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Current Employment:

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science,
Luiss Guido Carli, Rome 2022-

Director of the MA in International Relations,
Luiss Guido Carli, Rome 2023-

Past Employments and Appointments:

Visiting Faculty, Sciences Po Paris 2024 (spring)

Visiting Professor, Sciences Po Bordeaux 2023 (fall)

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science,
Luiss Guido Carli, Rome 2020-2022

Visiting Professor, Roskilde University 2022 (summer)

Visiting Professor, *Centre d'Histoire*, Sciences Po Paris 2022 (spring)

Fellow, Remarque Institute, New York University 2017-2019

Associate Research Fellow, Center for Citizenship, Social Pluralism
and Religious Diversity, Potsdam University 2017-2019

Visiting Scholar, University of Oslo 2017 (summer)

Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor, Center for European
and Mediterranean Studies, New York University 2016-2017

Marie Curie Fellow, University of Padua 2014-2016

Fellow, The European Institute, Columbia University 2014-2016

Visiting Research Fellow, Center for Citizenship, Social Pluralism,
and Religious Diversity, Potsdam University 2016 (summer)

Visiting Research Fellow, Institute for Religion, Politics, and Society,
Australian Catholic University, Melbourne 2015 (summer)

Fellow, Center for European and Mediterranean Studies,
New York University 2011-2014

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Politics and James
Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions,
Princeton University 2010-2011

Research Scholar, Department of Politics and International Studies
(POLIS), University of Cambridge 2008-2010

Education:

PhD, Modern European History, University of Tuscia, Viterbo 2007

Laurea (BA+MA), *magna cum laude*, *Lettere moderne* (Humanities),
University of Rome La Sapienza 2001

Research and teaching interests:

Modern European and Italian history; cultural and intellectual history; political anthropology; symbolic politics; politics and religion; democracy, authoritarianism, and revolutions; the Cold War; nationalism and the politics of memory; cinema; global history

Books:

Italy's Christian Democracy: The Catholic Encounter with Political Modernity (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2024), with Bjørn Thomassen

On the Edge of Democracy: Italy, 1943-1948 (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019),
<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/on-the-edge-of-democracy-9780198817444?cc=gb&lang=en>

Italian Modernities: Competing Narratives of Nationhood (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016),
with Bjørn Thomassen, <http://www.palgrave.com/la/book/9781137501554>

La Repubblica del Presidente. Gli anni di Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, 1999-2006 [*The Republic of the President: Carlo Azeglio Ciampi Years, 1999-2006*] (Reggio Emilia: Diabasis, 2011)

Storie di sindaci per la storia d'Italia, 1889-2000 [*Stories of Mayors for the History of Italy, 1889-2000*] (Rome: Donzelli, 2009), with Oscar Gaspari and Sante Cruciani

Le elezioni amministrative della Prima Repubblica. Politica e propaganda locale nell'Italia del secondo dopoguerra, 1946-1956 [*The Local Elections of the First Republic: Politics and Local Propaganda in Italy after World War II, 1946-1956*] (Rome: Donzelli, 2008)

Peer-reviewed journal articles:

“Thriving in Modernity: Crisis and Mimesis in the Life Experiences of Padre Pio and Ernesto De Martino,” *History and Anthropology*, November 2023 (Latest Articles), at <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/02757206.2023.2275785?src=>

- “Christian Democracy as Political Spirituality: Transcendence as Transformation – Italian Politics, 1942-1953,” *Politics & Religion* 2023 (forthcoming), with Bjørn Thomassen
- “The Globalization of Christian Democracy: Religious Entanglements in the Making of Modern Politics,” *Religions* 13, no. 7 (2022): 659, with Bjørn Thomassen, <https://www.mdpi.com/2077-1444/13/7/659>
- “The Soviet Myth and the Making of Communist Lives in Italy, 1943-56,” *Journal of Contemporary History* 57, no. 3 (2022): 645-68
- “Social Dramas and Memory Formation: Resistance and the Use of the *Risorgimento* in the Italian Politics of Memory, 1943-1948,” *History & Anthropology*, 32, no. 5 (2021): 527-45, with Bjørn Thomassen
- “Europe’s Forgotten Unfinished Revolution: Peasant Power, Social Mobilization and Communism in the Southern Italian Countryside, 1943-45,” *The American Historical Review* 126, vol. 2 (2021): 504-29
- “Antonio Gramsci on Religion,” *Journal of Classical Sociology* 21, no. 1 (2021): 38-60
- “In Search of Order: Portrayal of Communists in Cold War Italy,” *Journal of Cold War Studies* 22, no. 2 (2020): 94-132
- “New Perspectives on Twentieth Century Catholicism,” *Contemporary European History* 28, no. 4 (2019): 581-95
- “*Das Abendland*: The Politics of Europe’s Religious Borders,” *Critical Research on Religion* 7, no. 1 (2019): 6-23, with Bryan S. Turner
- “Magic, Religion, and the South: Notes on Ernesto De Martino,” *Journal of Religious and Political Practice* 4, no. 2 (2018): 137-55
- “The Enemy Within: Catholic Anti-Communism in Cold War Italy,” *Past & Present* 235 (2017): 207-42
- “Resurrections and Rebirths: How the *Risorgimento* Shaped Modern Italian Politics,” *Journal of Modern Italian Studies* 22, no. 3 (2017): 291-313, with Bjørn Thomassen
- “The Politics of the *Abendland*: Christian Democracy and the Idea of Europe after World War II,” *Contemporary European History* 26, no. 2 (2017): 261-86
- “The Last Frontier: The Struggle over Sex and Marriage under Pope Francis,” *Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia* 57, no. 4 (2016): 689-710, with Bryan S. Turner
- “Catholic Modernity and the Italian Constitution,” *History Workshop Journal* 81 (Autumn 2016): 231-51, with Bjørn Thomassen

