

Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL DATA

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CURRENT POSITION

DEC 2013 | *University of Milan*
Department of Social & Political Sciences
Assistant Professor

EDUCATION

FEB 2012 | *University of Milan, Milano*
Graduate School in Social and Political Sciences
Ph.D. in Political Studies
Grade: Excellent
Doctoral Committee: prof. Kenneth Benoit,
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SEP 2010 | *Harvard University*
Institute of Quantitative Social Science
Visiting Fellow — until FEB 2011

APR 2008 | *University of Milan, Milano*
Master of Arts in Politics and Comparative Institutions
110/110 *summa cum laude*

FEB 2006 | *University of Milan, Milano*
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
110/110 *summa cum laude*

JUL 2002 | *Istituto Tecnico Commerciale “E. Tosi”, Busto Arsizio*
Diploma in Accounting — Final Grade: 100/100

PUBLICATIONS IN JOURNALS

- 2015 Ceron, Andrea and Vincenzo Memoli, "Trust in government and media slant: A cross-sectional analysis of media effects in 27 European countries", *The International Journal of Press/Politics*, 20(3), forthcoming.
- 2015 Ceron, Andrea, "Inter-factional conflicts and government formation. Do party leaders sort out ideological heterogeneity?", *Party Politics*, forthcoming.
- 2015 Ceron, Andrea, "Changing politics, changing language. The effect of institutional and communicative changes on political language measured through content analysis of Italian intra-party debates", *Journal of Language & Politics*, 14(6), forthcoming.
- 2014 Ceron, Andrea, Luigi Curini, Stefano Iacus, and Giuseppe Porro, "Every tweet counts. How content analysis of social networks can improve our knowledge of citizens policy preferences. An application to Italy and France", *New Media & Society*, 16(2): 340-358.
- 2014 Ceron, Andrea, "Gamson Rule not for All. Patterns of Portfolio Allocation among Italian Party Factions", *European Journal of Political Research*, 53(1): 180-199.
- 2014 Ceron, Andrea, Luigi Curini, and Stefano Iacus, "Using sentiment analysis to monitor electoral campaigns: method matters. Evidence from the United States and Italy", *Social Science Computer Review*, doi: 10.1177/0894439314521983.
- 2013 Ceron, Andrea, "The Politics of Fission: Analysis of Faction Breakaways among Italian Parties (1946-2011)", *British Journal of Political Science*, doi: 10.1017/S0007123413000215.
- 2013 Ceron, Andrea, "Brave rebels stay home. Assessing the effect of intraparty ideological heterogeneity and party whip on roll-call votes", *Party Politics*, doi: 10.1177/1354068812472581.
- 2013 Ceron, Andrea and Luigi Curini, "Parties' Influence during Government Policy Negotiations: Parliamentary Dynamics and Spatial Advantages in the First Italian Republic", *Journal of Legislative Studies*, 19(4): 429-449.
- 2012 Ceron, Andrea, "Bounded Oligarchy: How and When Factions Constrain Leaders in Party Position-taking", *Electoral Studies*, 31(4): 689-701.
- 2011 Ceron, Andrea, "Il governo Berlusconi alla prova delle due fiducie: coesione e divisione tra gruppi parlamentari a fine 2010", *Polena*, 3/2011: 9-33.
- 2011 Ceron, Andrea, "Correnti e frazionismo nei partiti politici italiani (1946-2010): una analisi quantitativa delle mozioni congressuali", *Italian Political Science Review*, n. 2/2011: 237-264.
- 2011 Ceron, Andrea, "From Words to Facts: Wordfish, a Modern Technique to Estimate Policy Positions of Political Actors", *Italian Political Science*, 6.
- 2007 Ceron, Andrea and Luigi Curini, "Un'applicazione della teoria delle coalizioni alle elezioni tedesche del 2005: alcuni scenari", *Quaderni di Scienza Politica*, 2/2007: 251-273.

BOOKS

- 2013 Ceron, Andrea, Luigi Curini, and Stefano Iacus, *Social Media e Sentiment Analysis. L'evoluzione dei fenomeni sociali attraverso la Rete*. Springer, Milano
- 2012 Ceron, Andrea, Luigi Curini, Stefano Iacus, Renato Mattioni, and Giuseppe Porro, *#Milano-Brianza in un tweet: lavoro, politica, partecipazione*. Guerini e Associati, Milano.

