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Born Udine, Italy on January 16, 1973. Italian citizen.

Current Position

Fellow, Alexander Hamilton Center for Political Economy, New York University.

Ph.D. candidate, Department of Political Science, Columbia University.

Education

Dissertation: Political Corruption, Campaign Finance and Freedom of the Press. Advisor: John Huber.

May 2005 Columbia University. New York, NY.

M.Phil. in Political Science.

Major field: Comparative Politics. Comprehensive exam passed with distinction.

Minor field: Quantitative Methods. Paper: "Testing the Pooling Assumption in a Cross-Sectional Time Series Setting: A Proposal and an Assessment with Simulation Experiments."

May 2002 Columbia University. New York, NY.

M.A. in Political Science.

October 2000 Università degli Studi di Trieste. Trieste, Italia.

Laurea *summa cum laude* in Political Science.

Thesis: L'etnonazionalismo basco: autonomia, violenza, sovranità. (Basque Ethnonationalism: Autonomy, Violence, Sovereignty) Supervisor: Vaclav Belohradsky.

Working Papers

"Money, Corruption, and the Press: A Model and Cross-Country Evidence." R&R, *Journal of Politics*

"Does Defamation Law Affect How Newspapers Cover Corruption in Mexico?" Under review.

"Domesticated Publishers, Silenced Journalists: The Political Economy of Press Freedom and Press Subjugation."

"Voter Polarization on Redistribution Across Democracies."(with John Huber).

"Redistribution Through Taxes and Charity: The Cost of 'Compassionate Conservatism' to the Secular Poor." (with John Huber).

Work in Progress

“Imperfectly Enforced Campaign Regulations.”

“Where did the PRI Retain Support? An Empirical Analysis of the 2006 Mexican Presidential Election at the Municipality Level.”

Invited Presentations

June 2007 Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económica. Mexico City, Mexico.

“The ‘Chilling Effect’ and Domestication: Defamation Law and Collusion of Publishers with Politicians Affect how Newspapers Cover Corruption in Mexico.”

January 2007 Sixth Meeting of the University Working Groups on the Social Dimensions of Inequality. UCLA. Los Angeles, CA.

“Voter Polarization on Redistribution Across Democracies.”(with John Huber)

December 2006 Center for the Study of Democratic Politics. Princeton University. Princeton, NJ.

“Why Do the Poor Support Right-Wing Parties? A Comparative Analysis.”(with John Huber)

Summer 2001 Basque Lecture Series. University of Nevada, Reno. Reno, NV.

“Herri Batasuna 1978-2001: External Legitimation and Organizational Structure.”

Conference Presentations

September 2007 Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

“Redistribution Through Taxes and Charity: The Cost of ‘Compassionate Conservatism’ to the Secular Poor.” (with John Huber)

“A Bayesian Instrumental Variable Model of the Coverage of Corruption in the Mexican Press.”(Poster)

July 2007 Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology. Pennsylvania State University.

“A Bayesian Instrumental Variable Model of the Coverage of Corruption in the Mexican Press.”

September 2006 Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA.

“Voting Polarization on Redistribution across Democracies.” (with John Huber)

April 2006 Annual meeting of the The Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

“Domesticated Publishers, Silenced Journalists: The Political Economy of Press Subjugation and Press Freedom.”

January 2006 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Atlanta, GA.

“Bribes, Campaign Finance, and Freedom of the Press.”

Summer 2005 Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology. Florida State University. Tallahassee, FL.

“Testing the Pooling Assumption with Cross-Sectional Time Series Data: A Proposal and an Assessment with Simulation Experiments.”

Teaching and Research Experience

Spring 2008 New York University. New York, NY.

Adjunct Professor. Political and Bureaucratic Corruption. (Undergraduate).

Fall 2007 New York University. New York, NY.

Adjunct Professor. Seminar in Comparative Politics: Political Corruption. (Graduate).

Spring 2007 Columbia University. New York, NY.