- “Christianity and Political Thought: Augusto Del Noce and the Ideology of Christian Democracy in Postwar Italy,” *Journal of Political Ideologies* 21, no. 2 (2016): 181-99, with Bjørn Thomassen
- “The Next Wave of Italians Has Come to America: Italian Investments and Business in the US, 1980-2013,” *Journal of Modern Italian Studies* 20, no. 5 (2015): 708-31
- “Voegelin’s Impact on the Italian Response to Modernity: The Parallel Life-Works of Augusto Del Noce and Eric Voegelin,” *VoegelinView*, November 2014, at <http://voegelinview.com/voegelins-impact-italian-response-modernity-parallel-life-works-augusto-del-noce-eric-voegelin/>, with Bjørn Thomassen
- “Sacrificial Memory and Political Legitimacy in Postwar Italy: Reliving and Remembering World War II,” *History & Memory* 24, no. 2 (2012): 73-116
- “From Myth to Reality and Back Again: The Fascist and Post-Fascist Reading of Garibaldi and the Risorgimento,” *Bulletin of Italian Politics* 3, no. 2 (2011): 263-81, with Bjørn Thomassen
- “Bewilderment and Recomposition: September 8, 1943 and the Liminal Origins of Italian Democracy,” *International Political Anthropology* 4, no. 2 (2011): 133-57
- “Re-narrating Italy, Reinventing the Nation: Assessing the Presidency of Ciampi,” *Journal of Modern Italian Studies* 16, no. 5 (2011): 705-25, with Bjørn Thomassen
- “A Party for the Mezzogiorno: The Christian Democratic Party, Agrarian Reform and the Government of Italy,” *Contemporary European History* 19, no. 4 (2010): 331-49
- “The Italian Communist Party, Local Government and the Cold War,” *Modern Italy* 15, no. 2 (2010): 177-96
- “Beppe, Tonio e le donne vanno a votare. L’educazione al voto per le elezioni amministrative del 1946 [Beppe, Tonio and Women Go to the Polls: Education to Vote for the 1946 Local Elections],” *Dimensioni e problemi della ricerca storica* 20, no. 1 (2008): 125-45
- “Il voto locale nell’anno della Repubblica. Le elezioni amministrative del 1946 [The Local Vote in the Year of the Republic: The 1946 Local Elections],” *Memoria e Ricerca* 24 (2007): 143-62
- “Le elezioni politiche e amministrative a Roma dal 1948 al 1953 [The National and Local Elections in Rome from 1948 to 1953],” *Clio* 38, no. 3 (2002): 511-44

Other writings:

- “Rethinking Religion and Politics: Reflections on Italy’s Christian Democracy”, *Luiss Open*, June 2020, at <https://open.luiss.it/en/2020/06/13/rethinking-religion-and-politics-reflections-on-italys-christian-democracy/>

“Decoding Donald Trump: The Triumph of Trickster Politics,” *Public Seminar*, April 2016, at <http://www.publicseminar.org/2016/04/decoding-donald-trump-the-triumph-of-trickster-politics/#.VyOhpWOMDVo>, with Bjørn Thomassen

“Augusto Del Noce, Eric Voegelin, and Modernity,” *The European Conservative* 12 (summer/fall 2015): 43-6, with Bjørn Thomassen

“Oltre le ideologie. C'è un nemico ed è brutto e peloso [Beyond Ideologies: There Is an Enemy and He Is Ugly and Hairy],” *L'Europeo* 2 (2007): 25-9

Chapters in edited collections:

“Nation,” in Paul O'Connor and Arpad Szakolczai (eds.), *Elgar Encyclopaedia of Political Anthropology* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2024 forthcoming)

“Between Theology and Politics: Pius XII and the Emergence of Christian Democracy After World War II,” in Simon Unger-Alvi and Nina Valbousquet (eds.), *War and Genocide, Reconstruction and Change: The Global Pontificate of Pius XII, 1939-1958* (New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2024, forthcoming), with Bjørn Thomassen

“Comment se terminent les révolutions?,” in Ludivine Bantigny, Quentin Deluermoz, Boris Gobille, Laurent Jeanpierre, Eugénia Palieraki (eds.), *Une histoire globale des révolutions* (Paris: La Découverte, 2023), with Bjørn Thomassen, 1102-8

“Roman Catholicism and Democracy: Internal Conservatism and External Liberalism?,” in Jürgen Mackert, Bryan S. Turner, and Hannah Wolf (eds.), *The Condition of Democracy*, vol. 1, *Neoliberal Politics and the Sociological Perspectives* (London: Routledge, 2021), with Bryan S. Turner, 149-64

“Nation as Home: Anthropological Foundations and Human Needs,” in Mark Luccarelli, Rosario Forlenza, and Steven Colatrella (eds.), *Bringing the Nation Back In: Cosmopolitanism, Nationalism, and the Struggle to Define a New Politics* (Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2020), 163-83

“Max Weber and the Late Modernization of Catholicism,” in Edith Hanke, Lawrence Scaff, and Sam Whimster (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Max Weber* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020), with Bryan S. Turner, 335-51

“Liminality and Experience: Rethinking the Theoretical Foundations of Memory Studies,” in Dimiter Daphinoff and Franziska Metzger (eds.), *Ausdehnung der Zeit. Die Gestaltung von Erinnerungsräumen in Geschichte, Literatur, Kunst* (Vienna, Cologne, Weimar: Böhlau Verlag, 2020), 73-91, with Bjørn Thomassen

