

Alberto Stefanelli

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interests include radical ideologies, voting behaviour, democratic representation, and methodology. I am currently working on radical belief systems, liberal values, and polarisation. Methods wise, I am interested in matching and standardisation techniques, Conjoint Experiments, Structural Equation Modelling, quantitative text analysis and data visualisation.

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EDUCATION

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| 2018 – 2022 | Doctoral Education PHD CANDIDATE AT CENTRE FOR SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH <i>Faculty of Social Sciences¹, KU Leuven, Belgium.</i> <i>Sponsor: Prof. dr. Bart Meuleman</i> | 2018 – 2020 | Master Degree MASTER OF STATISTICS <i>Faculty of Science², KU Leuven, Belgium</i> |
| 2016 – 2018 | Master Degree MASTER OF ARTS (MA), POLITICAL SCIENCE <i>Central European University³, Budapest, Hungary</i> <i>Thesis Supervisor: Gabor Toka</i> <i>Cumulative GPA: 3.83/4 with Distinction</i> <i>Rank/Class Size: 1/11</i> | 2012 – 2015 | Bachelor Degree BACHELOR DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION <i>University of Padua, Italy</i> <i>Avg. Grade: 28.53/30.</i> <i>Final Mark: 110/110.</i> <i>Magna cum laude</i> |

³According to QS Ranking, the Leuven Statistics Research Centre (LStat) is among top 10 program in Europe for Mathematical and Statistical Sciences and top 50 in the world.

³According to QS Ranking, the Faculty of Social Sciences is among top 20 departments in Europe for Social, Political and Behavioural Sciences and top 50 in the world.

³Central European University (CEU) is a graduate-level, English-language university accredited in the U.S. In 2015, CEU ranked among top 30 Universities in Europe for Political Science.

PUBLICATIONS

PUBLISHED WORK

- [1] A. Stefanelli and M. Almagisti, “Costi della politica e finanziamenti: Il livello locale”, in *Il Finanziamento Alla Politica in Italia*, ser. Biblioteca Di Testi e Studi (1189), D. R. Piccio, Ed., Carocci, 2018, ISBN: 978-88-430-8676-4.
- [2] A. Stefanelli, “The Electoral Consolidation of the Five Star Movement”, *Quaderni di Scienza Politica*, vol. Il Movimento Cinque Stelle: Prospettive di Ricerca a Confronto, no. 3, M. Almagisti and P. R. Graziano, Eds., 2017, ISSN: 1124-7959.
- [3] M. Almagisti and A. Stefanelli, “Dove soffia il vento del Nord”, in *Cambiamento o Assestamento? Le Elezioni Amministrative Del 2016*, Istituto Carlo Cattaneo, 2016, pp. 9–22, ISBN: 978-88-941126-2-7.
- [4] —, “Voto al candidato presidente e liste personali e regionali. Il Veneto in prospettiva comparata”, *DEMOCRAZIA E DIRITTO*, no. 3, pp. 44–62, 2015, ISSN: 1972-5590. DOI: 10.3280/DED2015-003003.

SELECTED CONFERENCE TALKS

- [5] A. Stefanelli, “The Downsian irrationality of Populist Voters. Testing spatial models using populist attitudes”, presented at the Politicologenetmaal, Politicologenetmaal Conference, Leiden, 2018.
- [6] —, “Populist voters are irrational. Testing spatial models using populist attitudes”, presented at the Team Populism Conference, Team Populism Conference (invited), Budapest, 2017.
- [7] E. K. Jenne, R. Aguilar, Z. Enyedi, A. Stefanelli, and O. Utku, “Populism: Ideology, potential causes, individual and societal factors, and possible consequences.”, presented at the CEU Open House 2017: Round-Table Discussion on Populism. (invited), 2017.
- [8] A. Stefanelli, “Competence or Proximity? Insights from a conjoint experiment”, presented at the Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Association, Urbino, 2017.
- [9] —, “Il M5S alle urne: Elezioni nazionali e amministrative a confronto”, presented at the Ciclo Di Seminari ”Movimento 5 Stelle: Prospettive a Confronto”, (invited), University of Padua, Nov. 18, 2016.
- [10] A. Stefanelli and M. Almagisti, “Costi della politica e finanziamenti: Il livello locale”, presented at the Finanziamento Ai Partiti Politici in Italia: Fonti Di Finanziamento, Trasparenza, Organizzazione Interna e Controlli Esterni, (invited), University of Turin, May 19–20, 2016.
- [11] —, “Il voto di preferenza nelle principali città al voto”, presented at the Post-Electoral Seminar of the Italian Society of Electoral Studies (SISE), 2016.
- [12] M. Almagisti, N. Scarnera, and A. Stefanelli, “Tendenze nel voto in Veneto: Voto di preferenza e voto al candidato presidente”, presented at the Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Association (SISP), 2015.

