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CONTACT INFORMATION

Senior researcher and lecturer, UNIVERSITY OF LUCERNE
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Behaviour, Political Methodology, Political Communication, European Politics, Italian Politics.

EDUCATION

June 2017 Ph.D. EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE
EUI Doctor of Political and Social Sciences
Examining board: Prof. Alexander H. TRECHSEL (European University Institute, supervisor), Prof. Hanspeter Kriesi (European University Institute), Prof. Russell J. Dalton (University of California), Prof. David Farrell (University College Dublin)

July 2013 M.Res. EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE
EUI Master of Research in Sociology and Political Science.
Prof. Alexander H. TRECHSEL · European University Institute

July 2012 M.Sc. UNIVERSITY OF SIENA
Siena Master of Science in Comparative Politics.
Prof. Paolo BELLUCCI · University of Siena

March 2010 M.Sc. BOCCONI UNIVERSITY
Bocconi Master of Science in Economics and Social Sciences.
Prof. Sandro ROVENTI · Bocconi University

May 2007 B.Sc. UNIVERSITY OF PERUGIA
Uni Perugia Laurea Triennale (eq. Bachelor of Science) in Economics.
Prof. Pierluigi GRASSELLI · University of Perugia

GRANTS AND DISTINCTIONS

Sep-Dec 2015 FULBRIGHT-SCHUMAN GRANT
Fulbright Fulbright-Schuman award jointly financed by the Directorate-General for Education and Culture of the European Commission and the United States Department of State (€ 10,000). Details [here](#).

July 2015 Visiting Researcher — GESIS - EUROLAB
Eurolab Visiting researcher at the European Data Laboratory for Comparative Social Research, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences in Cologne (Germany). Details [here](#).
Reference: Prof. Dr. Ingvill C. MOCHMANN · GESIS - Eurolab

Sep-Feb 2006 Erasmus scholarship — UNIVERSIDAD CASTILLA-LA MANCHA

Erasmus ERASMUS project scholarship, Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha, Toledo, Spain.

PUBLICATIONS

- June 2017 De Sio, L., De Angelis, A, and Emanuele, V. (2017). *Issue yield and party strategy in multi-party competition*. *Comparative Political Studies*, first online 10 September 2017. <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0010414017730082> [2 November 2017]
- March 2017 Garzia, D., Trechsel, A.H., and De Angelis, A. (2017). *Voting Advice Applications and Electoral Participation: A Multi-Method Study*. *Political Communication*, Vol. 34(3): 424-443. Doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10584609.2016.1267053>. Link: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/10584609.2016.1267053?journalCode=upcp20> [4 April 2017]
- Sept. 2016 Garzia, D. and De Angelis, A. (2016). *Partisanship, Leaders Evaluations and the Vote: Disentangling the new Iron Triangle in Electoral Research*. *Comparative European Politics*, Vol. 14 (5): 604-625. Link: <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/cep.2014.36> [26 September 2016]
- Jan. 2015 Garzia, D., Trechsel, A.H., De Sio, L., and De Angelis, A. (2015). *euandi: Project Description and Datasets Documentation*. Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS) Research Paper Series. Research Paper No. RSCAS 2015/01 Link: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2553919 [23 February 2016]
- June 2014 Garzia, D., De Angelis, A., and Pianzola, J. (2014). *The Impact of Voting Advice Applications on Electoral Participation*. In: Garzia, D. and Marschall, S. (Eds.), *Matching Voters with Parties and Candidates: Voting Advice Applications in a Comparative Perspective*. Colchester (UK): ECPR Press. Link: http://press.ecpr.eu/book_details.asp?bookTitleID=104 [23 February 2016]
- Dec 2013 De Angelis, A. and Garzia, D. (2013). *Individual level dynamics of PTV change across the electoral cycle*. *Electoral Studies*, Vol. 32 (4): 900 - 904. Link: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0261379413000917> [23 February 2016]
- Sept 2013 Bellucci, P., and De Angelis, A. (2013). *Government Approval in Italy: Political Cycle, Economic Expectations and TV Coverage*. *Electoral Studies*, Vol. 32 (3): 452 - 459. Link: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0261379413000644> [23 February 2016]

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Apr 2018 R workshop
Graduate School of Lucerne (GSL) Instructor, PhD workshop "Introduction to R for Data Analysis". R workshop providing an introduction to the R programming language. Main topics: R operators, data types, functions, control structures, data manipulation (base R and dplyr), basic statistical analysis, elements of more advanced issues (generalized linear model, Bayesian hierarchical modeling, text mining, research replicability).
- Jan 2017 – May 2018 Replication Seminar
Lucerne Univ. Instructor, master "Replication Seminar". The purpose of the seminar is to facilitate the task of students that are keen on developing an empirical project in their Master theses. This seminar is designed to fill the gap between the students final works and the classic methods seminars, while offering a service to the scientific community to contrast the **replication crisis**, by double-checking and re-testing published scientific evidence.
- Jan 2017 – May 2018 Comparing Media Systems

Lucerne Univ.

