

Manuela Caiani

Curriculum Vitae

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Current position:

Associate Professor of Political Science, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences
Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, Italy (since 2015)

Research Fellow at the Centre on Social Movement Studies (COSMOS) (since 2015)

Coordinator **of the MA program**, at the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, of the Scuola Normale Superiore (since 2018).

Education

- 2001 **Laurea** in Political Science [BA+MA, *vecchio ordinamento*] (110/110 *cum laude*), University of Florence, Italy. Thesis: “Social Capital, associations and political participation: the case of Florence”. Supervisor: Prof. Donatella della Porta.
- 2006 **Ph.D**, Political Science (*cum laude*) University of Florence, Italy. Dissertation: “The Europeanization of Social Movements and the European public sphere”. Supervisor: Prof. Donatella della Porta.
- 2013 Italian *Abilitazione* for associate professorship in Political Science (SPS/04)
- 2017 Italian *Abilitazione* for full professorship in Political Science (SPS/04) and in Political Sociology (SPS/07).

Languages

Italian (native)
English (fluent)
French (intermediate)
Spanish (basic)

Main Research Interests

- Social Movements and Political Participation in Europe
- Comparative Politics
- Far Right, Extremism, Radicalism, Populism, and Democracy
- Euroscepticism
- Movement-parties
- Qualitative Methods in the Social Sciences (including grounded theory method, visual analysis, social network analysis, comparative research design and computer assisted qualitative data analysis)

Methodological/Computer Skills:

SPSS, UCINET-Visone, MAXQDA

Career Breaks

Maternity leave: 01/05/2017-01/03/18

Grants and Awards

October 2025 In the World's Top 2% Scientists in Political and Social Sciences 2025, # 358 (Stanford University)

2024 -2027 TRANS4DEMO ‘Contentious Politics and Democratic Renewal in Sustainability Transitions’ research project, HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-01, funded by the European Union, Principal investigator (PI), national coordinator

2023-2026 CIDAPE ‘Climate, Inequality, and Democratic Action: The Force of Political Emotions’ research project, HORIZON-CL2-2023-DEMOCRACY-01-04, funded by the European Union, Principal investigator (PI), national coordinator

2022- 2025 AUTHLIB ‘Neo –Authoritarianisms in Europe and the liberal democratic response’ research project, HORIZON-CL2-2021-DEMOCRACY-01-01, funded by the European Union, Principal investigator (PI), national coordinator

2022-2025 GOLDSTEIN – ‘Debunking Political Uses of Denialisms and Conspiracy Theories in EU’ research project, Jean Monnet European Program/Module, funded by the EU, partner

2021-2023 ‘Democratic Challenges, Social sustainability and Gender inequalities’ (Sostenibilità sociale e diseguaglianze di genere: università, politica ed economia) research project, PRO 3-Programma congiunto MIUR (DM n. 289/2021), Principal investigator (PI), local coordinator.

2021-2022 ‘Tackling illiberal narratives and Euroscepticism from below’ research project, EUROPE FOR CITIZENS European program (number: 625696-CITIZ-1-2020-1-MK-CITIZ-CIV), Principal investigator (PI), national coordinator.

2018-2021 ‘Popular Music and the Rise of Populism in Europe’ research project, Volkswagen Stiftung- Challenges for Europe (n. No A126160), Principal investigator (PI), national coordinator.

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- 2018-2019 'Populism(s) in Europe and its challenges', Internal SNS Research Grant, Principal investigator (PI)/ project coordinator (individual fellowship).
- 2016-2019 'Politics e Policy in Europa in tempo di crisi: Cause e Conseguenze' research project, PRIN, Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca- MUR (Italian Research Ministry Funds), Principal investigator (PI), local coordinator.
- 2016 - 2018 'Right-Wing Political Radicalization Using the Internet in Eastern and Central Europe' project, Internal SNS competitive Research Grant, Principal investigator (PI)/project coordinator (individual fellowship).
- 2011 - 2013 Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship, project 'HTE-How Terrorism Ends: A Comparative Analysis of Underground Organizations in Italy and Spain' (FP7-PEOPLE-2009-IEF, n° 252957), University Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid, Spain, Principal investigator (PI)/ project coordinator (individual fellowship)
- 2010 - 2012 Research Grant *Jubilaumsfonds*, Austrian National Bank (ONB), 'The Dark Side of the Web European and American Extreme Right Groups and online Politics' research project (n. 14035), Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS), Wien, Principal investigator (PI)/project coordinator (individual fellowship).
- 2012 ***Lazarsfeld Award***, Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS), for the volume Caiani et al. 2012, "Mobilizing on the Extreme Right: Germany, Italy, and the United States" (with D. della Porta and C. Wagemann), Oxford, Oxford University press.
- 2009 - 2010 *Post-Doctoral TRA Fellowship* (Terrorism Research Award), funded by the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), University of Maryland, USA), pilot project 'Politics on-line: Extreme Right movements in Europe and the USA'. Principal investigator (PI)/project coordinator (individual fellowship)
- 2008 *Post-doctoral Training* Marie Curie Summer School, Confronting Cold War Conformity: Peace and Protest Cultures in Europe, 1945-1989, Prague, Czech Republic, August 18-25
- 2005 *Funding Award for young Scholars* (giovani ricercatori), Italian CNR (Italian Research Council). Project 'Cultural Identity, Multiculturalism and European Integration', University of Florence, Italy. Principal investigator (PI) (individual fellowship).

Academic Positions

- 2026- *Director*, of 'BackDem' Research Center for the study of democratic backsliding (SNS-EUI-European University Institute)
- 2024 *Visiting Fellow*, UCLA- University of California, Los Angeles, USA (Prof. Scott Cummings), August-September.
- 2022 *Visiting Fellow*, Department of Government, Cornell University, USA (Prof. Sidney Tarrow), March-April.

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- 2009 –2015 *Assistant Professor*, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS), Vienna, Austria
- 2010-2015 *Adjunct Professor*, Webster American University, Vienna, Austria
- 2011–2013 *Marie Curie Fellow* (FP7-PEOPLE-2009-IEF, n° 252957), Department of Social Sciences, University Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid, Spain
- 2005 –2009 *Post Doctoral Research Associate* at the EUI (European University Institute, Florence). Research project VETO on “Right Wing Extremism in Italy, Germany and the USA”, directed by D. Della Porta.
- 2006 – 2007 *Research Support* to Expert Group on Violent Radicalisation, European Commission, Brussels (n. of contract JLSD1/2006/12/0).
- 2006 - 2007 *Affiliated Researcher* (CONNEX network-Connecting Excellence on European Governance). Research group on “Civil Society, Social Capital and Multilevel Governance in Europe”, directed by J. Van Deth and W. Maloney, EC (FP IV), Univ. Mannheim, Germany.
- 2002 - 2005 *Research Assistant*, project Europub.Com on the “Europeanisation of the Public Sphere”, directed by R. Koopmans (FP V, European Commission), Department of Political Science and Sociology, University of Florence.
- 2001 - 2002 *Research Assistant* for the research group GRACE (Research group for the study of collective action in Europe), Department of Political Science and Sociology, University of Florence.
- 2001 - 2002 *Affiliated Researcher* (ESF- Network) for the project on “Active Citizenship, Participation and Democracy” (CID), European Science Foundation, Univ. Mannheim, Germany.
- 2016 *Appointed Member* of the ‘Expert group for the study of political radicalization and extremism in Italy’, Ministry of the Interior, Italian Government.