“‘Abendland in Christian Hands’: Populism and Religion in Contemporary European Politics,” in Gregor Fitzi, Jürgen Mackert and Bryan S. Turner (eds.), *Populism and the Crisis of Democracy*, vol. 3, *Migration, Gender and Religion* (London: Routledge, 2018), 133-49

- “*Res Publica Christiana: Europe’s Three Religious Borders*,’ in Daisy L. Machado, Bryan S. Turner and Trygve Willer (eds.), *Borderland Religion: Ambiguous Practices of Difference, Hope and Beyond* (London: Routledge, 2018), 27-43, with Bryan S. Turner
- “*Soccer, Power, and Politics in Postwar Italy: The Case of Naples*,” in Brenda Elsey and Stanislao Pugliese (eds.), *Football and the Boundaries of History: Critical Studies in Soccer* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017), 249-66
- “*The Past of the Present: World War II Memories and the Construction of Political Legitimacy in Post-Cold War Italy*,” in Christian Karner and Bram Mertens (eds.), *The Use and Abuse of Memory: Interpreting World War II in Contemporary European Politics* (Piscataway, NJ: Transaction Publishers, 2013), 137-54, with Bjørn Thomassen
- “*I sindaci, la democrazia, la Repubblica [Mayors, Democracy, and the Republic]*,” in Maurizio Ridolfi (ed.), *I sindaci della Repubblica [The Mayors of the Republic]* (Imola: La Mandragora, 2012), 23-41
- “*La memoria, la Seconda guerra mondiale e la democrazia in Italia [Memory, the Second World War, and Democracy in Italy]*,” in Penelope Morris, Francesco Ricatti, and Mark Seymour (eds.), *Politica ed emozioni nella storia d’Italia dal 1848 a oggi [Politics and Emotions in the History of Italy from 1848 to the Present]* (Rome: Viella, 2012), 169-89
- “*Memoria e antropologia politica [Memory and Political Anthropology]*,” in Federica Frediani and Fernanda Gallo (eds.), *Ethos repubblicano e pensiero meridiano [Republican Ethos and Meridian Thought]* (Reggio Emilia: Diabasis, 2011), 84-95
- “*Dai notabili ai proconsoli. Il ceto politico della provincia di Viterbo, 1946-1963 [From Notables to Proconsuls: The Political Class of the Viterbo Province, 1946-1963]*,” in Silvana Casmirri (ed.), *Il ceto politico del Lazio nell’Italia repubblicana. Dinamiche della rappresentanza e costruzione del consenso, 1946-1963 [The Political Class of Lazio: Dynamics of Representation and the Building of Consensus, 1946-1963]* (Milan: Franco Angeli, 2011), 34-55
- “*Le elezioni amministrative del 1946 e del 1951 [The 1946 and 1951 Local Elections]*,” in Pierluigi Ballini (ed.), *Le autonomie locali in Lombardia e in Toscana. Dalla Resistenza alla prima legislatura della Repubblica [Local Autonomies in Lombardy and in Tuscany: From the Resistance to the First Republican Legislature]* (Soveria Mannelli: Rubettino, 2010), 63-96
- “*Elezioni e apprendistato democratico nel consolidamento della Repubblica [Elections and Democratic Apprenticeship in the Consolidation of the Republic]*,” in Maurizio Ridolfi (ed.), *Il comune democratico. Autogoverno, territorio, politica a Pesaro negli anni di Marcello Stefanini, 1965-1978 [The Democratic Town Council: Self-government, Territory, Politics in Pesaro during the Years of Marcello Stefanini, 1965-1978]* (Milan: Franco Angeli, 2009), 47-63
- “*L’Italia dei Comuni: la mobilitazione elettorale [Italy’s Town Councils: The Electoral Mobilization]*,” in Patrizia Dogliani and Maurizio Ridolfi (eds.), *1946 – I Comuni al voto. Elezioni amministrative, partecipazione delle donne [1946 – Elections in Town: Local Elections and the Participation of Women]* (Imola: La Mandragora, 2007), 53-75

“L’archivio Paulucci di Calboli [The Paulucci de Calboli Archive],” in Francesca Anania and Piero Melograni (eds.), *L’Istituto Luce nel regime fascista: un confronto tra le cinematografie europee* [The Luce Institute and the Fascist Regime: A Comparison between European Film-Making Industries] (Rome: Istituto Luce, 2006), 119-28

“La storia del Novecento nel programma La Grande Storia di Rai Tre 1997-2002 [The History of the Twentieth Century in the RAI-Tre Television Program The Great History 1997-2002],” in Simone Cinotto and Marco Mariano (eds.), *Comunicare il passato: cinema, giornali e libri di testo nella narrazione storica* [Narrating the Past: Films, Newspapers and Textbooks in Historical Narrative] (Turin: L’Harmattan Italia, 2004), 325-58

Book reviews in scholarly journals:

Franco Baldasso, *Against Redemption: Memory and Literature in Post-Fascist Italy* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2022), *Journal of Modern Italian Studies*, October 2023 (Latest Articles), at <https://doi.org/10.1080/1354571X.2023.2268479>

Carlo Invernizzi Accetti, *What is Christian Democracy? Politics, Religion and Ideology* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2019), *Political Theory* 49, no.5 (2021): 878-83

Daniela Saresella, *Catholics and Communists in Twentieth Century Italy: Between Conflict and Dialogue* (London: Bloomsbury, 2020), *Politics, Religion & Ideology* 22, no. 2 (2021): 258-60

