

Curriculum Vitae
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Current positions

Since 10/2024	Associate Professor in Political Science, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Trieste.
Since 03/2025	National scientific qualification for Full Professorship.
2024 - present	Editor, <i>Regional & Federal Studies</i> .

Other current activities

Since 2025	Member of the Scientific Committee of the Luciano Fonda University College
Since 2023	Editor of the Future of Populism blog series, ECPR's Political Science Blog - The Loop.
Since 2018	Member of the Editorial Staff of <i>Poliarchie / Polyarchies</i> .
Since 2017	Member of the Editorial Board of <i>Journal of Comparative Politics</i> .

Previous positions & activities

10/2021 – 09/2024	Assistant Professor in Political Science (tenure-track), Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Trieste.
2021-2024	Editorial Assistant, <i>Regional & Federal Studies</i> .
09/2021 – 03/2024	Co-Convenor, Political Studies Association (PSA) Italian Politics Specialist Group.

- 10/2019 – 09/2021 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Political Science and International Studies (POLSIS), School of Government and Society University of Birmingham.
- Research project: *‘The survival of the mass party: Evaluating activism and participation among populist radical right parties (PRRPs) in Europe’*.
Funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).
- 12/2017 – 11/2018 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political and Social Science, University of Florence.
- Research project: *‘Populism and democracy’*.
- 10/2016 – 09/2017 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political and Social Science, University of Florence.
- Research project: *‘From Ethnos to Demos. Values, identity and policies between democratic crisis and new citizenships. A multi-level analysis’*.
- 05/2017 - 06/2017 Research collaborator, Unitelma Sapienza – University of Rome.
06/2016 - 08/2016
- Research project: *‘Populism in Government? Evidence from Germany, Italy and the UK’*.
- 12/2015 – 01/2016 Research Associate (fixed-term position), Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Leicester, United Kingdom.
- Research project: *‘RAGE – Hate speech and populist othering in Europe’*.

Education

- 2015 Ph.D. in Political Science (*cum laude*), Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence. Dissertation: *‘Anti-system parties: a framework for analysis’*.
- 2011 Master’s Degree in Political Science & Decision-Making Processes, Faculty of Political Science “Cesare Alfieri”, University of Florence, Florence.
- 2008 Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science, Faculty of Political Science University of Trieste, Trieste.

Further education

- 06/2014 Summer School in Empirical Research Methods. Course: *‘Qualitative Comparative Analysis’*, University of St. Gallen, St. Gallen, Switzerland.

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| 09/2013 - 04/2014 | Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. |
| 07/2012 – 08/2012 | Summer School in Comparative Social Science Studies, Course: ‘Public Opinion and Public Policy’, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway. |
| 01/2009 - 06/2009 | Erasmus Student, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland. |

Prize

2025 Winner of the Carlo Maria Santoro Prize for the best paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP), for the article ‘*The Populist Radical Right and Climate Change: A Demand-Side Perspective*’ (co-authored with Mirko Crulli).

Publications

BOOKS

Zulianello, M. (under contract). *La destra radicale populista in Europa*. Bologna: Il Mulino.

Albertazzi, D., van Kessel S., Favero A., Hatakka N., Sijstermans J., Zulianello M. (2025). *Populist Radical Right Parties in Action: The Survival of the Mass Party*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Zulianello, M. & Guasti, P. (2024) (Eds.). *Capire il populismo*. Torino: UTET Università.

Zulianello, M. (2019). *Anti-system parties. From parliamentary breakthrough to government*. Abingdon: Routledge.

BOOK TRANSLATION

Populismo: una breve introduzione (2020), Mimesis Edizioni, Italian translation of *Populism: a very short introduction*, by Cas Mudde and Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser (Oxford University Press, 2017).

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Crulli, M. & Zulianello, M. (2025). Not really concerned? Populist radical right voters and climate change. *Environmental Politics*.
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/09644016.2025.2506344>.

Zulianello, M. (2025). Populist Radical Right vs Populist Radical Right in Power: Signalling Ideological Commitment or Competence?. *South European Society and Politics*, 30(1), 107-132.

