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CURRENT AND PAST POSITIONS

Università degli Studi di Catania

2018-present	Director of 'Centro di Documentazione e Studi sulle Organizzazioni complesse ed i sistemi locali' (CeDoc)
2017-present	Associate Professor of Political Science
2013-2017	Assistant Professor of Political Science

Università degli Studi di Milano

2011-2013	Post Doc Fellow (assegnista di ricerca) in Political Science
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Università degli Studi del Molise

2010-2013	Lecturer in Methodology of Social Research
2006-2010	Lecturer in Methodology of Socio-Political Research
2001-2005	Research Fellow (assegnista di ricerca) in Political Science

Università degli Studi di Siena

2007-2009	Post Doc Fellow (assegnista di ricerca) in Political Science
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EDUCATION

2006	PhD in European and Comparative Politics, Università degli Studi di Siena
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2003	Master degree in Comparative and European Politics, Università degli Studi di Siena
2002	Degree of Advanced Study in Methods and Techniques of Social Research, Università degli Studi di Roma 'La Sapienza'
1998	Degree in Sociology, Università degli Studi di Roma 'La Sapienza'

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2009	Winter School on Multilevel Modeling in Political Science, University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona
2004	Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at the University of Michigan; Courses taken: Regression III; Lisrel
2004	Visiting Student of English, Sociology, Politics and Contemporary History, University of Salford
2003	Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, University of Essex; Courses taken: Mathematics for Social Scientists (part 1 and 3); Scale Analysis; Developing Measurements Instruments in Survey Research; Causal Models and Structural Equations; Pooled Time-Series Cross-Section Analysis: Panel Data in the Social Sciences
2002	Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection, University of Essex (UK); Courses taken: Introduction to Time Series Analysis; Multivariate Analysis Research Problems and Practice; Time Series: Application and Advances
2002	Centre for the Study of Political Change (CIRCaP), Università degli Studi di Siena; Short Course on Log-Linear Models and Logistic Regression
2001	Methodology of Social and Political Science, Università degli Studi di Roma 'La Sapienza'; 'Short course on the fundamentals of data analysis in the social sciences

AUTHORED BOOKS

2016	<i>Citizens, Europe and the Media - Have New Media made Citizens more Eurosceptical?</i> (with Nicolò Conti). London: Palgrave Macmillan. ISBN: 978-3-319-45252-4
2016	<i>Attitudes Towards Europe Beyond Euroscepticism - Supporting the European Union through the Crisis</i> (with Danilo Di Mauro). London: Palgrave Macmillan. ISBN: 978-3-319-42954-0

2015	<i>Why Policy Representation Matters: The consequences of ideological proximity between citizens and their governments</i> (with Luigi Curini and Willy Jou). London: Routledge. ISBN: 978-04-158-5573-0
2011	<i>Sostenere la Democrazia: Soddisfazione e Disaffezione in Europa</i> . Roma: Aracne Editore. ISBN: 978-88-548-4102-4

EDITED BOOKS

2016	‘Political activism in Europe.’ Special issue of <i>Partecipazione & Conflitto</i> co-edited with Francesca Vassallo, 9(1)
2015	<i>Politiche europee e prove di sviluppo locale in Sicilia</i> . Co-edited with Renato D’Amico, Marco La Bella, Giuseppe Martorana and Patrizia Santoro. Milano: Franco Angeli

BOOK CHAPTERS

2023	‘Government Popularity in Italy. From Valence to Positional Economic Accountability (with Paolo Bellucci). In <i>Economics and Politics Revisited</i> . Edited by Timothy Hellwig and Matthew Singer. London: Routledge
2017	‘Država blagostanja u vremenu krize u evropskim zemljama’. In <i>Socijalna prava i socijalna politika. Teoretska i empirijska perspektiva</i> . Edited by Fabrizio Sciacca. Novi Sad: University of Novi Sad
2017	‘How the media make European citizens more Eurosceptical’ (with Nicolò Conti). In <i>Euroscepticism, Democracy and the Media. Communicating Europe, Contesting Europe</i> . Edited by Manuela Caiani and Simona Guerra. London: Palgrave
2016	‘Welfare state in time of crisis among European countries.’ In <i>Social Policy and Social Rights</i> . Edited by Fabrizio Sciacca. Catanzaro: Rubettino
2015	‘La ricerca empirica.’ In <i>Politiche europee e prove di sviluppo locale in Sicilia</i> . Edited by Renato D’Amico, Marco La Bella, Giuseppe Martorana, Vincenzo Memoli and Patrizia Santoro. Milano: Franco Angeli
2015	‘The support and popularity of the government.’ In <i>The Challenge of Coalition Government: The Italian case</i> . Edited by Nicolò Conti and Francesco Marangoni. Abingdon: Routledge

