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RESEARCH PROFILE

My research examines the functioning and transformation of representative institutions in contemporary democracies. I focus on coalition governments, parliamentary behaviour, political parties and electoral competition, combining comparative institutional analysis with advanced quantitative and computational methods. A recent strand of my work investigates the digitalisation of representative institutions, including the adoption of digital and AI-based tools in parliaments and political organisations.

Research interests: Legislative Studies • Coalition Governments • Parliamentary Behaviour • Political Parties • Electoral Competition • Comparative Political Institutions • Quantitative Methods • Computational Text Analysis

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–
Jan. 2013 **Visiting Scholar** at the *Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung* (MZES), Universität Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany
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

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- Teaching activity includes 8 courses taught over 9 academic years at undergraduate, graduate and PhD level, in Italian and English
- 2018– University of Bologna

	• Political Science (O-Z) (60h, in Italian, undergraduate)
2024–	University of Bologna • Methods and Techniques of Data Analysis (40h, in Italian, graduate)
2024–	University of Bologna • Empirical Methods for the Analysis of Electoral Outcomes (20h, in Italian, undergraduate)
2019-2024	University of Bologna • Methodology of Social and Political Science (40h, in Italian, graduate)
2021	University of Bologna • Quantitative Methods, I (20h, in English, PhD)
2020	University of Bologna • Introduction to Text Analysis (12h, in English, PhD)
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)
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2017-2018	University of Bologna • Analysing Complexity (<i>prof. Ozalp Babaoglu</i>, in English)
2014-2015	University of Bologna • Political science (<i>prof. Aldo Di Virgilio</i>, in Italian)
2013-2014	University of Bologna • Statistics (<i>prof. Giancarlo Gasperoni</i>, in Italian)
2010-2011	Università degli Studi di Milano • Quantitative methods for social sciences (<i>prof. Luigi Curini</i>, in English)
2009-2010	Università degli Studi di Milano • Political science (<i>prof. Alberto Martinelli</i>, in Italian) • Analysis of political institutions (<i>prof. Paolo Martelli</i>, in Italian)
2008-2009	Università degli Studi di Milano • Analysis of political institutions (<i>prof. Paolo Martelli</i>, in Italian)

SUPERVISION

2019–	University of Bologna • PhD supervision: 1 completed PhD dissertation and 1 ongoing PhD dissertation
2019–	University of Bologna • Supervisor of more than 50 Bachelor's theses in Political Science

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

- 2026– University of Bologna
- Member of the PhD Board, PhD Programme in Political and Social Sciences
- 2025– University of Bologna
- Member, Programme Quality Assurance Committee (AQ), Master’s Programme in Public Administration (PAO)
- 2022–2025 University of Bologna
- Member, Joint Student–Faculty Committee (Commissione Paritetica), Department of Political and Social Sciences
- 2019–2022 University of Bologna
- Member, Programme Quality Assurance Committee (AQ), Degree Programme in Political, Social and International Studies (SPOSI)
- 2018–2019 University of Bologna
- Member, Communication Committee, Department of Political and Social Sciences

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2024– Country expert for Italy, Sustainable Governance Indicators (SGI), Bertelsmann Stiftung
- 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*: $\text{\LaTeX}$

AFFILIATIONS

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

REVIEWER

American Journal of Political Science (2x); *British Journal of Political Science* (1x); *Comparative European Politics* (1x); *Comparative Political Studies* (1x); *Contemporary Italian Politics* (1x); *European Journal of Political Research* (3x); *European Political Science Review* (3x); *European Union Politics* (2x); *Interdisciplinary Political Studies* (1x); *International Political Science Review* (2x); *Italian Political Science* (1x); *Italian Political Science Review* (3x); *Journal of European Public Policy* (1x); *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy* (1x); *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (1x); *Meridiana* (1x); *Modern Italy* (1x); *Parliamentary Affairs* (1x); *Party Politics* (3x); *Political Research Quarterly* (1x); *Political Studies* (1x); *Polis* (3x); *Quaderni dell'Osservatorio Elettorale* (1x); *Quaderni di scienza politica* (1x); *Research and Politics* (2x); *South European Society and Politics* (2x); *West European Politics* (1x)

PUBLICATIONS

Publication record: 2 books; 37 peer-reviewed journal articles; 17 book chapters; 11 other publications. Journal articles and book chapters are organised below into five main research areas reflecting the core strands of my research: (i) coalition governments and cabinet politics, (ii) parliamentary behaviour and legislative politics, (iii) political parties and electoral competition, (iv) political economy and delegation, and (v) methods and computational text analysis.

