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Academic positions

Leverhulme Early Career Fellow 2024-ongoing
King's College London
Department of Political Economy

Research Fellow 2021-2023
University of Exeter
Department of Politics & Centre for Computational Social Science

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science · King's College London 2022
Project: *Policy responsiveness in the European Union*

M.Sc. in Public Management · Bocconi University, Milan 2016

M.A. in European Affairs · Institut d'études politiques, Paris 2016

B.A. in Political Science · University of Naples "Federico II" 2014

Erasmus programme · University of Ljubljana 2014

Publications

Peer reviewed articles

Koop C. & Scotto di Vettimo, M. (2024), "Non-majoritarian institutions, media coverage, and 'reinforced accountability'", *Governance*, 37(2), 599–617. DOI: [10.1111/gove.12785](https://doi.org/10.1111/gove.12785).

Devine, D., Valgarðsson, V., Smith, J., Jennings, W., Scotto di Vettimo, M., Bunting, H., & McKay, L. (2024), "Political trust in the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic: A meta-analysis of 67 studies", *Journal of European Public Policy*, 31(3): 657–679. DOI: [10.1080/13501763.2023.2169741](https://doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2023.2169741).

Koop, C. & Scotto di Vettimo, M. (2023), "Do the media scrutinise central banking? Evidence from the Bank of England", *European Journal of Political Economy*, 77, 102296. DOI: [10.1016/j.ejpoleco.2022.102296](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ejpoleco.2022.102296).

Scotto di Vettimo, M. (2022), "Measuring public support for European integration using a Bayesian IRT model", *European Union Politics*, 23(2): 171–191. DOI: [10.1177/14651165221080400](https://doi.org/10.1177/14651165221080400).

Book chapters

Koop C. & Scotto di Vettimo, M. (2024), "¿Independientes pero bajo control? Evaluando la rendición de cuentas de múltiples aristas de las instituciones no mayoritarias", in Dussauge Laguna, M. & Casas Benítez, A. (eds): *Nuevos derroteros en la Administración y las Políticas Públicas*. FLACSO: México.

Working papers

"Research with citizen-produced political text: An interdisciplinary study of inequalities in access, ethics, languages and resources" (with Haraldsson, A., Gelovani, S., Kalsnes, B., Koc-Michalska, K., & Theocharis, Y.). *Revise & Resubmit*.

"One model to rule them all? Choosing axes for European political landscapes with VAA data" (with Thomeczek, J.P., Zhirnov, A., Lange, S., Buma, R., Cristea, V., Dolle, M., Kersting, N., Krouwel, A., López-Ortega, A., Thompson, J., Antonucci, L., Di Stefano, R., & Ruggeri, F.). *Currently under review*.

“Populist axis: Empirical model of voting with programmatic and populism dimensions” (with Zhirnov, A., Thomeczek, J.P., Buma, R., Cristea, V., Kersting, N., Krouwel, A., López-Ortega, A., Thompson, J., Antonucci, L., D’Ippoliti, C., Di Stefano, R., & Ruggeri, F.). *Currently under review*.

“Whom do you serve? A comparative analysis of mass-elite congruence between voters, business and political elites (2007 - 2017)” (with Marzi, P.), presented at the Annual Meeting of the Italian Political Science Association, Genoa, September 2023. *Currently under review*.

“The populist distance: One the substantive representation of voters by populist parties”, (with Zhirnov, A., Thomeczek, J.P., López-Ortega, A., Krouwel, A., Banducci, S., Antonucci, L., Di Stefano, R., Strobl, M., & Kersting, N.). *Submitted for publication*.

“Research challenges and training needs in text analysis for social science research” (with Haraldsson, A., Gelovani, S., Banducci, S., Koc-Michalska, K., & Theocharis, Y.). *Submitted for publication*.

“Multi-level politics in action: How national elections make European policies more responsive”, presented at the Annual COMPTExT Conference, Amsterdam, May 2024.

“Do societal priorities matter for the agenda of independent central banks?” (with Koop, C.), presented at the Annual Meeting of the Italian Political Science Association, Genoa, September 2023.

“Do central bank communication and outreach affect public attitudes towards the organisation? Evidence from a survey experiment” (with Koop, C., & Turnbull-Dugarte, S.), presented at “The Politics of Central Banking” Conference, Cologne, June 2023.

“Research contexts conducive to the bias in the estimates with VAA-generated data” (with Zhirnov, A.).