WORKING PAPERS

1. A. Stefanelli “The Rise of Illiberal Populism. Insights from Latin America”

2. A. Stefanelli "From Ideological Convergence to Affective Hostility. Resolving the populist polarization paradox"
3. A. Stefanelli, F. Rossetti "Conditional Benevolents: Testing welfare conditionality among populist voters"
4. A. Stefanelli, M. Lukac "Power Analysis in Conjoint Experiments"
5. A. Stefanelli "Standardisation Techniques. A comparison using Monte Carlo simulations"

ACADEMIC HONOURS AND GRANTS

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| 2019 | <p>Best Master Thesis in Electoral Studies ITALIAN ELECTORAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION, ROME <i>Celso Ghini Award for the best master thesis in electoral studies and voting behaviour for the years 2017 and 2018</i></p> |
| 2018 | <p>Research Grant CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY <i>Research grant for fielding a survey experiment.</i></p> |
| 2016 - 2018 | <p>Master's Scholarship recipient CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY <i>Full tuition fee and health insurance.</i></p> |
| 2015 | <p>Academic honour for thesis and grade excellence UNIVERSITY OF PADUA, ITALY <i>Thesis title: Personalisation and Presidentialisation of Politics in the Italian Regional Elections.</i></p> |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| MAY 2020 | <p>Introduction to Conjoint Experiments UNIVERSITY OF BAMBERG, BAMBERG, GERMANY <i>Instructor at the Winter School in Methods and Techniques organised by the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)</i></p> |
| DEC. 2019 | <p>Propensity Matching and Standardisation techniques HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM, JERUSALEM, ISRAEL <i>Instructor for a workshop at The 15th International Graduate Conference in Political Science, International Relations, and Public Policy</i></p> |
| 2018 - 2020 | <p>TA for the ECPR School in Advanced Methods CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY AND BAMBERG UNIVERSITY <i>Teaching Assistant for:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advanced Multilevel Regression Modelling - Instructor: Littvay (Levi) Levente 2. Automated Collection of Web and Social Data - Instructor: Theresa Gessler (2019) and Pablo Barbera (2018). 3. Logistic Regression and Generalised Linear Models - Instructor: Michał Kotnarowski 4. R Basics - Instructor: Akos Mate 5. TA for Regression Refresher - Instructor: Littvay (Levi) Levente |

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| 2017 - 2018 | <p>TA for Text Mining Boot Camp CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY <i>Teaching Assistant in the Text Mining and Text analysis Boot Camp. Introduction to Text Mining with R. Instructor: Jessie Labov and Littvay (Levi) Levente</i></p> |
| WINTER 2018 | <p>TA for Experimental Political Science CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY <i>Teaching Assistant and guest speaker (Human Intelligence Task platforms) in the Experimental Political Science course. Instructor: Littvay (Levi) Levente</i></p> |

OTHER RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

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| 2018 – PRESENT | <p>Principal Investigator for several Work Packages in the National Belgian Electoral Study and National Belgian Minority Study KU LEUVEN, LEUVEN, BELGIUM</p> |
| 2018 – PRESENT | <p>Member of the Experiments and Survey teams of Team Populism⁴. TEAM LEADER: RYAN CARLIN</p> |
| 2017 – 2018 | <p>Vice president of the Central European University Populism Research Group (POPRES) CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY</p> |

WORK EXPERIENCE

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| 2018 – PRESENT | <p>External consultant and analyst ZK ANALYTICS, OXFORD CENTRE FOR INNOVATION, UK <i>Data scientist for:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> World Organization of the Scout Movement - <i>Measuring the impact of Scout activities on personal development. Multi country analysis using propensity score matching and multilevel regression analyses.</i> Ministry of Transportation of United Kingdom - <i>Capability, health and mobility of older People. Complex survey design and panel data analysis with fixed effect and conditional probit estimators.</i> in2Science - <i>Analysis of experimental and semi-experimental data in a multilevel panel data design to assess the impact of specific educational programs on disadvantage children' academic performances.</i> |
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⁴Team Populism brings together renowned scholars from Europe and the Americas to study the causes and consequences of populism.

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| 2018 – PRESENT | Consultant and analyst for the ECPR EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM FOR POLITICAL RESEARCH (ECPR) <i>Analysis and improvement of the questionnaires for the ECPR Methods Schools.</i> |
| 06/18 – 09/18 | Research Assistant for the Intellectual Theme Initiative CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY <i>Data analysis, text mining and web scraping for the project Text Analysis Across Disciplines</i> |
| 2015 – 2017 | Project leader RESEARCH CENTRE "CENTRO GIORGIO LAGO", UNIVERSITY OF PADUA, ITALY <i>In-depth analysis of the regional (2015) and mayoral (2016) elections of Veneto and Friuli (Italy). Project in partnership with Corriere del Veneto (RCS).</i> |
| 2015 – 2017 | Research assistant for SKY Electoral Night YOUTREND/QUORUM FOR SKY TG, TURIN, ITALY <i>Data scraping for the 2016 Italian mayoral elections night, exit polls, real-time forecasts, visualisation of voting patterns using QGIS.</i> |

LANGUAGE SKILLS

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| ITALIAN | Native speaker |
| ENGLISH | Oral: Proficient (C2) – Written: Proficient (C2) |
| FRENCH | Oral: Basic (A2) – Written: Independent (B1) |

SOFTWARE AND PROGRAMMING SKILLS

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| PROFICIENCY | Linux, Mac OS, Windows R, R Makdown, Shiny, Mplus, L ^A T _E X, QGIS, SPSS Doker, Github |
| INTERMEDIATE | Phyton, HTML, CSS |
| BASIC | MySQL, STATA, PHP, Java |