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STUDIORUM



PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name **Francesco OLMASTRONI**
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WORK AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Dec. 2022 – onwards **Associate Professor**
Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences
University of Siena, Italy
- Nov. 2022 – onwards **Deputy Director**
[LAPS - Lab for Political and Social Analysis](#)
University of Siena, Italy
- Dec. 2019 – Nov. 2022 **Assistant Professor, tenure-track (Ricercatore TD di tipo B)**
Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences
University of Siena, Italy
- May 2017 – Nov. 2019 **Assistant Professor (Ricercatore TD di tipo A)**
Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences,
University of Siena, Italy
- Dec. 2013 – Apr. 2022 **Member of the Board of Directors (Consiglio di Amministrazione)**
[Cognito srl](#), Start-up
Florence, Italy
- Sep. 2008 – Dec. 2019 **Coordinator, researcher, field and data manager**
[LAPS - Lab for Political and Social Analysis](#)
University of Siena, Italy
Interviewers' coordinator, field and data manager for about 60 CATI-CAPI-
CAWI surveys and the organisation of deliberative events.
- Jun. 2013 – Apr. 2017 **Post-Doc research fellow (Assegnista di ricerca)**
Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences
University of Siena, Italy
- Jan. 2013 – Mar. 2013 **Field manager**
Department of Political and Social Sciences
University of Bologna, Italy
Field and data manager for an expert survey of Italian interest groups.
- Feb. 2011 – Jan. 2013 **Post-Doc research fellow (Assegnista di ricerca)**
Department of History, Law, Political and Social Sciences
University of Siena, Italy

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

October 2021 – onwards **Secretary / Treasurer**
Italian Political Science Association / Società Italiana di Scienza Politica

- Jan 2021 – onwards **Member of the editorial board**
[La Cittadinanza European @Online](#)
ISSN: 2785-4183
- Jan 2021 – onwards **Editor-in-chief**
[Working Paper Series in Public and Cultural Diplomacy](#)
ISSN: 2784-9589
- May 2019 – onwards **Member of the faculty board for the Master in Conflict Management and Humanitarian Action**
Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences
University of Siena, Italy
- Feb. 2018 – onwards **Member of the teaching committee for the MA programme in Public and Cultural Diplomacy (LM-81)**
Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences
University of Siena, Italy
- Nov. 2014 – onwards **President of the CIRCaP Alumni association**
Friends of CIRCaP, Alumni Association
Florence, Italy
- Oct. 2012 – onwards **Post-docs' representative in the Council of the "Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences"**
Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences
University of Siena, Italy
- Nov. 2009 – May 2010 **University tutor**
Rectorate of the University of Siena, Italy
Tutor for two projects aimed at 'Monitoring and Supporting the Academic Career' and the 'Professional Activation and Development'.
- Oct. 2006 – Oct. 2009 **Ph.D. students' representative in the Council of the "Department of History, Law and Political and Social Studies"**
University of Siena – Faculty of Political Science, Siena, Italy
- Dec. 2009 **"Theme teamer" for deliberative event**
Tuscany Region and Avventura Urbana, Torino, Italy
Collaboration for the Town Meeting on legality, security, justice: word to the youth. The event was organised by the Tuscany Region.
- Oct. 2000 – Jun. 2004 **Speaker and DJ for informative and musical (radio) broadcasts**
Radio Facoltà di Frequenza, Siena, Italy
I conducted and co-directed a musical programme, dedicated to the history and evolution of different kinds of music. In Winter-Spring 2003, I conducted a series of broadcasts on the Iraqi crisis with interventions from various experts and scholars.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- A.Y. 2006/07 – 2011/12 **Ph.D. in Political Science – Comparative and European Politics**
Centre for the Study of Political Change
University of Siena, Italy
in collaboration with: Università degli Studi di Trento, Università degli Studi di Catania, Università degli Studi del Molise
Thesis: Responsiveness to or Manipulation of Public Opinion during the War in Iraq? A comparative study of framing in France, Italy, and the United States.
Supervisor: Prof. Pierangelo Isernia - Discussant: Prof. Paolo Mancini

Oct. 2005 – Sep. 2006

Master in “Politics in Europe”

Centre for the Study of Political Change
University of Siena, Italy

Thesis: *Explaining Trends and Participation in the European Parliament Elections. Is the Second-Order National Election Model Still Valid?*

Supervisor: Prof. Luca Verzichelli

Jul. 2005 – Sep. 2005

Diploma in “European Affairs”

Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale (ISPI), Milan, Italy

A.Y. 1999/2000 – 2003/04

B.A. in Political Science - Laurea in Scienze Politiche (v.o.)