Institutional Responsibilities

- 2018- 2026 *Coordinator* of the MA program in Political Science and Sociology, SNS, Florence.
- 2022- 2025 *Director* of OCIS- International Observatory on Cohesion and Social Inclusion
- 2023- present *President* of the Scuola Normale Superiore ‘Committee for Equal Opportunity’- CUG (Comitato Unico di Garanzia), Pisa, Italy.

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- 2023-present *Representative and member* for the faculty of political and social sciences, of the Scuola Normale Superiore, of the ‘University Orientation Committee’ (Commissione Orientamento), SNS, Pisa.
- 2020-2023 *Appointed national Member* for Political and Social Sciences area (SSD 14/A2) of Italian ANVUR (National Agency for the evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes), Italian Ministry of Education.
- 2017-2023 *Senior representative* for the faculty of political and social sciences, of the European Graduate Network (EGN).
- 2017-2022 *Representative and member* for the faculty of political and social sciences, of the Scuola Normale Superiore, of the ‘Ethical Committee for Research’ (‘Comitato etico Interistituzionale’), SNS, Pisa
- July 2021 *Director* of the annual ‘University orientation program’ of the SNS, Pisa, Italy.
- 2017- 2020 *Member* of the Committee for Equal Opportunity- CUG (Comitato Unico di Garanzia), SNS, Pisa
- 2017- 2019 *Member of the Faculty Committee* (Collegio Docenti) of the PhD Programme in ‘Transnational Governance’, faculty of political and social sciences, SNS
- 2017-present *Founder and coordinator* of the Lunch Seminar series, faculty of political and social sciences, SNS, Florence.
- 2016- present *SNS Faculty representative* at CIRES (Research Centre on Southern Europe), University of Florence, Italy
- 2016- present *SNS Faculty representative* at the ECPR (European Consortium Political Research)
- 2015-present *Member of the Faculty Committee* (Collegio Docenti) of the PhD Programme in ‘Political Science and Sociology’, faculty of political and social sciences, SNS
- 2015- *Regular participant (instructor/organizer)* in the SNS third mission initiatives: ‘La Normale a Scuola’; ‘Bright Night’ (Notte Italiana Ricercatori); SNS Summer Orientation programs (scuole orientamento). (**third mission**)
- 2015-present *Regular Member* of the Selection Committee for the Admissions to the PhD Programme in Political Science and Sociology, faculty of political and social sciences, SNS.
- 2015- present *Regular Member* of the Selection Committee for the Admissions to the Laurea Magistrale in Political and Social Sciences, faculty of political and social sciences, SNS.
- 2015-2018 *Member of the Academic Senate* (Council) of SNS University, Pisa.
- 2010-2015 *Member of the Faculty Committee* (Collegio Docenti) of the PhD Programme in Political Science and Sociology, Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS), Vienna, Austria

Teaching Activity

PhD Level

- 2025-(every year) Annual **Summer School** on ‘Democratic Backsliding and Political Conflict’, *co-organizer* (with Erik Jones, EUI) and *instructor*, SNS, Cortona and European University Institute, Florence.
- 2020- 2024 Annual **Summer School** in “Visual analysis and Contentious politics, *co-organizer* (with Prof. Trenz) and *instructor*, Cortona, SNS, Italy.
- 2025 Jan. (6th-11) *Course* on ‘Social network analysis and political participation’, at the Summer School on ‘Mixed Method’ (EVMM), Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, Santiago (organizers: Prof. C. Rovira Katwasser, Carla Alberti, Catherine Reyes-Housholder).
- June 2023 *Course* on “How to Study the Radical Right and hate speech”, at the Summer School on ‘Denialism and Conspiracy Theories in EU’, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy.
- Since 2019 - present Annual Methodological *Crashcourses* (4-6 hours) on: Visual analysis; Social network analysis; Focus Groups; computer assisted qualitative data analysis; SNS, Florence
- Since 2015-present *Annual courses* on: Qualitative Methods for social research (Basic/Advanced); Methodological Practices in Social Movement Studies; Comparative Research Design; The Politics of the Far right; Key Concepts in the study of Populism; Comparative politics: ‘Movement -parties’; European contentious politics and Europeanization; at the SNS, Florence.
- Jan 2019 *Course*, Qualitative Research Methods in international Studies, Phd program in International Studies, University of Trento, School of International Studies.
- Nov-Dec. 2018 *Course*, Qualitative Research Methods in international Studies, Phd program in International Studies, University of Trento, School of International Studies.
- May 29 2018 *Seminar*, Causes of Populist Radicalization, International Phd in Criminology (Centre TransCrime), Cattolica University of Milano.
- May 3 2018 *Seminar*, ‘Populism in Europe’, European University Institute, Fiesole
- Nov-Dec. 2017 *Course*, Qualitative Research Methods in international Studies, Phd program in International Studies, School of International Studies, University of Trento.
- Fall 2016 *Course*, Europeanization from Below: European integration and civil society, Brno University, CZ.
- 2016 (June-July) *Course* on Qualitative Methods in Social Research, for the EACEA (Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency), European Commission, Bruxelles (contract n. CT-EX2016D278307-101).
- 2-3 May 2016 *Seminar*, The Causes of violent radicalization and social movements, International Phd in Criminology, Transcrime, Cattolica University, Milan.
- Winter I 2016 *Course*, Qualitative Research Methods in international Studies, Phd programs in International Studies, School of International Studies, University of Trento.
- 2009 – 2015 *Semester courses* on Qualitative Methods for Social Research; Europeanization; Comparative European Politics, Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS), Vienna, Austria.
- 08/05/2014 *Lecture*, ‘The causes of violent radicalization leading to terrorism’, Transcrime Doctoral program, Catholic University of Milan, Milan.
- 11/12/2013 *Seminar*, ‘Il Web Nero: organizzazioni di estrema destra e politica online’, Luiss University, Rome, Italy.

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- 10/12/2013 *Lecture*, ‘European and American Extreme Right Groups and the Internet’, University of Siena, Italy.
- 04/12/2013 *Lecture*, ‘Studying the extreme right through the lens of social movement theory’, the Centre for Social Movement Research at Gothenburg University, Gothenburg.
- 25/11/2013 *Lecture*, ‘European and American Extreme Right Groups and the Internet’, University of Pisa, Italy.
- Fall 2013 *Course*, on Qualitative Methods, Department of Political Science, IHS-Institute for Advanced Studies, Wien, Austria.
- 17/09/2013 *Seminar*, on ‘Social Network Analysis and Social Movement Research’, ECPR Summer School, European University Institute, Florence.
- 18/04/2013 *Seminar*, on “Social Network Analysis: How and When in Social Movement Research”, Methodological seminar, European University Institute, Florence.
- 21/04/2013 *Lecture*, ‘Extreme right movements and online politics’, MZES (the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research), University of Mannheim.
- Spring 2011 *Course*, on Qualitative Methods, Department of Political Science, IHS-Institute for Advanced Studies, Wien, Austria.
- 26/10/2010 *Lecture*, on ‘Extreme right organizations and the European Union: frames and discourses of right wing actors in Italy and Germany’, Jean Blondel lectures’ series, University of Siena.
- 30/08 - 4/09/2010 *Seminar*, at the Summer School on ‘Current Themes in the Research of the Non-profit Sector and Civil Society in Europe’, CVNS Summer School, University of Brno, Czech Republic.
- Apr 2009 *Seminar*, at the ‘Case Study Methodologies Workshop’, RAND Corporation and (DHS S&T), Washington DC, USA.
- Jun 2008 *Teaching Assistant*, University of Florence, ‘The Europeanisation of Contentious Politics’, PhD program in Sociology.
- Apr 2008 *Teaching Assistant*, University of Florence, ‘A European Civil Society? Networks and Mobilisation of Social Movements in Europe’, within the course ‘Sociology of Europe’.
- Feb 2008 *Seminar*, ‘How to Build a Codebook’, within the PhD program in Political Science at SUM-Istituto di Scienze Umane, Florence.
- Dec 2007 *Seminar*, ‘The Analysis of Documents: Frame Analysis and Claim-making Analysis’, within the PhD program in Political Science at SUM-Istituto di Scienze Umane, Florence.

