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CURRENT POSITION

2022 ~ 2026 **Ph.D. Candidate in Political Sciences – University of Bologna**

- Research project: Fighting Climate Change in the *Risk Society*: International Attitudes Toward Climate Policies and the Role of Economic Risks.
- Methodology: data analysis of large-scale surveys; design of new surveys and survey experiments
- Supervisors: Prof. Paul Matthew Loveless and Prof. Roberto Rizza

RESEARCH INTERESTS AND SKILLS

Substantive: Environmental Attitudes and Politics; Political Economy; Voting Behaviours

Methodological: Survey Research; Survey Experiments; Quantitative Methods

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Jan. 2025 ~ May 2025 **Visiting Researcher, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University**

- Research Project: “Who Wants Climate Change Policies? Cross-National Survey Evidence from the European Union.”
- Supervisor: Prof. Philipp Rehm
- Financially supported by the Tuition Subsidy for Doctoral Visiting Students, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, and by the Travel Scholarship allocated by the University of Bologna

2022 ~ 2026 **University of Bologna and the Italian Ministry of University and Research Scholarship** for doctoral studies at the Department of Political and Social Sciences.

2022 ~ 2025 **International Ph.D. College Fellowship** – Free accommodation for three years during the period of doctoral research funded by the University of Bologna’s Institute for Advanced Studies.

2024, June 7 **Prize for most innovative business project**, awarded by the *International Foundation for Big Data and Artificial Intelligence for Human Development (iFAB)*, Bologna. Awarded to my group for the development of an environmental impact score for small and medium-sized enterprises. Included a cash prize.

EDUCATION

2020 ~ 2022 **MPhil in Politics (European Politics and Society) – University of Oxford, Jesus College**

- Thesis title: ‘Youth political disengagement or political realignment? The impact of labour market disadvantage and welfare state recalibration on the political participation of generational cohorts.’ Thesis supervisor: Dr Adam Saunders.
- Grade Average: 65 (2:1, Second Class Honours)

2019,
Sep.~Dec. **Erasmus exchange program – Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po)**

- Certificate of Studies in Social Sciences and Humanities. Grade Average: 17/20

2017 ~ 2020 **BA in Political Science and International Relations – LUISS Guido Carli University of Rome**

- Major in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (PPE). Degree classification: 110 cum laude/110.
- Thesis in Macroeconomics. Title: ‘Population Ageing and the Welfare State: The Italian Case.’ Thesis supervisor: Prof. Massimo Ricottilli.
- Grade Average: 30/30
- Thesis retrievable from the LUISS Guido Carli Thesis Archive at: <https://tesi.luiss.it/27379/>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Sep. 2023~
Sep. 2024 **Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna**

- Course: Political Science (for students enrolled in the bachelor’s degree program in International Relations and Diplomatic Affairs).
- The position included coordination of 1-hour weekly seminars, tutoring students, and one 2-hour lecture. Module Convener: Prof. Daniela Piana

WORK EXPERIENCE

Dec. 2021~
Apr. 2022 **Research Assistant, Faculty of Law, Oxford University**

- Collaboration with Dr Adam Saunders in the cross-disciplinary ESRC-founded project, ‘Leveraging Big Data Analytics to Scope the Potential of AI across the UK and global service sector.’
- Aided in writing the academic literature review concerning research on the political economy of skill formation and job security.

ATTENDED CONFERENCES AND PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- 2025,
May 5 **2025 JohnCon Conference**, Johns Hopkins University, United States of America. Paper presented title: ‘Who Wants Climate Change Policies? Cross-National Survey Evidence from the European Union.’
- 2024,
Sept. 12~14 **2024 Società Italiana Science Politiche (SISP) Conference**, University of Trieste, Italy. Paper title: “‘Just transition” policy strategies, a solution to climate indifference? Evidence from a survey experiment in Italy.’
- 2024,
Sept. 4~6 **XVII European Network for Social Policy Analysis (ESPAnet) Italia Conference**, University of Naples, Italy. Paper title: “‘Just transition” policy strategies, a solution to climate indifference? Evidence from a survey experiment in Italy.’
- 2024,
Aug. 12~15 **2024 European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference**, University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland. Paper title: ‘Exploring the Impact of Just Transition Party Stances on Environmental Concerns and Climate Scepticism among Voters in Nine European Democracies.’ (co-authored with Francesco Albanese) in the Environmental Politics Section.

PUBLICATIONS

(Forthcoming book chapter). Lepidi, P.M. & Loveless, P.M., Section 2: The Strain of Representation. How Parties Represent Diverse Voters in Western and Eastern Europe by Robert Rohrschneider and Stephen Whitefield. In Freire, A., Önnudóttir, E., Pedrazzani, A., Schmitt, H. (Eds.), *Elgar Encyclopedia of Political Representation*, Edward Elgar Publishing.

(Forthcoming book chapter). Lepidi, P.M., Generationally unfair labour markets? Cohort trajectories in labour market disadvantage in the postindustrial UK and Germany – A multilevel age-period-cohort analysis. In Cinalli, M. & Dotsey, S. (Eds.), *Citizenship Unleashed*, Palgrave Macmillan.

INVITED SEMINARS

- 2024,
Nov. 11 **Welfare and Public Policy Seminar Series**, University of Milan. Seminar title: “‘Just transition” policy strategies, a solution to climate indifference? Evidence from a survey experiment in Italy.’
- 2024,
Apr. 11 **Quantitative Social Science Seminars**, University of Bologna. Seminar title: “Should the Green Transition be ‘Just’? Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Italy.”
- 2024,
Apr. 10 **Sociology Seminars**, University of Bologna. Seminar title: “Survey Experiments in Political Science”.

ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

- 2025,
Dec. 4~6 **“Winter School on Climate Justice”, Johns Hopkins University – SAIS Europe & University of Bologna**, Johns Hopkins University – SAIS Europe, Bologna, Italy
- 2024,
June. 11~21 **2024 Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS)**, University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy

- 2024, April. 16~20 **2024 Oxford Europaeum Spring School, ‘Making Sense of Turbulent Times’** at St Antony’s College, Oxford, United Kingdom.
- 2023, May 21~26 **Luxemburg Income Study Introductory Workshop**, LIS Cross-National Data Center, Esch-Belval, Luxembourg
- 2022, June 20~24 **Paper presenter at the Global Politics and Society Summer School**, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Milan, Italy. Paper title: ‘Voice... or exit? Youth political disengagement and labour market status in Europe during the service sector transition, a comparative study of Germany and the United Kingdom.’

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- 2025 *Co-creator and co-author – It’s Not Rocket Science podcast*, a show exploring university life at the University of Bologna. The podcast discusses academic experiences, student challenges, and campus culture with a light and accessible tone. Published on Spotify and retrievable at:
<https://open.spotify.com/show/46aVPDmS3ZbFxHEfABPglj?si=93d81e9f6faa4d7c>

LANGUAGE AND PROGRAMMING SKILLS

- Languages:** Italian – native; English – fluent (IELTS 2019, overall score 8.5, CEFR level C2); French – intermediate (B2, Sciences Po University test)
- Programming languages:** Stata, R, Python (linear and non-linear regression designs and model building, matching techniques, LLMs for analysing political discourse)