- Vampa, D., Boni, F., Fiseha, A. Kenny, M., López-Santana, M. & Zulianello, M. (2025). Emerging issues and new frontiers in federalism, regionalism and territorial governance: the role of Regional & Federal Studies in shaping future research agendas. *Regional & Federal Studies*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13597566.2025.2518752>
- Curini, L., Moffitt, B. & Zulianello, M. (2025). The Colors of the Populist Radical Right: The Strategic Use of Hue and Saturation in Party Logos. *The International Journal of Press/Politics*, 30(3), 819–840.
- Zulianello, M. & Guasti, P. (2025). The Demand and Supply of Pandemic Populism: A Global Overview, *Government and Opposition*, 60(2), 560-579.
- Melito, F. & Zulianello, M. (2025). Populist Visual Communication: A State-of-the-Art Review. *Political Studies Review*, 23(1), 372-383.
- Wondreys, J. & Zulianello, M. (2024). Choosing who to hate? Radical and Extreme Right's Foreign Policy between Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and Russophilia. *Swiss Political Science Review*, 30(4), 486-499.
- Zulianello, M. & Larsen, E.G. (2024). Blurred Positions: The Ideological Ambiguity of Valence Populist Parties. *Party Politics*, 30(1), 190-199.
- Zulianello, M. (2024). La politica antisistema ai tempi del populismo. *Il Pensiero Storico. Rivista internazionale di storia delle idee*, n.16, 111-123.
- Melito, F. & Zulianello, M. (2024). The organization of Brothers of Italy: an activist and centralized party led by a “mother in the family”. *South European Society and Politics*, 29(3), 299-324.
- Zulianello, M. (2024). La leadership nelle democrazie rappresentative tra populismo e Tecnocrazia. *Dialoghi*, anno XXIII, n.92, 34-39.
- Seddone, A. & Zulianello, M. (2023). Perceptions of Populist Radical Right Mainstreaming as a Threat to Democracy: Evidence from Italian voters. *South European Society and Politics*. 28(4), 499-523.
- Favero, A. & Zulianello, M. (2024). Building Legitimacy: Why the Populist Radical Right Engages in Grassroots Activism at the Local Level, *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, 32(4), 948-959.
- Yanchenko, K. & Zulianello, M. (2023). ‘Not Fighting Corruption, but Defeating It’: The Populism of Zelensky’s Servant of the People in Comparative Perspective, *European Societies*, 26(2), 253-278.
- Zulianello, M. (2023). Populist Parties in Central and Eastern Europe: Regional Trends in Comparative Perspective, *Poliarchie/Polyarchies*, special issue 2023, 58-73.
- Zulianello, M. (2021). The League of Matteo Salvini: Fostering and Exporting a Modern Mass Party Grounded on ‘Phygital’ Activism, *Politics and Governance*, 9(4), 228-239.

Zulianello, M. & Larsen, E.G. (2021). Populist Parties in European Parliament Elections: A New Dataset on Left, Right and Valence Populism from 1979 to 2019, *Electoral Studies*, 71, 102312.

Albertazzi, D., Bonansinga, D. & Zulianello, M. (2021). The Right-Wing Alliance in the Time of the Covid-19 Pandemic: All Change?, *Contemporary Italian Politics*, 13(2), 181-195.

Albertazzi, D. & Zulianello, M. (2021). Populist Electoral Competition in Italy: The Impact of Sub-National Contextual Factors, *Contemporary Italian Politics*, 13(1), 4-30.

Zulianello, M. & Ceccobelli, D. (2020). Don't Call it Climate Populism: On Greta Thunberg's Technocratic Ecocentrism, *The Political Quarterly*, 91(3), 623-631.

Zulianello, M. (2020). Varieties of Populist Parties and Party Systems in Europe: From State-of-the-Art to Application of a Novel Classification Scheme to 66 Parties in 33 Countries, *Government and Opposition*, 55(2), 327-347.

Zulianello, M. (2020). Lo studio dei partiti populistici attraverso l'approccio ideativo: alcune riflessioni teoriche e metodologiche. *Poliarchie/Polyarchies*, 3(1), 71-85.

Zulianello, M. (2019). What is anti-system party? Some clarifications. *Contemporary Italian Politics*, 11(2), 192-194.

Zulianello, M., Albertini, A., & Ceccobelli, D. (2018). A Populist Zeitgeist? The Communication Strategies of Western and Latin American Political Leaders on Facebook. *The International Journal of Press/Politics*, 23(4), 439-457.

Zulianello, M., (2018). Anti-system parties revisited: Concept formation and guidelines for empirical research. *Government and Opposition*, 53(4), 653-681.

Zulianello, M. (2018). Mobilizing young voters? A cross-national analysis of contextual factors in pirate voting. *European Politics and Society*, 19(3), 282-298.

Zulianello, M. (2017). Le Mouvement 5 étoiles: une réponse 2.0 à la crise de la démocratie représentative. *La Revue internationale et stratégique*, n° 106, 111-120.

Zulianello, M. (2015). L'ascesa di Alba Dorata: ideologia e organizzazione in un'industria privata di protezione nella Grecia contemporanea. *Governare la Paura – A Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*, University of Bologna, 83-115.