- 2014 'Italy' (with Nicolò Conti). In *Party Attitudes Towards the EU in the Member States. Parties for Europe, parties against Europe*. Edited by Nicolò Conti. NY: Routledge
- 2013 'Improving the Quality of Democracy: The case of Deliberative Poll held in 2007 in Turin' (with Irene Fiket). In *Participatory Democratic Innovations in Europe: Improving the Quality of Democracy?* Edited by Brigitte Geissel and Marko Joas. Opladen, Berlin & Toronto: Barbara Budrich Publishers
- 2013 'Responsiveness.' In *La qualità della democrazia in Italia 1992-2012*. Edited by Leonardo Morlino, Daniela Piana and Francesco Raniolo. Bologna: Il Mulino
- 2012 'The determinants of democratic support in Europe' (with Paolo Bellucci). In *Citizens and the European Polity: Mass Attitudes Towards the European and National Polities*. Edited by Pedro Magalhaes, David Sanders and Gabor Toka. Oxford: Oxford University Press
- 2012 'L'Europa secondo i partiti: vincolo, scelta o opportunità' (with Nicolò Conti). In *Gli Italiani e l'Europa. Opinione pubblica, élite politiche e media*. Edited by Paolo Bellucci and Nicolò Conti. Roma: Carocci
- 2011 'La percezione degli immigrati tra i giovani italiani.' In *Il sapere dei giovani*. Edited by Raffaele Rauti. Roma: Aracne
- 2009 'Governance e democrazia in Europa.' In *La previsione italiana tra Europa e Mediterraneo*. Edited by Alberto Gasperini and Umberto Gori. Quaderni di Futuribili
- 2006 'Insuccessi di governo, paura delle tasse' (with Paolo Bellucci). In *Itanes. Dov'è la vittoria? Il voto del 2006 raccontato dagli italiani*. Bologna: Il Mulino

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2023 'Citizens' perceptions of policy, policy measures and trust in political institutions after the first wave of COVID-19'. *Quaderni dell'Osservatorio elettorale QOE-IJES*, (in press)
- 2023 'Political support and democratic backsliding trends. The strange case of Central and Eastern European countries' (with Antonino Castaldo). *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, (in press)
- 2022 'Populist Governments and the Quality of Governance: a Worldwide Comparison' (with Davide Grassi and Ahmed Elshoura Abouzied). *Partecipazione & Conflitto (PaCo)*, 15(2): 390-421.

- 2022 'Does religion matter in the public perception of immigrants? An assessment of European countries over time'. *Quaderni di Scienza Politica*, 2/2022, 181-208.
- 2022 'Euroscepticism and Populism in Italy Among Party Elites and the Public' (with Nicolò Conti and Danilo Di Mauro). *Quaderni dell'Osservatorio elettorale QOE-IJES*, 85(1): 25-43
- 2021 'Think European, act local: do Italians think of Europe when they vote in national elections?' (with Nicolò Conti and Danilo Di Mauro). *European Politics and Society*, 23(5):617-638
- 2021 'Migrants, religion, and politics: an imperfect combination. The strange case of the Italians in time of migration' (with Maria Pina Di Pastena). *Italian Political Science*, 16(2): 1-20.
- 2021 'Business elites and European integration: really a honeymoon story?' (with Nicolò Conti and Bruno Marino). *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 59(6): 1400-1418
- 2021 'Instrumental explanations of attitudes towards immigrants during the "refugee crisis": Evidence from Italy' (with Danilo Di Mauro). *International Social Science Journal*, 71(239-240): 49-62
- 2021 'The role of public opinion in EU integration: Assessing the relationship between elites and the public during the refugee crisis' (with Danilo Di Mauro). *Journal of Common Market Studies* 59(5): 1303-1321
- 2020 'Democracy and State Capacity as Determinants of Life Expectancy: Evidence from Latin America' (with Davide Grassi). *Annals of the Fondazione Luigi Einaudi*, LIV 2: 233-258
- 2020 'Democrazia, capacità dello Stato e partisanship: l'impatto sull'aspettativa di vita in America Latina' (with Davide Grassi). *Quaderni di scienza politica*, XXVII (2-3):237-258
- 2020 'New and Traditional Media in the Universe of Democratic Regime'. *Comunicazione Politica*, 2: 265-288
- 2020 'The effect of the media in times of political distrust: the case of European countries'. *Quaderni dell'Osservatorio elettorale QOE-IJES*, 83(1): 59-72
- 2020 'Do environmental preferences in wealthy nations persist in times of crisis?' (with Benedetta Cotta). *Italian Political Science Review*, 50 (1):1-16
- 2020 'Immigration, security and the economy: who should bear the burden of global crises? Burden-sharing and citizens' support for EU integration in Italy' (with Nicolò Conti and Danilo Di Mauro). *Contemporary Italian Politics*, 12 (1):77-97

- 2019 'Media use, Political efficacy and anti-immigrant feelings in host countries.' *Contemporary Italian Politics*, 11(4):415-428
- 2019 'Between perception and reality: the economy and trust in Latin American political institutions' (with Maria Pina Di Pastena). *Italian Political Science Review*, 49(3):229-244
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- 2019 'Economic evaluations, economic freedom and democratic satisfaction in Africa' (with Mario Quaranta). *Journal of Development Studies*, 55(9):1928-194.
- 2018 'Non-European Immigration: European Public Opinion through Media' (with Venera Marina Tomaselli). *Rivista Italiana di Economia Demografia e Statistica*, LXXII (3): 29-40)
- 2018 'The European Union under threat of a trend toward national sovereignty' (with Nicolò Conti and Danilo Di Mauro). *Journal of Contemporary European Research*, 14(3):231-252
- 2018 'Targeting the government in the referendum vote. The case of the aborted 2016 Italian constitutional reform' (with Danilo Di Mauro). *Italian Political Science Review*, 48(2): 133-154
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- 2016 'Media, cittadini, euroscetticismo: l'influenza dei mezzi di comunicazione nell'orientare gli atteggiamenti verso l'UE' (with Nicolò Conti). *Comunicazione Politica*, 1:45-64