BOOKS

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).

I. COALITION GOVERNMENTS, CABINET POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONAL DESIGN

Peer-reviewed journal articles

1. "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).
2. "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).
3. "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).
4. "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.
5. "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).
6. "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).
7. "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).

Book chapters

1. "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).
2. "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).
3. "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).

Other publications

1. "Il tempo che ci vuole per fare un governo." *lavoce.info*, 04/27/2018 (with L. Curini).
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II. PARLIAMENTARY BEHAVIOUR AND LEGISLATIVE POLITICS

Peer-reviewed journal articles

1. "How party ideology and constituency risk shape MPs' speeches on climate change." *West European Politics*, 2026, FirstView, pp. 1–28 (with P. Carrara and P. Gambacciani).
2. "AI tools in Parliament: Analytical framework and empirical insights." *Parliamentary Affairs*, 2026, FirstView, pp. 1–24 (with F. Bromo and P. Gambacciani). DOI: [10.1093/pa/gsago31](https://doi.org/10.1093/pa/gsago31)
3. "Challenging the Mainstream in Times of Crisis: Evidence from Legislative Speeches in Italy (2013–2018)." *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, 34(1), 2025, pp. 118–140 (with D. Giannetti and K. Umanski).
4. "Waving the same flag? Government legislation and obstructionism during the COVID-19 crisis in Italy." *Italian Political Science Review*, 2025 (with P. Gambacciani and A. Pedrazzani). DOI: [10.1017/ipo.2024.29](https://doi.org/10.1017/ipo.2024.29)
5. "Anti-defection rules and party switching in the Italian Parliament." *Party Politics*, 2023. DOI: [10.1177/13540688231204310](https://doi.org/10.1177/13540688231204310)
6. "Libertà di mandato e party switching. Spunti dalla letteratura politologica." *Quaderni di scienza politica* 28(3), 2021, pp. 335–355.
7. "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).
8. "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).
9. "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).
10. "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.

11. "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

1. "From 'Citizens' to Members of Parliament: The Elected Representatives in the Parliamentary Arena." In *Beppe Grillo's Five Star Movement. Organisation, Communication and Ideology*, edited by F. Tronconi, Farnham: Ashgate, 2015, pp. 99–126 (with A. Pedrazzani).
2. "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).

III. POLITICAL PARTIES, ELECTORAL COMPETITION AND PARTY SYSTEM CHANGE

Peer-reviewed journal articles

1. "Italy's right turn. A spatial analysis of party competition in the 2022 Italian national election." *South European Society and Politics*, 2025 (with D. Giannetti, A. Pedrazzani and P. Gambacciani). DOI: [10.1080/13608746.2025.2452626](https://doi.org/10.1080/13608746.2025.2452626)
2. "Spatial contagion and party competition on environmental issue salience." *Electoral Studies* 93, 2025 (with L. Curini). DOI: [10.1016/j.electstud.2024.102893](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2024.102893)
3. "What Makes Political Parties to Elect More Women? A Cross-Country Comparison." *The Journal of Legislative Studies*, 2024 (with P. Pansardi). DOI: [10.1080/13572334.2024.2423576](https://doi.org/10.1080/13572334.2024.2423576)
4. "Party system change between elections: Evidence from the 18th Italian legislature." *Italian Political Science* 17(1), 2023, pp. 16–33.
5. "Candidate selection procedures and women's representation in Italy." *Italian Political Science* 15(3), 2020 (with P. Pansardi).
6. "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).
7. "Gender penalty and electoral outcomes in the 2018 Italian elections." *Contemporary Italian Politics* 12(3), 2020, pp. 300–313 (with P. Pansardi).
8. "The 2018 Italian general election: a 'new Italy' or a 'dead end'?" *Italian Political Science Review* 50(2), 2020, pp. 298–303.
9. "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).
10. "Candidacy rules and party unity: The impact of multiple candidacies on legislative voting behaviour in Italy." *Acta Politica* 52(1), 2017, pp. 43–63.
11. "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).
12. "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).

13. "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).
14. "Italian candidates under the Rosato law." *Italian Political Science* 13(1), 2018 (with P. Segatti and A. Pedrazzani).
15. "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).