Patrick McGauley, *Matera 1945-1960: The History of a ‘National Disgrace’* (Oxford: Peter Lang, 2019), *Modern Italy* 25, no. 4 (2020): 500-1

Augusto Del Noce, *The Crisis of Modernity*, ed. and tr. Carlo Lancellotti (Montreal: McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2014), *VoegelinView*, July 2015, at <http://voegelinview.com/augusto-del-noce-on-the-societa-opulenta/>, with Bjørn Thomassen

Enrico Galavotti, *Il professorino. Giuseppe Dossetti tra crisi del fascismo e costruzione della democrazia, 1940-1948* (Bologna: Il Mulino, 2013), *Journal of Modern Italian Studies* 20, no. 3 (2015): 408-10, with Bjørn Thomassen

Filippo Focardi, *Il cattivo tedesco e il bravo italiano. La rimozione delle colpe nella seconda guerra mondiale* (Rome-Bari: Laterza, 2013), *Journal of Modern Italian Studies* 20, no. 3 (2015): 404-6

Paolo Pombeni, *Giuseppe Dossetti. L’avventura politica di un riformatore cristiano* (Bologna: Il Mulino, 2013), *Journal of Modern Italian Studies* 19, no. 4 (2014): 486-8

Co-edited books and journal special issues:

The Routledge Handbook on Christian Democracy (London: Routledge, 2025 forthcoming), with Udo Zolleis

Catholicism in Latin American, special issue of *Religions* 2023,
https://www.mdpi.com/journal/religions/special_issues/catholicism_latin_america#info, with Bjørn Thomassen

Bringing the Nation Back In: Cosmopolitanism, Nationalism and the Struggle to Define a New Politics
(Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2020), with Mark Luccarelli and Steven Colatrella

Questioni civiche. Forme, simboli e confini della cittadinanza [Civic Questions: Forms, Symbols and Limits of Citizenship] (Reggio Emilia: Diabasis, 2010), with Ilario Belloni

Works in progress:

“Religion and Far Right Politics in Contemporary Europe”

“Bodies Politics: Burial and Reburial in Fascist Italy” [submitted to *Past & Present*]

“Mussolini as Trickster: Rethinking Political Leadership in Times of Crisis,” with Bjørn Thomassen

“The Totalitarian Experiences in Russia, Italy, and Germany: Transgression and Transcendence,” with Harald Wydra

“Per un nuovo significato sociale del *luogo*: sentirsi a casa nell’era dell’Antropocene,” with Mark Luccarelli

Fellowships, grants, awards:

2023-2026	Luiss Research Profile (€ 30,000 each year)
2024-2026	Principal Investigator of the PRIN-PNNR 2022 (Research Project of Relevant National Interest, National Recovery and Resilience Plan), funded by the EU (NextGenerationEU) and MIUR (National Ministry of University and Scientific Research). Research topic: “The End of Christian Democracy: The Collapse of a Political Dream – Voices from the Margins” (€ 253,499)
2024 (spring)	Visiting Faculty Global Program Fellowship, Sciences Po Paris
2022	Luiss Teaching Excellence Award
2022	Erasmus+ Teaching Mobility Grant, European Commission
2021	Luiss Excellence Teaching Award
2017-2019	Research Fellowship, Center for Citizenship, Social Pluralism, and Religious Diversity, Potsdam University
2017	American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting Travel Grant (San Francisco, CA)
2017 (summer)	Visiting Research Fellowship, University of Oslo
2016 (summer)	Research Grant, Center for Citizenship, Social Pluralism, and Religious Diversity, Potsdam University
2014-2016	Marie Curie Fellowship, University of Padua
2015	Conference Grant, Remarque Institute, New York University
2015	American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting

	Travel Grant (San Francisco, CA)
2015	Council for European Studies (CES) Conference Grant (Paris)
2014	Lecture Grant, Center for the United States and the Cold War, New York University
2014	Conference Grant, James Madison Program, Princeton University
2014	Conference Grant, Hofstra University
2014	Conference Grant, Remarque Institute, New York University
2013	Conference Grant, James Madison Program, Princeton University
2012	Conference Grant, Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University
2010-2011	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Princeton University
2009	<i>Celso Ghini Prize</i> for the best doctoral dissertation in political-electoral studies discussed in the years 2007 and 2008
2008-2009	Research Grant, University of Cambridge
2004-7	Doctoral Fellowship, University of Tuscia, Viterbo
1996-2000	Undergraduate Scholarship, University of Rome La Sapienza

Invited talks and lectures:

- “A Second Risorgimento? The Memory of the Resistance in Republican Italy,” GRIC – Groupe de recherche sur l’Italie contemporaine, Sciences Po Paris, March 2024 (scheduled)
- “Rethinking Christian Democracy in the Twentieth Century: Italy and Beyond,” *Centre d’Histoire*, Sciences Po Paris, January 2024 (scheduled)
- “The Center-Right in Europe: Limits, Potentials, and the Red Lines,” European People’s Party Group Study Days, Split, September 2023
- “The European Union Project: Christian Inspiration and Present Reality,” Summer School on “Reclaiming Our Christian Heritage,” Center for the Study of Philosophy, Politics, and Religion (Cambridge), Budapest, August 2023
- “Catholic Politics and Political Spirituality in Contemporary Europe,” Rome Summer Seminars on Religion and Global Politics, University of Notre Dame and John Cabot University, Rome, June 2023
- “Italy in the World: History and Identity,” Executive Course in “Strategic Affairs,” School of Government, Luiss University, June 2023
- “The Anthropology of Revolutions,” *Centre d’Histoire*, Sciences Po Paris, March 2023
- “Rethinking Active and Interactive Learning,” Seminar Series “Teaching for Learning,” Luiss University, Rome, February 2023
- “The *Abendland* and the Future of Europe,” keynote speech at the workshop on “Politics and Religion in Europe and the European Union,” Working Group on Politics and Religion, German Political Science Association (DVPW), Kloster Banz, October 2022

