

Short CV – Arianna Giovannini

Arianna Giovannini is Associate Professor of Political Sociology in the Department of Economics, Society and Politics (DESP). Before moving to the University of Urbino in 2023, Arianna was Associate Professor of Local Politics and Public Policy and the Deputy Director of the Local Governance Research Centre at De Montfort University, Leicester, UK. Between July 2019 and February 2020, and again between October 2021 and March 2022, Arianna was the Director of [IPPR North](#), the leading think-tank for the North of England, on a secondment basis. Previously, she was a Researcher at the Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute (SPERI), University of Sheffield, and she worked at the University of Leeds (POLIS). She also held academic positions at the University of Huddersfield and at Leeds Metropolitan University, where she was awarded a PhD in 2014. Before moving to the UK, she gained her undergraduate degree in Sociology and her Masters Degree in Territorial and Urban Policy at the University of Urbino.

Arianna's research focuses on territorial politics, multi-level governance, devolution, regional inequalities, regionalism and regionalist parties, and democracy – both in the UK and in comparative European perspective. Recently, Arianna's work in these areas has concentrated on devolution in England, and in particular in the North; the politics, governance and political economy of regional policy; the changing landscape of local government; the new municipalism; and asymmetric regionalism. Arianna has written extensively on these topics, publishing in academic journals such as [Environment and Planning C, Territory, Politics, Governance, Policy & Politics, Regional and Federal Studies, The Political Quarterly](#) and [Political Studies](#).

Arianna's work actively engages with policy and practice. She has published many influential policy reports (e.g. with [IPPR North](#), [APSE](#), [Unlock Democracy](#)) and regularly provides evidence to Parliamentary Committees and policy advice to policy makers, in particular on devolution, local government and multi-level governance dynamics.

Arianna regularly appears on international, national and regional broadcast media, including SkyNews and BBC News, and I write for a range of online and print publications.

Between 2017 and 2023, Arianna was an elected Trustee of the UK [Political Studies Association](#) (PSA). Previously, she was also co-convenor of the PSA [Local Politics Specialist Group](#) (2015-18), and of the PSA [Italian Politics Specialist Group](#) (2010-2017). Arianna is a Fellow of the RSA (Royal Society of Arts), Visiting Professor at the Centre for Urban and Regional Development Studies (CURDS, Newcastle University), Visiting Fellow at the [Heseltine Institute for Public Policy, Practice and Place](#) (University of Liverpool), Associate Fellow at the Centre on Constitutional Change (University of Edinburgh) and Associate Fellow at IPPR North. Between 2020 and 2023 Arianna was on the editorial board of the Italian Journal *Polis*.

In 2024, Arianna was awarded the UK Political Studies Association's Joni Lovenduski Prize for outstanding professional contributions to political studies.