# ALBERTO BITONTI

### IN A NUTSHELL

Ph.D. in Political Science (University of Roma Tre, 2011), Professor of Politics at IES Abroad Rome, Lecturer of Political Communication and Post-doc Research Fellow at Università della Svizzera italiana of Lugano (Switzerland), Lecturer of Theories and Techniques of Advocacy, Lobbying and Fundraising at the University of Urbino, and Adjunct Professor of Methodology of Social Sciences at LUISS Guido Carli University of Rome and of Lobbying and Public Affairs at Uninettuno University. I have around 16 years of research and teaching experience in various universities and research centers (GovLab, Yale University, American University in Washington DC, The Umbra Institute of Perugia, Newberry Library of Chicago, Fondazione Censis, Eurispes, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, LUMSA, SUPSI, Politecnico di Milano, Università Ca' Foscari of Venice, IED Rome, ESEM Belgrade, IULM Milan, Sole24Ore Business School, etc.).

Expert in the field of political processes, **lobbying** & **public affairs**, and **political innovation**, with a solid background of methodology and philosophy.

Trying to bridge the gap between academic research and policy action, I work as consultant and provide advice to a variety of NGOs, firms, and governments, and I am active in various organizations promoting open government and innovation in the political world.

I have experience in the direction and management of international projects and organizations (**leader of international research groups**, coordinator of different civic, academic, and political projects). Excellent communicator and digital enthusiast.

# EXTENDED CURRICULUM VITAE

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

September 2018 – present time

Università della Svizzera italiana (USI)

Via Giuseppe Buffi 13, 6900 Lugano, Switzerland (www.usi.ch)

Main tasks and responsibilities: PostDoc Research Fellow, Lecturer of Political and Public Communication. In addition to various research activities within the Institute of Communication and Public Policy, I teach the classes of Political Communication (jointly with Prof. Maurizio Viroli until 2021), Political Theory (2018-2021), and Fundamentals of Public Communication (jointly with Prof. Jean-Patrick Villeneuve since 2022).

Industry: Education & Research

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October 2022 – present time

Università degli Studi di Urbino Carlo Bo

Via Aurelio Saffi, 42, 61029 Urbino, Italy (www.uniurb.it)

Main tasks and responsibilities: **Lecturer** of Theories and Techniques of Advocacy, Lobbying and Fundraising.

December 2022 – present time

Scuola universitaria professionale della Svizzera italiana (SUPSI) Industry: Education

Via Pobiette 11, 6928 Manno, Svizzera (https://www.supsi.ch)

Main tasks and responsibilities: Lecturer of Public Communication (Formazione dei funzionari dirigenti dell'amministrazione cantonale: condurre e dirigere).

September 2022 – November 2022

ITCILO (International Training Centre of the ILO) *Industry*: Education

Viale Maestri del Lavoro 10, 10127 Torino – Italy (www.itcilo.org/)

Main tasks and responsibilities: Adjunct Professor of the course Evidence-based Strategic Advocacy and Effective Influencing (in collaboration with Nuove Reti Spa).

September 2022 – present time

**ESEM | Executive School of Economics and Management** *Industry*: Education

Belgrade - Serbia (https://esem.edu.eu/#Esem)

Main tasks and responsibilities: **Adjunct Professor** of Lobbying and Public Affairs.

August 2022 – present time

Università Telematica Internazionale Uninettuno *Industry*: Education

Corso Vittorio Emanuele II, 39 - 00186 Roma - Italy (www.uninettunouniversity.net)

Main tasks and responsibilities: **Adjunct Professor** of Lobbying and Public Affairs.

May-July 2022

**Governance Lab (affiliated with Northeastern University)** Industry: Research

360 Huntington Ave, 02115, Boston, Massachussets, USA (www.govlab.org)

Main tasks and responsibilities: Visiting Fellow (collaboration with Prof. Beth Simone Noveck). My research project was funded by a grant of the Swiss National Science Foundation.