MA and undergraduate level:

- Spring 2025 *Course* (12h.) on ‘Social movements and Democracy’- Political Sociology, Dept. of Political Science and Sociology (‘Cesare Alfieri’), University of Florence, Italy.
- Fall 2022 *Semester Course* on ‘Introduction to Political Science’, Dept. of Political Science and Sociology (‘Cesare Alfieri’), University of Florence, Italy.
- Winter 2022 *Course* (12 h.) on Qualitative Methods, Luiss University, Rome.
- 26 April 2022 *Seminar* ‘Metodi e Tecniche della Ricerca Sociale’, Luiss University, Rome.
- Since 2015- *Annual Orientation Summer Courses* SNS and Seminars ‘La Normale a Scuola’ on: Radical Right contentious politics; Populism and democracy; Radical Political Mobilisation and the Internet; Qualitative Methods; Social Movements and conflict; SNS (Pisa/Florence/San Miniato/Napoli/Pavia), Italy.

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- 2015-2020 (regularly) 1-2 day *Seminars* on Qualitative methods; Social Movements; Comparative far right politics; theories of radicalization. For: Cattolica University (Milan); University of Florence; Univ. of Pisa; Aalborg University (DK); Luiss University (Rome), Brno University (CZ); Vienna University (AT).
- Spring I 2015 *Course* 'Topics in Comparative Politics: Political Mobilization and Non-state actors, Department of International Relations, Webster University, Wien.
- Fall II 2014 *Course* 'The Art Case Studies and Textual Analysis', Department of International Relations, Webster University, Wien.
- Fall II 2013 *Course* 'The Art Case Studies and Qualitative Approaches to IR', Department of International Relations, Webster University, Wien.
- Spring 2013 *Course* 'Qualitative Methods', Department of International Relations, Webster University, Wien.
- 07/11/2012 *Seminar* 'Social Movements and Political Violence', Webster University, Wien.
- 10/10/2012 *Lecture* 'Right Wing Extremist Social Movements and Political Violence on the Web', University of Brno, Czech Republic.
- 07/09/2012 *Seminar* 'Social Movements and the Causes of Violent Radicalization', Webster University, Wien.
- Fall I 2011 *Course* 'Italy and the EU', Department of International Relations, Lorenzo de Medici University, Florence.
- 11/11/2011 *Seminar* 'Civil society associations and How to Study Them II', Webster University, Wien.
- 10/11/2011 *Lecture* on 'Extreme Right Mobilization in Europe', Inex Talks, University of Wien.
- 9/11/2011 *Lecture* 'Extreme Right Movements and Internet Politics', University of Brno, Czech Republic.
- 05/10/2011 *Seminar* 'Civil society associations and How to Study Them I', Webster University, Wien.
- 23/05/2011 *Lecture* on 'Social Movements and Political Communication on the Web', Department of Political Science, University of Pisa.
- 20/05/2011 *Lecture* on 'New Social Movements in Europe', Jean Monnet seminars' series, Department of Sociology and Political Science, University of Florence.
- Dec 2009 *Teaching assistant*, course of International Relation, University of Florence, on 'The causes of violent political radicalization' (two units).
- May 2009 *Teaching Assistant*, course in Sociology of Europe, University of Florence, on 'Anti-Europeism and the Extreme Right in Europe'.
- Spring 2009 *Course* on 'Political Science', Dept. of Political Science, University of Florence.
- Spring 2009 *Course* on 'Economics of the European Union', Department of International Relations, American University Lorenzo de Medici, Florence.
- Fall 2008 *Course* on 'Political Movements in Europe', Department of International Relations, American University of Rome, Rome.
- Apr. 2007 *Teaching Assistant*, 'Political Radicalization and Violence', seminar (two units), American NYU, Florence.

PhD Supervision and post-doctoral mentorship

- 2010-present Discussant in the colloquia for PhD students (SNS and IHS) to strengthen their dissertation by providing feedback on methods, research design and analytical framework on social movement studies and comparative political participation
- 2015- present Organizer and discussant in the colloquia for MA students (SNS) for the institutional 'passaggio d'anno' ('passage of the year').

Supervisor/co supervisor of 30 Phd students:

Completed:

- Rossella Borri (Unipi);
- Udreă, T.; Goetz, G.; Hein, A. (Institute for Advanced Studies, IHS, Vienna);
- Giorgios Venizelos; Ivan Stefanovsky; Benedetta Carlotti; Jacopo Custodi; Jessica di Cocco; Enrico Padoan; Francesca Feo; Ivan Tranfic; Karlo Kralj; Beatrice Carella; Aida Kapetanovic; Bathuan Eren; Nicolò Pennucci, Damla Keskekci, (SNS)
- Maximilian Weckermann (with WZB)

Ongoing (SNS):

- Aleksandr Shishov (European Identities of the radical right)
- Nathasha Aidoo (Urban Feminism)
- Cecilia Longo (Political Ecology)
- Damiano Kerma (with Unipi) (Music and grassroots populist mobilization)
- Saridakis Nikolaos (with Panteion Univ.) (Radical right protest and Corona)
- Bucci Gianmarco ('Movement-parties')
- Deniz Aktan (Sport and political participation)
- Masika Vaninetti (East African Community and Social networks)
- Lorenzo Fruganti (counter terrorism policies, coalitions and networks)
- Eduardo Goncalves (left behind and collective re-mobilizations)
- Laia Corxet Solé (radicalization processes into the RR and youth)

PhD External Examiner:

- Cambridge (Sept. 2024),
- CEU- Vienna (Sept. 30th 2024),
- Frankfurt University (August 2024)
- Tilburg University (Nov. 2023)
- University of Lubiana (June 2023)
- Luiss University (2021, 2022)
- University of Aalborg (June 2022)
- University of Trento, Scuola Studi Internazionali (2019)

Supervision MA at SNS (8):

Completed:

- Federico Stefanutto
- Alessio Minicozzi
- Francesca Pignataro
- Ludovica Marciano

-Filippo di Carlo
-Filippo Manuali

Current:

- Gabriele Grassili
- Cappiello Elisa

At the IHS (Vienna): mentorship of **2 post-doctoral fellows**

At SNS: mentorship of **9 post-doctoral fellows**

*Guided numerous research assistants at both the SNS and the IHS (about 12)

Publications

Work in progress:

- (Journal article) Caiani, M. (with Kathleen Blee, Mehr Latif, Nikolaos Saridakis, “Understanding Far-right violence in Italy and the US”, *Mobilization: An International Journal*, (submitted, accepted with revisions).