110 e lode (special distinction and merit of publication)

Faculty of Political Science, University of Siena, Italy

Thesis: *Non solo patriottismo. La variabile “rally ’round the flag effect” in tre democrazie europee.*

Supervisor: Prof. Pierangelo Isernia - Discussant: Prof. Maurizio Cotta

WINTER/SUMMER SCHOOLS

May 2011

Spring school in “Online surveys: Sampling, Nonresponse and Measurement Issues”

SRAM Program – Comparative Survey Research and Methodology University of Siena & TNS Opinion

Sep. 2007

2nd “NATO Afghan Student forum”

Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa, Italy

Feb. 2007

Winter School in “Italy in the EU: Redefining National Interest in a Compound Polity”

Department of Sociology and Social Research
University of Trento, Italy

Mar. 2006

Spring School in “Structural Equation Modelling”

Department of Politics and International Relations
University of Oxford, Oxford, U.K.

VISITING POSITIONS

Mar. 2008 – Sep. 2008

School of Media and Public Affairs

The George Washington University, Washington, DC, USA

Visiting scholar

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

2014 *Framing War: Public Opinion and Decision-Making in Comparative Perspective*, New York and Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge [Hardback edition; Paperback edition: 2016].

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2022 “Paranoid styles and innumeracy: implications of a conspiracy mindset on Europeans’ misperceptions about immigrants” (with S. Martini, M. Guidi, L. Basile, R. Borri and P. Isernia), *Italian Political Science Review/Rivista Italiana Di Scienza Politica*, 52 (1): 66-82.

2021 “Framing Effects on the COVID-19 See-Saw” (with M. Guidi, S. Martini and P. Isernia), *Swiss Political Science Review*, 27 (2): 257-270.

– “From the lab to the poll: The use of survey experiments in political research” (with S. Martini), *Italian Political Science Review/Rivista Italiana Di Scienza Politica*, 51 (2): 231-249.

– “The Polls—Trends: Public Opinion Toward European Defense Policy and Nato: Still Wanting it Both Ways?” (with M. Mader and P. Isernia), *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 84 (2): 551-582.

- 2020 “Sharing the Burden in a Free Riders’ Land: The EU Migration and Asylum Policy in the Views of Public Opinion and Politicians” (with L. Basile), *European Journal of Political Research*, 59 (3): 669-691.
- 2018 “Members apart: a mass-elite comparison of mutual perceptions and support for the European Union in Germany and Italy” (with A. Pellegata), *Contemporary Italian Politics*, 10 (1): 56-75.
- 2017 “The alleged consensus: Italian elites and publics on foreign policy”, *Italian Political Science Review / Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica*, 47 (2): 149-182.
- “Foreign posture in comparative perspective: a quantitative and qualitative appraisal of Italian foreign and defence policy during the Renzi Government” (with A. T. Dessi), *Contemporary Italian Politics*, 9 (2): 201-218.
- 2014 “Patterns of isolationism: A quantitative assessment of Italy’s defence and foreign policy from government alternation to ‘grand coalitions’”, *Contemporary Italian Politics*, 6 (3): 285-299.
- 2013 “Partecipanti e non partecipanti. Limiti di rappresentatività in pratiche di democrazia deliberativa”, *Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica*, 43 (1): 57-96.
- 2012 “Transatlantic Watch: Cosa l’Europa si aspetta da Obama”, *Aspenia*, 59: 9-15.
- 2011 “United by the nation, divided over federalism: a research for Italy’s birthday”, *Italian Political Science*, 6.
- 2010 “Public Opinion Research in Political Science”, *Politikon*, 16 (1): 7-20.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2021 “A Deliberative Bridge over the Mass-elite Rift: Effects of online deliberation on support for European integration” (with V. Bianchi and A. Duguid), in M. Cotta and P. Isernia (eds.), *The EU through Multiple Crises: Representation and Cohesion Dilemmas for a “sui generis” Polity*, pp. 186-220. Abingdon, Oxon and New York: Routledge.
- 2015 “Public opinion and European Foreign Policy” (with P. Isernia), in Jørgensen, K.E., Drieksens, E., Aarstad, A. K., Laatikainen, K. and Tonra, B. (eds.), *The SAGE Handbook of European Foreign Policy*, pp. 398-412. Thousand Oaks: SAGE.
- 2014 “Gli italiani e la politica estera” (with L. Basile and P. Isernia), in E. Greco (ed.), *Scegliere per contare: Rapporto sulla politica estera italiana*, pp. 91-122. Roma: Nuova Cultura.
- “Images of the immigrant. European public opinion and immigration” (with P. Isernia), in Ceccorulli, M. e Labanca, N. (eds.), *The EU, Migration and the Politics of Administrative Detention: Insights from Positive Psychology*, pp. 59-77. Abingdon, Oxon and New York: Routledge.
- 2013 “Qualità della deliberazione e capacità deliberativa: un’analisi comparata delle esperienze italiane” (with I. Fiket and P. Isernia), in Bobbio, L. (ed.), *Le qualità della deliberazione*, pp. 323-363. Roma: Carocci.
- 2010 “Comportamento elettorale ed elezioni europee. Spunti per ripensare il modello di elezioni di secondo ordine”, in F. Di Sarcina, L. Grazi, L. Scichilone (eds.), *Res Europae. Attori, politiche e sfide strategiche dell’integrazione europea*, pp. 289-303. Firenze: CET.