December 2021

Yale University – Department of Politics

Industry: Education & Research

115 Prospect Street, 06511 New Haven, Connecticut, USA (www.yale.edu)

Main tasks and responsibilities: Visiting Fellow (collaboration with Prof. Hélène Landemore).

November 2018 – August 2022

**Springer – Palgrave Macmillan** 

Gewerbestrasse 11, 6330 Cham, Switzerland (www.springer.com)

Main tasks and responsibilities: Editor-in-Chief of the Palgrave Encyclopedia of Interest groups, Lobbying and Public Affairs (co-edited with Phil Harris, Craig S. Fleisher, and Anne S. Binderkrantz).

*Industry*: Scientific Publishing

September 2018 – present time

**ADL Consulting** *Industry*: lobbying & public affairs

Via delle Quattro Fontane, 15, 00187 Rome, Italy (www.adlconsulting.it)

Main tasks and responsibilities: Scientific Advisor and consultant in the field of open government, digital democracy, digital lobbying, and AI. Lecturer in ADL Executive Master classes on lobbying.

September 2013 – present time

IES Abroad Rome Industry: Education

Lungotevere Tor di Nona 7, 00186, Rome, Italy (www.iesabroad.org)

Main tasks and responsibilities: **Professor of Politics** (with tenure). I teach various classes of political science and philosophy (*Politics and Philosophy of Power in the Land of Machiavelli*; *Mediterranean Politics*; *Contemporary Italian Politics*).

January 2012 – present time

LUISS Guido Carli University - Department of Politics Industry: Education & Research

Viale Pola 12, 00198 Rome, Italy (www.luiss.it)

Main tasks and responsibilities: Adjunct Professor of Methodology of Social Sciences.

March 2017 – present time

Libera Università di Lingue e Comunicazione IULM

Industry: Education

Via Carlo Bo 1, 20143 Milano (www.iulm.it)

Main tasks and responsibilities: Adjunct Professor of Lobbying and Public Affairs in the Master of International Communication (MIC) and Communication for International Relations (MICRI).

April 2020

Università Ca' Foscari – Challenge School

Dorsoduro, 3246 - 30123 Venezia (www.unive.it)

Main tasks and responsibilities: Adjunct Professor of Lobbying and Strategy in a Master on European public policies.

*Industry*: Education

January 2016 – December 2016

The Umbra Institute Industry: Education

Piazza 4 Novembre, 23, 06122, Perugia, Italy (www.umbra.org)

Main tasks and responsibilities: **Professor** of Politics. Teaching a class of History and Politics of the European Union.

July 2015 – August 2015

Newberry Library Industry: Research

60 W Walton St, Chicago, IL 60610, USA (www.newberry.org)

Main tasks and responsibilities: **Post-doc Research Fellow**. I won the fellowship grant by proposing the research project Revolutionary Public Interest: A comparative study of the idea of the Public Interest in revolutionary pamphlets and constitutional writings in France and United States.

May 2013

Asian Institute of Technology Industry: Education

Lang Thuong, Ha Noi, Vietnam (www.aitvn.asia)

*Main tasks and responsibilities*: **Keynote Speaker** on Contemporary Italian Politics in the International Executive MBA Program, during the field trip in Italy.

January 2012 – September 2013

Eurispes Italia Industry: Research

Via Orazio 31, 00193, Rome, Italy (www.eurispes.eu)

Main tasks and responsibilities: Research Analyst (qualitative and quantitative research, drafting of research projects, editing of publications, research management, etc.). After the publication of a study on Italian ruling class in 2012 (Classe dirigente. Il profilo del potere in Italia), I worked on the topic of

Media Literacy and Media Education, in the international project EMEDUS (funded by the Life-Long Learning Programme of the EU Commission). I led two international research teams (from Italy and from Slovakia), coordinating all the research tasks and authoring the research deliverables.