- 2016 'Political activism research: studying the evolution of political behaviour' (with Francesca Vassallo). *Partecipazione & Conflitto*, 9(1):18-18
- 2016 'Unconventional participation in time of crisis: how Ideology Shapes Citizens' Political Actions.' *Partecipazione & Conflitto*, 9(1):127-151
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- 2016 'Flames and debates: do social media affect satisfaction with democracy?' (with Andrea Ceron). *Social Indicators Research*, 126(1):225-240
- 2016 'Are lions democrats? Democratization and economic growth in Africa, 1980-2010' (with Giovanni Carbone and Lia Quartapelle). *Democratization*, 23(1): 27-48
- 2015 'Media Use, Crisis and Optimism' (with Sergio Splendore). *Current Politics and Economics of Europe*, 26(4):485-508
- 2015 'Show the money first! Recent public attitudes towards the EU in Italy' (with Nicolò Conti), *Italian Political Science Review*, 45(2):203-222
- 2015 'Trust in government and media slant. A cross-sectional analysis of media effect in 27 European countries' (with Andrea Ceron): *The International Journal of Press/Politics*, 20(3)
- 2015 'The Emergence of a New in the Italian Party System: Rise and Fortunes of the Five Star Movement' (with Nicolò Conti). *West European Politics*, 38(3):516-534
- 2015 'Does Democratization Foster State Consolidation? Democratic Rule, Political Order, and Administrative Capacity' (with Giovanni Carbone). *Governance*, 28(1)5-24
- 2014 'Media use and confidence in institutions: a comparative analysis of Hallin and Mancini's three models' (with Sergio Splendore). *Italian Political Science Review*, 2:175-192
- 2014 'Confidence in Brazilian Unions: A Longitudinal Analysis' (with Lorenzo Frangi). *Latin American Perspectives*. 41(5):42-58
- 2014 'Democrazia e riforme economiche nell'Africa Subsahariana.' *Quaderni di Scienza Politica*, 1/2014
- 2014 'Social Confidence in Unions: A U.S.-Canada Comparison' (with Lorenzo Frangi and Marc Antonin Hennbert Faulkner). *The Canadian Review of Sociology*, 52(2):170-188

- 2014 'How Moderates and Extremists find Happiness: Ideological Orientation, Citizen-Government Proximity, and Life Satisfaction' (with Luigi Curini and Willy Jou). *International Political Science Review*, 35(2)
- 2014 'Corruption and EU Institutions: The Italians' Opinion' (with Alessandro Pellegata). *Perspectives on European Politics and Society*, 15(2):165-182
- 2013 'Dalle parole ai fatti: l'attuazione del programma di governo' (with Nicolò Conti). *Polis*, 3:395-418
- 2013 'Unfolding the growing confidence in LA unions' (with Lorenzo Frangi). *Argomenti*, 38:25-46
- 2012 'Supporting democracy in Austria and Europe: Improving Democracy through Popular Deliberation' (with Irena Fiket). *Innovative Democracy, Working Paper Series*, vol. 1 (Institutions), issue 2
- 2012 'Satisfaction with Democracy and the Winner-Loser Debate: the role of policy preferences and past experience' (with Luigi Curini and Willy Jou). *British Journal of Political Science*, 42(2):241-261
- 2011 'The multi-faceted nature of party-based euroscepticism' (with Nicolò Conti) *Acta Politica*, 47(2):91-112
- 2011 'Cittadini e sistema giuridico: la fiducia nella Magistratura.' *Democrazia e Diritto*, 3-4
- 2011 'Government, scandals and political support in Italy.' *Interdisciplinary Political Studies*, 1(2):129-136
- 2011 'How political knowledge shapes democracy support?' *Bulletin of Italian Politics*. 3(1):79-102
- 2011 'Noi e gli altri: l'atteggiamento degli italiani nei confronti degli immigrati.' *Argomenti*, 32:39-52
- 2010 'Le posizioni programmatiche dei partiti italiani in occasione delle elezioni europee' (with Nicolò Conti). *Polis*, 3:389-420
- 2010 'Italian Parties and Europe: Problems of Identity, Representation, and Scope of Governance in the Euro-Manifestos (1989-2004)' (with Nicolò Conti). *Perspectives on European Politics and Society*, 11(2):167-182
- 2009 'Democracy Support in EU Candidate Countries: A Reality Check' (with Francesca Vassallo). *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*. 11(2):157-178
- 2009 'Il sostegno democratico in Italia.' *Italian Political Science Review*, 1:21-52
- 2008 'Fiducia e sostegno per la democrazia in Europa.' *Quaderni di Scienza Politica*, 1

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| 2007 | ‘L’economia ed il sostegno democratico in Europa.’ <i>Argomenti</i> , 21:77-102 |
| 2007 | ‘La pressione del tempo nelle democrazie consolidate.’ <i>Argomenti</i> , 19:29-49 |
| 2005 | ‘Trust, confidence and social capital in the democratization process of Eastern Countries.’ <i>Politikon – The IAPSS Journal</i> , 9:52-70 |

