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Research interests

Democratization/autocratization; democracy/autocracy; democratic quality; democratic development/regime change; socioeconomic/sociocultural inequalities; ethnicity; minorities; power-sharing; Italy; mixed methods.

Current position

Kiel University (CAU), Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel)
Post-doctoral researcher, Department of Political Science

October 2024-

Education

Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) *PhD in Political Science* 2020-2024

Dissertation: “Autocratization and Inequalities Between Ethnic Groups in the Contemporary World”.

Supervisor: Luca Tomini. Affiliation: Centre d’Etude de la Vie Politique (CEVIPOL)

Scholarship: Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique - FNRS Research Fellow/Aspirant (2020-2022, 2022-2024).

Committee members: Svend-Erik Skaaning, Seraphine Maerz, Daniel Bochsler, Jean-Benoit Pilet, Seda Gurkan.

Central European University (CEU) *MA in Nationalism Studies*

2019-2020

Thesis: “Political Regimes in Plural Societies: Institutions and Performances of Majoritarian and Power-Sharing Democracy in Divided Countries”. Supervisor: Daniel Bochsler. Final grade: *with distinction*.

Università degli Studi di Firenze *MA in Political Science*

2017-2019

Thesis: “Ethnic Domination in Deeply Divided Places: The Hegemonic State in Israel and Estonia”.

Supervisor: Marco Tarchi. Final grade: 110/110 *magna cum laude*.

Università degli Studi di Pisa *BA in Political Science and International Relations*

2014-2017

Thesis: “Complex Regional Consociations: Northern Ireland and South Tyrol. Power-sharing Executives, Autonomy, Ethnic Parties and Political Stability”. Supervisor: Rino Casella. Final grade: 110/110 *magna cum laude*.

Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa *MA and BA honor diplomas in Political Science* 2014-2020

Thesis: “Plural Democracies: A Comparative Inquiry on Institutions and Performances of Majoritarian and Power-Sharing Ethnically Divided Democracies”. Supervisor: Luca Tomini. Final grade: 100/100 *magna cum laude*.

Publications

Peer-reviewed journal articles

2025 Italy’s Democratic Quality and the Role of Political Parties: Comparative Empirical Patterns. *Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica (RISP)/Italian Political Science Review (IPSR)*, 1-18. Link. With S. Marini.

2025 Local Democratic Resistance to Autocratisation: Evidence from Budapest, Banja Luka, and Zagreb. *Contemporary Politics*, 1-22. Link. With S. Benazzo and V. Bochev.

2024 Autocratization as Ethnocratization? How Regime Transformations Toward Autocracy Deteriorate Ethnic Relations. *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, 30(3), 303-334. Link.

2024 Do Mutually Reinforcing Cleavages Harm Democracy? Inequalities Between Ethnic Groups and Autocratization. *Democratization*, 31(2), 265-289. Link.

2018 Power-sharing Executives in Northern Ireland and South Tyrol: Theories, Structures, Practices and Political Stability. *Rivista di Diritti comparati*, 2, 136-184. Link.

Monographs

Ongoing “Autocratization as Ethnocratization: Democratic Decline and Inequalities Between Ethnic Groups”, monograph accepted by *Routledge (Democratization and Autocratization Studies)*, contract in progress.

2022 *Ethnic Domination in Deeply Divided Places: The Hegemonic State in Israel and Estonia*. Firenze Univesity Press. Link.

Chapters in edited volumes

- 2025 “Chapter 7. Barbara Geddes: A Master of Comparative Politics”. In Coman, R. and Olsson, C. *Sitting on the Shoulders of Giants? A Retrospective View on Innovation in Political Science*, Éditions de l’ULB. *Accepted*.
- 2024 “Chapter 30. The Impact of Autocratization on Ethnic Relations”. In Tomini, L. and Croissant, A., *Routledge Handbook of Autocratization*. Routledge. [Link](#).
- 2024 “Capitolo 31. Regimi ibridi” (in Italian, “Hybrid regimes”). In Almagisti, M. and Graziano, P., *Democrazia: concetti, attori, istituzioni*. Carocci. [Link](#). With L. Tomini.

