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PUBLICATIONS

2026

[Why do electoral systems change? Accounting for parties, institutions and voters: evidence from the deviant case of Italy](#)

Di Biagio, A. Why do electoral systems change? Accounting for parties, institutions and voters: evidence from the deviant case of Italy. *Humanit Soc Sci Commun* 13, 329 (2026). <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41599-026-06937-2>

Journal Name: Humanities and Social Sciences Communications

2025

[Do citizens approve of technocrats? Analyzing attitudes toward technocrats in thirty-one European democracies 1999–2021](#)

Semenova, E., Dowding, K., Kaiser, A. et al. Do citizens approve of technocrats? Analyzing attitudes toward technocrats in thirty-one European democracies 1999–2021. *Comp Eur Polit* (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41295-025-00439-2>

Authors: Semenova, E., Dowding, K., Kaiser, A., Di Biagio, A. | **Journal Name:** Comparative European Politics

2022

[Lo sviluppo dei partiti verdi in Germania ed in Italia dal 1994 al 2018](#)

"The development of green parties in Germany and Italy from 1994 to 2018"

Scientific book publication about two green parties in Germany and in Italy.

In the analysis, four main factors are described: Party Identities, Party Strategic Entries, Electoral Systems and the impact of the Economy. These factors are relevant to understand the success of "Die Grünen" in Germany and the failure of "Federazione dei Verdi" in Italy

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

10/2024 – CURRENT Cologne, Germany

PHD CANDIDATE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES Universität zu Köln

Democracy under Stress? Same Coin, Different Sides: Populism and Technocracy.

Research proposal on how populism and technocracy represent challenges to European democratic systems. Comparative political analysis and mixed methods are employed to investigate their emergence and effects.

10/2021 – 08/2024 Cologne, Germany

MASTER IN POLITICAL SCIENCE Universität zu Köln

Quantitative and Qualitative Methods

Comparative Political Institutions

Comparative Political Economy

Democratic Theory and Practice

Sociology

Strategic Models of Democratic Politics

(Game theory applied to Politics)

Final grade 1.4 | **Thesis** The Party System's Role in Shaping Populism: A Comparative Analysis of 24 European Countries

10/2017 – 03/2021 Roma, Italy

BACHELOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS University of Rome "La Sapienza"

Scienza Politica (Political Science)

Diritto Privato e Pubblico (Private Law)

Diritto Internazionale ed Organizzazioni Internazionali (International Law and Organizations)

Sociologia (Sociology)

Politica Comparata (Comparative Politics)

Economia Politica (Political Economy)

Statistica (Statistics)

Field of study Scienze Politiche e Relazioni Internazionali | **Final grade** 106/110 |

Thesis Sviluppo dei Partiti Verdi in Germania ed in Italia dal 1994 al 2018

09/2019 – 08/2020 Dresden, Germany

ERASMUS STUDENT Technische Universität Dresden (TUD)

International Trade: Theory and Policy (engl.)

Einführung in die Vergleichende Politische Ökonomie

English Kurse

Deutsch als Fremdsprache

Einführung in das Studium der Internationalen Beziehungen

Politisches Denken

Konzepte und Theorien der Internationalen Beziehungen

Politisches Denken: Moderne Demokratietheorien

Field of study Politikwissenschaft | **Number of credits** 48

2011 – 2017 Ciampino, Italy

SCHOOL DIPLOMA (72/100) Liceo Scientifico Vito Volterra

● CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

06/04/2026 – 10/04/2026 University of Innsbruck

ECPR- Joint Sessions

Participation and Presentation:

"How Populist Parties enter in competition: A Comparative Analysis of 25 European Countries": comparative research on populist party entry strategies across European party systems.

25/09/2025 – 26/09/2025 University of Cologne

Co - Creating Tomorrow: A Workshop on Human - AI Collaboration 2025

Co-develop innovative research ideas addressing the challenges and opportunities in human-AI collaboration

04/09/2025 – 06/09/2025 Naples

SISP Conference 2025 - Political science in the digital age

Participation and Presentations:

"How New Parties Enter in Competition: The Case of Populism. A Comparative Analysis of 24 European Countries": comparative research on populist party entry strategies across European party systems, emphasizing conditions that facilitate their electoral breakthrough.

"Technocracy or Not, This Is the Question: Can the Party System Predict the Presence of Technocrats in Governments?": research on the relationship between party system characteristics and the appointment of technocrats, exploring systemic predictors of technocratic participation in executive office.

04/03/2025 – 07/03/2025 Helsinki

HEPP5 - Fifth Helsinki Conference on Emotions, Populism, and Polarisation

Participation and Presentation:

"Why Have Certain Types of Populist Parties Emerged?": research on the effects of party system characteristics in shaping the type of populist party (Valence vs. Radical), highlighting systemic factors that influence their emergence and differentiation.

WORK EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY LECTURER – UNIVERSITÄT WÜRZBURG – 11/2025 – Current – WÜRZBURG, GERMANY

BA/MA Teaching. Main focus: Populism, Party and Party System, Technocracy, Technocratic Appointment

RESEARCH ASSISTANT – UNIVERSITÄT ZU KÖLN – 04/2023 – 10/2025 – KÖLN, GERMANY

Chair of Comparative Politics (CCCP), with Prof. Dr. André Kaiser.

Research Project on: "Experts, Power and Democracy: The Rise of Technocracy in Europe", with Prof. Semenova.

MARKET RESEARCH INTERVIEWER – PISACANE INFORMATION SERVICE GMBH – 06/2022 – 03/2023 – COLOGNE, GERMANY

Collecting information on the perceptions, opinions, and preferences of customers in relation to commercial products or services.

Interview techniques to draw as much information as possible by contacting people via telephone calls, by approaching them face-to-face or by virtual means.

COLLABORATOR IN THE AREA OF INTERNATIONALISATION – UNIVERSITY "LA SAPIENZA" – 12/2020 – 03/2021 – ROMA, ITALY

University student collaborator for public exhibition projects.

Assistant as data research and data compilation on Excel.

Implemented knowledge: Microsoft Office package, presentation display, English language.

JOURNALIST AND RADIO SPEAKER – NON È LA RADIO – 02/2019 – 10/2020 – ROMA, ITALY

Management of a radio podcast called "I due Leocorni".

Management of social network pages.

Writing and editing articles on politics, political philosophy and News.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **ITALIAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
GERMAN	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
SPANISH	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

SKILLS

Microsoft Office | Google | Windows | Basic knowledge of Canva | Academic knowledge of R and RStudio

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

My extracurricular education

Electoral Transparency - Electoral Mission for the European Parliament Elections 2024.

Stand up comedian since 2024.

Chess player (from an early age).

Improv theatre at "Tempo di Mezzo" (2017-2019).

Scout Agesci member from 2005 to 2018.

Volunteer at the association "LiberaMente".

Volunteer at the "Banco Alimentare" project "Colletta Alimentare".

Volunteer with Liceo Scientifico Vito Volterra as a distributor of basic necessities in Norcia.

Student representative from 2015 to 2017.

Volunteer at Caritas in the Rome Casilina area.