July 2011 – July 2014

**Public Affairs Community of Europe (PACE)** *Industry*: lobbying & advocacy

Main tasks and responsibilities: I coordinated an international research project on lobbying industries in EU countries, which later resulted in the volume Lobbying in Europe (Palgrave Macmillan 2017).

May 2009 – July 2016

**American University – School of Public Affairs** *Industry*: Education & Research

4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016, USA (www.american.edu/spa)

Main tasks and responsibilities: Fellow of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies.

Academic Years 2007/2008 and 2008/2009

**LUISS Guido Carli** University

Viale Pola 12, 00198 Rome, Italy (www.luiss.it)

Main tasks and responsibilities: Teaching Assistant of Philosophy of Science and Philosophy of Language (working with Prof. Dario Antiseri).

December 2009 – July 2011

**Il Chiostro (Italian Lobbyists Association)** 

Industry: lobbying & advocacy

Via Guido Reni 32, 00196, Rome, Italy (www.ilchiostro.org)

Main tasks and responsibilities: as General Secretary of the association, I coordinated all the activities (supervision of workgroups; management of internal databases; communication with the associates; organization of events; programming of educational activities; management of public affairs & external relations). Inter alia, I led the organization of the first international meeting of PACE (Public Affairs Community of Europe), held in Rome in May 2011 and hosting representatives from more than 27 different countries, contributing to launch the formal organization (www.paceurope.eu).

Academic Years 2007/2008 – 2008/2009 – 2009/2010 – 2010/2011

IED, Istituto Europeo di Design

*Industry*: Education

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Via Giovanni Branca 122, 00153 Rome, Italy (www.ied.it)

Main tasks and responsibilities: Lecturer of Public Affairs (2010-2011), Social Communication (2008-2010) and Corporate Social Responsibility Management (2007-2009) in the Marketing & Communication undergraduate courses.

Academic Years 2007/2008 - 2008/2009 - 2009/2010

Università degli Studi di Roma Tre

Industry: Education

Via Gabriello Chiabrera 199, 00145 Rome, Italy (www.uniroma3.it)

Main tasks and responsibilities: Ph.D. student and Teaching Assistant of Political Science. My duties included providing seminars on specific topics, examining students, and supervising undergraduate and graduate theses.

September 2009

(Italian) **Democratic Party** 

*Industry*: Politics & Education

Via Sant'Andrea delle Fratte 16, 00187, Rome, Italy (<u>www.partitodemocratico.it</u>)

Main tasks and responsibilities: tutor and teaching assistant in 2 training schools held by the party's Center for Studies and Training: "Frattocchie 2.0" (held in Pesaro, Marche, on the techniques of political communication) and "Cultura democratica" (held in Cortona, Tuscany, on democratic political culture).

September 2006 - January 2007 / April 2008 - April 2009

Agenzia Radicale Industry: Journalism

Piazza del Parlamento 14, 00186 Rome, Italy (www.agenziaradicale.com)

Main tasks and responsibilities: redaction of articles, mainly about foreign affairs, domestic politics, technology and music. In 2006 (September- December), as I spent a research period in United States for my Master's thesis, I held a weekly column concerning American society and US political system, called American Views.

December 2007 – February 2008

Italian Chamber of Deputies - Office of a MP *Industry*: Politics & Administration

Palazzo Marini, via del Pozzetto, 00187, Roma, Italia

Main tasks and responsibilities: political aide, parliamentary monitoring, administrative management.

October 2007 – November 2007

**General Motors -** Southern European Cluster *Industry*: Automotive

Piazzale dell'Industria 40, 00199 Rome, Italy (www.gm.com)

Main tasks and responsibilities: coordination of marketing and advertising campaigns of GM in France, Spain, Italy, Greece, Portugal; connection between GM national divisions and GM Europe; monitoring of competitors' advertising campaigns.