Book chapters

1. "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).
2. "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).
3. "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).
4. "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).
5. "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).
6. "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).
7. "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.
8. "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).
9. "The Electoral Base: The 'Political Revolution' in Evolution." In *Beppe Grillo's Five Star Movement. Organisation, Communication and Ideology*, edited by F. Tronconi, Farnham: Ashgate, 2015, pp. 75–98 (with A. Pedrazzani).
10. "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).

11. “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

1. “L’evoluzione dell’elettorato: un partito pigliatutti?” *Il Mulino*, 5/2017, pp. 736–743 (with A. Pedrazzani).
2. “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).
3. “The Study of Political Candidates.” *Italian Political Science* 10(1), 2015 (with A. Pedrazzani).
4. “Emilia-Romagna e Calabria: stesso vincitore, dinamiche diverse.” *Il Mulino*, 1/2015, pp. 87–94 (with A. Pedrazzani and R. Vignati).
5. “Orfani delle Stelle. Il voto ‘grillino’ a Roma e in Sardegna.” *Il Mulino*, 3/2014, pp. 515–520 (with M. Regalia).
6. “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).
7. “Il successo e i dilemmi del Movimento Cinque Stelle.” *Il Mulino*, 4/2012, pp. 731–738 (with R. Vignati).
8. “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).
9. “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).
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10. “Exploring the Determinants of Party Mergers in Italy and the UK.” *GSSEPS Working Paper Series* 3, 2009.

IV. POLITICAL ECONOMY, DELEGATION AND GOVERNANCE

Peer-reviewed journal articles

1. “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).
2. “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).
3. “Central banks’ communication as reputation management: How the Fed talks under uncertainty.” *Public Administration* 97(3), 2019, pp. 513–529 (with M. Moschella).

Book chapters

1. “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 and N. M. Diodati).

V. METHODS, DATA AND COMPUTATIONAL TEXT ANALYSIS

Peer-reviewed journal articles / methods notes

1. “Structural Topic Model per le scienze sociali e politiche.” *Polis* 33(1), 2019, pp. 163–174.

BOOK REVIEWS

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

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW (REVISE AND RESUBMIT)

1. “The politics of banditry: Political change and criminal violence in post-unification Italy (1861-1865)” Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Peace Research* (With P. Carrara, A. Knapp and F. N. Moro).
2. “From Branches to Platforms? Digitalisation and Centre–Periphery Relations in Italian Political Parties” Revise and resubmit at *Comparative Italian Politics* (with P. Bordandini, G. Bricoli, P. Ignazi, and A. Napoletano).

CONFERENCES

1. “AI and Parliamentary Trust: A Comparative Analysis of Public Engagement Tools ” (with F. Bromo and P. Gambacciani)
 - *Workshop AI, Politics and Societies*, University of Bologna, 10 – 11 December 2025
2. “The Politics of Vulnerability: How the Environmental Context Drive Issue Salience in Legislative Speech in Italy” (with P. Carrara and P. Gambacciani).
 - *PSA 75th Annual International Conference*, University of Birmingham and Aston University, 14 - 16 April 2025
 - *ECPR General Conference*, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 26 – 29 August 2025
 - *ECPR 9th Conference of the Standing Group on Parliaments*, Barcelona, Spain, 2-4 July 2025
 - *38th SISP Annual Conference*, Federico II University, Naples, 4 – 6 September 2025
3. “The Evolution of the Five Star Movement: From Digital Platform to Traditional Organization?” (with P. Bordandini, G. Bricoli, P. Ignazi and A. Napoletano)
 - *PSA 75th Annual International Conference*, University of Birmingham and Aston University, 14 - 16 April 2025
 - *ECPR General Conference*, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, 26 – 29 August 2025
 - *38th SISP Annual Conference*, Federico II University, Naples, 4 – 6 September 2025
4. “Words of dissent: How content analysis of legislative speeches can improve the study of party switching” (with P. Carrara).
 - *Nordic Political Science Association (NoPSA) conference*, Bergen, June 25-28 2024
 - *37th SISP Annual Conference*, Trieste, 12-14 September 2024
5. “Non-Economic Critical Events and Government Termination: The Case of the Migration Crisis in Europe” (with N. Palma).
 - *36th SISP Annual Conference*, Genova, 14-16 September 2023