- “Will There Be a United Far-Right in Europe?,” European People’s Party Group Study Days, Crete, September 2022
- “The Global 1968,” Faculty of History, University of Oxford, May 2022
- “The Anthropology of Fascism: Transgressions and the Politics of Transcendence,” *Centre d’Histoire*, Sciences Po Paris, April 2022
- “On Comparative, Transnational and Global History,” Luiss University, February 2022
- “Europe and its Foreign Policy (2000 to date),” Executive Program in “The Internal Role of Italy, a Look Back at the Economic and Foreign Policy of Recent Decades,” School of Government, Luiss University, February 2022
- “Historians in the Public Sphere,” Luiss University, November 2021
- “On Fascist Modernity,” School of Arts and Humanities, Nottingham Trent University, October 2021, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XdhnjlbSNWg>
- “Communism and Anti-Communism in Cold War Italy,” Department of History, Classics, and Archaeology, Birkbeck, University of London, February 2021
- “Democracy, Populism and Global Politics,” Luiss University, November 2020
- “Rethinking Christian Democracy: Italian Politics, 1930-1950,” History Research Group, Luiss University, Rome, July 2020
- “The Political Cultures of the European Union” (a series of four lectures), Luiss University, Rome, February 2020
- “Role Playing: Effective Technique in the Teaching of History,” Seminar Series “Teaching for Learning,” Luiss University, Rome, July 2020
- “Europe’s Forgotten Revolution: Southern Italy, 1943-1946,” Departmental Research Seminar, Department of Political Science, Luiss University, Rome, May 2020
- “Italy in the Twentieth Century” (a series of three lectures), SUNY—Purchase summer program, Pisciotta (Italy), July 2019
- “The Cold War in Italy, 1945-1960: Representation, Memory, Identity,” History Department, Hofstra University, November 2017
- “‘*Abendland* in Christian Hands’: Right Wing Politics and Religion in Contemporary Europe,” European Studies Seminar Series, Hofstra University, November 2017
- “Revolution in the Southern Italian Countryside, 1943-1945,” Fellows Seminar, Remarque Institute, New York University, October 2017

- “Citizenship and Home: Political Allegiance and Its Existential Background,” Potsdam University, July 2017
- “Religion and Populism in Contemporary European Politics,” University of Oslo, June 2017
- “Italy, the Never-Ending Crisis,” European Studies Seminar Series, Hofstra University, April 2017
- “The *Abendland* and the Future of Europe: Migrations, Religion, and Borders,” Center for Citizenship, Social Pluralism and Religious Diversity, Potsdam University, July 2016
- “Nation as a Home: Anthropological Foundations and Human Needs,” keynote speech at the symposium on “Nation, Boundaries, Place: Reappraising the Global Sphere,” University of Oslo, June 2016
- “Fortress Europe? Immigration, Religion, and Borders,” European Studies Seminar Series, Hofstra University, April 2016
- “Resurrections and Rebirths in the Archaeology of Memory: The Risorgimento in Twentieth Century Italian Political Discourse,” Seminar in Modern Italian Studies, Columbia University, March 2016
- “Democracy in Italy, 1943-1948: Notes Towards an Anthropology of Political Transformation,” Faculty Lunch Seminar, Department of Political Science, Law and International Studies, University of Padua, May 2015
- “The Resurgence and the Resistance: The Politics of Memory in Italy, 1943-1948,” University of Padua, May 2015
- “The Cold War in Italy: Politics, Society and Culture, 1945-1960,” University of Padua, May 2015
- “Secularization from Within: Political Catholicism in Perspective,” The Committee for the Study of Religion, City University of New York (CUNY), Graduate Center, May 2015
- “Washington, Moscow, and Rome: The Cold War in Italy,” Center for the United States and the Cold War, New York University, May 2014
- “Communism and Anti-Communism in Cold War Italy,” Department of History, King’s College London, July 2012
- “In Search of Order: Portraying the Communist in Cold War Italy,” Faculty of History, University of Oxford, May 2012
- “Naming the Enemy: Communism and Anti-Communism in Italy, 1945-1960,” Department of History, University of Edinburgh, June 2011

“The Soviet Myth and Communism in Italy, 1943-1960,” James Madison Program Fellow Seminar, Princeton University, March 2011

“Communism and Anti-Communism in Cold War Italy,” James Madison Program Undergraduates Lecture, Princeton University, November 2010

“Memory between East and West: Vision of Communism in Cold War Italy,” East European Memory Group Research, University of Cambridge, February 2010

“Local Elections and Democracy in Italy after World War II,” University of L’Aquila, June 2006 (in Italian)

“Democracy From Below: Local Elections in Italy, 1946-1948,” Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, December 2005 (in Italian)

“Practicing Democracy: Elections and Political Culture in Italy, 1946-1950,” University of Tuscia, Viterbo, April 2005 (in Italian)

“History and Film,” Department of History, University of Rome La Sapienza, November 2002 (in Italian)

Conferences, workshops, comments:

Roundtable discussion on “Personalism, European Integration, Third Ways,” Department of Political Science, Law and International Studies University of Padua, October 2023

Republics before the Republic: Peasant Revolts in Southern Italy, 1943-1945,” conference on “Breaking Away: Micronations, Microstates, and the Contestation of Sovereignty in East Central Europe, 1918–Present: Political Thought, Aesthetic Output, and their Afterlives,” University of Rijeka, Moise, Cres (Croatia), September 2023

