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Education

PhD candidate in Political Studies at NASP Graduate School, University of Milan *October 2024 – Present*

- Research interests: populism, Euroscepticism, far-right, incels, conspiracy theories, social philosophy

Research Master's (MSc) in European Studies at Maastricht University *August 2021 – June 2023*

- Democracy and Representation in Europe: Qualitative Approach
- Thesis: *One, No One, and One Hundred Thousand Peoples. Populist Construction of a False Totality*
- GPA 7.7

Bachelor's in Philosophy at San Raffaele University of Milan *October 2018 – July 2021*

- Thesis: *Radical Click. Social Resentment and Digital Populism*
- Final grade: 110/110 *cum laude*

European Affairs Diploma at ISPI of Milan *September 2020 – May 2021*

- Attending International Political Studies Institute's courses on EU institutions, economy, and foreign relations; populism and democratic crisis; climate change and citizens' engagement

Liceo Classico Massimo D'Azeglio of Turin *September 2013 – July 2018*

- Final grade: 88/100

Work Experience

Teaching Fellow (D4) at Maastricht University (Philosophy Department) *August 2023 – September 2024*

- 100% teaching contract within the Arts & Culture and European Studies BAs for Problem-Based Learning courses;
- Courses taught: *Apollo & Dionysus* (moral philosophy), *Research & Writing II* (writing an academic paper), *Ruling Europe* (politics and history), *Working with Research Problem* (research design), *Publishing about Contemporary Challenges*, *Constructing Europe* (EU integration and institutions), *Introduction to Qualitative Methods*, *Advanced Discourse Analysis*, *Political Philosophy*
- Supervising four BA theses in the Arts & Culture BA in the realm of social philosophy and political science
- Mentoring fifteen first-year European Studies BA students

Researcher for the 55th number of the magazine "Scomodo" (published in May 2024) *March 2024 – April 2024*

- Multidisciplinary review of scientific literature as a theoretical framework for quantitative surveys. Areas of analysis: EU enlargement; youth political participation; economic security; knowledge of European institutions among Under-35s; EU challenges such as migration, climate change, and gender equality.

Junior Researcher at European Centre for Populism Studies of Brussels *April 2021 – Present*

- Investigating populist phenomena in European countries as a member of the Youth Section
- Assisting in summer school and panels organisation and participating in the Erasmus Project grants
- Published the following commentaries: *The Anatomy of the Italian Vote* (11 October 2022), *On Chantal Mouffe's 'Democratic Agonism' and EU Democratic Deficit* (7 May 2022), and *Resentment and Populism: A Philosophical Inquiry* (13 July 2021)

Research Assistant at Maastricht University *September 2022 – January 2023*

- Assisting Dr Patrick Bijsmans in doing a literature search and review on Euroscepticism and articles on conceptualisation
- Co-authored the paper "What Do We Talk About When We Talk About Euroscepticism?"

Academic Writing and Panelist

Publication of the essay *Radical Click. Risentimento sociale e populismo digitale* ed. by goWare (forthcoming 2024)

Speaker at the SES UvA Conference "The EU at Crossroads" (Amsterdam, 13 April 2024)

- Panel discussion on populism and Euroscepticism

Speaker at the Politics and Culture in Europe (PCE) Colloquium at Maastricht University (3 April 2024)

- Presentation Title: *What Do We Talk About When We Talk About Euroscepticism?* (with P. Bijsmans)

Panellist at the Helsinki Conference on Emotions, Populism and Polarisation (11-13 December 2023)

- Presentation Title: *Hate Thy Neighbour: Incels' and Far-Right's Paranoia Between Nostalgia and Victimhood in Italy*

Panellist at the Netherlands Institute of Governance Conference in Delft (2-3 November 2023)

- Presentation Title: *What Do We Talk About When We Talk About Euroscepticism?* (with P. Bijsmans)

Panellist at the University Association for Contemporary European Studies Conference in Belfast (3-6 September 2023)

- Presentation Title: *What Do We Talk About When We Talk About Euroscepticism?* (with P. Bijsmans)

Language Skills

- **Italian** (native)
- **English C2** (IELTS Band 8 and two-year MSc in English)
- **French B2** (Maastricht Language Centre and Centre International d'Antibes)
- **Spanish A2** (self-study)

Certificates

- Leiden University – *Terrorism and Counterterrorism: Comparing Theory and Practice*
- YouTrend – *Election Days 2022* (advanced training workshop in political communication and election strategy)
- Hong Kong University – *Europe without Borders*
- GRE Test: 160/170 VR; 150/170 QR; 4.5 AW
- *Essential Guide to Stata* – Udemy
- *Statistics for Data Analysis Using R* – Udemy

Research Skills

- Qualitative content analysis: (critical) discourse analysis, frame analysis, thematic analysis, performativity approach, discourse-coalition approach
- Text-mining, corpus linguistics, and topic modelling with Voyant Tools
- Interviews and focus groups
- Quantitative analysis: STATA and R