May 2007 - August 2007

**Fondazione Censis** *Industry*: Research

piazza di Novella 2, 00199 Rome, Italy (www.censis.it)

Main tasks and responsibilities: I was part of the team in charge of the ideation and organization of the "World Social Summit 2008", an international conference on the topic of world fears, held in Rome the following year in September. My tasks included bibliographical research, elaboration of social and political data, interviewing various international opinion leaders and the redaction of the introductory essay Scenarios on World Fears, presented at the beginning of the conference.

February 2007 – June 2007

Capitalia Spa Industry: Finance/Banking

via Montecatini 17, 00187 Rome, Italy (www.capitalia.it)

Main tasks and responsibilities: stakeholder management; preparation of the 2006 Sustainability Report of the holding; elaboration of the content of the company's website concerning **CSR policies**.

# **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books**

- Palgrave Encyclopedia of Interest Groups, Lobbying and Public Affairs (co-edited with Phil Harris, Craig S. Fleisher and Anne S. Binderkrantz), Palgrave Macmillan, Cham 2019-2022 (available on line here as live reference work, published in print in 2022).
- Lobbying in Europe. Public Affairs and the lobbying industry in 28 EU countries (co-edited with Phil Harris), Palgrave Macmillan, London 2017 (www.lobbyingineurope.com).
- Classe dirigente. Il profilo del potere in Italia (co-authored with Gian Maria Fara), Datanews, Rome 2012.

# **Articles in Scientific Journals (peer-reviewed)**

- Change of government and interest groups' preference attainment on the formulation of the Italian National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP): from Conte to Draghi (with Andrea Pritoni and Giuseppe Montalbano), «Italian Political Science Review / Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica», 2023
- Did COVID-19 change the political communication of polarizing leaders? The case of Salvini's campaigning before and after the pandemic (with Rita Marchetti and Claudia Mariotti), «European Journal of Communication», https://doi.org/10.1177/02673231221140697.
- Lobbying, lobby, lobbisti, gruppi di interesse e di pressione: definizioni e problemi concettuali, «DPCE Diritto Pubblico Comparato ed Europeo», Vol. XXIV, No. 3, 2022, pp. 463-478, <a href="https://www.rivisteweb.it/doi/10.17394/105096">https://www.rivisteweb.it/doi/10.17394/105096</a>.
- Beyond transparency. The principles of lobbying regulation and the perspective of professional lobbying consultancies (with Claudia Mariotti), «Italian Political Science Review / Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica», 2022, https://doi.org/10.1017/ipo.2022.16.
- *Chi detta l'agenda? Le dichiarazioni pubbliche dei gruppi di interesse sul Recovery Fund* (with Giuseppe Montalbano, Andrea Pritoni and Giulia Vicentini), «Rivista Italiana di Politiche Pubbliche», No. 3, 2021, pp. 460-487, <a href="https://www.rivisteweb.it/doi/10.1483/102157">https://www.rivisteweb.it/doi/10.1483/102157</a>.
- La polarizzazione politica nel campaigning di Salvini. Il caso delle elezioni regionali del 2020 (with Claudia Mariotti, Rita Marchetti and Anna Stanziano), «Comunicazione Politica», No. 2, 2021, pp. 199-222, https://www.rivisteweb.it/doi/10.3270/101609.
- *Democrazia digitale e voto a distanza. Fenomenologia di una diffidenza*, «Rivista di Politica», No. 1, 2021, pp. 59-66, https://doi.org/10.1400/286296.
- Where it all starts: Lobbying, democracy and the Public Interest, «Journal of Public Affairs», 2020, Vol. 20, Issue 2, e2001, https://doi.org/10.1002/pa.2001.
- Renzi e la lezione di Machiavelli, «Rivista di Politica», No. 1, 2015, pp. 8-12.