“Trickster Politics – From Mussolini into the Present,” with Bjørn Thomassen, 29th Conference of the Council for European Studies (CES), Reykjavik, June 2023

“Right Wing Politics and Religion in Contemporary Europe,” 29th Conference of the Council for European Studies (CES), Reykjavik, June 2023

Co-organizer (with Thomas Christiansen) and chair, “Annual Postgraduate Conference,” Luiss University, June 2023

“Peasants and Revolutionary Experiences in Southern Italy, 1943-1945,” symposium on “Peasant Class Struggle? Rural Resistance to States and Elites in the Era of World Wars in Europe,” Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana, April 2023

“Remaking Europe from the Margins,” workshop on “What is Conservative?,” Hanss Seidel Foundation and German-Italian Center for the European Dialogue, Villa Vigoni (Como Lake), February 2023

Response to Franco Baldasso, *Against Redemption: Democracy, Memory, and Literature in Post-Fascist Italy* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2022), University of Rome La Sapienza, January 2023

“The Transformation of Catholic Politics: Italy’s Entanglement with Global Modern Politics,” with Bjørn Thomassen, Association for the Study of Modern Italy (ASMI) annual conference, London, December 2022

“The Emergence of Fascism: Limit-Situations and the Politics of Transcendence,” conference on “From War to War: Fascism and Nationalism in Italian History,” Gramsci Institute for Historical Research, Rome, October 2022

Co-organizer (with Maria Elena Cavallaro), “The 2007-2008 Crisis in the Global Context: Historical Perspectives,” Luiss University, October 2022

Discussant, “The Founding Principles of the EU: Elements for a History of the Material Constitution of the Integration Process,” Italian Society for International Studies (SISI) annual conference, Siena, July 2022

“What Next? Notes Towards an Anthropology of the Emergence of the Italian Democracy,” working group on Italian Political History, Johns Hopkins University, SAIS Europe, Bologna, June 2022

“Augusto Del Noce and the Elaboration of a Catholic Alternative Modernity,” with Bjørn Thomassen, American Association for Italian Studies (AAIS) annual conference, Bologna, June 2022

Response to Guido Bartolini, *The Italian Literature of the Axis War: Memories of Self-Absolution and the Quest for Responsibility* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021), ASMI (Association for the Study of Modern Italy) and Italian Cultural Institute, London, September 2021

“Conversions to Democracy: Political Spirituality and the Emergence of Christian Democracy, 1930-1950,” workshop on “Parties and the (Re-)making of Democracy in the Twentieth Century,” Utrecht University, July 2021

Response to Krystof Dolezal, “Recasting the Christian Democratic Discourse in Czechoslovakia (1968-1993): Christian Europeanism confronts Communist Nationalism,” Junior Visiting Fellows’ Conference, IWM – Institut für Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Wien, June 2021

“Pius XII and the Emergence of Christian Democracy after World War II,” conference on “War and Genocide, Reconstruction and Change: The Global Pontificate of Pius XII, 1939-1958,” with Bjørn Thomassen, The École Française and the Deutsches Historisches Institut, Rome, June 2021

- Response to Giulia Melideo “The Regime of the Colonels between the Cold War and European Integration,” PhD research seminar, School of Government and Master in European Studies, Luiss University, December 2020
- “Globalization, Pandemics, and Global History,” workshop on “Public Health in the Twentieth-First Century,” Luiss University, November 2020
- “Catholicism and European Politics: The Italian Case in Comparative Perspective,” with Bjørn Thomassen, workshop on “Catholicism and European Politics,” John Cabot University, Rome, June 2020
- “The ‘Opulent Society’ as the Breeding Ground for Populism: Understanding the Present through the Analysis of Augusto Del Noce,” with Bjørn Thomassen, Association for the Study of Modern Italy (ASMI) annual conference, London, November 2019
- “Roman Catholicism and Democracy: Internal Conservatism and External Liberalism?” with Bryan S. Turner, conference on “The Condition of Democracy and the Fate of Citizenship,” Center for Citizenship, Social Pluralism and Religious Diversity, Potsdam University, July 2019
- “Rethinking Christian Democracy: Transcendence as Transformation – Italian Politics, 1930-1950,” with Bjørn Thomassen (panel organizer: “Political Catholicism and Christian Democracy in Modern Italy”), American Historical Association (AHA) annual meeting, Washington DC, January 2018
- “Modernity and the Saint: Life and Miracles of Padre Pio,” American Catholic Historical Association (ACHA) annual meeting, Washington DC, January 2018
- “The Politics of Europe’s Religious Borders,” with Bryan Turner, American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, August-September 2017
- “‘*Abendland* in Christian Hands’: Religion and Populism in Contemporary European Politics,” conference on “Populism and Citizenship,” Center for Citizenship, Social Pluralism and Religious Diversity, Potsdam University, July 2017
- “Europe’s Forgotten Revolution: Peasant Power, Social Mobilization and Communism in the Southern Italian Countryside, 1943-1945,” (panel organizer: “Communism and Anti-Communism in Twentieth Century Italy”), American Historical Association (AHA) annual meeting, Denver, CO, January 2017
- “Rethinking the Theoretical Foundations of Memory via Liminality,” with Bjørn Thomassen, conference on “Thinking through the Future of Memory,” Memory Studies Association, Amsterdam, December 2016
- “Authority and Power in Times of Crisis: Charismatic Leadership versus the Trickster,” 19th International Conference on Conceptual History (“Key Concepts in Times of Crisis”), Aarhus University, September 2016