Books (monographs)

1. Caiani, M. and Labate, S. (*forthcoming 2026*), *Destra radicale e cambiamento climatico. La nuova frontiera*, Milano: Feltrinelli.
2. Caiani, M. (2025), *La Transnazionalizzazione della Destra Radicale: Identità, reticoli, pratiche* (*The Transnationalization of the Radical Right: Identities, Networks, Practices*), Bologna, Il Mulino. ISBN 978-88-15-39190-2
3. Caiani M., Carlotti, B., Lovec, M., Winclawska, M., Kočan, F. and Balcer, A. (2024), *European Narratives and Euroscepticism in the Western Balkans and the EU*, Routledge.

[“Via triangulation of qualitative and quantitative methodological procedures and data sources, including in-depth and focus group interviews with Eurosceptic and pro-European political party and social movements adherents, Manuela Caiani and her colleagues systematically explore Euroscepticism comparatively across the right/left political spectrum in five countries. Drawing on the framing perspective, among other social movement concepts, their analysis identifies a number of different contextually-based Eurosceptic narratives, showing that Euroscepticism is more variegated and nuanced than often portrayed. For scholars interested in current Eurosceptic trajectories and their prospects, this is a timely and instructive contribution meriting a close reading” –*David A. Snow, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, University of California, Irvine, USA*].

4. Caiani M. and Padoan, E. (2023), *Populism and (Pop) Music*, Palgrave Macmillan, Palgrave Studies in European Political Sociology.

[“This deeply researched and endlessly fascinating book tells of the complex relationship between populism and popular music in Italy. But it does more than this. It reveals how – in general – we might understand better the role of music in politics, and the role of politics in music” –*John Street, University of East Anglia, UK*].

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“Music is a source of collective effervescence and identity that analysts tend to regard as tangential to the study of politics. In their multi-method study of Italian pop music and populism, Manuela Caiani and Enrico Padoan place music at the center of their analysis. This engaging and important book examines how political actors from Matteo Salvini to the Five Star Movement rely on common taste in music to generate feeling of national emotion. Researchers on populism should read this careful and fast paced analysis and learn that music is constitutive of politics that moves the people”—**Mabel Berezin, Distinguished Professor of Sociology, Cornell University, USA**].

5. Caiani, M. and Parenti, L. (2013), *European and American Extreme Right Groups and the Internet*, Ashgate (published November 2016 by Routledge, ISBN 9781138260917).

[“Social movement studies have rarely addressed right-wing extremism and, conversely, research on the radical right has rarely located it within a social movement perspective. With its systematic cross-country comparison and focus on networks, this volume constitutes a very valuable exception. Theoretically innovative and empirically sound it demonstrates how much there is to gain by bridging insights from the two fields”- **Donatella della Porta, European University Institute, Italy**].

“A lot has been said and written about the galaxy of extreme right groups in Western democracies, and their relation to the Internet. Caiani and Parenti shift the conversation from anecdote and speculation to systematic empirical analysis. Drawing upon dominant paradigms in social movement research, and carefully exploring both online networks and offline activism, the authors have produced a text that will appeal not only to those focusing on the extreme right, but to all those interested in the relationship between militancy and communication technology at large”- **Mario Diani, Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona, Spain, and University of Trento, Italy**].

6. Caiani, M. and Parenti, L. (2013), *Web Nero: Organizzazioni di estrema destra ed Internet*, Bologna: Il Mulino
7. Caiani, M., della Porta, D. and Wagemann, C. (2012), *Mobilizing on the Extreme Right: Germany, Italy, and the United States*, Oxford: Oxford University press.
8. Caiani, M. (2011), *L'Europeizzazione degli attori domestici: policy networks, mobilitazione e frames sull'Europa*, Roma: Bonanno Editore
9. della Porta, D. and Caiani, M. (2009), *Social Movements and Europeanisation*, Oxford: Oxford University Press
10. della Porta, D. and Caiani, M. (2006), *Quale Europa? Europeizzazione, identità e conflitti*, Bologna: Il Mulino

Edited Volumes

11. Caiani, M. and Rydgren, J. (eds.) (forthcoming 2026), *The Oxford Handbook of Social Movements of the Far Right*, Oxford, Oxford University Press. ISBN 9780197828007.
12. Caiani, M., Solinas, M. and Trenz, HJ. (eds.), (forthcoming 2026), *Conspiracies and Political Conflict*, Palgrave, Palgrave Macmillan.
13. Caiani, M. and Graziano, P. (eds.) (2021), *Varieties of populism in times of crises*, Routledge
14. Caiani, M. and Císař, O. (eds.) (2018), *Radical Right movements- parties in Europe*, Routledge

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[“In this timely book Manuela Caiani and Ondřej Čisář successfully develop a thoughtful and ambitious framework for analyzing the interaction between radical right-wing party politics and social movement mobilization, which is substantiated in empirically rich chapters. An important contribution that should be read widely” – Jens Rydgren, *Professor of Sociology, Stockholm University, Sweden*].

15. Caiani, M. and Guerra, S. (eds.) (2017), *Euro-scepticism, democracy and the media: Communicating Europe, Contesting Europe*, Palgrave

Special Issues (Editor)

1. Caiani, M. (*forthcoming* 2026), “Environmental Issues and the Far Right”, *Società Mutamento Politica*, ISSN 2038-3150
2. Caiani, M. and Tranfić, I. (2024) ‘Weaving the Transnational Anti-Gender Networks’, Special Issue of *Mobilization: An International Quarterly* 29 (4), 423-439.
3. Caiani, M. (2022) ‘Movements and Parties: An introduction’, Symposium of *PACO- Participation and Conflict*, PACO, Issue 15(3) 2022: 956-961; DOI: 10.1285/i20356609v15i3p956
4. Caiani, M. and Graziano, P. (2022) ‘The Three Faces of Populism in Power: Polity, Policies and Politics’, Special Issue of *Government and Opposition*, 57(4): 569-588.
5. Caiani, M. and Graziano, P. (2019) ‘Understanding varieties of populism in times of crises’, Special Issue of *West European Politics*, 42 (6): 1141-1158.
6. Caiani, M. and Padoan, E. (2020), ‘The Cultural Side of Populism: Politics, Emotions, Music and Subcultures in Populist Times’, Special Issue of *PACO- Participation and Conflict*, 13(1), DOI: 10.1285/i20356609v13i1p01

Journal Articles, peer-reviewed

7. Caiani, M. and Eren, B. (2025) ‘The Transnationalisation of Illiberalism (and Democratic Resistance) in Europe’, *IDS Bulletin* 56.1: 149-169. 7.
8. Caiani, M. (with Eren, B.) (2025) “ From ‘Wokeism’ to ‘Le Wokeisme’: Diffusion of Anti-Wokeness as a Far-Right Master Frame From the United States to France.” *Nations and Nationalism* 1–8.
9. Caiani, M. (2025), "Normalization through Transnationalization? Far Right International Coordination and Cooperation", *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, 1-20.
10. Caiani, M. (2026) (*forthcoming*), ‘The Transnationalization of the Far-Right between Movements and Parties’, *Società Mutamento Politica*, Vol. 16(31), ISSN 2038-3150.
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- **Editorial Board Member** of the Routledge Series on ‘Music & Politics’.
- **Editorial Board Member** of the Mimesis Series ‘Mutamenti Sociali’ (Social Changes)
- **External Reviewer for the following Publishers**: Palgrave MacMillan; Oxford University Press; Routledge; Cambridge Univ. Press; Amsterdam University Press; Manchester University Press; PresLexington Publishers; Sociology Compass; Ashgate; Cornell University Press; Berghahn Books.
- **External Peer Reviewer for the following Journals** (selection): ACTA politica; American Political Science Review; EJPR (European Journal of Political Research); Environmental Politics; European Journal of Communication; European Journal of Politics and Gender; European Political Science Review; German Politics; Information, Communication and Society; International Sociology; Journal of Common market Studies; Journal Perspectives on European Politics and Society; Mobilisation: An International Journal; Party Politics; Political analysis; Rassegna Italiana Sociologia (RIS); Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change; RISP (Italian Political Science Review); Social Forces; Sociology Compass; Sociopedia; Social Movement Studies; South European Society and Politics; Studies in Conflict and Terrorism; Terrorism and Political Violence; The Sociological Quarterly; WEP (West European Politics); Partecipazione e Conflitto;

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Sociological Spectrum; Nation and Nationalism; Journal of Contemporary European Studies; European Politics and Society; European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology; International Political Science Review.