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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| 2009 | ‘Political knowledge and democracy support in Italy.’ <i>Occasional Papers</i> , 22, CIRCaP. University of Siena |
| 2008 | ‘L’opinione pubblica e la politica estera’ (with Pierangelo Isernia). In <i>Rapporto 2020. Le scelte di politica estera</i> . Ministero degli Affari Esteri
http://www.esteri.it/mae/doc/Rapporto2020_SceltePoliticaEsteri_090408.pdf |
| 2008 | ‘One or More Approaches to Social Sciences? Different Perspectives on Democracy Support’ (with Claudius Wagemann). <i>Mimeo</i> . Florence/Isernia |
| 2007 | ‘The determinants of democracy support in Europe’ (with Paolo Bellucci). <i>INTUNE (Integrated and United? A Quest for Citizenship in an Ever-Closer Europe)</i> project – Integrated Project Funded by 6th Framework Prog. Priority
http://www.intune.it/research/papers |
| 2007 | ‘Democracy Support in EU Candidate Countries.’ <i>CAEI - Argentine Center of International Studies</i> , working papers n°. 16. Series: Europe
http://www.caei.com.ar/es/programas/europa/working.htm |

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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| 2023 | ‘Party-system politicization over EU integration and citizens’ political awareness of EU affairs.’ (with Danilo Di Mauro). Presented at SISP Annual Conference, Genoa, 14-16 September 2023 |
| 2023 | ‘Party-system politicization over EU integration and citizens’ political awareness of EU affairs.’ (with Danilo Di Mauro). Presented at ECPR General Conference, Prague, 8-10 September 2023 |
| 2022 | ‘The politicisation and European Integration through policy-making: the public/political elite nexus in times of crises.’ (with Danilo Di Mauro). Presented at SISP Annual Conference, Rome, 8-10 September 2022 |

- 2022 *'The politicisation and European Integration through policy-making: the public/political elite nexus in times of crises.'* (with Danilo Di Mauro). Presented at the ECPR General Conference, Innsbruck, 22-26 August, 2022
- 2022 *'Political Support and Democratic Backsliding Trends. The Strange Case of Central and Eastern European Countries'* (with Antonino Castaldo). Presented at 11th Biennial Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on the European Union, 8-10 June 2022, Luiss University, Rome
- 2021 *'Political Support and Democratic Backsliding Trends. The Strange Case of Central and Eastern European Countries'* (with Antonino Castaldo). Presented at the SCOPE: Science of Politics - international interdisciplinary conference of political research, 20-24 September 2021, University of Bucharest (Online)
- 2021 *'Transnational Cleavage and the Sources of Support for the EU'* (with Danilo Di Mauro). Presented at the IPSA - 26th World Congress of Political Science, 10-15 July 2021 (Online)
- 2021 *'Political Support and Democratic Backsliding Trends. The Strange Case of Central and Eastern European Countries'* (with Antonino Castaldo). Presented at the IPSA - 26th World Congress of Political Science, 10-15 July 2021 (Online)
- 2021 *'Polarization on the EU and its policies: a longitudinal perspective of mass opinions'* (with Danilo Di Mauro). Presented at the 10th Pan-European Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on the European Union, LUISS Guido Carli, Rome, 10-12 June 2021 (Online)
- 2021 *'Mass Politicisation of the EU: Citizens' Political Sophistication and their EU Attitudes'* (with Nicolò Conti and Bruno Marino). Presented at the 10th Pan-European Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on the European Union, LUISS Guido Carli, Rome, 10-12 June 2021 (Online)
- 2021 *'Executive popularity in Italy before and after the Great Recession'* (with Paolo Bellucci). Presented at the 'Economics and Politics Revisited: Government Popularity in Europe in the 21st Century', 15-16 January 2021 (Online)
- 2019 *'Are business elite still an engine of European integration?'* (with Nicolò Conti and Bruno Marino). Presented at the SISP Annual Conference, Lecce, 12-14 September 2019
- 2019 *'Integration and Constraining Dissensus. Public and Elites Support for EU Integration during the immigration crisis'* (with Danilo Di Mauro). Presented at the ECPR General Conference, Wroclaw, 4-7 September 2019

- 2018 *'Media, political efficacy and anti-immigrant feelings among Southern European Citizens'* (with Nicolò Conti and Danilo Di Mauro). Presented at the SISP Annual Conference, Torino, 6-8 September 2018
- 2018 *'Non-European immigration: European public opinion through media'* (with Venera M. Tomaselli). Presented at the SIEDS Annual Conference, Varese, 24-25 May 2018
- 2017 *'Rethinking the Class Cleavage: anti-liberal party views as fuel of Euroscepticism'* (with Nicolò Conti and Danilo Di Mauro). Presented at the SISP Annual Conference, Urbino, 14-16 September 2017
- 2017 *'Supporting European Integration in Times of Crisis: Assessing the Effects of Global Threats on Citizens'* (with Nicolò Conti and Danilo Di Mauro). Presented at the SISP Annual Conference, Urbino, 14-16 September 2017
- 2016 *'Immigration Crisis as EU crisis?'* (with Nicolò Conti and Danilo Di Mauro). Presented at the SISP Annual Conference, Milan, 15-17 September 2016
- 2015 *'Political participation, ideology and governments among European countries in time of crisis.'* Presented at the AIS Annual Conference - Political Sociology Section, Catania, 8-9 October 2015
- 2015 *'Economy, attitudes and voting in the EU: European elections in time of crisis'* (with Danilo Di Mauro). Presented at the SISP Annual Conference, Cosenza, 10-12 September 2015
- 2015 *'Post-materialism in Times of Crisis? The Perception of the Environmental Issue among European Citizens'* (with Benedetta Cotta). Presented at the ECPR General Conference, Montreal, 26-29 August 2015
- 2014 *'Media ed euroscetticismo: l'effetto dei media nella formazione dell'identità europea e degli atteggiamenti verso l'UE'* (with Nicolò Conti). Presented at the AICP Annual Meeting, Catania, 11-13 December 2014
- 2014 *'Elezioni europee 2014, uso dei media e percezioni della crisi economica'* (with Sergio Splendore). Presented at the AICP Annual Meeting, Catania, 11-13 December 2014
- 2014 *'Democracy and corruption: a longitudinal study on the quality of democracy among Latin American countries'* (with Davide Grassi). Presented at the SISP Annual Conference, Perugia, 11-13 September 2014
- 2014 *'Democracy and corruption: a longitudinal study on the quality of democracy among Latin American countries'* (with Davide Grassi). Presented at the IPSA – XXIII World Congress of Political Science, Montreal, 19-25 July 2014