E-BOOKS

- 2014 Ceron, Andrea, Luigi Curini, and Stefano Iacus, *iHappy 2013*. Wired Italia, Milano.
- 2013 Ceron, Andrea, Luigi Curini, and Stefano Iacus, *iHappy 2012*. Wired Italia, Milano.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2015 Ceron, Andrea, Luigi Curini, and Stefano Iacus, "Social Media and Elections". In K. Arzheimer, J. Evans and M. Lewis-Beck (eds.), *The Handbook of Electoral Behaviour*. Sage, forthcoming.
- 2014 Ceron, Andrea, and Luigi Curini, "The Letta cabinet(s): Government formation and (in)stability in times of crisis: A spatial approach". In *Italian Politics: Still Waiting for the Transformation*, 29: 143-159. Berghahn Books, Oxford.
- 2014 Ceron, Andrea, and Luigi Curini, "Il governo Letta: formazione del governo e (in)stabilità in tempo di crisi". In C. Fusaro and A. Kreppel (eds.), *Politica in Italia: I fatti dell'anno e le interpretazioni*. Il Mulino, Bologna.

SPIN-OFF

- 2012 Co-founder of *Voices from the Blogs Srl* together with Luigi Curini and Stefano Iacus (University of Milan) and board member. *Voices from the Blogs Srl* is a spin-off of the University of Milan, which analyzes the public opinion expressed on social media by means of quantitative text analysis of blog posts and tweets.

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- NOV 2013 Winner of the EMC Forum contest "University and Big Data" for young talents
- SEP 2013 Fourth-ranked in ECPR 2013 Jean Blondel PhD Prize
- SEP 2012 Member of the Research Unit at *University of Milan* in the PRIN project: "L'agenda-setting istituzionale: attori, tempi, informazione" financed by the Italian Ministry for Research and Higher Education, 2011-2013 — until AUG 2013
- OCT 2008 Fellowship for Ph.D. students — until SEP 2011

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2015 → Lecturer in Applied Multivariate Analysis for Social Scientists, Graduate School in Social, Economic and Political Sciences — University of Milan
- 2014 → Lecturer in Political and Administrative Systems, University of Milan
- 2012 Research Methods for Social Media: Blog Sentiment Analysis, International Summer School in Political Communication and Electoral Behaviour — University of Milan
- 2012-2014 Teaching Fellow in Introduction to Stata, Graduate School in Social and Political Sciences — University of Milan
- 2011-2013 Teaching Assistant in Political Science, University of Milan
- 2011-2015 Teaching Assistant in Analysis of Political Institutions, University of Milan
- 2011-2013 Teaching Assistant in Applied Multivariate Analysis for Social Scientists, Graduate School in Social, Economic and Political Sciences — University of Milan

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED TALKS (SELECTION)

