation in Italy”, *Italian Political Science* 15(3), 2020 (with P. Pansardi).
14. “Bicameralism and government formation: Does bicameral incongruence affect bargaining delays?” *European Political Science Review* 12(4), 2020, pp. 469-484 (with D. Giannetti and A. Pedrazzani).
15. “Examining Political Communication on Twitter in Italy 2018-2019” *Italian Political Science* 15, 2020, pp. 223-241 (with D. Giannetti, C. R. Combei and M. Farnè).
16. “Gender penalty and electoral outcomes in the 2018 Italian elections.” *Contemporary Italian Politics* 12(3), 2020, pp. 300-313 (with P. Pansardi).

17. "The first Conte government: 'government of change' or business as usual?" *Contemporary Italian Politics* 12(2), 2020, pp. 182-199 (with D. Giannetti and C. Plescia).
18. "Let's speak more? How the ECB responds to public contestation." *Journal of European Public Policy* 27(3), 2020, pp. 400-418 (with M. Moschella and N. M. Diodati).
19. "The 2018 Italian general election: a 'new Italy' or a 'dead end'?" *Italian Political Science Review* 50(2), 2020, pp. 298-303.
20. "Structural Topic Model per le scienze sociali e politiche." *Polis* 33(1), 2019, pp. 163-174.
21. "Central banks' communication as reputation management: How the Fed talks under uncertainty." *Public Administration* 97(3), 2019, pp. 513-529 (with M. Moschella).
22. "Personal Ambitions, Expertise and Parties' Control: Understanding Committee Assignment in the Italian Chamber of Deputies." *Parliamentary Affairs*, 72(1), 2019, pp. 119-140 (with D. Giannetti and A. Pedrazzani).
23. "Like leaves in the wind? Economic conditions and government survival in Italy (1946-2015)." *South European Society and Politics*, 23(3), 2018, pp. 341-364..
24. "Economic crisis and lawmaking. The impact of crisis on legislative agenda in Italy (2008-2013)." *The Journal of Legislative Studies* 24(3), 2018, pp. 315-337 (with A. Pedrazzani and A. Pellegata).
25. "The rising importance of non-economic policy dimensions and the formation of the Conte government in Italy", *Italian Political Science* 13(2), 2018 (with D. Giannetti and A. Pedrazzani).
26. "Italian candidates under the Rosato law", *Italian Political Science* 13(1), 2018 (with P. Segatti and A. Pedrazzani).
27. "Italian candidates under the Rosato mixed electoral system. In search of personal votes in the plurality tier?" *Journal of Modern Italian Studies* 23(4), 2018 pp. 400-417 (with A. Pedrazzani).
28. "Party System Change in Italy: Politicising the EU and the Rise of Eccentric Parties." *South European Society and Politics* 22(1), 2017, pp. 21-42 (with D. Giannetti and A. Pedrazzani).
29. "Candidacy rules and party unity: The impact of multiple candidacies on legislative voting behaviour in Italy." *Acta Politica* 52(1), 2017, pp.43-63.
30. "Setting parliamentary calendars: How parties allocate time for plenary debates on bills." *Political Studies*, 64(4), 2016, pp. 1016-1035 (with D. Giannetti and A. Pedrazzani).
31. "More than Post-election Cabinets: Uncertainty and the "Magnitude of Change" during Italian Government Bargaining." *International Political Science Review* 37(2), 2016, pp. 184-197 (with L. Curini).
32. "Debating Europe: Effects of the Eurovision debate on young voters." *Comunicazione politica* 16(3), 2015, pp. 343-364 (with A. Ferreri, R. Ladini and A. Pedrazzani).
33. "Candidates in the 2013 Italian General Election: Evidence from the Italian Candidate Survey." *Italian Political Science Review* 45(3), 2015, pp. 317-342 (with A. Di Virgilio, D. Giannetti and A. Pedrazzani).