WORKING PAPERS

- 2022 “Framing Public Perception of the Challenges to the EU Foreign Security and Defence Policy: Focus Groups as a Method of Investigation” (with Carlotta Mingardi, Rossella Borri and Pierangelo Isernia) JOINT Research Papers No. 11 (October), https://www.jointproject.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/joint_rp_11.pdf
- “Inventory of EUFSP-related Public and Elite Opinion Surveys” (with Pierangelo Isernia, Rossella Borri), JOINT Research Papers No. 10 (June), https://www.jointproject.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/joint_rp_10.pdf
- 2021 “Public preferences for the COVID-19 Reopening Policies: An experimental assessment” (with G. Betti, M. Guidi, P. Isernia, S. Martini, P. Pin), OSF Pre-Print. doi: 10.17605/OSF.IO/XMF3Q
- 2015 “I giovani e l’Europa. Indagine sulla popolazione studentesca dell’Università di Siena” (with L. Basile, A. Ferreri and P. Isernia), Research report, Università di Siena.
- 2014 “International security across the Atlantic: A longitudinal comparison of public opinion in Europe and the United States” (with P. Everts and P. Isernia), *Transworld* working paper no.29.
- 2013 “Il voto a 16 anni. Una ricerca sulla partecipazione politica dei giovani e sull’abbassamento dell’età minima di voto” (with K. Smets), Research report, Centre for the Study of Political Change-Regione Toscana.
- “Gli italiani e la politica estera” (with L. Basile and P. Isernia), Research report, Istituto Affari Internazionali.
- 2005 “Popolarità di gabinetto al debutto di ventidue crisi internazionali britanniche. Revisione del rally ’round the flag effect”, Occasional Paper, Center for the Study of Political Change, University of Siena, n.15 (publication of a part of the B.A. thesis).

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2013 “Italian Military Operations Abroad”, by Ignazi, P., Giacomello G. and Coticchia, F., Houndmills, UK, Palgrave Macmillan in *Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica*, 2: 305-307.
- 2011 “The Global Political System”, by Attinà, F., Houndmills, UK, Palgrave Macmillan in *Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica*, 2: 316-17.
- 2010 “Defining and Defying Organized Crime. Discourse, perceptions and reality” edited by Felia Allum, Longo, F., Irrera, D., and Kostakos, P. A., New York, Routledge, in *Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica*, 3: 474-75.

ONLINE ARTICLES

- 2020 “Gli effetti del Covid-19 sulla politica italiana” (with L. Basile, R. Borri, M. Guidi, P. Isernia and S. Martini), *Rivista il Mulino*, May 18, available at https://www.rivistailmulino.it/news/newsitem/index/Item/News:NEWS_ITEM:5231?&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=%3A%3A+Rivista+il+Mulino+%7C+edizione+online+%3A%3A+%5B7342%5D (last accessed on July 29, 2020).
- 2019 “Media, Party Leaders and the 2019 EU Elections” (with P. Isernia, T. Bonini, L. Basile, S. Martini, M. Guidi, A. Lamonica, G. Piccolino), DISPOC Interdisciplinary Department, available at <https://interdispoc.unisi.it/en/journal/media-party-leaders-and-the-2019-eu-elections> (last accessed on July 29, 2020).
- 2018 “Divides over the EU migration and asylum policy among Europeans”, *EUENGAGE newsletter no.5*, February, available at http://www.euengage.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/EUENGAGE-Newsletter5_v2.pdf (last accessed on July 18, 2018).
- 2017 “Mind the gap: effects of online deliberation on the public-elite divide” (with L. Basile), *EuVisions, focus article*, available at: <http://www.euvisions.eu/effects-online-deliberation/> (last accessed on July 18, 2018).
- “Once we were friends. EU support and reciprocal views between Germany and Italy” (with A. Pellegata), *EuVisions, focus article*, available at: <http://www.euvisions.eu/friends-support-reciprocal/> (last accessed on July 18, 2018).
- 2014 “Furore anti-tedesco in Italia” (with L. Basile), *AffariInternazionali*, May 19, available at: <http://www.affarinternazionali.it/2014/05/furore-anti-tedesco-in-italia/> (last accessed on July 18, 2018).