Online articles

- 2024 “The rule of law in Italy”, report for RESILIO – Resilience observatory on the rule of law in Europe, Institut für Europäische Politik. [Link](#)
- 2022 Is Italian Democracy at Risk?. *The Loop - ECPR blog*. [Link](#).
- 2019 Quebec’s Bill 21: The Collision of Secularism, Religious Freedoms, and Reasonability. *Diritti comparati*. [Link](#).
- 2018 The Trembling of a Complex Regional Consociation: 2018 Provincial Election in South Tyrol. *European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI) 112 Working Paper*. [Link](#).

Book reviews

- 2022 El Kurd, D. Polarized and Demobilized: Legacies of Authoritarianism in Palestine. Oxford University Press, 2019. *Democratization*, 6 (29): 1181-1183. [Link](#).
- 2021 Keil, S., and McCulloch, A. (Eds.): Power-sharing in Europe: Past Practice, Present Cases, and Future Directions, Palgrave, 2021, 105.99 euros. *Acta Politica*, 57: 662–665. [Link](#).
- 2020 Martinico, G. “Il diritto costituzionale come speranza. Secessione, democrazia e populismo alla luce della Reference Re Secession of Quebec”, Giappichelli, 2019, pp. 1-233. *Forum di Quaderni Costituzionali*, 4. [Link](#).

Submitted manuscripts

- “Patterns of democratic resistance against democratic breakdown”, paper with L. Tomini. *R&R*.
- “Crises and regime instability: a re-assessment with novel data”, paper with L. Tomini. *R&R*.
- “The contagion of anti-pluralist ideas among political parties”, paper with S. Marini. *Submitted*.

Ongoing projects

- “Post-2022 Italy: early signs of autocratization?”, paper.
- “Power-sharing reforms and autocratization: evidence from Gagauzia”, paper with F. Schulte & E. Cuijuclu.
- “Party bans and the predicament of ethnic groups in Sub-Saharan Africa”, paper with Z. Veljanov & M. Yavuz.
- “Electoral resistance against autocratization: a QCA examination on Southeast Europe”, paper with V. Bochev.
- “The evolution of local ethnopolitics in Alto-Adige/Südtirol”, chapter in edited volume.
- “Trends of democratic quality in Europe”, chapter in edited volume with L. Tomini.
- “Mafia murders, land inequality, and democratization: a Sicilian history”, paper with F. Nigro & L. Puleo.
- “Percorsi di autocratizzazione” (in Italian, “Autocratization patterns”), chapter in edited volume.
- “Democratic quality and intersectional inequalities”, postdoc research.

Teaching

“Comparative methodological approaches”, BA seminar on causal research design	CAU Kiel 2025
“Basic and advanced statistics in R with application to data on political regimes”, MA seminar	CAU Kiel 2025
“Classic and contemporary debates in comparative politics”, BA seminar	CAU Kiel 2024
“Understanding and measuring the quality of democracy”, MA seminar	CAU Kiel 2024
“Understanding and measuring the quality of democracy”, BA seminar	ULB 2022
“Quantitative methods” invited BA lecture in “Introduction to research in political science”	ULB 7/12/2023
“Autocratization and ethnicity” invited MA talk in “Nationalism and Democracy” (D. Bochsler)	CEU 31/1/2024

Conferences

American Political Science Association (APSA), <i>presenter</i>	2023
European Political Science Association (EPSA), <i>presenter/discussant</i>	2023, 2024
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), <i>presenter</i>	2022 (GC), 2023 (GC), 2025 (JS)
Nordic Political Science Congress (NOPSA), <i>presenter/discussant</i>	2024