Other manuscripts

“Report on the platform for the OPTED project (D9.5)” (with Banducci, S., Balluff, P., Gelovani, S., & Theocharis, Y.). September 2023. Report written as part of the [OPTED](#) project.

“Report on Producing a prototype platform for the OPTED project (D9.4)” (with Banducci, S., Gelovani, S., & Theocharis, Y., Dhamal, P.). September 2022. Report written as part of the [OPTED](#) project.

“Report on training and research needs and opportunities for the OPTED platform (D9.3)” (with Banducci, S., Gelovani, S., & Theocharis, Y.). May 2022. Report written as part of the [OPTED](#) project. *The report is available at this [link](#).*

Data and tools

OPTED Meteor. <https://meteor.opted.eu/> (member of the scientific team).

Scotto di Vettimo, M., Haraldsson, A., Gelovani, S., Banducci, S., Koc-Michalska, K., & Theocharis, Y. (2022) “A survey of the research challenges and training needs in text analysis for political science research”. [Data collection]. DOI: [10.24378/exe.4344](https://doi.org/10.24378/exe.4344).

Scotto di Vettimo, M. (2022), “scRapEU: An R function to scrape data on EU laws”. Version March 2024. DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.10871232](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10871232). [[Download](#)]

Teaching

Teaching Assistant · University of Exeter 2022-2024

Courses: Data Analysis in Social Science 1 (2022-2023); Introduction to Social Data (2023-2024)

Teaching Assistant · King’s College London 2018-2021

Courses: Comparative politics; Introduction to politics; Integration of the European Union (2018-2020)

Guest Lecturer · King’s College London 2019

Grants and awards

Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship · ‘Opening the black box of EU’s most powerful institution: the European Council’ (2024-2026) · ECF-2023-018.

Consultancy & other research experiences

Consultancy

Research Associate · NATO Strategic Communication Centre of Excellence 2022

Other research experiences

Research Associate · King’s College London, Policy Institute 2019-2021

Research Assistant · University of Southampton 2021

Research Assistant · University of Birmingham 2019

Research Assistant · King’s College London 2018

Reviewer

European Journal of Government and Economics, European Journal of Political Research, European Union Politics, Frontiers in Political Science, Journal of Public Policy, Review of International Political Economy

Conferences

Annual International and Interdisciplinary Conference on the Quantitative and Computational Analysis of Textual Data (COMPTXT) Conference (Amsterdam 2024; previously also in Glasgow 2023⁺, Dublin 2022).

Italian Political Science Association’s (SISP) Annual conference (Genoa 2023[‡]; previously also in Rome 2021^{*}).

Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on the European Union (Rome 2021).

American Political Science Association’s (APSA) Annual meeting (San Francisco 2020).

European Political Science Association’s (EPSA) Annual conference (Prague 2020).

LSE-Oxford Annual Graduate Student Conference (London 2020).

** Panel organiser; ⁺ panel chair; [‡] panel discussant.*

Workshops & talks

Political science research on EU politics and policies: agendas, challenges and opportunities, May 2024 · University of Catania. Workshop sponsored by the SISP SG on the European Union [[Programme](#)]

Conceptualising, measuring and mapping global authoritarianism, March 2023 · University of Exeter. Workshop sponsored by the Exeter Global Authoritarianism Network [[Programme](#)]

Parliamentary Data for a Better Democracy, Brussels, June 2022. [[Programme](#)]

Governing through the storm: institutional change in testing times, February 2022 · Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna in Pisa [[Programme](#)]

Politics and International Relations seminar, February 2022 · University of Southampton

Memberships

Italian Political Science Association · SISP (2022-)

Political Studies Association of the United Kingdom · PSA (2024-)

Other professional experience

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| <i>Business developer</i> · Lattanzio Advisory Public Sector, Rome | 2017 |
| <i>Internship</i> · Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Rome | 2016 |
| <i>Internship</i> · Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU, Brussels | 2016 |

Computer, methodologies, & language skills

Software & Programming languages: R, Python, Stata, SPSS, Office package, \LaTeX , Qualtrics, Prolific, JAGS.

Skills: Machine learning algorithms, Quantitative text analysis, Survey experiments, Analysis of survey data, Bayesian Item Response Theory, Automated web scraping, Multilevel regression and post-stratification.

Languages: Italian (Native speaker), English (C2), French (B2), German (A2).

References

Prof. Susan Banducci, *University of Exeter*

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Prof. Christel Koop, *King's College London*

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