Zulianello, M. (2014). Analyzing Party Competition through the Comparative Manifesto Project Data: Some Theoretical and Methodological Considerations. *Quality & Quantity*, 48(3), 1723-1737.

Zulianello, M. (2013). When Political Parties Decide Not to Govern: Party Strategies and the Winners and Losers of the Monti Technocratic Government. *Contemporary Italian Politics*, 5(3), 244-261.

Zulianello, M. (2011). I poteri delle istituzioni di vertice in democrazia: problemi di misurazione e di metodo nell'analisi degli esecutivi duali. *Quaderni di Scienza Politica*, 28(2),

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Zulianello, M. (2024). Capire il populismo tra miti e realtà. In: M. Zulianello & P. Guasti (Eds). *Capire il populismo*. Torino: UTET Università, 4-37.

Soare, S. & Zulianello, M. (2024). Animosità e politica: la destra radicale populista nell'era della polarizzazione affettiva. In: M. Zulianello & P. Guasti (Eds). *Capire il populismo*. Torino: UTET Università, 253-256.

Zulianello, M. (2024). La polarizzazione affettiva e il ruolo della destra radicale populista. In: AA.VV. *Per la pace. Percorsi nelle scienze politiche*. Trieste: Edizioni Università di Trieste, 111-116.

Zulianello, M. (2022). The Integration of Populist Parties in Europe. In: L. Manucci (Ed.), *The Populism Interviews: A Dialogue with Leading Experts*. Abingdon: Routledge, 34-39.

Albertazzi, D., Bonansinga, D. & Zulianello, M. (2021). La coalizione di destra al tempo del Covid-19: tra continuità e cambiamento. In: A. Giovannini & L. Mosca (Eds.), *Politica in Italia 2021*, Bologna: Il Mulino, 99-118.

Zulianello, M. (2020). L'ascesa dei partiti populistici in Europa: la nuova "normalità"? In: Mudde C. & Rovira Kaltwasser R. *Populismo: una breve introduzione*. Sesto San Giovanni: Mimesis Edizioni, 11-19.

Soare, S. & Zulianello, M. (2019). L'anti-corruption dans la vie politique de la Seconde République italienne: une tribune politique de succès?. In A. Iancu & S. Marton (Eds.), *Corruption et politique en Europe. Enjeux, réformes et controverses*, Paris: L'Harmattan, 97-116.

Zulianello, M. (2017). I populismi del XXI secolo. In AA.VV, *Atlante Geopolitico Treccani 2017*. Roma: Istituto dell'Enciclopedia Italiana Treccani, 290-307.

Zulianello, M. (2016). Fascismo. In M. Calise, T. Lowi & F. Musella (Eds.). *Concetti Chiave. Capire la Scienza Politica*, Bologna: Il Mulino, 119-129.

Zulianello, M. (2014). Danimarca, Finlandia e Svezia: il Vento del Nord diventerà tempesta?, in M. Valbruzzi & R. Vignati (Eds.). *L'Italia e l'Europa al bivio delle riforme: le elezioni europee amministrative del 25 maggio 2014*. Bologna: Materiali di ricerca dell'Istituto Cattaneo, 287-296.

Refereeing

I have been reviewer for the following peer-reviewed journals:

- *Acta Politica*
- *American Political Science Review*
- *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*

- *Comparative European Politics*
- *Contemporary European Politics*
- *Contemporary Italian Politics*
- *Contemporary Politics*
- *Competition & Change*
- *Cooperation and Conflict*
- *Democracy and Security*
- *Democratization*
- *East European Politics*
- *Electoral Studies*
- *European Journal of Political Research*
- *European Political Science*
- *European Political Science Review*
- *European Politics and Society*
- *European Societies*
- *Environmental Politics*
- *German Politics*
- *Government and Opposition*
- *Information, Communication and Society*
- *International Journal of Press/Politics*
- *International Political Science Review*
- *Italian Political Science*
- *Italian Political Science Review*
- *Journal of Common Market Studies*
- *Journal of Comparative Politics*
- *Journal of European Integration*
- *Journal of European Public Policy*
- *Journal of Political Ideologies*
- *Local Government Studies*
- *New Perspectives: Interdisciplinary Journal of Central & East European Politics and International Relations*
- *Parliamentary Affairs*
- *Party Politics*
- *Perspectives on Politics*
- *Political Communication*
- *Political Geography*
- *Political Studies*
- *Political Research Exchange*
- *Political Research Quarterly*
- *Politics*
- *Politics of the Low Countries*
- *Politikon*
- *Problems of Post-Communism*
- *Public Administration Review*
- *Quaderni di Scienza Politica*
- *Quality & Quantity*
- *Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia*
- *SAGE Open*
- *Scandinavian Political Studies*
- *Social Media and Society*
- *Swiss Political Science Review*
- *South European Society and Politics*
- *Theory and Society*

I have also reviewed book proposals for *Palgrave Macmillan*, *Routledge*, *University of Michigan Press* and research projects for the *Czech Science Foundation*.