#### **Scientific reports**

- *L'era della democrazia digitale. Una sfida per cittadini, imprese e politica* (with Marialessandra Carro, Stefano Consonni and Claudio Di Mario), ADL Consulting, Rome 2019 (ISBN 978-88-944834-0-6).
- *Perfeccionamientos a la Ley de Lobby* (with Marcelo Drago, Jorge Sahd, Paul Miller, János Bertók, María Jaraquemada and Felipe del Solar), Centro de Estudios Internacionales UC Consejo para la Transparencia, Santiago de Chile 2019 (<a href="https://www.consejotransparencia.cl/wp-content/uploads/estudios/2019/05/Perfeccionamientos-a-la-Ley-del-Lobby-CPLT.pdf">https://www.consejotransparencia.cl/wp-content/uploads/estudios/2019/05/Perfeccionamientos-a-la-Ley-del-Lobby-CPLT.pdf</a>).
- *Informal media education in Europe* (with Andrej Školkay), EMEDUS WP4 Final report, European Commission, Brussels 2013 (https://eavi.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/WP4-Final-report-1.pdf).

# **Book sections**

#### 2023

- The public accountability of lobbying in democracies (with Jean-Patrick Villeneuve), in Arco Timmermans (ed.), Handbook of Public Affairs Research and Strategy, Edward Elgar, Cheltenham (forthcoming)
- Regulation of Lobbying: Comparative State of the Art and Developments (with John Hogan), in Arco Timmermans (ed.), Handbook of Public Affairs Research and Strategy, Edward Elgar, Cheltenham (forthcoming)
- Knowledge management and digital tools for lobbying and public affairs (with Marialessandra Carro and Claudio Di Mario), in Arco Timmermans (ed.), Handbook of Public Affairs Research and Strategy, Edward Elgar, Cheltenham (forthcoming)

#### 2022

- The potential of collaborative democracy, in Antonio Campati and Damiano Palano (eds.), Democracy and Disintermediation. A Dangerous Relationship, EDUCatt, Milano, pp. 59-83.

#### 2021

- *Lobbying* (with Anne S. Binderkrantz), in Phil Harris, Alberto Bitonti, Craig S. Fleisher and Anne S. Binderkrantz (eds.), *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Interest Groups, Lobbying and Public Affairs*, Springer, Cham.
- Lobbying regulation (with John Hogan), in Phil Harris, Alberto Bitonti, Craig S. Fleisher and Anne S. Binderkrantz (eds.), *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Interest Groups, Lobbying and Public Affairs*, Springer, Cham.
- Prefazione a Digital Lobbying. Gestire strategicamente le relazioni istituzionali attraverso smart data e strumenti digitali (di Marialessandra Carro e Claudio di Mario), Carocci, Roma.
- NIMBY, in Phil Harris, Alberto Bitonti, Craig S. Fleisher and Anne S. Binderkrantz (eds.), *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Interest Groups, Lobbying and Public Affairs*, Springer, Cham.
- Rhetoric (with Flavia Trupia), in Phil Harris, Alberto Bitonti, Craig S. Fleisher and Anne Skorkjær Binderkrantz (eds.), The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Interest Groups, Lobbying and Public Affairs, Springer, Cham.
- Junk Science (with Claudia Mariotti), in Phil Harris, Alberto Bitonti, Craig S. Fleisher and Anne Skorkjær Binderkrantz (eds.), *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Interest Groups, Lobbying and Public Affairs*, Springer, Cham.

#### 2020

- Public Interest, in Phil Harris, Alberto Bitonti, Craig S. Fleisher and Anne S. Binderkrantz (eds.), The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Interest Groups, Lobbying and Public Affairs, Springer, Cham.
- Interest, in Phil Harris, Alberto Bitonti, Craig S. Fleisher and Anne S. Binderkrantz (eds.), The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Interest Groups, Lobbying and Public Affairs, Springer, Cham.

#### 2019

- La rivoluzione della visione Open Lobby: open government e democrazia collaborativa, in Italia Decide, Rapporto 2019. Democrazia degli interessi e interessi della democrazia. Migliorare la qualità della decisione pubblica, il Mulino, Bologna, pp. 387-391.