Since 2020-present	Advisory board ERC projects
2016-2019	Advisory Board FWF funded project 'SOCRIS: Solidarity in time of crisis in Austria and Hungary', Prof. J. Flecker, n. I 2698-G27, University of Vienna
2014-2016	Advisory Board FWF funded project on 'Anti-deportation protests in Austria, Germany and Switzerland', http://inex.univie.ac.at/research/taking-sides/ .
2012-2014	Advisory board project "Misurazione del Valore Economico e Sociale del Volontariato" (MESV), ISTAT, CSVnet and Fondazione Volontariato e Partecipazione, Italy
2019	Advisory Board , Brookings Institute, WDC, USA, project on 'Religion and Politics' (https://www.brookings.edu/topic/religion-politics/)
2014-2015	Country expert for Austria, "Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem)" project, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.
2013	Advisory Board , The Europe 21 Project, the Hague University of Applied Science, Den Haag, Netherlands.

Experience as Grant Application Reviewer

2022	ECPR Jean Blondel PhD Prize, <i>member</i> of the Advisory Selection Committee
2020-present	Reviewer for the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)
2020-present	Reviewer for the National Science Center, Poland, www.ncn.gov.pl
2018- present	Reviewer for the Fund for Scientific Research – FNRS (http://www.frs-fnrs.be), Brussels.

Invited Academic Talks

- 2026: 11th May Sorbonne, Paris; 15 April, University of Lisbon; 18 October, Poland, IPSA Conference (Key Note),
- 10-11th April 2025, "The Transnationalization of the radical Right in Europe: Observations", *invited Lecture*, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Brighton, UK.

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- 7-8th April 2025 “Processual perspectives on the transnationalisation of the Far-Right in Europe: Networks, collective identity and practices”, *invited presentation*, “Transnationalization of the Far-Right’ workshop SAIS-Johns Hopkins University, Bologna, Italy.
- 27th March 2025, “The Transnationalization of the Illiberal Right”, *invited presentation*, ‘Democratic backsliding and the autocratic appeal in consolidated democracies’ Conference, European University Institute, Florence.
- 14th March 2025, “The Global Radical Right”, *invited Lecture*, Seminari “Le destre europee del XXI secolo tra radicalizzazione e istituzionalizzazione”, Fondazione Gramsci, Rome, Italy.
- 17 Feb 2025 ‘Radical Right Movement Parties in Europe’, *invited Lecture* (online), Lunch Seminars Series, ESA (European Sociological Association) RN 32 Political Sociology
- 12th Feb. 2025, “The transnationalization of the far-right between movements and parties”, *invited Lecture*, CEU Central European University, Vienna, Austria.
- October 14-15th, 2024, “Movement-parties and backlash politics: A relational approach to study movement-parties’ impact on contemporary democracies” workshop, *invited presentation*, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Germany.
- 27th Nov. 2024, “The Transnationalization of the Illiberal Right: Ideas, Frames, Events and Networks”, *invited presentation*, Authlib International Event (online).
- 14th Nov. 2024, “Transnational networks, identities and practices of the Illiberal radical right in Europe”, *invited presentation* (online), workshop, CEU Budapest, Hungary.
- 19-20th Nov. 2023, ‘The Radical Right and the anti Vax protest: The Italian case’, *invited presentation*, FARRIO Kick-off Workshop “The Far Right and International Organizations, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main, Germany.
- 1-2 June 2023, “How to debunk far-right myths and counter hate speech”, *Guest Speaker/ Key note*, ETUI Training course on combatting the far-right, Madrid, Spain.
- 15th and 16th June 2023, “Social movements and European identities”, *Guest speaker/ Key note*, ‘Social Movements Summit’ Conference, University of Groningen, Denmark.
- 16th and 17th March 2023, “Hate Speech and the Radical Right” and “The dark side of the web: extreme right organizations and the internet in Europe and the USA”, *Guest speaker*, University of Coimbra, Portugal, <https://unpop.ces.uc.pt/en/eventos/hate-speech-and-the-radical-right/>.
- 14-15 March 2023, “Radicalization on the Internet”, *Guest Speaker*, 4th Conference of the ECTC Advisory Network on terrorism and propaganda, Europol, the Hague, NL

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- June 2023, “How to Study the Radical Right and hate speech”, *invited presentation*, Summer School on ‘Denialism and Conspiracy Theories in EU’, Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy.
- 26 Jan. 2023, “Nazionalismi, femminismi e destre”, *Guest Speaker*, Evento Giornata della Memoria, ISPI, Milano.
- June 27 2023, *Guest Speaker*, Program on Extremism Event, The George Washington University (online), USA.
- 26 Sept. 2022, ‘Italian election analysis’, *Guest Speaker*, the European Policy Centre, Brussels.
- 9 May 2022, ‘Social Movements and Anti vax protest’, *Opening Roundtable* of the Study Days Event of the Standing group SISP ‘Social movements and Political Participation’, University of Pisa, Italy.
- Oct. 2022, “Populism, Populisms”, *Guest Speaker*, University of Losanna, Switzerland.
- December 12th 2022, “Challenges in Political Sociology: Europe and Civil Society in an Age of Populism”, *Guest Speaker* Roundtable, Symposium, University of Trento.
- Nov. 2021, ‘Uncivil Society: Perspective on Right wing Violence and Terrorism’, *Guest speaker*, Goethe Institute, Bruxelles.
- Sept. 2021, ‘Radical Right as a social Movement’, *Guest speaker*, University of Kassel and WZB (online).
- 29 Oct. 2021, ‘Radical Right Organizations and Mobilization on the Internet’, *invited presentation*, Conference ‘Dissent and Communication’, Univ. of Valencia, Spain
- 5th Dec. 2019, “Muslims in the West and the rise of the new populists: The case of Italy”, *invited presentation*, at the ‘Populism, Religion and Gender international Conference’, University of Bergamo, Bergamo, Italy.
- 12-13th March 2019 “Populism, religion and Muslims the Italian case”, *invited presentation*, report <https://www.brookings.edu/research/muslims-in-the-west-and-the-rise-of-the-new-populists-the-case-of-italy/>), Brookings Institute Meeting, WDC, USA.
- May 2019, “EU elections, party realignment and the ‘bloc’ of the radical right: the Italian case”, *invited presentation*, Conference on ‘La derecha in Southern Europe’, Fundacio Nexa, University of Valencia, Spain.
- 23th Jan. 2019 ‘The Dark Side of the Web: radical right groups and the Internet’, *Guest speaker/Key Note*, Conference on ‘Trade unions and the threat of populism and far right’, ETUI Bruxelles.