Book reviews

I have reviewed the following books (Journal names within brackets): T. Pappas, *Populism and Crisis Politics in Greece*, (*Contemporary Italian Politics*); T. Pauwels, *Populism in Western Europe. Comparing Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands* (*Political Studies Review*); N. Bolleyer, *New Parties in Old Party Systems: Persistence and Decline in Seventeen Democracies* (*Political Studies Review*); M. Albanese et al, *Fascisti di un altro millennio? Crisi e partecipazione in CasaPound Italia* (*Contemporary Italian Politics*); H. Kriesi et al., *Political Conflict in Western Europe* (*Political Studies Review*); G. Evans & N.D. De Graaf, *Political Choice Matters: Explaining the Strength of Class and Religious Cleavages in Cross-National Perspective* (*Political Studies Review*); G. Charalambous, *European Integration and the Communist Dilemma: Communist Party Responses to Europe in Greece, Cyprus and Italy* (*Political Studies Review*); G. Loomes, *Party Strategies in Western Europe: Party Competition and Electoral Outcomes* (*Political Studies Review*); J. Rydgren, *Class Politics and the Radical Right* (*Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*); M. Killingsworth, *Civil Society in Communist Eastern Europe: Opposition and Dissent in Totalitarian Regimes* (*Europe-Asia Studies*).

Newspapers and media appearances

I have appeared on national and international media, such as *ABC España*, *Arte.Tv*, *Avvenire*, *Corriere dell'Università*, *Daily Express*, *De Staandaard*, *Domani*, *EA WorldView*, *Euronews*, *Eurotopics*, *Express*, *Foreign Policy*, *Formiche*, *ItaliaOggi*, *Kauppalehti*, *La Stampa*, *LSE EUROPP blog*, *Il Gazzettino*, *Il Mulino*, *Il Piccolo*, *ISPI Online*, *Le Grand Continent*, *L'Orient–Le Jour*, *News 24*, *Nius Diario*, *NRC Handelsblad*, *Observador*, *ORF 2 (Report)*, *Political Observatory on Populism*, *Radio Popolare*, *Reuters*, *Stern*, *UK in a Changing Europe*, *The Conversation*, *Uusi Suomi*, *Varese Noi*, *Washington Times*.

LIST OF OP/EDS

Zulianello, M. & Guasti, P. (2023). Three die-hard myths about populism, Future of Populism blog series, ECPR's Political Science Blog - The Loop.

Albertazzi, D. & Zulianello, M. (2022). Italy's election is a case study in a new phase for the radical right, *The Conversation*, 13 October.

Zulianello, M. (2020). Così la destra radicale populista è riuscita a sopravvivere all'anno della pandemia. *Domani*, 31 December.

Giovanardi, A. & Zulianello, M. (2020). L'autonomia non è il problema: non colpevolizziamo la riforma. *Domani*, 16 December.

Zulianello, M. (2020). Ecco perché la pandemia non ha ucciso il populismo. *Domani*, 3 October.

Zulianello, M. (2020). La Lega di Salvini sotto la lente. *Italia Oggi*, 11 August.

Albertazzi, D. & Zulianello, M. (2020). Italy: Covid-19 and politics. *The UK in a Changing Europe*, 21 April.

Curini, L. & Zulianello, M. (2020). Le Sardine e il M5S. Il tratto comune post-ideologico. *Formiche*, March n.156, pp.18-19.

Zulianello, M. (2020). Les élections régionales en Emilie-Romagne en cinq points. *Le Grand Continent*, 28 January.

Zulianello, M. (2020). Les causes du déclin du Mouvement 5 étoiles. *Le Grand Continent*, 23 January.

Zulianello, M. (2020). The failed integration of an anti-system party: Where Luigi Di Maio and the Five Star Movement went wrong. *LSE EUROPP blog – European Politics and Policy*, 22 January.

Zulianello, M. (2019). Populist parties as the 'new normal'. *Political Observer on Populism*, 23 September.

Albertazzi, D. & Zulianello, M. (2019). The Italian right sweeps to victory in Umbria: What now for the second Conte government?, *LSE EUROPP blog – European Politics and Policy*, 29 October.