Statistical Consultant. Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy.

Teaching Assistant. Advanced Topics In Quantitative Research: Models for Panel and Time- Series Cross-Section Data (Graduate).

Summer 2006 and Winter 2007 Hemeroteca Nacional. Mexico City, Mexico.

Data collection for the empirical test of some of the hypotheses of "The Political Economy of Press Freedom" project, part of the doctoral dissertation.

Spring 2006 Columbia University. New York, NY.

Teaching Assistant. Multivariate Political Analysis (Graduate).

Research Assistant. Data preparation for the project "Voting Polarization across Democracies" by Professor John Huber.

Fall 2005 Columbia University. New York, NY.

Teaching Assistant. Mathematical Methods for Political Science (Graduate).

Summer 2005 Columbia University. New York, NY.

Research Assistant. Data preparation for the project "Religious Belief, Religious Participation, and Social Policy Attitudes Across Countries" by Professor John Huber.

Research Assistant. Faculty Search Committee, Department of Political Science.

Spring 2005 Barnard College. New York, NY.

Teaching Assistant. Introduction to Comparative Politics (Undergraduate). Guest Lecturer on the Political Economy of Development.

Fall 2004 Columbia University. New York, NY.

Teaching Assistant. Introduction to Comparative Politics (Undergraduate). Guest Lecturer on Democracy and Development.

Spring 2004 Columbia University. New York, NY.

Teaching Assistant. Analysis of Political Data (Graduate).

Fall 2002 Columbia University. New York, NY.

Research Assistant for the project "Economic Expectations and Elections" by Professor Lucy Goodhart.

Spring 2002 Columbia University. New York, NY.

Research Assistant. Search and collection of data on stock markets, consumer expectations and the business cycle for Professor Lucy Goodhart.

November 1999 - September 2000

Research work for the thesis on Basque ethnonationalism. Fieldwork including detailed interviews with leaders and spokespersons of Basque parties, trade unions and peace organizations.

Fall 1999 Università degli Studi di Trieste. Trieste, Italia.

Research Assistant. Analysis of experimental data on probabilistic reasoning for Professor Vittorio Girotto, Dipartimento di Psicologia.

Fellowships

Fall 2007 Yale University. New Haven, CT.

Fellow, Center for Democracy. (Declined)

Summer 2006 Columbia University. New York, NY.
Summer Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

2005-2007 Columbia University. New York, NY.
Graduate Fellow, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy.

Fall 2002- Spring 2007 Columbia University. New York, NY.
Faculty Fellow, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Summer 2001 University of Nevada, Reno. Reno, NV.
Visiting Research Fellow, Center for Basque Studies.

Research Interests

- Corruption, accountability and the media.
- Legislative institutions and special interest politics.
- The politics of economic growth.
- Formal models and systematic tests of their empirical implications.
- Bayesian data analysis.
- Cross-sectional time series and multi-country survey data.
- Discrete outcome variables.
- Bayesian instrumental variables models.

Languages

Italian (native), English and Spanish (fluent), Portuguese and Catalan (reading proficiency), Latin and Ancient Greek (translation proficiency).

Statistical Packages

Stata: long experience and deep knowledge of the package, including data manipulation, estimations, and programming. Extensive experience with MonteCarlo simulation experiments. Two semesters of experience teaching introductory to advanced use of the package in the context of the TA assignment to the courses on applied regression for PhD students in the department of Political Science, Columbia University.

R: long experience with the language, including data manipulation, estimations, matrix operations, MonteCarlo simulation experiments, and graphical presentation of data (including maps). One semester of experience teaching advanced use in the context of the TA assignment to the course on cross-sectional time-series data for PhD students in the department of Political Science, Columbia University.

WinBUGS: estimation of multi-level Bayesian regression models.

GAUSS: programming of maximum likelihood estimation procedures, matrix operations.

SPSS: working knowledge.

Journal Service

Reviewer, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*.