- 2014 *'Flames and debates: does social media affect responsiveness?'* (with Andrea Ceron). Presented at the IPSA – XXIII World Congress of Political Science, Montreal, 19-25 July 2014
- 2013 *'The impact of corruption and political-institutional context on attitudes toward government'* (with Alessandro Pellegata). Presented at the SISP Annual Conference, Florence, 12-14 September 2013
- 2013 *'Democracy and State capability in Latin America'* (with Davide Grassi). Presented at the SISP Annual Conference, Florence, 12-14 September 2013
- 2013 *'Media and Confidence in institutions among Mediterranean countries'* (with Sergio Splendore). Presented at the IAMCR 2013, Dublin, 25-29 June 2013
- 2013 *'The impact of corruption and political-institutional context on attitudes toward government'* (with Alessandro Pellegata). Presented at the EPSA General Conference, Barcelona, 20-22 June 2013
- 2013 *'Are lions democrats? Democratization and economic growth in Africa, 1980-2010'* (with Giovanni Carbone and Lia Quartapelle). Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 11-14 April 2013
- 2013 *'The impact of corruption and political-institutional context on attitudes toward government'* (with Alessandro Pellegata). Presented at the How do Electoral Systems and Party Systems affect Satisfaction with Democracy? IS there a Democratic Satisfaction "Sweet spot"? workshop, London, 1 February 2013
- 2012 *'Social confidence in unions: a longitudinal comparison between Canada and the United States (1982-2006)'* (with con Lorenzo Frangi and Marc Antonin Hennbert Faulkner). Presented at the International Crimt Conference, Montreal, 25-27 October 2012
- 2012 *'Are lions democrats? Democratization and economic growth in Africa, 1980-2010'* (with Giovanni Carbone and Lia Quartapelle). Presented at the African Studies Conference, Pavia, 18-20 September 2012
- 2012 *'Da destra a sinistra e da sinistra a destra: gli scandali politici dei governi della seconda repubblica.'* Presented at the SISP Annual Conference, Rome, 13-15 September 2012
- 2012 *'Democrazia, Riforme economiche ed opinione pubblica nell'Africa Subsahariana.'* Presented at the SISP Annual Conference, Rome, 13-15 September, Rome
- 2012 *'Democratization and state consolidation. A quantitative analysis'* (with Giovanni Carbone). Presented at the IPSA – XXII World Congress of Political Science, Madrid, 8-12 July 2012

- 2012 *'Does ideology buy happiness? When extremism and moderation affects life satisfaction'* (with Luigi Curini and Willy Jou). Presented at the IPSA – XXII World Congress of Political Science, Madrid, 8-12 July 2012
- 2012 *'Can corruption erode the institutional confidence among European countries?'* (with Alessandro Pellegata). Presented at the IPSA – XXII World Congress of Political Science, Madrid, 8-12 July 2012
- 2011 *'Improving Democracy through Citizens Deliberation'* (with Irene Fiket). Presented at the Research Conference 'Assessing representative democracy, the democratic deficit & institutional reform', Wien, 25-26 November 2011
- 2011 *'La responsiveness in Italia: uno studio longitudinale.'* Presented at the SISP Annual Conference, Palermo, 8-10 September 2011
- 2011 *'L'Europa secondo i partiti: vincolo, scelta o opportunità?'* (with Nicolò Conti). Presented at the SISP Conference Annual, Palermo, 8-10 September 2011
- 2010 *'Electoral rules and social roots in legislative recruitment. The case of Italy's Republican Parliament.'* Presented at the Ninth Workshop of Parliamentary Scholars and Parliamentarians, Oxfordshire, 24-25 July 2010
- 2010 *'The perception of immigrants among Italian youth: a longitudinal analysis.'* Presented at the VI Conference Giovani Come. Il sapere dei giovani, Salerno, 21-22 January, 2010
- 2009 *'Le posizioni programmatiche dei partiti italiani in occasione delle elezioni europee'* (with Nicolò Conti). Presented at the SISP Annual Conference, Rome, 17-19 September 2009
- 2009 *'How deliberation increase democracy support: The case of deliberative poll in Italy'* (with Irene Fiket). Presented at the ECPR General Conference, Potsdam, 10-12 September 2009
- 2008 *'The Development of European Citizens: When Integration is not Enough'* (with Francesca Vassallo). Presented at the Pan-European Conference on EU Politics, Riga, 25-27 September 2008
- 2008 *'Political knowledge and democracy support in Italy.'* Presented at the SISP Annual Conference, Pavia, 4-6 September 2008
- 2007 *'Good governance e performance democratiche in Europa.'* Presented at the SISP Annual Conference, Catania, 20-22 September 2007
- 2007 *'One or More Approaches to Social Sciences? Different Perspectives on Democracy Support'* (with Claudius Wagemann). Presented at the ECPR General Conference, Pisa, 6-8 September 2007