Zulianello, M. (2019). Right-wing populist parties made only modest electoral gains in the EP elections, but their influence is now unprecedented. *LSE EUROPP blog – European Politics and Policy*, 30 May.

Zulianello, M. (2018). Un governo “anti-sistema”?, *Il Mulino, Rivista di Cultura e Politica*, 12 June.

Zulianello, M. (2015). Il Fronte Nazionale: una nuova forza politica in Francia?, *Atlante Geopolitico Treccani*.

Zulianello, M. (2013). Euroscetticismo a scoppio ritardato: il caso finlandese. *Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale (ISPI)*, 22 March.

Previous teaching experience

10/2023 – 11/2023	Lecturer, short course on Populism and Political Polarization (8 hours), Collegio Universitario Luciano Fonda, University of Trieste.
Since 10/2021	Public Policy (Titolare dell’insegnamento, 60 hours), Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Trieste (Academic years: 2021-2022; 2022-23; 2023-24).
Since 10/2021	Public Administration (Titolare dell’insegnamento, 60 hours), Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Trieste (Academic years: 2021-2022; 2022-23; 2023-24).
2019-2023	Lecturer, Winter School and Summer Schools ‘Populism and the crisis of democracy’, Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale (ISPI), Milan, https://www.ispionline.it/en/ispi-school .
01/2021 – 09/2021	Adjunct Professor of Public Policy (<i>Professore a Contratto</i> , 60 hours), Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Trieste.
04/2019	Visiting Professor, Scuola Normale Superiore, Firenze, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Crash course title: “QCA and Populism: an application”, 3 hours.
11/2018	Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching Assignment (STA), Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucarest, Bucarest, Romania, Course title: ‘Varieties of populism in Italy and Europe’, 8 hours.
05/2017	Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching Assignment (STA), Faculty of European Studies, University Babes-Bolyai, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Course title: ‘Populism in Europe’, 8 hours.

2017-2019	Teaching Assistant (<i>Cultore della Materia</i>) in Political Science, course of 'Political Science' (B.A.), Department of Political and Social Science, University of Florence.
2016-2020	Teaching Assistant (<i>Cultore della Materia</i>) in Political Science, courses 'Political Science' (B.A.), 'Policy Analysis' (B.A.), 'Democracy and Political Development (M.A.)', Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Trieste.

Grants & participation to funded research

2023 – ongoing	Principal investigator of the research project PRIN 2022 'The visual politics of populism' (217.940 euros).
2023 – 2024	Coordinator of the research project 'The impact of the processes of globalization and denationalization on populist attitudes: the cases of Gorizia and Trieste' (19.367 euros).
2019-2021	Research Fellow for ' <i>The survival of the mass party: Evaluating activism and participation among populist radical right parties (PRRPs) in Europe</i> '. Funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), (ES/R011540/1).
2017 - 2018	Research activity on the project 'Democratic innovation: theories, practices and applications' (<i>L'innovazione democratica: teorie, pratiche e applicazioni</i>), Department of Political and Social Science, University of Florence.
2016 - 2017	Research member of the project 'From Ethnos to Demos. Values, identity and policies between democratic crisis and new citizenships. A multi-level analysis' (Principal Investigator: Dr. Sorina Soare, University of Florence).
06/2016 – 08/2016 05/2017 - 06/2017	Research collaborator, Unitelma Sapienza – University of Rome. Research project: 'Populism in Government? Evidence from Germany, Italy and the UK' (Principal Investigator: Prof. Nicolò Conti, Unitelma Sapienza).
12/2015 – 01/2016	Research activity on the project 'RAGE – Hate speech and populist othering in Europe' (Principal Investigator: Gabriella Lazaridis, University of Leicester, United Kingdom).