Instructor, master seminar “Comparing Media Systems”. The purpose of the seminar is to understand the evolution of media systems in the Western world. The seminar traces the change of the media environment from the appearance of the Radio, to broadcast TV, to cable and satellite TV, to the Internet and the spreading of new media. Special attention is devoted to understanding the connections between the media and the formation of citizens’ opinions.

Sept 2017 – Dec 2017 Research Design in a Quantitative Perspective

Lucerne Univ.

Instructor, master seminar “Research Design in a Quantitative Perspective” [co-instructor Prof. Alexander H. Trechsel]. In this seminar the students are guided through some of the most fundamental social science methods: the comparative, the statistical, and the experimental method. Class discussions develop around the key topics of inference and measurement, to let students appreciate the full potential of quantitative methods for descriptive, predictive and causal inference. Key problems such as endogeneity, measurement error, and selection bias are also presented and discussed. The course includes applied sessions where students can familiarize with statistical methods using R.

Sept 2017 – Dec 2017 Introduction to Political Sociology

Lucerne Univ.

Instructor, master seminar “Introduction to Political Sociology”. This seminar focuses on the fundamental socio-economic conflicts affecting the development of political systems, encouraging students to reflect on the most salient factors of political change in order to foster their understanding of contemporary social and political divisions. A key concept in the seminar’s discussion is represented by social cleavages. Students are guided through the classic account of cleavage politics (Lipset and Rokkan 1967), in order to understand the fundamental social cleavages in industrial societies, before moving on to the more recent research on political change in post-industrial societies. The last part of the seminar digs into the erosion of the representative function of European party systems and the recent populist uprising.

Jan 2017 – May 2017 Introduction to Political Communication Research

Lucerne Univ.

Instructor, master seminar “Introduction to Political Communication Research”. Students are introduced to Political Communication research by replicating in class a selection of recent papers. The substantive contribution of the proposed papers is reviewed in the light of replicated findings, empirical extensions and robustness tests using replication data. In the first part of the seminar students are offered an introduction to the R programming language, and a refresher of regression analysis (linear regression, generalized linear model, multilevel/hierarchical data). One selected paper deals with an experimental design. In the final part, the seminar moves to familiarizing the students with Quantitative Text Analysis: students learn (by doing) how to scrape and analyse political text from various online sources (online newspapers, webpages, social media).

Sept 2015 – Jul 2016 Stata tutor — EUI

EUI

STATA research software tutor of the European University Institute. Details [here](#).

CURRENT RESEARCH

Bridging Troubled Water: Electoral Availability in European Party Systems in the Aftermath of the Great Recession (2009-2014). An Application of Bayesian Ideal Point Estimation. Working paper.

Panem et Circenses: Soft and Hard News TV Coverage in Berlusconi’s Italy. With Alessandro Vecchiato (New York University), working paper.

Making Up One’s Political Mind. Party Cues vs. Self-Persuasion in the Brexit Referendum. With Alexander H. Trechsel, Davide Morisi, Diego Garzia, and Kristjan Vassil. Working paper.

Personalization of Politics between Partisan Dealignment and Media Change in Western Europe. With Diego Garzia, and Frederico da Silva. Working paper.

Personalization of Politics between Partisan Dealignment and Media Change in Western Europe. With Diego Garzia, and Frederico da Silva. Working paper.

The Words that People Want: A Quantitative Text Analysis of the Five Stars Movement’s Political Discourse. Working paper.

Taking cues from the government? The effect of heuristic cues versus policy arguments in the Italian

constitutional referendum. With Dr. Celine Colombo (University of Zurich) and Dr. Davide Morisi (European University Institute).

Accountability or partisan rationalization in economic voting? An analysis of economic perceptions and partisanship as determinants of vote choice during the Great Recession in Italy (2011-2013). With Prof. Paolo Bellucci (University of Siena). Working paper.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED TALKS

WPSA 2018

March 2018

Making Up One's Political Mind. Party Cues vs. Self-Persuasion in the Brexit Referendum. Co-authored with Alexander H. Trechsel, Davide Morisi, Diego Garzia, and Kristjan Vassil. Paper presented at the 2018 WPSA conference, San Francisco CA, 30 March 2018.