- 2007 'Good governance e performance democratiche in Europa.' Presented at the IV Conference of Istituto of Sociologia Internazionale of Gorizia (ISIG), Gorizia, 31 August- 1 September 2007
- 2006 'Cittadinanza e Capitale Sociale nei paesi dell'Est d'Europa.' Presented at the IX International Conference of Società Italiana Studi Elettorali (S.I.S.E.), Florence, 14-15 December 2006
- 2006 'Capitale Sociale e Sostegno Democratico in Europa.' Presented at the SISP Annual Conference, Bologna, 12-14 September 2006
- 2006 'Democracy Support in Eastern Europe: Multidimensional Aspects and Measurement.' Presented at the IPSA World Congress, Fukuoka, 9-13 July 2006
- 2006 'Democracy Support in the EU Candidate Countries.' Presented at the Jean Monnet Conference on 'Europe's Democracy Challenges – EU Solutions?', University of Trento, Trento, 30 June -1 July 2006
- 2006 'Due volti, due idee per l'Italia: I programmi elettorali della CDL e dell'Unione.' Presented at the Seminar 'Verso le elezioni politiche del 9-10 aprile. Istruzioni per l'uso,' University of Siena, Siena, 21 March 2006
- 2005 'Le determinanti del sostegno politico in Italia.' Presented at the SISP Annual Conference, Cagliari, 21-23 September 2005
- 2005 'Political Knowledge and support for democracy in Italy.' Presented at the ECPR General Conference, Budapest, 8-10 September 2005
- 2005 'Democracy support in Europe: conceptual dimensions, measurements and multidimensionality.' Presented at the Graduate Student Conference, Trento, 16-18 June 2005
- 2005 'Confidence in Public Institutions and Democracy Support.' Presented at the Sixth Conference Political Theory, University of Essex, Essex, 13-14 May 2005
- 2004 'Gender and Political Styles; Legislative Roles, Network and Role Focus in Spanish Parliament' (with Clemente J. Navarro Yanez and Raquel Pastor Yuste). Presented at the Fifth Conference Political Theory, University of Essex, Essex, 7-8 May 2004
- 2003 'Political participation, ideology and governments among European countries in time of crisis.' Presented at the AIS Annual Conference – Political Sociology Section, Catania, 8-9 October 2003
- 2003 'La fiducia nelle istituzioni pubbliche, poster presentation.' Presented at the SISP Annual Conference, Trento, 14-16 September 2003

 INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2015	Presentation on the ' <i>Media use and confidence in institutions: a comparative analysis of Hallin and Mancini's three models</i> ' (with Sergio Splendore). Department of Political Science, Università degli Studi di Perugia, Italy
2014	Presentation on the ' <i>Media and Confidence in institutions among Mediterranean countries</i> ' (with Sergio Splendore). Department of Political and Social Science, Università degli Studi della Calabria, Italy

 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Boards

2014- present	Scienza della politica e dell'amministrazione (Franco Angeli Series, Milan)
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Manuscript Reviewer

African Journal of Political Science and International Relations American Political Science Review Asian Perspective Asian Journal of Communication British Journal of Political Science Comparative European Politics Comparative Italian Politics Comparative Political Studies Contemporary Economics Contemporary Italian Politics Election Studies European Journal of Political Research European Political Science Review European Politics and Society European Union Politics Frontiers in Political Science International Journal of Public Administration International Journal of Public Opinion Research International Political Science Review International Statistical Review Italian Political Science Review Journal of Trust Research Migration Studies

Modern Italy
 Party Politics
 Political Science
 Political Studies
 Rural Society
 Social Indicators Research
 South European Society and Politics
 Statistica Applicata - Italian Journal of Applied Statistics
 The Social Science Journal
 Young

Conference organization

- 2023 “Mediterraneo-Medio Oceano: nuovi scenari geo-politici”, Organiser and coordinator of the conference – Department of Political and Social Sciences of the University of Catania (Italy) (Catania, 25 November 2023)
- 2022 Italian Political Science Association (SISP), co-chair of the section *Research Methodology*, with Luigi Curini, SISP Annual Conference (Roma, 8-10 September 2022)
- 2021 Italian Political Science Association (SISP), co-chair of the section *Research Methodology*, with Luigi Curini, SISP Annual Conference (Roma, 9-11 September 2021)
- 2019 Italian Political Science Association (SISP), co-chair of the section *Research Methodology*, with Luigi Curini, SISP Annual Conference (Lecce, 12-14 September 2019)
- 2018 Italian Political Science Association (SISP), co-chair of the section *Research Methodology*, with Luigi Curini, SISP Annual Conference (Torino, 6-8 September 2018)
- 2016 Italian Political Science Association (SISP), co-chair of the section *Research Methodology*, with Michele Sapignoli, SISP Annual Conference (Milano, 15-17 September 2016)
- 2015 Italian Political Science Association (SISP), co-chair of the section *Research Methodology*, with Michele Sapignoli, SISP Annual Conference (Cosenza, 10-12 September 2015)
- 2007 Italian Political Science Association (SISP), co-chair of the panel 9.2 *Responsiveness e Quality of Democracy*, with Paolo Segatti, SISP Annual Conference (Catania, 20-22 September 2007)