### 2018

- *Identità nazionale europea, progetto, chimera o non-sense?*, in Alessandro Campi, Stefano De Luca and Francesco Tuccari (eds.), *Nazione e nazionalismi. Teorie, interpretazioni, sfide attuali*, Historica Edizioni, Cesena 2018, vol. 2, pp. 185-199.

### 2017

- Regional Development and Localized Approaches to Public Affairs: Public Affairs in Europe (with Phil Harris), in Phil Harris and Craig S. Fleisher (eds.), The SAGE Handbook of International Corporate and Public Affairs, Sage, London 2017, pp. 370-387.
- Expanding the Boundaries: Public Affairs and its Relationship with Other Key Disciplines: Public Affairs and Political Philosophy, in Phil Harris and Craig S. Fleisher (eds.), The SAGE Handbook of International Corporate and Public Affairs Sage, London 2017, pp. 151-164.

#### 2014

- *Una nuova nozione della certezza tra questione gnoseologica, epistemologica e politica*, in Albertina Oliverio (ed.), *Rischi, paure, certezze*, Rubbettino, Soveria Mannelli 2014, pp. 25-52.
- *Un'analisi semantica e teoretica del concetto di interesse*, in Alessandro Campi and Stefano De Luca (eds.), *Il realismo politico. Figure, concetti, prospettive di ricerca*, Rubbettino, Soveria Mannelli 2014, pp. 669-696.
- Informal Media Education in Europe: an Analysis of the Best Pratices, in Matteo Stocchetti (ed.), Media and Education in the Digital Age: Concepts, Assessments, Subversions (with Andrej Skolkay), Peter Lang, Frankfurt am Main 2014, pp. 131- 148.
- Comunicazione politica on line: i partiti su Internet, in Eurispes, 26° Rapporto Italia, Datanews, Roma 2014, pp. 349-356.

### 2013

- *L'insostenibile fondatezza del dubbio*, in Eurispes, 25° *Rapporto Italia*, Datanews, Roma 2013, pp. 1-28.
- Donne al potere: un club un po' troppo esclusivo, in Eurispes, 25° Rapporto Italia, Datanews, Roma 2013, pp. 97-114.
- *La condizione economica delle famiglie* (with Claudia Mariotti), in Eurispes, 25° *Rapporto Italia*, Datanews, Roma 2013, pp. 211-224.
- Tra le rughe della classe dirigente, in Eurispes,  $25^{\circ}$  Rapporto Italia, Datanews, Roma 2013, pp. 773-780.

#### 2009

- *Scenari di riferimento sulle paure* (with Ester Dini and Elisa Manna), in Censis – Fondazione Roma (eds.), *Paure globali*, Laterza, Roma-Bari 2009, pp. 209-243.

#### **Reviews in Scientific Journals**

- (2013) Review of: Claudia Mariotti. *Le storie. Indagine sui valori della classe parlamentare di Forza Italia*, «Party Politics», Vol. 19, No. 3, pp. 531-533.

**PhD dissertation**: Considerazioni teoretiche sul concetto di Interesse Pubblico (Theoretical considerations on the concept of Public Interest), Rome, May 24, 2011.