6. "Contagiously Eurosceptic? The Spillover Effect of the M5S' Eurosceptic Stance on Other Parties' Attitude towards the EU" (with D. Giannetti and K. Umansky).
 - *36th SISP Annual Conference*, Genova, 14-16 September 2023
 - *ECPR General Conference*, Prague, 4-8 September 2023
7. "Back to the future? A spatial analysis of party competition and government formation in the 2022 Italian general elections" (with D. Giannetti, A. Pedrazzani and P. Gambacciani).
 - *36th SISP Annual Conference*, Genova, 14-16 September 2023
 - *ECPR General Conference*, Prague, 4-8 September 2023
 - *A un anno dall'inizio della Legislatura governo e parlamento alla prova dei (nuovi) numeri*, Trieste, 20 December 2023
8. "The politics of banditry: Political change and criminal violence in post-unification Italy (1861-1865)" (with F. N. Moro, A. Knapp and P. Carrara).
 - *36th SISP Annual Conference*, Genova, 14-16 September 2023
 - *APSA Annual Meeting*, Los Angeles, August 31 – September 3 2023
9. "Italian politics after the 2022 general election: Government, parties and legislators in a reformed parliament" (Panel Chair and discussant).
 - *ECPR General Conference*, Prague, 4-8 September 2023
10. "DEMOPE: Democracy under Pressure" (with A. Ceron, E. De Giorgi, F. Marangoni, F. Russo, A. Pedrazzani, F. Zucchini).
 - *35th SISP Annual Conference*, Rome, 8-10 September 2022
11. "Contagion or riding-the-wave? Investigating spatial contagion in inter-party issue competition" (with con L. Curini).
 - *35th SISP Annual Conference*, Rome, 8-10 September 2022
12. "Appealing to voters or intra-party bargaining? A causal analysis of party ideological ambiguity" (with con P. Carrara).
 - *35th SISP Annual Conference*, Rome, 8-10 September 2022
 - *12th EPSA Annual Conference*, Prague, 23-25 June 2022
13. "The transformation of parliamentary party groups during the pandemic: Party switching in the Italian parliament".
 - *Annual Meeting SISP Standing Group on Parliament*, Rome, 9 June 2022
14. "Determinants of no-confidence motions in parliamentary democracies: A comparative analysis." (with D. Giannetti).
 - *Workshop on "Parliaments and Government Termination"*, Jerusalem, Israel, 10 - 12 February 2020
15. "Women's representation in parliamentary parties A comparative analysis." (with P. Pansardi).
 - *9th Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)*, Belfast, UK, 20 - 22 June 2019
16. "Disentangling Populism in Social Media. The Approval of the 2019 Annual Budget Bill in Italy?." (with D. Giannetti, C. R. Combei and M. Farnè).
 - *Giornata di studi sul Parlamento*, Rome, Italy, 13 June 2019

- *9th Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)*, Belfast, UK, 20 - 22 June 2019
- 17. "Does government's agenda control matter for understanding no-confidence motions?." (with D. Giannetti).
 - *Joint Sessions of Workshops*, Mons, Belgium, 08 - 12 April 2019
- 18. "Party Competition in the Italian General Elections of March 4 2018." (with D. Giannetti and A. Pedrazzani).
 - *32th SISP Conference*, Torino, 06 - 08 September 2018
 - *ECPR General Conference*, Hamburg, 22 - 25 August 2018
- 19. "Bicameral incongruence and the duration of the government formation process in Europe." (with D. Giannetti and A. Pedrazzani).
 - *31th SISP Conference*, Urbino, 14 - 16 September 2017
 - *7th Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)*, Milan, 22 - 24 June 2017
 - *4th Standing Group on Parliaments Conference*, Basel, 29 June - 1 July 2017
- 20. "To Concentrate or to Disperse? Why Countries Delegate Macroprudential Responsibilities to Central Banks." (with M. Moschella).
 - *ECPR General Conference*, Oslo, 06 - 09 September 2017
- 21. "The "Multi-Agencies" Dilemma of Delegation. Why do policymakers choose central banks for macroprudential regulation?" (with M. Moschella).
 - *7th Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)*, Milan, 22 - 24 June 2017
- 22. "Mapping European Parties' Policy Positions by Using Data from the Comparative Candidates Survey." (with D. Giannetti).
 - *10th ECPR General Conference*, Prague, 07 - 10 September 2016
- 23. "Coalition patterns in Italian regional governments, 1970-2015." (with D. Giannetti).
 - *24th IPSA World Conference of Political Science*, Poznan, 23 - 28 July 2016
- 24. "Personal Ambitions, Expertise and Parties' Control: Understanding Committee Assignment in the Italian Chamber of Deputies." (with D. Giannetti and A. Pedrazzani).
 - *30th SISP Conference*, Milan, 15 - 17 September 2016
 - *44th ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops*, Pisa, 24 - 28 April 2016
- 25. "Economic crisis and lawmaking. The impact of crisis on legislative agenda in Italy (2008-2013)." (with A. Pedrazzani and A. Pellegata).
 - *10th ECPR General Conference*, Prague, 07 - 10 September 2016
 - *International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP)*, Milan, 01 - 04 July 2015
- 26. "Candidates in 2013 Italian General Election. Evidence from the Comparative Candidate Survey (CCS)." (with A. Di Virgilio, D. Giannetti and A. Pedrazzani).
 - *28th SISP Conference*, Perugia, 11 - 13 September 2014
 - *Convegno annuale della sezione della SISP Partiti Opinione Pubblica Elezioni (POPE)*, Siena, 22 - 23 January 2015

