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Education

PhD candidate in Political Studies (POLIS) at NASP Graduate School, University of Milan

October 2024 – Present

- Public Opinion, Political Communication & Political Behaviour track
- Research interests: radical and extreme right, populism, Euroscepticism, incels, political communication, social psychology
- Research project's working title: *The Intersectionality of Hate: White and Male Supremacy in European Far-Right Politics* (supervisor: Fedra Negri; co-supervisors: Graham Macklin and Nicola Riva)

Summer School, Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis, Essex University

July 2025

- 35-hour course by the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis

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*

Bachelor's in Philosophy at San Raffaele University of Milan

October 2018 – July 2021

- Thesis: *Radical Click. Social Resentment and Digital Populism*

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

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Academic Articles

- [2] Bijmans, P., & **Mancin, L.** (2025). What Do We Talk About When We Talk About Euroscepticism? Relaunching the Conceptual Debate About a Contested Term. *Contemporary European Politics*, 3, 1–10. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cep4.70026>

[1] **Mancin, L.** (2025). Doing Populism with Words. A Philosophical-Linguistic Clarification of Empty Signifiers' Role in the Post-Laclauian Approach. *Populism & Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.55271/pp0050>

Book Reviews

[1] **Mancin, L.** Michael Feola, *The Rage of Replacement. Far Right Politics and Demographic Fear*. Minneapolis-London: University of Minnesota Press 2024. 214 pp. \$19.95 (pbk), \$80.00 (hbk). ISBN: 978-1-5179-1680-0. Accepted in *Patterns of Prejudice*.

Submitted Papers and Chapters

- ◆ **Mancin, L.**, & Tavelli B. White Male Supremacy and the Intersectionality of Hate in the American and European Far Right: A Scoping Review. Under review in *Politics, Groups, and Identities*
- ◆ **Mancin, L.** Redpilled and Righteous: Transvaluation, Violence, and Masculinity in Italian Incel Telegram Channels. Under review in *AG – AboutGender*
- ◆ **Mancin, L.** “Women and Children First’: White Supremacist Gendered Disinformation and Conspiracy on Telegram in Western Europe”. In K. Fuller, M. Kennel, & P. Ravecca (Eds.), *The Politics of Disinformation: Critical Perspectives on the Contemporary Far-Right*. Routledge (forthcoming in 2027). Submitted to editors.
- ◆ **Mancin, L.**, & Bijsmans, P. “Eurocepticism as a Performative Message in Populist Communication”. In S. Salgado (Ed.), *Research Handbook on Populist Communication*. Edward Elgar Publishing (forthcoming in 2027). Submitted to the editor.

Working Papers and Chapters

- **Mancin, L.** “Mapping the Intersectionality of Hate: A Comparative Computational Analysis of Right-Wing Parties’ Communication in Spain, France, Germany, and Italy”
- Bijsmans, P., & **Mancin L.** “Eurocepticism and the Role of the Media”. In N. Startin, B. Leruth, M. Brusenbauch Meislová, & S. Usherwood (Eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Eurocepticism*. Routledge.
- Lorusso, I., & **Mancin, L.** “From Conspiracy to Policy: How the European Far Right Legitimizes Remigration Through Disinformation and Moral Panic”

Teaching 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

Other Research-Related Experiences

Member of the Reactionary Politics Research Network (RPRN)

July 2025 - Present

Research Fellow at the Centre for the Far Right Analysis Network (FRAN)

June 2025 - Present

Member of the VOX-Pol Next Gen Network

January 2025 - Present

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.

Early Career Researchers Network’s member at European Centre for Populism Studies of Brussels

April 2021 – Present

- Previously 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

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?”

Other Publications

- “Antifeministische Gegen-bewegung. Gekränkte junge Männer in der Manosphere” (21 October 2025). <https://www.iz3w.org/artikel/manosphere-antifeministische-gegenbewegung-junge-maenner>
- *Radical Click. Risentimento sociale e populismo digitale* ed. by goWare (July 2024). <https://www.goware-apps.com/libri/radical-click/>
- “The Anatomy of the Italian Vote” (11 October 2022). <https://www.populismstudies.org/the-anatomy-of-the-italian-vote/>

- “On Chantal Mouffe’s ‘Democratic Agonism’ and EU Democratic Deficit” (7 May 2022). <https://www.populismstudies.org/on-chantal-mouffes-democratic-agonism-and-eu-democratic-deficit/>
- “Resentment and Populism: A Philosophical Inquiry” (13 July 2021). <https://www.populismstudies.org/resentment-and-populism-a-philosophical-inquiry/>

Conference Presentations

Speaker at the convention *Politica, diritti, uguaglianza LGBTQIA+* (PoliTeSse - Verona, 29-30 January 2026)

- Presentation Title: *Politizzazione e diritti riproduttivi in Italia: analisi multidisciplinare dell'accesso alla procreazione medicalmente assistita e delle sue implicazioni etico-giuridiche e di salute pubblica* (with B. Tavelli)

Panellist at the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) (26-29 August 2025)

- Presentation Title: *Redpilled and Righteous: Transvaluation, Violence, and Masculinity in Italian Incel Telegram Channels*

Panellist at the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) (26-29 August 2025)

- Presentation Title: *White Male Supremacy and the Intersectionality of Hate in the US and European Far-Right: A Scoping Review*

Speaker at the Political & Legal Philosophy Workshop 2025 (Milan University, 24 June 2025)

- Presentation Title: *Reimagining the Transvaluation of Values: How Victimhood and Resentment Shape Incels' Sense of Superiority*

Poster Presentation at Collegio Carlo Alberto (CCA Days) (18 June 2025)

- Presentation Title: *Reimagining the Transvaluation of Values: How Victimhood and Resentment Shape Incels' Sense of Superiority*

Panellist at the Helsinki Conference on Emotions, Populism and Polarisation (HEPP 5) (5-7 March 2025)

- Presentation Title: *Reimagining the Transvaluation of Values: How Victimhood and Resentment Shape Incels' Sense of Superiority*

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. Bijmans)

Panellist at the Helsinki Conference on Emotions, Populism and Polarisation (HEPP 4) (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)

Research Skills

- Qualitative content analysis: (critical) discourse analysis, frame analysis, thematic analysis, performativity approach, discourse-coalition approach, visual narrative analysis
- Quantitative text analysis on R (topic modelling, text mining, web scraping, latent semantic analysis, keyword co-occurrence)
- Qualitative interviews
- Basic knowledge of STATA and R

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)
- **Social Dutch A0**

Certificates and Summer Schools

- Summer School held by the Reactionary Politics Research Network (*September 2025*)
- Various statistical training on Datacamp:
 - *Data Analyst*
 - *Statistics Fundamentals in R*
 - Intermediate R
- 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