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Personal

Born on June 4, 1982.

Italian Citizen.

Current position

Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Central European University. 2013–current.

Appointments

Research Assistant. Chair of Political Economy, University of Mannheim (teaching position). 2012–2013.

Marie Curie Early Stage Researcher. Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES). 2009–2012.

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Summa cum laude, University of Mannheim (Germany), 2013.

M.A. Social Science, with Honors, University of Milan (Italy), 2009.

B.A. Linguistic and Cultural Mediation, University of Milan (Italy), 2005.

Teaching

Introduction to Generalized Linear Modelling (ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Ljubljana, July 2014).

Introduction to Data Analysis and Graphics with R (University of Mannheim, 2012).

Research

Peer reviewed papers

"From Political Conflict to Partisan Evaluations: How Citizens Assess Party Ideology and Competence in Polarized Elections." 2014 *Electoral Studies*, 35, 230–241.

"Availability or disaffection? How Italian citizens reacted to the two-faced parliamentary grand coalition supporting the Monti government." 2014. *Polis* 28:1. With Monica Poletti and Paolo Segatti.

"When responsibility is blurred. Italian national elections in times of economic crisis, technocratic government, and ever-growing populism." 2013. RISP - Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica 43:3. With Monica Poletti and Paolo Segatti.

Research papers

"Testing the Party Polarization Hypothesis: A Text Analysis of the Major and Outflanking Party Platforms, 1992 to 2012." *Under Review*. With Juraj Medzihorsky, Erin K. Jenne and Levente Littvay.

"Ideological Categories and Political Stereotyping." With Gergő Závecz.

"The conspiracists are up to something: belief in conspiracy theories and attitudes towards political violence." With Levente Littvay, Paul T. Weith and André Krouwel.

"Sorting your way out: perceived party positions, political knowledge and polarization." With Zoltán Fazekas and Zsombor Méder.

Book Chapters

"Hungary: The stability of Fidesz's domain," in De Sio, L., Emanuele, V. and Maggini, N. (eds.) *The European Parliament Elections of 2014*. CISE, Roma, 2014.

Conference Presentations

Ideological Bipolarization. Or the effect of stereotyping on the perception of ideological positions. *ISPP Annual Meeting*. Rome (Italy), July 4–7, 2014.

Left-Right Scale Components and Perceived Citizen-Elite Ideological Distances (with Daniela Sirinic). *MPSA Annual Meeting*. Chicago (USA), April 3–6, 2014.

Italian national elections in times of economic crisis, technocratic government, and ever-growing populism (with Monica Poletti and Paolo Segatti). *Convegno SISP (Italian Political Science Association)*. Florence (Italy), September 12–15, 2013.

The conflictual nature of ideological polarization (with Zoltán Fazekas). *ECPR Joint Sessions*. Mainz (Germany), March 11–16, 2013.

The SEED (Science Speed Dating) Project – An innovative method to foster interdisciplinary research projects (with Apollonia Goll and Mascha Rauschenbach). *EARLI SIG 4 Higher Education Conference "Creativity and Innovation in Higher Education"*. Tallinn (Estonia), August 14–17, 2012.

Party Polarization and the Balance Between Ideology and Competence in Europe. *EPSA General Conference*. Berlin (Germany), June 21–23, 2012.

Party polarization as a constraint for the voter's choice in multiparty systems. Evidence from the Netherlands. *MPSA Annual Conference*. Chicago (USA), April 12–15, 2012.

Seeing the trees from the forest: ideological self-placement and issue positions in a context (with Daniela Sirinic). *EPOP Annual Conference*. Exeter (UK), September 9–11, 2011.

When it's hard to change. Party system polarization and the potential vote shifting in Europe. *ECPR General Conference*. Reykjavik (Iceland), August 25–27, 2011.

Party system polarization and the distribution of party preferences. *Workshop in Advanced Techniques for Political Communication Research*. Amsterdam/The Netherlands, 20–24 March 2011.

Polarization at the Meso-Level. The Effect of Party Characteristics on the Quality of Party Support. *Political Science Departmental Doctoral Seminar*. Central European University, Budapest (Hungary), February 17, 2011.

A vicious cycle: Ideological polarization and centrifugal drives. *ECPR Graduate Conference*. Dublin (Ireland), August 30–September 1, 2010.

Others

The True European Voter Microdata Codebook (with Hermann Schmitt, Eva Heida Önnudóttir and Eftichia Teperoglou), 2011.

Training

TEV Winter School on Methodological Issues in Comparative Electoral Analysis. University of Trento, 2013.

3rd International Summer School in Political Communication and Electoral Behaviour. University of Milan, 2012.

ELECDEM Workshop in Comparative Research Methods: Analysing Cross-National and Multilevel Data in the Social Sciences. Istanbul, 2012.

Hierarchical Models. University of Essex, 2011.

Summer School in Political Psychology: Citizen Behaviors and Opinions. University of Oslo, 2011.

EITM Europe. University of Mannheim, 2011.

ELECDEM Workshop in Advanced Techniques for Political Communication Research: Content Analysis. University of Amsterdam, 2011.

TEV Winter School on Methodological Issues in Comparative Electoral Analysis. Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities, 2013.

Pooled Time-Series Cross-Sectional Analysis. University of Essex, 2010.

Logit and Probit Models. University of Essex, 2010.

ELECDEM Workshop in Experimental Methods. Brussels, 2010.

ELECDEM Workshop in Electoral Survey Design. CEU, 2010.

TEV Winter School on Methodological Issues in Comparative Electoral Analysis. University of Nottingham, 2013.

Academic Project Work

COST Action ISo806, The True European Voter. Data Integration Team. 2009-

ELECDEM - Training Network in Electoral Democracy. Work package 6 - European Electoral Democracy Under Stress. 2009–2012.

Services

Reviewer for West European Politics and PolSci - Romanian Journal of Political Science.

Software

R, Stata, SPSS, Mplus, LATEX.