- “The Transformation of Catholic Politics in Modern Europe,” American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 2016
- “The Last Frontier: The Struggle Over Sex and Marriage in the Catholic Church,” workshop on “Religion, Law, and Rights,” Center for Citizenship, Social Pluralism and Religious Diversity, Potsdam University, June 2016
- “Mobilization, Revolution, and Memory Politics: New Forms of Protest in Public Spaces,” workshop on “From Heritage of War to Cultures of Peace,” Department of History, Maastricht University, June 2016
- “Totalitarianism: Transgressions and Transcendence,” with Harald Wydra (panel organizer: “Religion and Politics in Europe since 1900”), 23rd Conference of the Council for European Studies (CES), Philadelphia, PA, April 2016
- “Resistance and Resurgence: The Politics of Memory in Italy, 1943-1948—and Why It Still Matters,” with Bjørn Thomassen, 23rd Conference of the Council for European Studies (CES), Philadelphia, PA, April 2016
- “The Transformation of Christian Politics in Twentieth Century Europe: Italy and Beyond,” with Bjørn Thomassen (panel organizer: “Christianity, Space, and Mobility in Europe’s Age of Extreme”), American Historical Association (AHA) annual meeting, Atlanta, GA, January 2016
- “Modernity is Not the Enemy: Augusto Del Noce’s Catholic Thought as Postwar Political Ideology,” American Catholic Historical Association (ACHA) annual meeting, Atlanta, GA, January 2016
- “Trials of Modernity: Catholic Politics in Twentieth Century Italy,” workshop on “Political Catholicism: Law and Catholic Politics in a Disenchanted World,” Remarque Institute, New York University, December 2015
- “The *Abendland* and After: Religious Borders in the Construction of the European Union,” with Bryan Turner, workshop on “Borderland Religion – Migration and Religion: A Mutual Impact,” City University of New York (CUNY), Graduate Center, November 2015
- “Resurrections and Rebirths in the Archaeology of Memory: The Risorgimento in Twentieth Century Italian Political Symbolism,” conference on “National Symbols Across Time and Space,” University of Oslo, September 2015
- “Voegelin, the Axial Age and Modernity: The Present and the Future in the Mirror of the Past,” with Bjørn Thomassen, American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 2015
- “Catholic Modernities within an Axial Age Perspective: Italian Lessons,” with Bjørn Thomassen, 22nd Conference of the Council for European Studies (CES), Paris, July 2015

- “The Enemy Within: Catholic Anti-Communism in Cold War Italy,” 22nd Conference of the Council for European Studies (CES), Paris, July 2015
- “Catholic Modernities within an Axial Age Perspective,” Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) annual conference, New York City, February 2015
- “Catholic Modernity and the Italian Constitution of 1948,” American Catholic Historical Association (ACHA) annual meeting, New York City, January 2015
- “The Beauty, the Beast, the Goofy: Images of the Communist in Cold War Italy,” poster, American Historical Association (AHA) annual meeting, New York City, January 2015
- “Voegelin’s Impact on the Italian Response to Modernity: The Parallel Life-works of Augusto Del Noce and Eric Voegelin,” American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting, Washington DC, August 2014
- “Achille Lauro, the King of Naples: Soccer, Politics and Power in Italy after World War II,” conference on “Soccer as the Beautiful Game: Football’s Artistry, Identity & Politics,” Hofstra University, April 2014
- “Resurrections: The Italian Risorgimento in the Eternal Cycle of Death and Rebirth,” with Bjørn Thomassen, 21st Conference of the Council for European Studies (CES), Washington DC, March 2014
- “On Christian Democracy: From the *Abendland* to the Origins of European Union,” workshop on “Vision of European Unity Across the Mid-Twentieth Century, 1920s-1970s,” Remarque Institute, New York University, February 2014
- “Christian Democracy and the European Project: On *Abendland*, Anti-Communism and the Cold War,” workshop on “In Search for a Christian Democratic Identity: International Politics, European Policies, National Parties,” Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, November 2013
- “Moral Familism and Capitalism: Italian Investment in the United States, 1992-2012,” conference on “Made by Italians: The Economic and Social Impact of Italian Immigration to the United States. New Perspectives,” Stony Brook University & John Calandra Italian American Institute, New York City, September 2013
- “World War II Memories and the Construction of Political Legitimacy in post-Cold War Italy: European Memory beyond Triumph and Trauma,” with Bjørn Thomassen, conference on “Nation-States between Memories of World War II and Contemporary European Politics,” University of Nottingham, June 2012
- “Communism and Anti-Communism in Italy from Fascism to Democracy,” workshop on “Authority and Legitimation,” The Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University, April 2012