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- Dec. 2018, 'Making sense of Populism(s) in Europe in time of Cris(e)s, *Guest speaker/Key Note*, Conference organized by the EESC (Comitato Europeo economico e Sociale) on "Civil society in the age of populism: A new blueprint for a thriving democracy in the 21st century", Brussels.
- 14th June 2018, "La destra radicale in movimento: fra successi elettorali e nuove strategie online", *Guest speaker*, Feltrinelli workshop, Cattolica University, Milano.
- 21th May 2018, "The Radical Right and the online communication", *Guest speaker*, Conference ISPI, Milano.
- June 2018, "The role of the Internet for extremist right-wing organizations", *Guest speaker*, International Congress 'Political Violence and Extreme Right Terrorism: From the sixties to today', , Computense University, Madrid, Spain.
- 2-4th March 2017, 'Populism and the European crisis in Europe: Insights from the Italian case', *invited presentation*, International Dissidence Conference, Frankfurt, Germany.
- 19-20th Sept. 2017, "European and American Extreme Right Groups", *invited presentation*, 'Media meets literacy Conference', Evens Foundation, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Erzegovina.
- Nov. 18-22, 2015, "Radical Politics Online: Empirical evidences from the Extreme Right in Europe and the USA", *Guest speaker*, Lunch seminars Political extremism (VOX-Pol) series, King's College, London, UK.
- Nov. 10-12, 2015, "Extreme right movements in Europe and the U.S.", *Guest Speaker*, Workshop on Mobilization and the Picture of the Enemy, ELTE Faculty of Social Sciences, Budapest, Hungary.
- 28-29th August, 2014, "Extreme Right Movements and online Politics", *Guest speaker* Conference on online political extremism (VOX-Pol project), King's College, London, UK.

Organization of International Conferences and Workshops

- Summer-Fall 2026): ECPR Section, Poland (on 'Far Right & Climate change'); ESA research Stream (i.e. section) on 'Climate Change Emotions and regressive politics'),
- 1-3 July 2026, The 13th biennial SGEU, University of Catania, panel.
- 11-12th March 2026, 2 days international conference on 'Climate change and emotions', SNS.
- Dec. 11th 2024, Conference organizer/convenor, "Political Mobilization as Performance", International Workshop, SNS, Florence.

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- Nov. 2024 18th, Conference organizer/convenor, “Back to Society. Studying social intermediation as a component of democratic representation” (with Prof. N. Urbinati), SNS, Florence.
- Nov. 2024, 7-8th, Conference organizer/convenor, “Conspiracies and Conflicts”, International Workshop, SNS, Florence-SSA Pisa.
- Nov. 5th 2024, Conference organizer/convenor, “Genere in Accademia”, Conference, SNS, Pisa
- Sept. 2024, Panel chair, (2 Panels) at the SISP Annual Conference (on “Europeanisation and Social Movements”; and “The Transnationalization of the Radical Right”), Trieste 12-14.
- August 2024, Section chair, (11 panels) at the ECPR (European Consortium for Political Research) General Conference, Dublin, “Radical right movements in the 21st century: Mobilization, Formations and Consequences”, August 12-15 (with Kathleen Blee), Ireland.
- March 14th 2024, Conference organizer/convenor, “Art and Politics: Theatre as a form of political participation”, Conference, SNS, Florence.
- 24 Jan. 2023, Conference organizer/convenor, “Gender and Politics” Conference, SSA-SNS, Pisa.
- 9-10 November 2023, Conference organizer/convenor, “Territories and Identities: A critical perspective on belonging”, International Conference, SNS, Florence.
- May 2022, Conference organizer/convenor, “Anti gender social movements and Transnationalization”, International Conference, SNS, Florence.
- Since 2022- Conference organizer, Annual OCIS (International Observatoire of social inclusion and cohesion) Talks’ Series “Ocis in Movimento”, SNS Florence and other Universities all around Italy.
- April 2-3 2022, Conference organizer/convenor, “Tackling Illiberal Narratives from Below”, International Workshop, SNS, Florence.
- Dec. 2 2022, Conference organizer/convenor, “Framing Europe from Below: Right wing and Left wing Movements”, International Conference, SNS, Florence.
- 2021, Conference organizer/convenor, “Populism in Power and its socio-economic Policies”, International Conference, SNS, Florence.
- 2021 (online) & 2022 (Rome), Panel chair (3 Panels) at SISP (Italian Political Science Association) Annual Conferences on: “Populism and antipopulism”; “Cultural Populism”; “Populism and Political Communication”.
- 2021, Panel chair, ECPR Conference (online), on “Populism and Antipopulism”.

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- 2020 Sept. 2-9th, Panel chair (2 Panels) at SISP (Italian Political Science Association) on “Gender and Populism and Religion” and “Populism in Europe” (online).
- Dec. 2020 (2 days), Conference organizer/convenor, “Populism, anti-gender and Feminist resistance, International Conference, SNS, Florence.
- Nov. 2019 (2 days), Conference organizer/convenor, “Nationalism and the Radical Left”, International Conference, SNS, Florence (with Jacopo Custodi).
- 24-25 Oct. 2019, Conference organizer/convenor, The Consequences of Populism in power: politics, policies and polity, International Conference, SNS, Florence.
- 2019, Section chair (9 panels) “Political participation and Social Movements”, annual SISP (Italian Political Science Association) Conference, Lecce.
- Sept 2019, Panel chair (2 Panels), at the SISP Conference, Panel 6.1 ‘The Cultural side of Populism: Politics, Emotions, Subcultures and Music in populist times’, and Panel 6.6 ‘The consequences of populism: civil society, discourses and policies’, University of Lecce, Lecce, 11-14th.
- 1-2 July 2019, Conference organizer/convenor, “Social Movements and Parties in a Fractured Media Landscape”, International Workshop SNS, Florence (with L. Mosca and D. Mercea).
- 4 March 2019, Conference organizer/convenor, “The Cultural side of Populism: Politics, Emotions, Subcultures and Music in populist times”, International Workshop SNS, Florence.
- 8-9 Nov. 2018, Conference organizer/convenor, “Domestic Politics and Global Economics: From Policy Convergence to the Rise of Populism”, International Workshop SNS, Florence, (with Moschella, M.).
- 17-19th September 2018, Conference organizer/convenor, “Understanding and Explaining the Varieties of Populism: New Theoretical Avenues”, International Workshop SNS, Florence (with Prof. Klaus Eder).
- August 2018, Section chair (12 panels) at the ECPR General Conference “Contemporary Radicalism, Populism and Extremism: Mobilization, Formations and Consequences”, Hamburg, Germany (with Minkernberg, M.).
- 9-10 Nov. 2017, Conference organizer/convenor, “Party Realignment, Economic Crisis and Varieties of Populism in Europe”, International Workshop SNS, Florence, (with Graziano, P.)
- 26 May 2016, Conference organizer/convenor, “Global Moral Spectatorship in the age of Social Media”, International Workshop SNS, Florence, (with Trenz H. J.).