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2022 (with P. Isernia and S. Martini) “Allies do not back down. A cross-national survey experiment on audience costs among the European public”, paper presented at the 7th biennial conference of the European Union Studies Association (EUSA), May 19-21, Miami, United States.
- 2021 (with P. Isernia and S. Martini) “Exporting audience costs to new contexts: Types of commitment and policy outcomes in democratic and electoral authoritarian regimes”, paper presented at the conference “International Relations and Diplomacy in the Post-Pandemic World”, September 14-15, Kraków, Poland.
- 2019 (with P. Isernia and S. Martini) “Exporting Audience Costs to Other Fields: Economic Sanctions and Intervention”, paper presented at the 115th annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 29-September 1, Washington, DC, United States.
- (with D. Angelucci and P. Isernia) “Permissive consensus or Latent dissensus? European Public Opinion and Foreign and Security Policy”, paper presented at the European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS), June 26-29, Kraków, Poland.
- 2018 (with P. Isernia) “Policy Mood and Policy Responsiveness on the EU’s Common Foreign and Security Policy”, paper presented at the 2nd annual conference of the European Initiative on Security Studies (EISS), June 21-22, Paris, France.
- (with L. Basile, P. Isernia and G. Simeoni) “Representation Claim-making Using the EUengage Data: An Experiment”, paper presented at the 76th annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 5-8, Chicago, United States.
- 2017 (with L. Basile) “Sharing the burden in a free riders’ land: The EU refugee policy in the views of public opinion and politicians”, paper presented at the 31st annual meeting of the Italian Political Science Association, September 14-16, Urbino, Italy.
- (with L. Basile, P. Isernia and O. Parnet) “Bridging the Representation Gap? Experimenting Participation with the Online Deliberation”, paper presented at the 31st annual meeting of the Italian Political Science Association, September 14-16, Urbino, Italy.
 - (with P. Isernia) “Policy Mood, Party Politics and Policy Responsiveness on the EU’s Common Foreign and Security Policy”, paper presented at 11th Pan-European Conference on ‘International Relations: The Politics of International Studies in an Age of Crises’, September 13-16, Barcelona, Spain and at the workshop on ‘Party Politics of Foreign and Security Policy in Europe’, October 5-6, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

- (with M. Coviello, V. Faralla and G. Tagliani) “Fight fear with fire. An experimental study of the effects of media representations of immigrants and terrorists in Italy”, paper presented at the 45th ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, April 25-30, Nottingham, United Kingdom.
- (with N. Conti and G. Passarelli) “The Italian Constitutional Referendum. A vote against what?”, paper presented at the Conference ‘Referendum costituzionale 2016: Elettori, Partiti e Media nella ‘Seconda Repubblica’’, February 9-10, Roma, Italy.
- 2016 (with A. Pellegata) “Members Apart: A Mass-Elite Comparison of Mutual Perceptions and European Cohesion in Germany and Italy”, paper presented at the Workshop on ‘Populism, Prejudices and Perspectives in Italy and Germany’, November 11-12, Frankfurt, Germany.
- (with A. Innocenti and P. Isernia) “Should it stay or should it go? A natural (quasi)experiment on Brexit in 10 EU countries”, paper presented at the ECPR General Conference, September 7-10, Prague, Czech Republic and at the 30th annual meeting of the Italian Political Science Association, September 15-17, Milan, Italy.
- “Transatlantic relations through different eyes: Politicians, businessmen, public opinion and the Euro-American partnership in security and economic affairs”, paper presented at the 11th ECSA-C Biennial conference, May 9-11, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.
- (with M. Coviello, V. Faralla and G. Tagliani) “The variable intensities of fear. An experimental study of the effects of media representations of immigrants and terrorists in Italy”, paper prepared for the International Studies Association (ISA)-International Communication Section conference, March 15, Atlanta, Georgia, United States.
- 2015 (with L. Basile) “How the U.S. See Us – The Determinants of American Support for the European Union”, paper presented at the 9th Pan-European Conference on International Relations: The Worlds of Violence, September 23-26, Giardini Naxos, Italy.
- (with L. Basile) “The Italian Foreign Policy Elites and Italian Foreign policy”, paper presented at the Italian Standing Group on International Relations, June 25-27, Trento, Italy.
- “Transatlantic relations through different eyes: Politicians, businessmen, public opinion and the Euro-American partnership in security and economic affairs”, paper presented at the workshop ‘Transworld Young Researchers Course’, June 11-13, Washington, DC, United States.
- “Production and representation of political discourse in the cycle of framing”, paper presented at the 1st workshop of young researchers of the Department of Social Political and Cognitive Sciences, March 5, Siena, Italy.
- 2014 (with I. Fiket, S. Gaggelli and P. Isernia) “Does Consensus Breed Consensus? A Comparative Analysis of Individual and Contextual Factors in Generating Consensus in Deliberation”, paper presented at the workshop ‘Deliberation after consensus: Democracy, epistemic quality and public discourse’, November 20-21, Paris, France.
- 2012 (with I. Fiket) “Deliberative capacity: a pre-condition for opinion change? An experimental model for explaining opinion change in deliberative mini-publics”, paper presented at the conference ‘Deliberative democracy in action: theory, practice and evidence’, June 5-7, Turku/Åbo, Finland.
- “The war of frames in France, Italy and the United States”, paper presented at the 40th ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, April 10-15, Antwerp, Belgium.
- 2011 “Free Tibet: Tra autonomia e indipendenza”, paper presented at the 4th Festival del Diritto - Umanità e tecnica, September 22-25, Piacenza, Italy.
- 2010 “Partecipanti e non partecipanti. Limiti di rappresentatività in pratiche di democrazia deliberativa”, paper presented at the 24th annual meeting of the Italian Political Science Association, September 16-18, Venice, Italy.
- 2009 “Public opinion and the contest over the framing of the Iraq war in Italy and the United States”, paper presented at the 5th ECPR General Conference, September 10-12, Potsdam, Berlin, Germany.
- 2007 “Electoral behaviour and European elections. Rethinking the ‘second-order’ election model”, paper presented at the 4th international forum ‘Dialogo sull’Europa’, October 26-27, Siena, Italy.