27. "Determinants of time allocation for plenary debates on bills." (with D. Giannetti and A. Pedrazzani).
 - *8th ECPR General Conference*, Glasgow, 03 - 06 September 2014
28. "The impact of multiple candidacies on legislative voting behaviour in Italy (2006-2011)." (with A. Di Virgilio).
 - *4th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)*, Edinburgh, 19 - 21 June 2014
29. "The Impact of Cabinet Reshuffles on Government Survival in West European Governments." (with D. Giannetti and A. Pedrazzani).
 - *4th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)*, Edinburgh, 19 - 21 June 2014
30. "Pro and Anti EU Attitudes in Legislative Debates Over Fiscal Compact and ESM? A Comparative Textual Data Analysis of Parliamentary Speeches in France, Germany and Italy." (with A. Pedrazzani).
 - *7th ECPR General Conference* Bordeaux, 4 - 7 September 2013
31. "The Sub-National Approach to Legislative Politics. Evidence from Three Italian Regional Councils Between 2010-2012." (with A. Di Virgilio).
 - *3th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)*, Barcelona, 20 - 23 June 2013
32. "Economic crisis and attitudes towards the EU: A textual data analysis of parliamentary debates in Italy." (with A. Pedrazzani).
 - *International Workshop "Politics and Policies in Times of Economic Crisis"*, Siena, 13 - 14 June 2013
33. "Marriages or Flirts? Explaining the Duration of Party Affiliation in the Italian Parliament 1996-2011." (with D. Giannetti).
 - *41st ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops* Johannes Gutenberg Universität, Mainz, 11 - 16 March 2013
34. "Il voto differenziato tra Camera e Senato." (with A. Pedrazzani).
 - *XI Convegno internazionale SISE Sondaggi ed elezioni. Le regole del gioco e della comunicazione*, Pordenone, 13 - 14 March 2013
35. "More than post-election cabinet(s): sources of uncertainty affecting cabinet bargaining delays. The case of Italy (1946-2008)." (with L. Curini).
 - *26th SISP Conference*, Roma, 13 - 15 September 2012
36. "Time-path of legislative party switching: Italy 1996 - 2011." (with A. Di Virgilio and D. Giannetti).
 - *2nd Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)*, Berlin, 21 - 23 June 2012
37. "Breaking the Inertia: Government Formation under the shadow of a Core Party. The Italian case during the First Republic." (with L. Curini).
 - *24th SISP Conference*, Venice, 16 - 18 September 2010

38. "The dynamics of pre-electoral coalition formation."
• *2nd Italian Doctoral Conference in Political Studies*, Gargnano (BS), 29 June - 01 July 2009
39. "Party Mergers in Italy and the UK: An Empirical Analysis."
• *18th ECPR Standing Group Summer School "Political Parties and European Politics"*, EUI, Florence, 08 - 20 September 2008

DECLARATION

The undersigned declares that the information contained in this curriculum vitae is true and correct, pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree D.P.R. 28 December 2000, n. 445. The undersigned is aware of the criminal penalties provided for by Article 76 of the same Decree in the case of false statements.

Bologna, 14 August 2026

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