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- 18 March 2016, Conference organizer/convenor, “Communicating Europe, Contesting Europe”, International Workshop SNS, Florence.
- 16-18 June 2016 , Section chair (8 panels), “EU civil society and social mobilization”, SGEU- ECPR 8th Pan-European Conference on the European Union, University of Trento (with Diani, M.).
- Sept. 2016, Panel chair, the ECPR General Conference, Charles University, “Rethinking Relations Between Southern Europe and the EU”, Prague, 7-10th.
- 2016, 6-8 April, Panel chair, “Social Movements”, European Graduate Network Conference, CEU Budapest.
- 1-4 July, 2015, Panel chair (with Graziano, P.) “Social movements and policy change” at the *ICPP* (International Conference of Public Policy) Conference, Milano.
- 2015, Section chair (10 panels) (with de Nardis, F.), SISP Conference, University of Cosenza, September, Cosenza.
- September 11-13th, 2014, Panel chair (with Simon Teune) “Radical Right mobilization in Western Democracies”, SISP Annual Congress, University of Perugia, Perugia.
- 19-24 July, 2014, Panel chair (with Graziano, P.) “Social movements and policy change: theoretical approaches and empirical findings” at the *IPSA Conference* (International Political Science Association), Montreal, Canada.
- 4-7th September 2013, Panel chair (2 panels), (with Moro, F.) “How violence ends: Micro, meso and macro analysis of insurgents, terrorists, and the way out of conflict”; panel 2 “Extreme Right Mobilisation in Western Democracies and the Middle East in the Era of Globalisation and Economic Crisis”, at the ECPR of Bordeaux, France.
- 4-7th September 2013, Panel chair, (with Borri, R.) “Extreme Right mobilization in Western Democracies and Middle East in the era of Globalization and Economic crisis”, at the ECPR general Conference, Bordeaux, France.
- 13-15th, 2012, Panel chair, (with Moro, F.) “Quando finisce la violenza Politica: Dinamiche di contesto ed individuali di uscita dal conflitto”, SISP (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica) Annual Congress, Rome.
- September 8-10th, 2011, Panel chair (with Profeti, S.) “Reti, arene e altre metafore: l'analisi delle configurazioni decisionali e di potere nelle politiche locali” at the SISP (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica) Annual Congress, Palermo.
- 17-18th, 2009, Panel chair, (with Marchi, R.) “Oltre partiti ed elezioni: una nuova destra radicale europea?”, at the SISP (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica) Annual Congress, Venice.

- September 10-12th, 2009, Panel chair, “On the Borderline between Protest and Violence: Political Movements of the New Radical Right”, at the ECPR General Conference, Potsdam, Germany.

Paper Giver International and National Conferences

I regularly attend as paper giver the conferences of the following scientific associations: CES, ECPR, ESA, SISP, ISA, AIS, IPSA, APSA

Summer-Fall 2026 *Papers* accepted for: ECPR general Conference, Poland; ESA annual Conference, Poland; The 13th biennial SGEU (1-3 July), University of Catania.

Summer 2025 *Papers* accepted for:

-The 5th ISA Forum of Sociology, 6-11th July, Rabat, Morocco, paper on ‘Temporalities and social movements’

-*Mobilization* Conference, San Diego (USA), 23-24th June

-ECPR Conference, Salonico, Greece, 26-29 August, papers ‘Unveiling the Transnationalization of Far Right Practices Through an Event Chronology Based Approach’; ‘The Transnationalization of the Far Right: Observations on Mechanisms and Pathways’; ‘Understanding far right violence in Italy and the USA’

-ESA (European Sociological Association) N25 Midterm Conference "Contested Solidarities", 16/18 June, Vienna, Austria.

Summer/Fall 2024 *Papers* presented at:

- the CES Conference (Council for European Studies), 3-5th July Lione, France;
- the ECPR General Conference, Dublin 12-15th August;
- *Mobilization* Conference, San Diego, USA, July 8-9;
- the ESA (European Sociological Association), Portugal, 27-30th August;
- the SISP (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica Conference), 12-14 Sept, Trieste, Italy.
- AIS (Italian Sociological association) International Conference on
- Political Sociology 10-12th October, 2024, papers ‘Antipopulist Movements’ Emergence and Diffusion in Europe’ & ‘The international waiving of the anti-gender movement’.
- On: No-vax social movements and protests; the Transnationalization of the Radical right; Illiberal mobilisations in Europe: Networks, Identities, Conflicts; Anti gender movements; European Narratives on the Left and the Right.

Berlin, Conference - Protest in the Digital Age - WZB Berlin 7-8/12/23, paper on ‘Visual Analysis and the Radical right’

- SISP Conference, Sept. 2023, 2 *papers*: 'The role of sexist attitudes and gender in the electoral success of the Italian far-right; and Challengers or the Establishment? How Populists Talk about populists, Genova.
- Vienna, 2022 Sept. International Conference on 'Transnational Political Contention and European Integration, 21-22th, paper on 'European Identities on the Left and the Right'
- Trento, Italy, 2022, Annual Political Sociology ESA RN32 Conference, paper on 'Populism and pop Music', 15 June
- Rome 2022, SISP (Italian Political Science Association) Annual Conference on: Populism and anti populism; Cultural Populism; Populism and Political Communication,
- ECPR 25/26 May 2020 'Hate Speeches and the Radical Right in times of Pandemic', Online Event.
- Berlin, May/June 2021, *invited paper* 'The protest of right wing organization', After the Protest Conference, Free University of Berlin.
- San Francisco (USA), August 2017, APSA Conference, *paper* "Party Realignment, Economic Crisis and Varieties of Populism in Europe".
- Singapore, the ICPP3 Conference, *paper* "The Role of Social Movements in the Policy Process: the case of the STOP-TTIP Campaign", June 2017.
- STALS (Sant'Anna Legal Studies), 11 April 2017, Conference 'Constitutional Homogeneity and Rule of Law in the European Union: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue', paper "Extreme right movements in central and eastern Europe: mobilization, networks, frames".
- EUI (Fiesole), 10/4/2017, Conference 'Constitutionalist resistance to authoritarianism and populism?', *paper* 'Right wing extremist networks and discourses against the EU in Slovakia and Czech Republic'.
- Frankfurt Oder, 19-20 Oct. 2016, International Conference at the European University Viadrina, *paper* "Introductory round table: The Extreme Right and the Discourse about Gender".
- Florence, 6-8 Oct. 2016, ESA (European Sociological Association) RN 25 Social movements Mid Terma Conference, *paper* "Mobilizing in hard times: the EU crisis and the spreading of the protest against the TTIP", Scuola Normale Superiore.
- Trento, 16-18 June 2016, ECPR SGEU the 8th Pan European Conference on the EU, *paper* "Europeanisation and Social Movements: The Case of the Stop-TTIP campaign".
- ECPR Conference, April. 2016, Charles University: *paper* 1 "Europeanisation and Social Movements: The Case of the Stop-TTIP campaign"; *paper* 2 "Varieties of Populism: Insights from the Italian case, paper 3 "Extreme right online networks and discourses of opposition to the EU in Central and Eastern Europe"
- Hong Kong 2016, June 10-11, *paper* "Europeanisation and Social Movements: The Case of the Stop-TTIP", HKU-USC-IPPA Conference on Public Policy (CPPHK).
- Hamburg, 2-3 June 2016, *paper* "United in Scepticism: The Rise of Populist and Right wing parties in the EU", Interdisciplinary Conference on "Solidarity and Its Crisis", University of Hamburg.
- Montreal, Canada, ECPR General Conference 2015, 26-29 August, 2015, *paper* "Movements vs. Parties? A Classification of Possible Interactions".
- Berlin, 10-11th Nov. 2014, *paper* "Contemporary challenges to political parties: Empirical and normative issues", The Berlin Workshops, Humboldt University.
- Perugia, 11-13th Sept. 2014, *paper* "Nuovi media e democrazia: organizzazioni di estrema destra ed Internet nelle democrazie occidentali", SISP Annual Congress, Sept.11-13th, University of Perugia.
- Montreal, 19-24th July 2014, *paper* "Far Right Organizations and the Internet: Challenges and Opportunities", panel 'Internet and Politics' IPSA Conference, Canada.