- “Re-inventing Europe, Re-constructing Politics: Christian Democracy and the Origins of the European Union, 1945-1953,” conference on “European Political Cultures and Parties and the European Integration Process, 1945-1992,” IMT – Institute for Advanced Studies, Lucca, November 2011
- “The Risorgimento in Twentieth Century Italian Political Discourse,” with Bjørn Thomassen, American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting; Seattle, WA, September 2011
- “The Civic Nationalism of Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, 1999-2006,” with Bjørn Thomassen, Political Studies Association (PSA) annual meeting, London, April 2011
- “From Myth to Reality and Back Again: The Fascist Reading of Garibaldi and the Risorgimento,” with Bjørn Thomassen, conference on “150 Years of United Italy,” American University of Rome, April 2011
- “Carlo Azeglio Ciampi and the Idea of the Nation in Post-Cold War Italy,” American Association for Italian Studies (AAIS) annual conference, Pittsburgh, PA, April 2011
- “Memory and Democracy in Italy after World War II,” Association for the Study of Modern Italy (ASMI) annual conference, London, November 2009
- “Memory and Political Anthropology,” conference on “Republican Ethos and Meridian Thought,” University of Lugano, October 2009 (in Italian)
- “Local Elections and the Birth of the Italian Democracy,” conference on “The Mayors of the Republic,” Civitas – Research on Local Government, Cesena, March 2009 (in Italian)
- “The Elections in the Lombardy Region, 1946-1951,” conference on “The Local Autonomies in the History of the Republic,” Alcide De Gasperi Foundation, Milan, June 2007 (in Italian)
- “Elections and Democratic Apprenticeship in the Consolidation of the Republic,” at the conference “The Democratic Town,” Pesaro, February 2007 (in Italian)
- “Italy’s Town Councils: The Electoral Mobilization after World War II,” conference on “1946: Local Elections and Town Councils,” Civitas – Research Center on Local Government, Bologna, May 2006 (in Italian)
- “The *Istituto Luce*: History and Cinematic Propaganda, 1930-1940,” conference on “The *Luce Institute* in Fascist Italy,” Department of History, University of Rome La Sapienza, November 2004 (in Italian)
- “History, Cinema, and Televisions,” conference on “Narrating the Past,” Piero Bairati Interdepartmental Center for American and Euro-American Studies, University and Turin and University of Eastern Piedmont, Vercelli, June 2003 (in Italian)

Courses Taught at Luiss:Graduate

Global History (MA)	Fall 2020 - current
Comparative History of Political Systems (MA)	Fall 2020 - current
Writing and Reading Academic Text	Fall 2023
Writing a Master's Thesis (MA)	Spring 2023 & 2024
Introduction to Teaching (PhD in Law and Business)	May 2023
Research Skills: Writing Research Monographs (PhD in Politics)	March 2021 & 2022

Undergraduate

Europe since 1945 (BA)	Spring 2021-2023
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Summer and Other Programs

Luiss Foundation Programme, <i>Introduction to the Social Sciences</i>	2023
Luiss Summer University, five classes for incoming students on <i>The Global Cold War</i>	2023
Summer School in <i>The Politics of Global Challenges</i> , Department of Political Sciences, Luiss University	2022

Teaching experiences:

Visiting Assistant Professor, New York University	2016-17
Course: <i>Democracy and Authoritarianism in Southern Europe: Italy, Spain, and Greece in the Twentieth Century</i> (Spring 2017)	
Teaching Fellow, History Department, University of Padua	2014-15
Instructor, History Department, New York University	2011-14
Instructor, Politics Department, Princeton University	2010-11
Supervisor and Teaching Assistant, University of Cambridge	2008-10
Teaching Fellow, History Department, University of Tuscia (Viterbo)	2005-8
Teaching Fellow, History Department, University of Rome La Sapienza	2003-4

University Service:

Luiss – Research Delegate and Coordinator of the Department of Political Science Research Group	2022-
Luiss – Member of the Department of Political Science Research Group	2020-
Luiss – Faculty-Students Committee	2020-2023
Luiss – Coordinator of the Department of Political Science Research Cluster in Politics and Institutions	2020-2022

Luiss Search Committees: History of Political Thought (2023)

Academic and scientific training:

II level Master on Civic Education, organized by Ethica Foundation (Asti) and the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, Princeton University; Asti, 2008-10

Summer School on “The Mask of the Contemporary,” organized by the journal *International Political Anthropology*, University College of Cork (Ireland), and the Irish Social Sciences Platform; Florence, June-July 2009

“USA, Italy, Europe: Constitutions and Constitutionalism,” workshop organized by Ethica Foundation (Asti) and the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, Princeton University; Asti, November 2006

Professional Service:

Project reviewer for European Research Council (ERC) grant application; German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Peer referee for *Contemporary European History*, *Journal of Contemporary History*, *History & Memory*, *Modern Italy*, *Contemporary Italian Politics*, *International Political Anthropology*, *European Review of History*, *Journal of Cold War Studies*, *Journal of Modern Italian Studies*, *Identity – An International Journal of Theory and Research*, *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*, *Journal of Classical Sociology*, *Società & Storia*, *Medical Humanities*, *Italia Contemporanea*, *Interventions: International Journal of Postcolonial Studies*, *Religions*, *Party Politics*, *Diplomacy & Statecraft*, *Labor History*, Bloomsbury Publishing, Anthem Press, Routledge, Oxford University Press, Palgrave Macmillan

Course syllabus design for the MA in Global Politics and Religion, Australian Catholic University, 2017-2018

Scientific and editorial work for Ethica Foundation (Asti), 2009-2010

Curator of the exhibition “Demand the Vote! Political Propaganda and Communication in Republican Italy, 1946-2001”; Rome, May 2007

Member of the EU-funded Joint Research Project Italy-Spain “The Representation of National Identity in the Italian and Spanish Television, 1980-2005”; University of Tuscia, Viterbo, and University of Madrid Carlos III, 2006-2007

Member of the National Research Project (PRIN) “The Political Class in the Lazio Region 1946-1963”; University of Cassino, 2006

Research on behalf of the Luce Institute at the State Archive of Forlì, 2003

Research on behalf of RAI – Italian Public Radio on the theme of “History on Television,” 2002

Professional membership:

American Historical Association (AHA)

American Political Science Association (APSA)

American Association for Italian Studies (AAIS)

Association for the Study of Modern Italy (ASMI)

Modern Language Association (MLA)

James Madison Society, Princeton University
Council for European Studies (CES)
Society for Italian Historical Studies (SIHS)
Memory Studies Association (MSA)