SPSA 2018

February 2018

Panem et Circenses: Soft and Hard News TV Coverage in Berlusconi's Italy. Paper presented at the 2018 Swiss Political Science Association conference, Geneva, 5-6 February 2018.

SISP 2017

September 2017

Panel organizer: *Words that Matter: Exploring the Pitfalls and Opportunity of Studying Political Text*. Panel organized for the 2017 Italian Political Science Association conference, Urbino, 14-16 September 2017.

SISP 2017

September 2017

The Words that People Want: A Quantitative Text Analysis of the Five Stars Movement's Political Discourse. Paper presented at the 2017 Italian Political Science Association conference, Urbino, 14-16 September 2017.

EPSA 2017

June 2017

Bridging Troubled Water: Electoral Availability in European Party Systems in the Aftermath of the Great Recession (2009-2014). An Application of Bayesian Ideal Point Estimation. Paper presented at the 2017 EPSA conference, Milan, 22-24 June 2017.

POPE 2017

Feb 2017

Taking cues from the government? The effect of heuristic cues versus policy arguments in the Italian constitutional referendum. With Celine Colombo (University of Zurich) and Davide Morisi (European University Institute), paper presented at the conference "Referendum costituzionale 2016. Elettori, partiti e media nella "Seconda Repubblica", organized by the standing group on Parties, Public Opinion and Elections (POPE) of the Italian Society of Political Science (SISP) and the Italian Society of Electoral Studies (SISE), Rome (La Sapienza University), 9-10 February 2017.

SISP 2016

Sept 2016

A Test of Media Capture by Using Machine-Learning Techniques, Evidence from Italian Television News 2010-2014. With Alessandro Vecchiato (New York University), paper presented at the 2016 Italian Society of Political Science, Milan, 15-16-17 September 2016.

ECPR 2016

Sept 2016

Geographical variations of issue attitudes? Evidence from a geo-localized Voting Advice Application. With Prof. Lorenzo De Sio (LUISS University), Professor Alexander Trechsel (Lucerne University), Dr. Diego Garzia (Lucerne University). Paper presented at the 2016 ECPR Conference, Prague 7-10 September 2016.

MPSA 2016

April 2016

How Parties Strategically Select Issues According to Issue Yield: A Case Study Linking Survey and

Twitter Data. With Professor Lorenzo De Sio and Dr. Vincenzo Emanuele. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference (7-10 April 2016, Chicago).

ECPR 2014

Sept 2014 *Changing Media, Changing Voters: Investigating the Relationship between Media Fragmentation and Political Polarization in 26 European Elections (1989-2009)*. ECPR General Conference, Glasgow, 3 - 6 September 2014.

ISPP 2014

July 2014 *Economic Voting: Investigating Accountability or Partisan Rationalization?* Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Rome (Italy), 4 - 7 July 2014.

EPSA 2013

July 2013 *Media, Economics, and the Vote Function in Italy (2011-2013)*. Paper co-authored with Paolo Bellucci, 3rd Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Barcelona, 20-22 June 2013.

SICoPol 2012

Dec 2012 *Government Approval in Italy: Political Cycle, Economic Expectations and TV Coverage*. Paper co-authored with Paolo Bellucci. Annual Meeting of the Italian Political Communication Society, Turin (Italy), 13 - 15 December 2012.

ELECDEM 2012

June 2012 *Short-term political attitudes and PTVs Preliminary evidence from the Italian case*. Paper co-authored with Diego Garzia. ELECDEM Closing Conference, European University Institute, Fiesole (Italy), 28 - 30 June, 2012.

ETMAAL 2012

Dec 2011 *It's the Partisan Economy, Stupid! Untangling the Relationships between Economic Voting and Partisan Attitude*. 11th Dutch-Flemish Politicologenetmaal, Amsterdam, 31 May - 1 June 2012.

TEV 2011

Dec 2011 *Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Dealing with the Economic Explanation of Voting Choice*. 1th True European Voter Conference on Comparative Electoral Research (Sofia, Bulgaria), 1-3 December 2011. COST Action ISO806 grant.