- 2014 “Competing Principals 2.0? The impact of Facebook in the 2013 election of the Italian Head of State”. Paper presented at the *XXVII Convention of the Italian Society of Political Science (SISP)*, Perugia, 11-13 September 2014.
- 2014 “Twitter and the traditional media: who is the real agenda setter?” (with Luigi Curini and Stefano Iacus). Paper presented at the *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Washington, 28-31 August 2014.
- 2014 “Using social media to forecast electoral results. A meta-analysis” (with Luigi Curini and Stefano Iacus). Paper presented at the *IPSA XXIII World Congress*, Montreal, 19-24 July 2014.
- 2014 “Intra-party politics and party system: Sources of data and potential biases”. Presented at the *ECPR Research Sessions*, Essex, 8-11 July 2014.
- 2013 “Inter-factional conflicts and government formation. Do party leaders sort out ideological heterogeneity?”. Paper presented at the *MZES Seminar*, Mannheim, 25 November 2013.
- 2013 “Toga Party: the political basis of judicial investigations against MPs in Italy (1983-2013)” (with Marco Mainenti). Paper presented at the *XXVI Convention of the Italian Society of Political Science (SISP)*, Firenze, 12-14 September 2013.
- 2013 “Inter-factional conflicts and government formation. Do party leaders sort out ideological heterogeneity?”. Paper presented at the *ECPR General Conference 2013*, Bordeaux, 4-7 September 2013.
- 2013 “Politicians Go Social. Estimating Intra-Party Heterogeneity (and its Effects) through the Analysis of Social Media”. Paper presented at the *La Pietra Dialogues on Social Media and Political Participation – New York University campus in Florence*, Firenze, 10-11 May 2013.
- 2013 “Social media & statistica: la nuova frontiera del sondaggio” (with Luigi Curini, Stefano Iacus, and Giuseppe Porro). Paper presented at the *Convention Il valore della statistica per le imprese e la societ. Ricerche di opinione e di mercato*, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milano, 15 February 2013.
- 2012 “The Politics of Fission: Analysis of Faction Breakaways among Italian Parties (1946-2010)”. Paper presented at the *2nd Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)*, Berlin, 21-23 June 2012.
- 2012 “Gamson Rule not for All: Patterns of Portfolio Allocation among Italian Factions”. Paper presented at the *62nd Annual International Conference of the Political Studies Association (PSA)*, Belfast, 3-5 April 2012.
- 2011 “Bounded Oligarchy: How and When Factions Constrain Leaders in Party Position-taking”. Paper presented during the *XXV Convention of the Italian Society of Political Science (SISP)*, Palermo, 8-10 September 2011.
- 2011 “Intra-party Politics and Party System. Cooperation, Conflict and Fission within Italian Parties”. Paper presented during the *Research Workshop of Comparative Politics — Harvard University*, 2 February 2011.
- 2009 “The Spatial Determinants of Party Power in Coalition Bargaining. The First Italian Republic Case”. Paper presented at the *ECPR Carlo Alberto Summer School on Analytical Politics in Europe*, Moncalieri, 15-24 September 2009.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2014 Member of *EUVOX* project, a EU-wide voting advice application (VAA) for the 2014 European Elections. Responsible for Italy.
- 2012 Member of *Voices from the Blogs*, a project created by Luigi Curini, Stefano Iacus (University of Milan) and Giuseppe Porro (Insubria University), which consists in quantitative text analysis of blog posts and tweets. The *Voices from the Blogs* platform allows to monitor the public opinions expressed on social media.
- 2010 Collaboration to *Global Leadership Project* (co-PIs John Gerring and Erzen Oncel, Boston University) as expert coder for data on Italy. Research funded by the Clinton Global Initiative
- 2008 Co-author with Paolo Martelli and Luigi Curini (University of Milan) of the ILSD project: a database based on quantitative content analysis of Italian parliamentary speeches from 1946 to 1994 (similar to Comparative Manifesto Project)

REVIEWER FOR

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, European Journal of Political Research, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Party Politics, New Media & Society, Political Research Quarterly, Social Science Computer Review, Acta Politica, Research & Politics, Italian Journal of Applied Statistics, Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2014 Ceron, Andrea, “Francoise Boucek, Factional Politics. How Dominant Parties Implode or Stabilize.”, *Party Politics*, 20(5): 814-815

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- 2014 Ceron, Andrea, Luigi Curini, and Stefano Iacus, “ISIS: perception on news on-line and social media”, *TheGuardian.com*. 28 November 2014
- 2013 Ceron, Andrea, “Factions and fissions in the aftermath of the 2013 elections: why Italian politics never gets boring”, *LSE EUROPP Blog*. 09 July 2013
- 2012 → Collaboration with the on-line version of the main Italian newspaper “*Corriere della Sera*” through a blog (<http://sentimeter.corriere.it>) and with “*La Repubblica - Affari & Finanza*”
- 2012 → Co-author of the blog “*voicesfromtheblogs.com*” (together with Luigi, Curini, Stefano Iacus, and Giuseppe Porro)
- 2012 Ceron, Andrea, Luigi, Curini, Stefano Iacus, and Giuseppe Porro, “Sentimeter e primarie. Previsioni e programmi al tempo di Twitter”, *Questioni Primarie* 5

SUMMER SCHOOLS

- 2009 ECPR Carlo Alberto Summer School on Analytical Politics in Europe, Moncalieri (Italy)
- 2009 Quantitative Text Analysis — ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- 2009 Introduction to R — ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Ljubljana (Slovenia)

LANGUAGES

ITALIAN: Mothertongue
ENGLISH: Fluent (C2)
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