34. "The time path of legislative party switching and the dynamics of political competition: The Italian case (1996-2011)." *The Journal of Legislative Studies* 21(3), 2015, pp. 323-341.
35. "Party Competition in the 2013 Italian Elections: Evidence from an Expert Survey." *Government and Opposition* 50(1), 2015, pp. 65-89 (with A. Di Virgilio, D. Giannetti and A. Pedrazzani).
36. "Breaking the Inertia: Government Formation under the shadow of a Core Party. The Italian case throughout the First Republic." *Party Politics* 19(3), 2013, pp. 502-522 (with L. Curini).
37. "Patterns of party switching in the Italian Chamber of Deputies 2008-2011." *Italian Political Science Review* 42(1), 2012, pp. 29-58 (with A. Di Virgilio and D. Giannetti).

BOOK CHAPTERS [17]

38. "Uncertainty, Complexity and Bicameralism: Parliamentary Structure and the Duration of the Government Formation in Europe" In *New Developments in the Study of Coalition Governments*, edited by P. Dumont et al., New York: Springer, 2024, pp. 111-132 (with D. Giannetti and A. Pedrazzani).
39. "Let's speak more? How the ECB responds to public contestation" In *Strategic Responses to Domestic Contestation. The EU Between Politicisation and Depoliticisation*, edited by E. Bressanelli, C. Koop and C. Reh, London: Routledge, 2021, pp. 72-90 (with M. Moschella e N. M. Diodati).
40. "Intra-party ideological heterogeneity: Are candidates agents of their parties?" In *Parliamentary Candidates Between Voters and Parties. A Comparative Perspective*, edited by L. De Winter, R. Karlsen and H. Schmitt, London: Routledge, 2020, pp. 142-163 (with D. Giannetti).
41. "L'esecutivo Conte I: "governo del cambiamento" o continuità?" In *Politica in Italia, Edizione 2020*, edited by M. Moschella and M. Rhodes, Bologna: Il Mulino, 2020, pp. 125-148 (with D. Giannetti and C. Plescia).
42. "Nuovo sistema elettorale e scelta dei candidati: cosa è cambiato?" In *Il vicolo cieco. Le elezioni del 4 marzo.*, edited by M. Valbruzzi and R. Vignati, Bologna: il Mulino, 2018, pp. 99-126 (with G. Baldini and A. Pedrazzani).
43. "Coalition patterns in Italian regional governments, 1970-2015." In *Coalition Politics and Federalism*, edited by A. Albala and J. M. Reniu, New York: Springer, 2018, pp. 53-76 (with D. Giannetti).
44. "Dove pesca la rete del Movimento: le basi sociali del suo voto." In *M5s: Come cambia il partito di Grillo*, edited by P. Corbetta, Bologna: il Mulino, 2017, pp. 95-136 (with A. Pedrazzani).
45. "Il ritorno alle urne: anatomia di una partecipazione inaspettata." In *La prova del No. Il sistema politico italiano dopo il referendum costituzionale*, edited by A. Pritoni, M. Valbruzzi and R. Vignati, Soveria Mannelli: Rubettino, 2017, pp. 75-92 (with A. Pedrazzani).
46. "I candidati nel tempo: un'analisi longitudinale delle candidature in Italia dal 1976 ad oggi." In *La rappresentanza politica in Italia. Candidati ed elettori nelle elezioni politiche del 2013*, edited by A. Di Virgilio and P. Segatti, Bologna: Il Mulino, 2016, pp. 35-60 (with A. Pedrazzani and P. Segatti).