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 Webinar organized by the Institute of International Affairs (IAI) “Building back forward: Il future della cooperazione italiana allo sviluppo”, November 21, Rome.
- 2022 Round table organized by the Institute of International Affairs (IAI) “L’Europa e la Russia: conflitto, diplomazia e politica estera dell’Italia”, May 4, Siena.
- 2019 Wednesday’s Brown Bag Seminar at the Department of Political Science, November 6, University of Rome La Sapienza.
- “A primer to experimental designs in political science”: talk at the 2nd Workshop on political science research methods “Capturing causation: Research and model design”, organised by the Standing Group on Research Methods of the Italian Political Science Association (MetRISP), April 26, Catania.
- “Map the gap: Observational and experimental approaches to the study of the attitudes and interaction dynamics between elites and citizens”, organised by Dipartimento di Sociologia e Ricerca Sociale, University

of Trento, Italy, February 26, Trento.

- 2018 “Istituzioni e cittadini, cambiano le forme della partecipazione”: talk about political participation at the meeting “Conessioni” organised by the University of Siena on the eve of the Graduation day June 22, Siena.
- 2017 “The deliberative process: The e-Voice project”: talk about deliberative experiments at the workshop “Evaluations in deliberative contexts”, October 12, Siena.
- 2013 “Nuove fratture sociali? nuovi modelli di comportamento elettorale?” First CRICaP Workshop on Italian politics, March 19.
 - “Organizzazione e gestione dei processi partecipativi: metodi ed esperienze a confronto” Forum on participation, ARCI Sant’Andrea a Montecchio, January 9.

AWARDS AND PRIZES FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- 2022 Department Award for Research Excellence for the article “Sharing the burden in a free riders’ land: The EU migration and asylum policy in the views of public opinion and politicians”, co-authored with L. Basile and published in the European Journal of Political Research in 2020.
- 2022 Wiley award for the paper “Framing effects on the COVID-19 See-Saw” (co-authored with M. Guidi, S. Martini and P. Isernia) as top cited article 2020-2021 in the Swiss Political Science Review.
- 2022 Department Award for Research Excellence for the article “The Polls—Trends: Public Opinion Toward European Defense Policy and Nato: Still Wanting it Both Ways?”, co-authored with M. Mader and P. Isernia and published in Public Opinion Quarterly in 2021.
- 2019 Nominated for the International Journal of Press/Politics Best Book Award for the book “Framing War: Public Opinion and Decision-Making in Comparative Perspective”.
- 2018 Nominated for the ISA (International Studies Association) ICOMM (International Communication Section) Book Award for the book “Framing War: Public Opinion and Decision-Making in Comparative Perspective”.
 - National Scientific Qualification as Associate Professor (Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale - Professore Seconda Fascia) in Political Science (14/A2) by unanimous vote of the jury (Italian Ministry of Education, University & Research).
- 2016 Best paper award for the best paper presented at the 11th European Community Studies Association Canada (ECSA-C) Biennial Conference, May 9-11, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.
- 2012 Nominated for the ECPR Jean Blondel Ph.D. prize by the teaching staff of the graduate school of “Political Science - Comparative and European Politics”, University of Siena (each institution can nominate only one candidate per year).
- 2010 3rd place at the Montaione International Prize for a paper of a young researcher on participation.
 - Nominated for IPSA/SISP prize for the best paper presented by a young scholar at the 24th annual meeting of the Italian Political Science Association, September 16-18, Venice, Italy. Paper: “Partecipanti e non partecipanti. Limiti di rappresentatività in pratiche di democrazia deliberative”.