Conference activities & Invited Talks

4-6 Sep. 2025	Chair of the panel 'New Directions in Populism Research', XXXVIII
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	Conference of the Italian Political Science Association, Naples.
26-29 Aug. 2025	Paper and presentation ‘Sharp Culture, Blurred Economy: Activists Perceptions of Populist Radical Right Positions’, ECPR General Conference, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.
9-10 Jun. 2025	Co-author of the presentation ‘Populist Radical Right Parties in Action. The Survival of the Mass Party’, Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Extremism and Democracy, Queen Mary University of London.
28 Mar. 2025	Presentation ‘Miti e realtà sul populismo’, Accademia degli Assorditi, Pesaro.
27 Mar. 2025	Presentation ‘Sei miti sul populismo’, Seminar, University of Urbino Carlo Bo.
19 Mar. 2025	Discussant in the rountable ‘I populismi oggi: tra analisi accademica e sfide politiche’, University of Florence.
13 Mar. 2025	Discussant in the roundtable ‘La Germania al voto. Alternative per l’Europa?’, CPS Spazio Pubblico, University of Turin.
12-14 Sep. 2024	Co-author of the presentation ‘The populist radical right and climate change: a demand-side perspective’, presented by M. Crulli at the XXXVII Conference of the Italian Political Science Association, Trieste.
12-14 Sep. 2024	Participant in the roundtable ‘Insegnare il populismo: come farlo e perché è importante’, XXXVII Conference of the Italian Political Science Association, Trieste.
18 Apr. 2024	Presentation ‘La democrazia europea alla prova del voto: un’analisi comparata del populismo nell’UE’, Trieste.
30 Jan. 2024	Presentation ‘The Untamed Mainstream: The Populist Radical Right Today’, Hannah Arendt Institute for Totalitarianism Studies, Dresden, online event.
2024	Member of the Organizing Committee of the SISP 37th Annual Conference, University of Trieste.
19 Dec. 2023	Presentation ‘The Populist Radical Right in Power: Combining Selective Moderation and Radicalization’, Conference ‘A un anno dall'inizio della legislatura governo e parlamento alla prova dei (nuovi) numeri’, Trieste.
15 Sep. 2023	Presentation ‘Populism in power? An early comparative assessment of Meloni's government’, XXXVI Conference of the Italian Political Science Association, Genoa.

6 Sep. 2023	Featured Roundtable ‘The Future of Populism’, ECPR General Conference, Charles University, Prague.
5 Sep. 2023	Discussant in the panel ‘Dissensus over liberal democracy and diffusion of illiberal ideas: exploring varieties of illiberal formulae across political parties, citizens, and civil society actors’, ECPR General Conference, Charles University, Prague.
5 Sep. 2023	Discussant in the panel ‘The Populist Challenge to Liberal Democracy: Supply and Demand-Side Perspectives’, ECPR General Conference, Charles University, Prague.
4 Jul. 2023	Co-author of the presentation ‘Grassroots Activism as a Mainstreaming Strategy for the Populist Radical Right’, presented by A. Favero at the Center for Civil Society Research at WZB, Berlin Social Science Center.
25 May 2023	Presentation ‘Negative integration: The new normal of the populist Radical Right in Italy and beyond’ with J. Wondreys, event part of the online workshop on Italy: Outlier or Forerunner?, Sponsored by LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome.
28 Apr. 2023	Co-author of the presentation ‘The Demand and Supply of Pandemic Populism: A Global Overview’, presented by P. Guasti at the Politics Research Colloquium, Department of Politics and International Relations (DPIR), University of Oxford.
22 Feb. 2023	Presentation ‘Mainstreaming Nativism in Civil Society: Italy and Switzerland Compared’ with A. Favero, event part of the EPS seminar series, University of Groningen (online event).
28 Oct. 2022	Presentazione ‘Nativismo e lotta alla corruzione: le due facce dei populismi negli post-socialisti’, evento parte dell’EUinCEE progetto, Jean Monnet Module, University of Trieste.
27 Sep. 2022	Roundtable ‘Italy 2022: Another Critical Election?’, event organized by the Centre for Europe and the PSA Italian Politics Specialist Group (online event).
12 Apr. 2022	Discussant in the roundtable ‘Italy After the Storm’, PSA Annual Conference, York, UK.
11-13 Apr. 2022	Panel Discussant ‘Partisan Narratives and Party Competition in Times of Crisis’, PSA Annual Conference, York, UK.
23 Nov. 2021	Seminar ‘Contro, ma “nel” sistema’: i partiti populistici nell’Europa contemporanea, Università di Firenze, virtual event held via Webex