TEV 2011

Dec 2011 *Partisanship, Leader Evaluations, and the Vote: Breaking the new Iron Triangle in Electoral Research*. Paper co-authored with Diego Garzia. 1th True European Voter Conference on Comparative Electoral Research (Sofia, Bulgaria), 1-3 December 2011. COST Action ISO806 grant.

SISP grad. 2011

June 2011 *Constructing the European Political Identity: the Effect of Cultural Heterogeneities*. SISP (Italian Society of Political Science) Graduate Conference (Turin, Italy).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Peer reviewer for academic journals: American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Party Politics, Policy and Internet, Contemporary Italian Politics.

Section chair: 2016 Graduate Student Conference, University of Tartu, Section in Comparative Politics titled "Stress testing Europe: challenges and outcomes of the economic, political, and humanitarian crisis".

Organizer EUI workshop on media effects. 6-7 June 2016, details [here](#).

Convenor EUI Political Economy working group. Academic year 2013-2014.

RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- Current* Senior Researcher and Lecturer — UNIVERSITY OF LUCERNE
- Lucerne Univ.* Senior Researcher and Lucturer. Details [here](#).
- Jan-Mar 2016* Junior Visiting Scholar — NUFFIELD COLLEGE
- Oxford Univ.* Junior Visiting Scholar at Nuffield College, University of Oxford, under the supervision of Professor Raymond Duch. Details [here](#).
- Dec 2015 – Jan 2016* Research Assistant — SOCIETLY
- Societly* Research assistant for Societly, the Voting Advice Application for the 2016 U.S. Democratic and Republican primaries [Societly](#).
- Sep-Dec 2015* Fulbright-Schuman visiting Junior Scholar — NYU
- NYU* Fulbright-Schuman visiting junior scholar at WILF Family Department of Politics - New York University, under the supervision of Professor Jonathan Nagler. Participation to the activities of the Social Media and Political Participation Laboratory (SMaPP Lab).
- Nov 2013 – Jun 2014* Italy Team Leader — **euandi** 2014
- EUI* Italian team leader and media referent for **euandi**, the Voting Advice and community building Application for the 2014 European Parliament elections. Project details [here](#).
Reference: Prof. Alexander H. TRECHSEL · EUI · Alexander.Trechsel@eui.eu
- Jan - Feb 2013* Research Assistant — VOTE MATCH 2013
- ITANES* Country expert for the 2013 Italian general elections Voting Advice Application Vote Match, in collaboration with the Italian National Election Studies Association (ITANES).
Reference: Prof. Paolo BELLUCCI · ITANES · paolo.bellucci@unisi.it
- Nov 2012–Feb 2013* Research Assistant — EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE
- EUI* Research assistantship and data collection on Italian technocratic governments.
Reference: Prof. Pepper CULPEPPER · EUI · pepper.culpepper@eui.eu
- Nov 2011–Feb 2012* Teaching Assistant — UNIVERSITY OF SIENA
- Siena Univ.* Teaching the module in Political Methodology for the course in Political Science, BA program in Political Science, University of Siena. Teaching activities included the preparation of teaching material, class presentations, office hours, preparation and correction of the final exam.
Reference: Prof. Maurizio COTTA · University of Siena · cotta@unisi.it
- Nov 2011–Feb 2012* Research Assistant — LISBON UNIVERSITY
- Lisbon Univ.* Research Assistant for the “Centre for Research and Studies in Sociology” (CIES), Lisbon University Institute. Data collection on political pledges and legislative for the Italian second republic.
Reference: Dr. Catherine MOURY · University of Lisbon · catherine.moury@fcsh.unl.pt
- Nov 2010–Jun 2012* Research Assistant — UNIVERSITY OF SIENA
- Siena Univ.* Dataset and codebook preparation for the Transatlantic Trends Survey (TTS).
Reference: Pierangelo ISERNIA · University of Siena · isernia@unisi.it
- Nov 2010–Feb 2012* Assistant — LAPS, UNIVERSITY OF SIENA
- LAPS, Siena* Assistant for the Laboratory on Social and Political Analysis Analysis (LAPS). Collaboration with various projects including data collection for the Italian Nation Election Survey (ITANES) and deliberative events for the Tuscany Region.
Reference: Francesco OLMASTRONI · University of Siena · olmastroni3@unisi.it
- Sep – Dec 2009* Cooperant — ANED (La Paz, Bolivia)

ANED

Cooperant in Research and Development Department. Main activities: market research and strategic planning of microfinancial products in the diary sector.
ASOCIACIÓN NACIONAL ECUMENICA DE DESARROLLO (ANED), La Paz (Bolivia)

SELECTION OF TRAINING COURSES

2015-2016

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Quantitative Methods III: Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Generalized Linear Model, Bayesian inference, MCMC methods, Bayesian analysis of hierarchical/multilevel models, Bayesian latent variable modelling, mixture models, generalized additive models. Textbooks: S. Jackman "Bayesian Analysis for the Social Science"; A. Gelman and J. Hill "Data Analysis Using Regression and Multilevel/Hierarchical Models". Software: R, STAN. Professor Arturas ROZENAS.