47. “La «scelta prima della scelta»: profilo dei candidati, selezione e percorsi di carriera politica.” In *La rappresentanza politica in Italia. Candidati ed elettori nelle elezioni politiche del 2013*, edited by A. Di Virgilio and P. Segatti, Bologna: Il Mulino, 2016, pp. 61-89 (with L. Verzichelli).
48. “La personalizzazione della campagna elettorale in un contesto partito-centrico: frequenza, qualità e determinati.” In *La rappresentanza politica in Italia. Candidati ed elettori nelle elezioni politiche del 2013*, edited by A. Di Virgilio and P. Segatti, Bologna: Il Mulino, 2016, pp. 117-147.
49. “La dimensione fondamentale del confronto politico: il significato di «sinistra» e «destra» per i candidati italiani.” In *La rappresentanza politica in Italia. Candidati ed elettori nelle elezioni politiche del 2013*, edited by A. Di Virgilio and P. Segatti, Bologna: Il Mulino, 2016, pp. 149-178 (with D. Giannetti).
50. “From ‘Citizens’ to Members of Parliament: The Elected Representatives in the Parliamentary Arena.” In *Beppe Grillo’s Five Star Movement. Organizzazione, Comunicazione and Ideology*, edited by F. Tronconi, Farnham: Ashgate, 2015, pp. 99-126 (with A. Pedrazzani).
51. “The Electoral Base: The ‘Political Revolution’ in Evolution.” In *Beppe Grillo’s Five Star Movement. Organizzazione, Comunicazione and Ideology*, edited by F. Tronconi, Farnham: Ashgate, 2015, pp. 75-98 (with A. Pedrazzani).
52. “Le basi sociali del voto.” In *Voto amaro. Disincanto e crisi economica nelle elezioni del 2013*, edited by ITANES, Bologna: Il Mulino, 2013, pp. 57-70 (with M. Maraffi and A. Pedrazzani).
53. “L’attività del Parlamento nell’anno del governo tecnico.” In *Politica in Italia. Edizione 2013*, edited by A. Di Virgilio and C. Radaelli, Bologna: Il Mulino, 2013, pp. 161-179. English translation: “The Work of Parliament in the Year of the Technocratic Government.” In *Italian Politics. Technocrats in Office*, edited by A. Di Virgilio and C. Radaelli, New York, Oxford: Berghahn Books, pp. 153-172 (with A. Pedrazzani).
54. “Gli elettori del Movimento 5 stelle.” In *Il partito di Grillo*, edited by P. Corbetta and E. Gualmini, Bologna: Il Mulino, 2013, pp. 89-122 (with A. Pedrazzani).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS [8]

55. “L’evoluzione dell’elettorato: un partito pigliatutti?” *Il Mulino*, 5/2017, pp. 736-743 (with A. Pedrazzani).
56. “Analisi dei flussi elettorali in 12 città.” In *Tripolarismo e destrutturazione. Le elezioni regionali del 2015*, edited by S. Bolgherini and S. Grimaldi, Bologna: Fondazione di ricerca Istituto Cattaneo, 2015, pp. 101-128 (with A. Pedrazzani).
57. “The Study of Political Candidates.” *Italian Political Science* 10(1), 2015 (with A. Pedrazzani).
58. “Emilia-Romagna e Calabria: stesso vincitore, dinamiche diverse.” *Il Mulino*, 1/2015, pp. 87-94 (with A. Pedrazzani and R. Vignati).
59. “Orfani delle Stelle. Il voto «grillino» a Roma e in Sardegna.” *Il Mulino*, 3/2014, pp. 515-520 (with M. Regalia).
60. “Euroscettica sarà lei! Il volto della nuova Europa.” In *L’Italia e l’Europa al bivio delle riforme. Le elezioni europee ed amministrative del 25 maggio 2014*, edited by M. Valbruzzi and R. Vignati, Bologna: Fondazione di ricerca Istituto Cattaneo, 2014, pp. 33-46 (with M. Regalia).

61. "Il successo e i dilemmi del Movimento Cinque Stelle." *Il Mulino*, 4/2012, pp. 731-738 (with R. Vignati).
62. "Exploring the Determinants of Party Mergers in Italy and the UK." *GSSEPS Working Paper Series* 3, 2009.

BOOK REVIEWS [1]

63. N. Conti and F. Marangoni (eds.), *The Challenge of Coalition Government: The Italian Case*, Routledge, 2014. *Polis* 2, 2015, pp. 285-288.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS [1]

64. "Il voto differenziato tra Camera e Senato." In *Sondaggi ed elezioni. Le regole del gioco e della comunicazione*, edited by I. Diamanti and L. Ceccarini, Firenze: Società Italiana di Studi Elettorali (SISE), 2013, pp. 440-465 (with A. Pedrazzani).

BLOG ENTRIES [2]

65. "[How Italy experienced \(yet another\) electoral system and why it may soon change it again.](#)" *The Constitution Unit*, 05/08/2018 (with G. Baldini and A. Pedrazzani).
66. "[Il tempo che ci vuole per fare un governo.](#)", *lavoce.info*, 04/27/2018 (with L. Curini).

Bologna, 15.06.2025