Membership Associations

2016-present	Member of the <i>Standing Group on Southern European Politics</i> of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
2016-present	Member of the <i>Standing Group on Metodi della ricerca per la scienza politica</i> of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP)
2013-2014	Member of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)
2011-present	Member of the International Political Science Association (IPSA)
2012-present	Member of the <i>Standing Group on Parties, Public opinion and Elections</i> of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP)
2012-present	Member of the <i>Standing Group on Candidate and leader selection</i> of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP)
2007-present	Member of the Italian Society for the Study of the Spread of Democracy (SSDD)
2006-present	Member of the <i>Standing Group on Quality of Democracy</i> of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP)
2003-present	Member of the Political Science Italian Society (SISP)
2001-present	Member of the European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR)

Academic Service

2023	Member of the Commission for the public selection for the recruitment of n. 1 a self-employed work assignment for "Proof-reading and proofreading in English of a volume (monograph)", within the scope of the PIA.CE.RI Plan. 2020/2022, at the University of Catania - Department of Social and Political Science
2023	External evaluator of the thesis for PhD in "Political Studies" - NASP consortium, University of Milan (Milan, 26 July 2023)
2023	Reviewer for "Bando Start Up" (DM737 2023) - PICA Finanziamento interno 2023 - appointed by the University of Cagliari
2023-present	Delegated to enhance the competitive capacity of research activities of the Department of Social and Political Science, Università degli Studi di Catania
2022	Reviewer for "Premio Giovani 2022-To obey or not to obey?", appointed by the <i>Polis</i> journal

2022	External evaluator of the thesis for PhD in ‘POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES’ Cycle XXXIV, session 2021/2022, Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna
2022	Reviewer for “Programma per Giovani Ricercatori ‘Rita Levi Montalcini’ 2020”, appointed by the Italian Ministry of Education
2021-2022	Delegated to the Quality Assurance system - Department of Social and Political Science, Università degli Studi di Catania
2021	Reviewer for the Italian Evaluation of Research Quality task, appointed by the Italian Ministry of Education (National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes, ANVUR-VQR)
2021	Member of the Commission for the public selection for the recruitment of n. 1 fixed-term researcher, pursuant to art. 24, paragraph 3, letter b) of Law 240/2010 at the University of Milan ‘Bicocca’ - Department of Sociology and Social Research
2021	Member of the Evaluation Committee of Research Scholarship titled “Resisting crises: labor market transformations and innovation in a local context”- research program “LECIPEC - Europe and the crisis: institutions, policies and change”, Line 2 - Plan of incentives for University research 2020/2022 (Pia.ce.ri)
2021	External evaluator of the thesis for PhD in “Politics, culture and development” - XXXIII cycle, Università della Calabria (Cosenza, 4 May 2021)
2020-2021	External Expert for COST Association - evaluation of proposals for the Open Call OC-2020-1
2020	Reviewer for “Il Fondo integrativo speciale per la ricerca” (FISR) – COVID-19 Projects, appointed by the Italian Ministry of Education
2020	Member of the Evaluation Committee of PhD dissertations in Political, Culture, and Development, Università della Calabria (Cosenza, 27 February 2020)
2018-2022	Co-chair of the Italian Political Science Association Standing Group: “ <i>Metodi della ricerca per la scienza politica</i> (Methods of Political Science Research)”
2017-present	Member of the Department (collegio dei docenti) of the PhD Program in Political Science, Università degli Studi di Catania
2018	Member of the Evaluation Committee of PhD dissertations in Political Science and Sociology, Scuola Normale Superiore (Florence, 5 April 2018)
2017	Member of the Evaluation Committee of PhD dissertations in Political Science, Università degli Studi di Siena (Siena, 11 September 2017)

2016	Member of the Evaluation Committee of PhD dissertations in Political Science, Università degli Studi di Milano (Milan, 17 March 2017)
2015	Reviewer for the Italian Evaluation of Research Quality task, appointed by the Italian Ministry of Education (National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes, ANVUR-VQR)
2013-2018	Member of the Quality Group of the Degree in ‘Science of Public administrations’, Università degli Studi di Catania
2013-2018	Member of the Quality Management Group for the SUA (Scheda Unica di Ateneo) process, Università degli Studi di Catania

TEACHING

Ph.D. Courses

Università degli Studi di Catania

2016- present	Methodology of Socio-Political Research
2013-2015	Political Science

Università degli Studi di Siena

2008	Introduction to Data Analysis
2007-2008	Crash Course: Introduction to SPSS and STATA

MA and BA Courses

Università degli Studi di Catania

2018-present	Public Administration
2015-present	Political Science
2014-2018	Institutional and staff performance assessment
2013-2016	Public Policy Analysis
2013-2014	Public Administration

Università degli Studi del Molise

2010-2013	Methodology of Social Research
2006-2010	Methodology of Socio-Political Research
2005	The Italian Political System (Teaching Assistant)
2001-2005	Data Analysis for Social Science (Teaching Assistant)

Università degli Studi di Siena

2007-2008	Introduction to Spss and Stata
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Università degli Studi di Roma 'La Sapienza'

2006-2010	Industrial Sociology (Research Fellow)
2000-2005	Economic Sociology (Research Fellow)
1999-2000	Elements of Sociology (Tutor)

University of Iowa

2004	Visiting Instructor
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THESIS SUPERVISION AND CURRICULAR INTERNSHIPS TUTOR

From the A.Y. 2005-2006 to December 2023 graduation session: supervisor of 49 theses in three-year degree programs.