Council for European Studies (CES), <i>presenter</i>	2023
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), <i>presenter</i>	2023 (online)
Political Studies Association (PSA), <i>presenter</i>	2021, 2023 (both online)
Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP), <i>presenter/discussant/roundtable</i>	2021 (online), 2022, 2023, 2024
Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW), <i>presenter</i>	2024 (online)
Austrian Political Science Association (AuPSA), <i>presenter</i>	2022
International Political Science Association (IPSA), <i>presenter</i>	2021 (online)
IPSA Research cluster 14 Colloquium (University of Sarajevo), <i>presenter</i>	2019

Awards and scholarships

Sant’Anna School (Honor Scholarship 2014-19): courses, language proficiency, abroad stays, accommodation.
Ermenegildo Zegna Founder’s Scholarship (2019-20): fees and living costs for the MA at CEU.
FNRS Research Fellow/Aspirant (2020-24): PhD scholarship, grants for conferences and courses (above/below).
2024 SISP Elinor Ostrom Award: with Z. Veljanov & M. Yavuz, best paper of 2023 SISP by PhD candidates.

Training

“Panel Data”, <i>ECPR winter school</i>	2023 (online)
“Linear Mixed and Multilevel Models”, <i>Université Catholique de Louvain winter school</i>	2022
“Logistic Regression and General Linear Models”, <i>MethodsNET Radboud University summer school</i>	2022
“Data Analysis in R”; “Event History Analysis in R”; “QCA in R”; <i>CIVICA/CEU methods courses</i>	2021-22
“Multivariate Statistics for Comparing Countries”, <i>ECPR winter school</i>	2022 (online)
“Mixed Methods and Multimethods research”, <i>GESIS/University of Cologne summer school</i>	2021 (online)
“Democratization and autocratization in comparative perspective”, <i>University of Oslo summer school</i>	2021 (online)
“Seminar on theory, methodology and research in political science”, <i>ULB doctoral course</i>	2020-21 (hybrid)

Service to the discipline/reviewer

Democratization, European Journal of Political Research, Comparative European Politics, Swiss Political Science Review, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Electoral Bulletins of the EU, Journal of Political Power

Other academic activities

Aarhus University , <i>visiting researcher</i> , Political Science Department, Comparative Politics section	Nov 2024-
ULB , <i>collaborateur scientifique/scientific collaborator</i> , CEVIPOL	Oct 2024-
Luiss University , <i>presenter/discussant</i> , “Italy: Outlier or Forerunner” RISP Workshop	Nov 2023
ULB , <i>presenter/discussant</i> , “Resisting the Autocratic Turn” Workshop	Sep 2023
University of Milan , <i>presenter/discussant</i> , “Democracies in an Age of Autocratization” Workshop	Jun 2023
ULB , <i>presenter/discussant</i> , “Major Urban Centers and Resistance against Autocratization” Workshop	Jan 2023
CEU , <i>visiting PhD student</i> , trainings, courses, and PhD conference presentation	Oct 2021-May 2022
ULB , <i>seminar co-organization</i> , “Political regime developments in Southeast Europe” (conference)	Jun 2022
ULB , <i>seminar co-organization</i> , “Autocratization webinars” (5/3, with guests)	May-Jun 2022/2021
ULB , <i>seminar co-organization</i> , bimonthly, for CEVIPOL PhD students and postdocs	2022-23
Minority Representation in National Societies , <i>ethnic party manifesto analysis</i> , PI: T. Agarin	2020-21
European Center for Minority Issues (ECMI) , <i>internship</i> , supervisor: S. Bober	Oct-Dec 2018
University of Birmingham , <i>visiting student</i> at Institute for Conflict, Cooperation and Security	Mar-May 2017
ECMI , <i>summer school</i> , “National Minorities and Border Regions”	Sep 2018
EURAC Research , <i>summer school</i> , “Human Rights, Minorities and Diversity Governance”	Aug 2018
LSE , <i>summer school</i> , “Building Democracies from Conflict”	Aug 2016

Softwares and languages

R (proficient), **L^AT_EX**(advanced), Stata, SPSS, Office
 English (fluent), French (good), German (intermediate), Italian (native)