20 Oct. 2021	Presentation ‘The League of Matteo Salvini’, Populism in Europe – The League Yesterday and Today, Virtual Event held via Zoom, Panel discussion launching Daniele Albertazzi & Davide Vampa’s ‘Populism in Europe – The Lesson’s from Umberto Bossi’s Northern League’
30 Aug.-3 Sep. 2021	Panel Discussant ‘What Drives Populism, Radicalism, and Extremism?’, ECPR General Conference, Virtual Event, held via Zoom.
30 Aug.-3 Sep. 2021	Paper and presentation ‘Fostering and Exporting a Modern Mass Party: Agency and Structure in Salvini’s League’, ECPR General Conference, Virtual Event, held via Zoom.
18 May 2021	Co-author of the paper ‘The right-wing alliance at the time of the Covid-19 pandemic: all change?’, with D.Albertazzi and D. Bonansinga, Prague Populism Conference, online event.
14 May 2021	Seminar ‘Popolo vs élite: il populismo in Europa e in Italia’, Università di Catania, event held via Zoom.
21 April 2021	Jean Monnet module EU in CEE, The Rule of Law in Central and Eastern Europe: Legal and Political Insights, entitled “Partiti politici, populismo ed euroscetticismo nei paesi post-socialisti dell'UE”. University of Trieste (3 hours).
29-31 Mar. 2021	Paper and presentation ‘Restructuring a Mainstream Populist Party: the New Organisational Course of the Lega Under Salvini’s Leadership’, PSA Annual Conference, event held via Zoom.
29 Jan. 2021	Roundtable discussion ‘Transformation and Future of Party Systems’, Workshop Revisiting Linkages between Citizens and Politicians in Contemporary Europe, event held via Zoom and supported by the Czech Academy of Sciences.
28 Apr. 2020	Seminar ‘Nel mainstream: i partiti populistici nell'Europa contemporanea’, Università di Trieste.
26 Mar. 2020	Seminar ‘L'integrazione dei partiti populistici in Europa: la nuova normalità’, Seminari di Politica, Università di Padova.
28 Jan. 2020	Paper and presentation ‘Populist Integration and Legitimation: The “New Normal” of Combining Antagonism and Cooperation, SPS Seminar, Università di Milano.
9-10 Dec. 2019	Seminar ‘I partiti populistici nel XXI secolo’, Università di Bergamo.
24-25 Oct. 2019	Panel discussant ‘Populism in power: Consequences on Policies, Politics, Polity’, Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence.
25 June 2019	Roundtable discussion: ‘La parola pubblica populista’, Plenary Session of the Dottorato interateneo, Università di Trieste – Università di Udine,

Storia delle società, delle istituzioni e del pensiero. Dal Medioevo all'Età Contemporanea, Trieste.

- 15-17 Apr. 2019 Co-author of the paper 'Explaining Populist Success in Italy at the Subnational Level: a Qualitative Comparative Analysis', with D. Albertazzi, PSA Annual Conference, Nottingham, UK.
- 5 Dec. 2018 Roundtable discussion 'L'Unione Europea tra populismi e nuove tensioni nel Mediterraneo', organized by Fondaco Europa, San Stino di Livenza (Venice).
- 5 Nov. 2018 Participation in the roundtable 'Populism trajectories in Italy and beyond'. CIRES Workshop, University of Florence.
- 13-15 Sept. 2018 Paper and presentation 'Old and new "inclusive development" configurations. The role of policies', with A. Gherardini, at the XI ESPAnet Italia Conference, University of Florence.
- 2018 Member of the Local Committee of the XI ESPAnet Italia Conference, University of Florence.
- 6-8 Sept. 2018 Co-author of the paper 'Populism and leadership: is there anything new under the sun?', with S. Soare, XXXII Conference of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP), Torino.
- 22-25 Aug. 2018 Co-author of the paper 'Populism and leadership: is there anything new under the sun?', with S. Soare, ECPR General Conference, Hamburg.
- 8 May 2018 Presentation 'Populism in Contemporary Europe', Conference 'Euroscepticism and its role in integrating the European Union', organized by the Slovenian Paneuropean Movement, University of Florence.
- 19-21 Apr. 2018 Co-author of the paper 'Populism and leadership: is there anything new under the sun?', with S. Soare, conference 'Party Leaders in Central and Eastern Europe: Roles, Actions and Consequences', organized by The ECPR Standing Group on Central and Eastern European Politics, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca.
- 19-21 Mar. 2018 Paper and presentation 'Populist Contagion? A Cross-National Analysis of Political Leaders' Communication Strategies on Facebook', with A. Albertini & D. Ceccobelli, Conference COST Action IS1308, Autonomous University of Madrid.
- 22-23 Feb. 2018 Paper and presentation 'I partiti politici italiani e l'uso strategico della questione migratoria', with G. Bulli & S. Soare, Meeting 'Territori, mobilità, lavoro', University of Padua.