From the A.Y. 2013-14 to December 2023: tutor of 72 internships in three-year degree programs.

THIRD MISSION

2023	Speaker at the conference European Direct Catania – Future and Skills. The challenge of the ecological transition organised by Europe Direct Catania (e-Medine) - with the paper entitled “Environment and Public Opinion: the Italian case” (Catania, 23 October).
2005	Training itinerary called "Knowledge Paths" aimed at students of the IST. TEC. NAUTICO E GEOM. "UGO TIBERIO" (Termoli, 18 September)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018	ITANES/IPSR Prize, Prereg Challenge, September 2018 – Paper title: Targeting the government in the referendum vote. The case of the aborted 2016 Italian constitutional reform’ (with Danilo Di Mauro). <i>Italian Political Science Review</i> , 48(2): 133-154
2018	Center for Open Science (COS), US, “Prereg Prize”, June 2018 – Paper title: Targeting the government in the referendum vote. The case of the aborted 2016 Italian constitutional reform’ (with Danilo Di Mauro). <i>Italian Political Science Review</i> , 48(2): 133-154
2017	National Scientific Qualification as Full Professor
2007	Premio C. M. Santoro, SISP (Italian Political Science Association) – best paper presented by young scholars
2004	Young Scholar, Università del Molise activities; Young Scholar, ICPSR activities – Summer School sponsored
2003	Young Scholar, ECPR activities– Summer School sponsored
2002-2005	Graduate Fellowship, Doctoral Program in European and Comparative Politics, Università di Siena, Molise and Trento (renunciation for incompatibility of roles)
2002	Young Scholar, ECPR activities– Summer School sponsored
1999-2002	Fellowship, Degree of Advanced Study Program in Methods and Techniques of Social Research, Università di Roma ‘La Sapienza’

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2023-present	Università degli Studi di Catania. Local Research Unit Manager, PRIN Project: <i>Whither Sovereignty? Italy and Pan-European Perspectives</i> , financed by the Italian Ministry for Research and Higher Education
2020-2023	Università degli Studi di Catania – Principal Investigator, Project: <i>L’Europa e la crisi: istituzioni, politiche e cambiamento</i> (Piano PIACERI – Ricerca su fondi di Ateneo)
2017-2019	Università degli Studi di Catania – FIR (Finanziamento Ricerca di Ateneo) – Research Unit Member, Project: <i>La politica italiana di Visti, Asilo e Migrazione tra vincoli esterni e vincoli interni</i>
2016- 2019	Università degli Studi di Catania. MC Substitute to COST Action, Project: ‘e-COST’; ProSEPS (Cost Action CA 15297)

- 2015-2016 | Università degli Studi di Catania – FIR (Finanziamento Ricerca di Ateneo) – Research Unit Member, Project: *Diritti, Capitale sociale e Territori. Il Welfare generativo come nuova frontiera*
- 2015-2018 | Università degli Studi di Catania. Local Research Unit Manager, PRIN Project: *Politics e Policy in Europa in tempo di crisi: Cause e Conseguenze*, financed by the Italian Ministry for Research and Higher Education
- 2014-2015 | Università degli Studi di Catania. Research Unit Member, Project: *Immigrants in Catania: integration and socio-political attitudes*
- 2013-2015 | Università degli Studi Luiss Guido Carli. Research Unit Member, Project: *Economic crisis and quality of democracies in Europe*
- 2013-2014 | Università degli Studi di Catania. Research Unit Member, Project: *New forms of local governance as a tool for strategic development of the territory: the case of GAL*
- 2012 | Università degli Studi di Milano. Research Unit Member, Project: *Candidate and Leader Selection*
- 2011-2015 | Università degli Studi di Milano. Research Unit Member, Project: *The economic, social and political consequences of democratic reforms. A quantitative and qualitative comparative analysis*
- 2010 | Università degli Studi di Siena-Laps. Research Unit Member, Project: *The use of media in Siena's province*
- 2010 | Università degli Studi di Roma 'La Sapienza'. Project: *Governance of Shrinkage within a European Context*
- 2009-2013 | Istituto Italiano di Scienze Umane (SUM - Florence). Research Unit Member, Project: *The quality of the democracies in Europe between participation and competition*
- 2008 | Università degli Studi di Roma 'La Sapienza'. Research Unit Member, Project: *Multi-level governance in European comparative perspective*
- 2008 | Università degli Studi di Siena (CIRCaP). Research Unit Member, Project: *Italian Public Opinion and Foreign Politics. Trend in long period and actual characteristics*
- 2006-2007 | Università degli Studi di Siena. Research Unit Member, Project: *Political supply, policies traditions and personal heritages of political discussion, different cognitive heuristic and their effects on electoral choice*

- 2006 | Università degli Studi di Milano. Research Unit Member, Project: *Consultation of datasets on citizens' attitudes in the EU, with particular regard to Eurobarometer surveys*
- 2005 | Università degli Studi di Milano. Research Unit Member Project: *Italian National Election Studies (ITANES)*
- 1994-2000 | Survey research consultant: designed socio-economic and labor market studies for various market firms and research foundations, including: Censis Servizi S.p.A. (Census services); Enfea – Ente bilaterale nazionale CONFAPI e CGIL-CISL-Uil (Labour unions); City of Rome – Special Office of Labour Politics; Cenasca Cisl (labor union association); Cispel (Local Public Services Italian Confederation); CNEL (Italian National Research Centre)