CHAIRMANSHIPS

- Dec. 2022 **Panel discussant**
Centro Interuniversitario per lo Studio dei Regimi Totalitari
Discussant for the panel “Crisi della democrazia partitica liberale oggi”
Workshop “A cento anni dalla marcia su Roma: Autoritarismo, totalitarismo e nazionalismo in Italia e nel mondo”, December 12, Siena, Italy.
- Jun. 2021 **Panel discussant**
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
Discussant for the panel “Euro-scepticism and Politicisation of the EU: A ‘Top-Down’ Perspective” – Section “Euro-scepticism, Populism and Emotional Politics in Europe”, 10th Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on the European Union, June 10-12, Rome, Italy.
- Aug. 2020 **Panel chair**
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
Chair for the panel “Searching for the unspoken: methodological toolkits for dealing with social desirability and response biases in social and political research” – Section “Political Methodology”, 14th ECPR general conference, August 26-28, Innsbruck, Austria.
- Mar. 2015 **Panel chair**
University of Siena

Chair for the workshop “Dare forma al reale: effetti di framing nelle rappresentazioni socio-culturali”, March 5, Siena, Italy.

Apr. 2010

Section chair

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)

Chair for the section “Media and politics”, 3rd ECPR Graduate Conference, August 30-September 1, Dublin (Ireland).

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

A.Y. 2021-2023

Course of *Comunicazione Politica* (in Italian) in the MA programme “Strategies and techniques of Communication” (LM-92) (graduate)

Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences
University of Siena, Italy

A.Y. 2017-2023

Course of *Public Diplomacy* in the MA “Public and Cultural Diplomacy” (LM-81) (graduate)

Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences
University of Siena, Italy

Nov. 2022 – Dec. 2022

**Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)
“Current European Affairs: East and West Cleavages”**

Department of International and Diplomatic Studies, Faculty of International Relations, Prague University of Economics and Business, Czech Republic – in collaboration with University of Tartu, Estonia

A.Y. 2017-2018; 2019-2021

Course of *Cultural Diplomacy* in the MA “Public and Cultural Diplomacy” (LM-81) (graduate)

Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences
University of Siena, Italy

A.Y. 2019-2021

Course of *Advocacy and Strategic Communication in the International Setting in the Master programme “Conflict Management and Humanitarian Action” (post-graduate)*

Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences
University of Siena, Italy

A.Y. 2017-2019

Courses of *Introduction to International Relations and Cultural Diplomacy – Strategic communication and foreign policy in the Master programme “Global Governance, inter-cultural relations and peace-process management” (post-graduate)*

Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences
University of Siena, Italy

A.Y. 2015-2018

Course of *Quantitative Methods* in the doctorate programme in “Political Science, European Politics and International Relations” (post-graduate)

Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, University of Siena, University of Pisa, University of Firenze, Italy

A.Y. 2015-2018

Modules *Public opinion’s conceptions of EU citizenship and Representation through the social media: multilevel democracy via Twitter? In the Jean Monnet programme EUREACT (Representation in the EU: Acting Multilevel Democracy), Chair: Prof. Sabrina Cavatorto (graduate)*

Department of Political and International sciences
University of Siena, Italy

A.Y. 2014-2016

Course of *Sociologia della Comunicazione* (in Italian) in the MA programme “Strategies and techniques of Communication” (LM-92) (graduate)

Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences
University of Siena, Italy

- A.Y. 2014-2015 **Course of Quantitative Methods in Political and Social Sciences in the doctorate programme in “Political Science and Sociology” (post-graduate)**
Scuola Normale Superiore, University of Bologna, Istituto Italiano di Scienze Umane (SUM), Italy
- Mar. 2013, Mar. 2012,
Oct. 2010, Oct. 2009 **Crash course of Introduction to STATA and SPSS in the Master programme “MPSiE: Politics and Society in Europe” and the doctorate programme in “Political Science - Comparative and European Politics” (post-graduate)**
University of Siena - Faculty of Political Science, Italy
- Nov. 2012 **Short course of Tecniche di reclutamento (in Italian) in the Master programme “Management of Participatory Processes (MaP3)” (post-graduate).**
Universities of Florence, Pisa, Siena, University for Foreigners of Siena, Italian Institute for Human Sciences, Scuola Normale di Pisa, Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Italy
- Sep. 2010 **Short course of A Brief Introduction to Stata for Political Scientists to Italian and international political scientists interested in quantitative data analysis.**
Italian Political Science Association, University IUAV of Venice, Italy
- Mar. 2010 **Crash course of Data Analysis and Management to graduate students, professionals and civil servants interested in public opinion and market research.**
Centre for the Study of Political Change (CIRCaP) in collaboration with TNS Opinion, Brussels
- Oct. 2009 **Module on the characteristics of participants in deliberative events as part of the professional course on “Participation, Deliberation and Democracies: Practices and Methodologies”**
Centre for the Study of Political Change (CIRCaP) in collaboration with the Tuscany Region, Italy
- A.Y. 2007-2016 **Teaching assistant**
University of Siena – Faculty of Political Science, Italy
I assisted Prof. Pierangelo Isernia during the courses of *International Relations* (post-graduate) and *Political Research Methodology* (undergraduate). My activities included teaching, supervising and grading undergraduate students.
- A.Y. 2006-2007 **Teaching assistant**
University of Siena – Faculty of Political Science, Italy
I assisted Prof. Luca Verzichelli during the Master course “Decision making in the European Union” (post-graduate). My activities included supervising and grading students in the analysis of a policy case study.

PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS
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- Apr. 2021 - onwards
Project **Member of research unit** (University of Siena, partner)
JOINT: Understanding and Strengthening EU Foreign and Security Policy in a Complex and Contested World (Horizon 2020)
JOINT aims to advance knowledge of how EU foreign and security policy can become more joined-up and sustainable in an increasingly complex and contested world. As a member of the University of Siena’s team, I contributed to writing the proposal and designing activities such as focus groups and experimental surveys of public opinion.
- Mar. 2021 - onwards
Project **Member of research unit** (University of Siena, coordinator)
EUComMeet: Developing Participatory Spaces using a Multi-stage, Multi-level, Multi-mode, Multi-lingual, Dynamic Deliberative approach (M4D2) (Horizon 2020)
The EUComMeet project experiments ways of systematically embedding

deliberative practices and institutions in the multilevel system of governance and representation of the European Union. Additionally, it explores how deliberation and participation can help reduce polarisation, strengthen European identity, encourage inclusiveness, foster citizens' reflectivity and narrow the representative gap between policymakers and citizens. As a member of the University of Siena's team, I contributed to writing the proposal and elaborating the research design. I will contribute to the implementation of the M4D2 deliberative setting as well as to data gathering and analysis.

Jul. 2019 - onwards
Project

Member of research unit (University of Siena, partner)

EnTrust: Enlightened trust: An examination of trust and distrust in governance - conditions, effects and remedies (Horizon 2020)

The goal of the project is to provide novel and multidisciplinary insights into trust in governance and measures to support sustainable and democratic societies in Europe. As a member of the University of Siena's team, I contributed to writing the proposal. I will contribute to conduct in-depth interviews and focus groups with citizens and governance actors.

Nov. 2018 - onwards
Project

Member of research unit (University of Siena, partner)

SecEUrity: European Common Defence and Shared Security in an Age of Brexit and Trump (Volkswagen Stiftung 2018)

The SecEUrity Project examines the dynamic relationship between elites and masses in policy-making about common defense in the multi-level European system. Two overarching questions are at the heart of the project: What and how do elites and European mass publics think about greater (European) defence, security, and military integration? The project combines qualitative (elite interviews) and quantitative research (surveys with embedded experiments and media content analysis) to examine what factors affect European security policy preferences.

As a member of the University of Siena's team, I contributed to writing the proposal and designing activities such as elite interviews and experimental surveys of public opinion carried out in France, Germany, Italy, and Great Britain.

May 2018 - onwards
Project

Member of research unit (University of Siena, coordinator)

The study of the determinants and the effects of populism in Italy with survey and experimental methods (MIUR Department of Excellence 2018-2022: Grant agreement no: 2272-2018-IA-PROFCMIUR 001)

The goal of the project is to study of the determinants and the effects of populism in Italy with survey and experimental methods. As a member of the University of Siena's team, I contributed to conceive the research design and to the organization of a panel survey of GfK panellists.

May 2018 - onwards
Project

Member of research unit (University of Siena, partner)

IMAJINE: Integrative Mechanisms for Addressing Spatial Justice and Territorial Inequalities in Europe (Horizon 2020; Grant agreement no: 726950)

The goal of the project is to advance social science knowledge and understanding of territorial inequalities and related policy measures beyond the state-of-the-art, as well as contribute to the ongoing conceptualisation of territorial cohesion, spatial justice and the European social model. As a member of the University of Siena's team, I participated in the organization of a cross-sectional survey in 10 EU member states to study territorial inequalities in Europe.

Jul. 2015-Jun. 2018
Project

Member of research unit (University of Siena, coordinator)

EUENGAGE: Bridging the gap between public opinion and European leadership (Horizon 2020; Grant agreement no: 64928)

The goal of the EUENGAGE Project is twofold: first, to inquire into the current tensions between supranational EU governance and popular mobilisation at the national level, critically questioning EU-driven policies and EU legitimacy; second, to propose remedial actions based on sound empirical research on the

relationship between public opinion, national and supranational political elites. As a member of the University of Siena's coordination team, I participated in the organization of an on-line deliberative forum to study the micro-foundational mechanisms of representation and an elite survey administered to parliamentarians of 10 EU member states.

