

Curriculum Vitae

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Current Appointments

March 2023-Present **Post-doctoral researcher in the project VIPoP at University of Milan**
Development of the project “The Visual Politics of Populism” - Call:
PRIN-Research Projects of National Relevance - Funded by Italian Ministry of
Education, University and Research (MIUR): Sept- 2023-Sept 2025.
PI: Prof. Mattia Zulianello

Past Appointments

Oct 2022- March 2023 **Post-doctoral researcher in the project DAPS&CO at University of Milan**
Postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Social and Political Sciences of
the University of Milan within the research program Data analytics for politics,
society and complex organizations (DAPS&CO)

2015-2019 **Research Associate at REScEU \ EuVisions**
External research associate at REScEU \ EuVisions (ERC-funded, University of
Milan; PI: Prof. Maurizio Ferrera), Centro di Ricerca e Documentazione L.
Einaudi.

2012-2015 **Research Assistant at T.Wai - Torino World Affairs Institute**
Research assistant and project area manager at the IR think-tank T.Wai, Turin,
Italy.

Education

- October 2022 **PhD in Political Studies.** University of Milan, NASP | Network for the Advancement of Social and Political Studies. Thesis: “The 2019 European Parliament election campaign as seen from Twitter”. Main advisor: Luigi Curini. Committee: Lorenzo De Sio, Airo Hino, Fabio Franchino.
- July 2012 **M.A. in Political Studies and International Relations.** University of Turin, Italy, (110/110 cum laude).

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Franchino, F., Migliorati, M., Pagano, G., & Vignoli, V. (2024). Concepts and measures of bureaucratic constraints in European Union laws from hand-coding to machine-learning. **Regulation & Governance**, (3), 688-703.
- Ceron, A., Pagano, G., & Bordignon, M. (2023). Facebook as a media digest: user engagement and party references to hostile and friendly media during an election campaign. **Journal of Information Technology & Politics**, 20(4), 454-468.

Books' Chapters

- Bordignon, M., & Pagano, G. (2022). "Disinformation". In *Elgar Encyclopedia of Technology and Politics*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Bordignon, M., & Pagano, G. (2022). "Misinformation". In *Elgar Encyclopedia of Technology and Politics*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Ceron A., Bordignon M., Pagano G. (2021) The 2019 EP Election in Italy: A ‘Titanic’ Victory for Salvini’s League. In: Haßler J., Magin M., Russmann U., Fenoll V. (eds) *Campaigning on Facebook in the 2019 European Parliament Election. Political Campaigning and Communication*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-73851-8_10.

Working papers

- Franchino, F., Migliorati, M., & Pagano, G., (2025). A Supranational Alliance: The Empowerment of the European Commission from 1958 to 2019. *Under Review*.

Franchino, F., Migliorati, M., Pagano, G., & Vignoli, V. (2024). Identifying Delegation and Constraints in Legislative Texts: A Computational Method Applied to the European Union. *Under Review*.

Decadri, S., Pagano, G. (2024). Disempowerment status as a determinant of language emotionality in the Italian Parliament. A Focus on the Gender Gap. *Under Review*.

Selected work in progress

Democratic rhetoric in autocratizing regimes. (with T. Corda)

Explaining national constraints and flexibility in European Union laws, from 1958 to 2019. (with F. Franchino, M. Migliorati)

More than words? Understanding Multimodal Political Communication: a Computational Analysis of Textual and Visual Elements in the EP 2024 Campaign. (with L. Curini).

Post-Defeat Communication Strategies of Political Candidates on Twitter. (with S. Decadri).

Teaching

2024

- Large Language Models (LLMs) for Political Scientists - Workshop Instructor, SISP Conference Trieste. 6-hour workshop for Junior & Senior Scholars. Funded by Società Italiana di Scienza Politica.
- Introduction to R - Adjunct Professor. University of Milan. MA in Public & Corporate Communication (DAPS&CO).

2023

- Introduction to R - Adjunct Professor. University of Milan. MA in Public & Corporate Communication (DAPS&CO).
- Multivariate Analysis for Social and Political Scientists - Adjunct Professor. University of Milan. MA in Public & Corporate Communication (DAPS&CO).
- Data Management and Database Concepts (Lab) - University of Milan. MA in Public & Corporate Communication (DAPS&CO).

2021-2025

- Political Science - University of Milan. Undergraduate, TA Prof. L. Curini.

Professional Conferences

Comptext: 2020 (online), 2024.

European Political Science Association (EPSA): 2024, 2025.

Italian Political Science Association: 2021 (online), 2023, 2024.

Italian Computational Social Science Association: 2025

International Association on Regulatory Governance: 2024

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) - SGEU: 2018

Workshops and Invited Seminars

2024: Advancements in Text-as-Data Methods - University of Milan.

2023: Gender & Politics SISP-Standing Group Workshop (Pavia). “Style Matters: Unveiling Gendered Communication Patterns of Italian Members of Parliament” (with Curini L, Decadri S., Negri F.).

2023: METRISP Workshop – Between Explanation and Prediction, “A machine-learning application to estimating delegation via EU legal language processing” (with Franchino F., Migliorati M., Vignoli V.).

2017: Social Listening in the Past, Present and Future - Showcase Conference, British Academy (London), “Investigating patterns of Europeanization on Twitter” (with Arcostanzo F.).

Service

Reviewer for Scientific Journals: French Politics, Italian Political Science Review, Italian Journal of Public Policy, Journalism & Media.

Thesis Supervision: Thesis supervision as Adjunct Professor at University of Milan–Department of Social and Political Sciences, for students of the MA in Public & Corporate Communication; 3 students.

Languages

Italian (mother tongue), English (Proficient), French (Advanced), Spanish (Beginner)

Programming languages

R (Expert), Python (Advanced), Stata (Advanced), Latex (Advanced)