20 Feb. 2018	Seminar ‘Populist Parties and Party Systems: Patterns of Integration and Non-Integration’, Jean Blondel Tuesday Seminars in Political Science, CIRCaP Centre for the Study of Political Change - University of Siena.
25-26 Sept. 2017	Paper and presentation ‘Partiti politici e immigrazione. Oltre i soliti sospetti’, with G. Bulli & S. Soare, Conference ‘Migration Opportunities and Challenges: Policies and Practices in Europe and in the United States’, University of Florence
25-26 Sept. 2017	Paper and presentation ‘Populism and migrants in Italy: how to build up a social enemy as a scapegoat’, with S. Becucci, Conference ‘Migration Opportunities and Challenges: Policies and Practices in Europe and in the United States’, University of Florence
14-16 Sept. 2017	Co-author of the paper ‘Italian parties and the migration challenge: populism or an anti-immigration stand?’, with G. Bulli & S. Soare, XXXI Conference of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP), Urbino.
6-9 Sept. 2017	Panel discussant ‘The State of Populism in Europe: Towards a Fourth Wave?’, ECPR General Conference, University of Oslo.
11-12 Nov. 2016	Paper and presentation ‘Mainstreaming Populism? Prime Ministers and the Populist Discourse’, with N. Conti & C. Wagemann, Workshop Populism, Prejudices, and Perspectives. Italy and Germany in Today's Europe, Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany.
21-22 Jun. 2016	Paper and presentation ‘Populism in government? A Comparative Analysis of Germany, Italy and the UK’, with N. Conti & C. Wagemann, Amsterdam Text Analysis Conference, University of Amsterdam.
29 Oct. 2015	Participation in the meeting ‘Veneto: costruire futuro. Nuovi modelli imprenditoriali per innovare, internazionalizzare, competere’, organized by Confindustria Padova, Piove di Sacco (Padua).
20 Apr. 2015	Seminar ‘I partiti antisistema nell’analisi politologica’, University of Trieste.
11-13 Sept. 2014	Paper and presentation ‘Dalla Questione Settentrionale alla Questione Veneta? L’evoluzione del venetismo e il referendum sull’indipendenza del 2014’, XXVIII Conference of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP), Perugia.
27 Feb.-1 Mar. 2014	Paper ‘Anti-System Parties in Contemporary Europe. A Comparative Analysis of Party Development, Persistence and Decline’, 6 th European Graduate Network Conference, SciencePo, Paris.
31 Oct.-2 Nov. 2013	Paper and presentation ‘New Anti-System Parties and Political Competition: the Case of Italy’, Political Science in the 21 st Century Conference, University of Istanbul.

1 Jul. 2013	Presentation 'Il Movimento Cinque Stelle e l'anti-sistemicità nei tempi della "vittoria democratica', Seminario di studi post-elettorali elezioni 2013, Società Italiana di Studi Elettorali, Florence.
27-28 Jun. 2013	Paper and presentation 'From the Communist Party to the Five Star Movement: The Two Phases of Anti- Systemness in the Italian Party System', Post-graduate Summer School of the Association for the Study of Modern Italy, University of Reading.
30-31 May 2013	Paper and presentation 'How Can We Measure Party Ideology? A Critical Assessment of the Comparative Manifesto Project Data', XII Conference of the Flemish-Dutch Political Science Association, University of Ghent.
23-25 May 2013	Paper and presentation 'Institutional Change and Political Behavior, Rethinking the Italian Dualism Beyond the Cultural Hypothesis', with R. Martino, Matchpoint Seminar The Culture of Politics, Economics and International Relations, Aarhus University.
13-15 Sep. 2012	Paper and presentation 'How Did the Crisis Affect Party Preferences? The Case of Great Britain', XXVI Conference of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP), Rome.
13-15 Sep. 2012	Paper and presentation 'The Comparative Manifesto Project: Some Theoretical and Methodological Concerns', XXVI Conference of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP), Rome.

Other institutional activities

2024- present	Departmental Delegate for the Third Mission.
2023-present	Departmental Delegate for incoming students.
2023-2024	Coordinator for the Department of Political and Social Sciences of the teaching module PNRR 2023-24 - Next Generation EU 'Politica, società e diritti nell'era della sostenibilità' (44 hours), under the project 'Oriéntati a cambiare il mondo, per un futuro sostenibile'.
2022-2023	Coordinator for the Department of Political and Social Sciences of the teaching module PNRR 2023-24 - Next Generation EU 'Aspetti sociali e politici della sostenibilità' (96 hours), under the project 'Oriéntati a cambiare il mondo, per un futuro sostenibile'.

Skills

Languages: Italian (Mother tongue); English (Fluent)

Computing: R; NVivo for Mac; SPSS; Microsoft Office, OpenOffice

Memberships

Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP), Political Studies Association (PSA), ECPR Standing Group on Extremism and Democracy; ECPR Standing Group on Political Concepts; ECPR Standing Group on Political Methodology; ECPR Standing Group on Political Parties; SISP Standing Group Metodi della ricerca per la scienza politica; SISP Standing Group Partiti, opinione pubblica, elezioni.