Jun. 2013 – May 2015
Project

Member of research unit (University of Siena, coordinator)
The Italian Foreign Policy in front of the new challenges of the international system: actors, institutions and policies (PRIN 2012; prot. 201032T8ZE)

The research aims to study how changes in the international and domestic political system over the last 10 years have influenced (a) Italian policy-makers' perception of the international system and Italy's role within it and (b) how foreign policy is conducted by the Italian political and administrative institutions. As a member of the University of Siena's research team, I carried out a mass and an elite survey of approximately 200 members of the political, economic, social and cultural Italian elites.

Mar. 2013 – May 2015
Project

Member of research unit (University of Siena, partner)
Transworld: Transatlantic relations and the Future of Global Governance (7th EU Framework Programme; Grant agreement no: 290454)

TRANSWORLD is a consortium of 13 academic and research centres from the EU, the US and Turkey formed to research the evolution of the transatlantic relationship and its role in shaping global governance architectures. The project is mainly funded under the EU's 7th FP. My responsibilities were the analysis of public opinion data, the preparation of a policy paper on international security and the organization of a series of Delphi experiments.

Jun. 2010 – May 2013
Project

Member of research unit (University of Siena, partner)
The Quality of deliberation (PRIN 2008; prot. 20085KSJRE)

The main objective of this research was to assess the long-term effects of participation in deliberative events on the attitudes of the citizens. Our research unit, which was composed of me, Prof. Pierangelo Isernia and Dr. Irena Fiket, conducted a CATI survey to assess the stability of opinion changes, the effects of participation on the general attitudes towards democracy and political participation in politics.

May-June 2009
Project

Member of research unit (University of Siena, coordinator)
EuroPolis: A Deliberative Polity-Making Project (7th EU Framework Programme; grant agreement SSH7-CT-2009-225314)

The project intended to test whether deliberative democracy can contribute to address the democratic deficit in Europe, with particular reference to the 2009 European parliamentary elections. EuroPolis was a carefully designed experiment that assessed how political and social attitudes towards EU issues (i.e., immigration, climate change, EU policy-making process) change as a result of exposure to information, and what implications this has for political participation and voter turnout. I was part of the research staff and my responsibilities were: organization of small group discussion, distribution of participants into experimental groups, data analysis.

Mar. 2007
Project

Member of research unit (University of Siena, coordinator)
The Deliberative Citizens' Consultation (6th Framework Programme; Grant agreement no. CIT3-CT-2005-513421)

The DCC experiment, organised in parallel with other consultations taking place at the same moment in Malta, Romania, Sweden and the UK, was held in Turin on March 2007. The event was supported by two different projects, both aiming at better understanding the conditions and setbacks of furthering participation in Europe: the INTUNE Project and the European Citizens' Consultation project. The experiment, which involved 40 citizens from all over Italy and about 200 citizens of the province of Turin, was focused on two points of interest: the future of Europe and topics of local interest (voting rights for immigrants in local elections, the Turin-Lyons high speed train line). My main responsibilities were: a)

registration of the participants; b) coordinator of the facilitators' group; c) data collection, input, and analysis.

PEER-REVIEWER FOR SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS

LIST OF JOURNALS IN
ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Australian Journal of International Affairs; European Journal of Political Research; European Societies; Interdisciplinary Political Studies; Italian Journal of Electoral Studies (QOE-IJES); Italian Political Science; Italian Political Science Review/Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica; Journal of Contemporary European Studies; Policy Sciences; Political Research Exchange; Public Opinion Quarterly; Quality and Quantity; The Hague Journal of Diplomacy.

PERSONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

MOTHER TONGUE

ITALIAN

OTHER LANGUAGES

ENGLISH (fluent)

Certifications

Feb. 2008: *Scientific English Course*, Scuola Superiore Santa Chiara, University of Siena, Italy

Jun. 2005: *First Certificate of English*, University of Cambridge, U.K.

FRENCH (good)

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND
COMPETENCES

Habitual use of PC, Internet, and e-mail.

Excellent knowledge of "Windows", "Mac-OS" and "Linux" operating systems. Competent with most Microsoft and Adobe software, statistical packages (e.g., SPSS, Lisrel, Amos, Stata and R), content analysis software (*Prosuite - QDA Miner, WordStat, SimStat, WordSmith*) and CAPI-CATI-CAWI technology.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SCIENTIFIC COMPETENCES AND INTERESTS

- Public opinion
- Political communication
- Comparative studies
- Deliberative democracy
- Political research methodology
- Media studies
- International Relations
- Public Diplomacy

I declare that all the information reported in this CV is exact and truthful. I authorise the treatment of my personal data included herein for all uses permitted by law.

Siena, 14 February 2023

Yours faithfully

Francesco Olmastroni