- Montreal, 19-24th July 2014, *paper* “Political Actions Beyond Elections: An Empirical Study on the Current Extreme Right in Western Democracy”, IPSA Conference, Canada.
- Trento, 11th July 2014, *paper* “the role of (transnational) extreme right social movements and the public sphere in European democratization”, Workshop on "A Political Sociology of European Democracy", Dept. of Sociology, University of Trento.
- Washington, D.C., USA, March 14-16, 2014 “The Transnationalization of the Extreme Right”, *paper*, the 21st International Conference of Europeanists (CES).
- Chicago, USA, April 3-6, 2014, “The Power of online networks for the Extreme Right: coordination, identity, mobilization”, *paper*, MPSA Conference.
- Florence, Italy, Sept. 13-15th, 2013, *paper* “Far-Right Organizations and the Internet: Challenges and Opportunities”, Conference SISP Annual Congress, University of Florence.
- Vienna, Austria, Nov. 9-10th, 2012, *paper* “Extreme Right Protest and Democracy: Violence and Beyond in six Western countries”, ÖFG (Austrian Research Association) Conference on ‘Civil Society and Democracy’.
- Milan, Italy, 30 Nov.–1 Dec. 2012, *paper* “Extreme Right Movements and Online Political Participation”, ESA (European Sociological Association) RN32 Mid-term Conference, University of Milano.
- Rome, Italy, Sept. 13-15th, 2012, *paper* “Populism and the Extreme Right: An Empirical Study on Germany and Italy”, Conference SISP Annual Congress, University of Rome.
- Madrid, July 8-12th, 2012 *paper* “Extreme-Right Organizations and Online Politics: A Comparative Analysis on Five Western Democracies”, IPSA (International Political Science Association) Conference, University Computense.
- Madrid, July 8-12th, 2012 *paper* “Between violent and non-violent action strategies: a study on extreme-right organizations in Italy and Spain”, IPSA Conference, University Computense
- New York, June 6-9th, 2012, *paper* “The Extreme Right and online politics”, John Jay International Conference, at John Jay College, New York NY 10019.
- Reykjavik, Iceland, August 24-27, 2011, *paper* 1 “Extreme Right Movements and on line Politics: Identity building, Mobilization and Organization through the Web”; *paper* 2 “Between violent and non-violent action strategies: a comparative study on the Italian and Spanish far-right in context.”, ECPR Conference, University of Reykjavik.
- Bielefeld, Germany, April. 6-8, 2011, *paper* “Right wing extremist movements and the political use of the Internet in Italy and Spain”, Conference on Processes of Radicalization and De-Radicalization, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies (ZIF), University of Bielefeld.
- Washington DC (USA), Sept. 27-29, 2010, “Right-Wing Extremist Organisations and their use of the Internet: A comparative Study on the American and European Extreme Right”, Annual START Conference, University of Maryland.
- Venice, Sept. 16-18th 2010, “Cambiamenti culturali per l'estrema destra: Internet come strumento di comunicazione e mobilitazione politica nell'estrema destra Italiana e Spagnola”, SISP Annual Conference, University of Venice.
- Munster, Germany 22-27th March, 2010, “Right-Wing Extremist Groups and Online Networks: Construction of Identity, Source of Mobilization and Organization”, ECPR Joint session (workshop 7 ‘Network Governance and the Governance of Networks: Social Network Analysis in Political Science’), University of Munster.
- Washington DC, Sept. 24-26th, 2009, “Political Violence and Right-Wing Extremist Organisations in the USA”, START annual Conference, University of Maryland.
- Potsdam, Germany, Sept. 10-12th, 2009, “How Many Extreme Rights? Subcultural Right-Wing Organisations in Italy and Germany”, ECPR General Conference, September 10-12th, 2009, University of Potsdam.
- Lisbon, Portugal, Sept. 2-5th, 2009, “Radicalisation and the Discourse of Race and Religion. A comparative Analysis of Extreme Right in Italy and Germany”, ESA (European sociological Association) Conference.

- Washington D. C., Sept. 18th-20th, 2009, "Structural, Cognitive and Action Components of Processes of Radicalization", START annual Conference, University of Maryland, Washington DC.
- Pavia, Sept. 4-6th 2008, "Right-Wing Extremist Groups and Internet; a research on the Italian case", SISP annual Conference, University of Pavia.
- Prague, August 18-25th 2008, "The Extreme Right in Italy between the Past and the Present: Framing Activity and Radicalisation Process", ECPR Summer school "Confronting Cold War Conformity: Peace and Protest Cultures in Europe, 1945-1989," Charles University.
- Amsterdam, 25-27 July 2008, "Radicalisation and the Discourse of Race and Religion. A comparative Analysis of Extreme Right in Italy and Germany", ESF Workshop on 'Politicization and Radicalization', VU University.
- London, 26-27 June 2008, "Radicalization processes of young people: the analysis of extreme right groups in Italy and Germany", ESF workshop on "Youth and Radicalization", Metropolitan University.
- Florence, 9th-10th May 2008, "Radical Right Movements in the EU: Comparative Perspectives", Cinefogo-CONNEX's workshop, Conference on "Populism and Civil Society", European University Institute.
- Catania, Italy, Sept. 2007, "Networks e mobilitazione sull'Europa: quale la partecipazione dei movimenti sociali?", SISP annual Conference, University of Catania.
- Washington DC., June 26-28th, 2007, "The Italian and German Extreme right: first preliminary results", Annual meetings of START, University of Maryland.
- Cortona (Italy), Oct. 0-22th 2007, "The Other 'No Global': the discourses of extreme right groups on globalization", International Cortona Colloquium, Conference on Transnational Social Movements, Fondazione Feltrinelli.
- Bologna, Sept. 2006, "The framing of the Radical Right Discourse. The Example of the German Extreme Right", SISP annual conference, panel on "movimenti, partiti, istituzioni", University of Bologna.
- Brussels, March 16-17, 2006, "Addressing Europe: How domestic actors perceive European institutions and how they try to influence them", International Conference on 'Resisting Europe', Université libre de Bruxelles.
- Budapest, Sept. 2005, "The Europeanisation of Public Opinion? Public Debates and Images of Europe in a Cross-time", ECPR Conference.
- Uppsala, Sweden, April 2004, "Europeanisation and the Civil Society in the Public Sphere: Some results from a research on claims-making in Italy", ECPR Conference- Joint Sessions.
- Edinburgh, March 28-April 2, 2003, "Social Movements and Public Sphere: The Case of Italy during the 1990s", ECPR joint session.
- Berlin, June 2003, "Forms of Europeanization of the public sphere in Italy in a cross-time, cross-issue and cross-media perspective" International conference on "Europeanisation of Public Spheres? Political Mobilisation, Public Communication, and the European Union", WZB.
- Trento, June 2003, "Social movements and the Public Sphere: the case of Italy during the 90th", Graduate Conference on "Globalization, conflicts, and social movements", University of Trento.
- Durban, South Africa, 29 June – 4th July 2003, "Forms of Europeanization of the Public Sphere in Italy in a Cross-time, Cross-issue and Cross-media perspective", 19th IPSA World Congress.
- Genoa, 18-20th Sept.2002, "Capitale sociale, associazioni e democrazia deliberativa: associazioni e attivisti a Firenze", SISP annual Conference, panel on 'Deliberative Democracy'.