The Spatial Model: Formal models of electoral competition and agenda control, empirical models of spatial voting (NOMINATE, IDEAL, mixed data). Software for applications: R. Professor Howard ROSENTHAL.

Text Analysis using R. Text data processing relying on the QUANTEDA package, topic modelling, latent semantic analysis. Professor Kenneth BENOIT and Dr. Paul NULTY. An illustrative application of Structural Topic Modelling to the entire blog of the Italian Five Stars' Movement can be found [here](#).

2015 Fulbright Enrichment Seminar "Democracy in Action" on U.S. Politics and Elections: U.S. presidential election process, implications of changing media landscape for U.S. 2016 elections, U.S. election simulation. Professors Daron SHAW, Sean THERIAULT, and Dr. James HENSON (Seminar sponsored by the United States Department of State).

2012-2014

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE

Advanced research design: design-based inference topics, experiments and methods for causal inference. Professors Fabrizio BERNARDI and Diego GAMBETTA.

Causal inference workshop: potential outcome framework, applied estimation techniques (diff-in-diff, instrumental variable regression, regression discontinuity). Software for applications: STATA. Professor Fabrizio BERNARDI and Dr. Elias DINAS.

Research skills for the world of Big Data: Voting Advice Applications, social media and political participation, web scraping (RSS and HTML), text processing, Twitter API. Software for applications: PYTHON. Professor Alexander TRECHSEL and Dr. Jonathan BRIGHT.

The political consequences of the Great Recession. Origins and consequences of the crisis, comparison with the Great Depression of the 1930s, governments' reactions to the Euro Crisis, electoral consequences of the crisis, reactions in the protest arena, citizens preference structures and party mobilization. Professor Hans-Peter KRIESI.

The Welfare State and the Radical Right. Professor Hans-Peter KRIESI.

Advanced Qualitative Methods. Professors Pepper CULPEPPER and Andrew O. BENNETT.

2010-2011

UNIVERSITY OF SIENA

Comparative Political Behaviour: civic culture, social capital, social-psychological and rational theories of vote, forecasting elections. Software for applications: STATA. Professor Paolo BELLUCCI.

Comparative Political Institutions: political parties, party systems, parliaments and governments in the EU. Professors Jean BLONDEL and Luca VERZICHELLI.

Quantitative Methods for political Science: regression analysis, limited dependent variables models, simultaneous equations models, panel data models. Software for applications: STATA. Professor Michael S. LEWIS-BECK.

2007-2009

BOCCONI UNIVERSITY

Political Economics: formal models of probabilistic voting, credibility, reputation, optimal taxation, welfare state, labour market, public debt, redistribution. Main textbook: T. Persson and G. Tabellini "Political Economics: Explaining Economic Policy". Professors Alberto ALESINA and Guido TABELLINI.

Advanced Statistics for Economics and Social Sciences: data reduction, order statistics, delta method,

exponential family, Newton-Rapson algorithm, EM algorithm, Maximum likelihood estimation, introduction to Bayesian inference. Software for applications: MATLAB. Textbook: G. Casella and R. Berger "Statistical Inference". Professor Piero VERONESE.

Advanced Mathematics for Economics and Social Sciences: Differential calculus, discrete dynamical systems, difference equations, linear difference systems, optimal control in continuous and discrete time. Software for applications: MATLAB. Professor Annamaria SQUELLATI.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

<i>Italian</i>	Native speaker
<i>English</i>	Proficient user: reading (C1), writing (C1), speaking (C1)
<i>Spanish</i>	Proficient user: reading (C1), writing (C1), speaking (C1)
<i>French</i>	Basic user: reading (B1), writing (A2), speaking (A2)

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

<i>Proficient</i>	R, STATA, JAGS, GIT, L ^A T _E X, MARKDOWN
<i>Used in the past</i>	PYTHON, STAN, MATLAB

GENERAL INTERESTS

Scouting · guitar · vintage Vespas · bicycle travelling · surfing · skiing.

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