# Papers presented in scientific panels and conferences

- Overcoming deliberative biases through stakeholder engagement: Empirical evidence from three international bureaucracies, International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM), Corvinus University of Budapest, April 3-5, 2023.
- Deliberative quality in international settings: the case of international trade, Annual Conference of the Swiss Political Science Association, University of Basel, February 2-3, 2023.
- Open lobby democracy: a deliberative approach to the role of interest groups in policymaking, 35<sup>th</sup> annual conference of SISP (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica), Sapienza Università di Roma, September 8-10, 2022
- Did COVID-19 change the political communication of polarizing leaders? The case of Salvini's campaigning before and after the pandemic (with Claudia Mariotti and Anna Stanziano), 35<sup>th</sup> annual conference of SISP (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica), Sapienza Università di Roma, September 8-10, 2022
- The power of data and the impact of digital innovation on the practice of lobbying and public affairs, ECPR General Conference, University of Innsbruck, 22-26 August, 2022
- Digital lobbying. The power of data and the impact of digital innovation on the practice of advocacy and public affairs, Annual Conference of the Swiss Political Science Association, University of Lausanne, February 4-5, 2022
- Il ruolo degli interessi organizzati nel discorso pubblico sul «Piano Nazionale di Ripresa e Resilienza» (with Andrea Pritoni, Giulia Vicentini, and Giuseppe Montalbano), 34<sup>th</sup> annual (online) conference of SISP (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica), September 9-11, 2021.
- Gruppi di interesse e PNRR italiano: un caso di cattura delle decisioni pubbliche? (with Luca Germano and Claudia Mariotti), 34<sup>th</sup> annual (online) conference of SISP (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica), September 9-11, 2021
- Beyond transparency. Using open government and deliberative democracy to assess the quality of lobbying regulation (with Claudia Mariotti), XXVI World Congress of the International Political Science Association (IPSA), Lisbon, July 10-15, 2021
- A Battle of Frames: Economic Freedom or Public Health? Interest groups' lobbying strategies around the regulation of tobacco advertising in Switzerland (with Andrea Pritoni), Annual Conference of the Swiss Political Science Association, University of Berne, February 4-5, 2021
- Debunking the myth of digital democracy: a taxonomy, Rethinking Digital Myths. Mediation, Narratives and Mythopoiesis in the Digital Age, Università della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano, Switzerland, January 30-31, 2020
- The age of collaborative democracy. Collective intelligence, open government and a paradigm shift in policymaking and lobbying, 32<sup>nd</sup> annual conference of SISP (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica), Torino, September 6-8, 2018.

- Lobby is in the AIR. Regolazione del lobbying e caso italiano, 31st annual conference of SISP (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica), Urbino, September 14-16, 2017.
- *Identità nazionale europea: progetto, chimera o non-sense*, paper presented at the conference "Nazione e Nazionalismi", Perugia, September 15-17, 2016.
- *L'industria del lobbying nei paesi europei: una comparazione*, 29th annual conference of SISP (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica), Arcavacata di Rende, September 10-12, 2015.
- *Un'analisi semantica e teoretica del concetto di interesse*, paper discussed in the conference on Political Realism held in Perugia, October 17-19, 2013.
- *Media Educating about the Media: A European Experience* (with Andrej Skolkay), presented as part of the dissemination activities connected to the European project EMEDUS, at 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Media in Central & Eastern Europe (CEECOM 2013), Kaunas (Lithuania) April 26-27, 2013.
- *Italian regulation of lobbying* (paper delivered as Italian representative at the first international assembly of PACE, Public Affairs Community of Europe; Rome, May 6-7, 2011).
- Le diverse concezioni teoretiche del concetto di interesse pubblico (24th annual conference of SISP Società Italiana di Scienza Politica, Venice, Italy, September 16-18, 2010).
- The Quest for the Public Interest (60th Political Studies Association Annual Conference, Edinburgh, UK, March 29 April 1, 2010).

#### Articles in magazines and non-scientific journals

- Il Chiostro come lobby delle lobby, «Media Duemila», No. 272, 2010.
- Democrazia ed élite: due realtà incompatibili?, «Quaderni Radicali», No. 102, 2008.
- La questione ambientale: tra presunti "verdi" e sincere preoccupazioni ecologiche, «Quaderni Radicali», No. 101, 2008.
- Sistema previdenziale e necessità di riforma, «Quaderni Radicali», No. 100, 2007.
- Religione e libertà: conversazione con Robert Sirico, «Quaderni Radicali», No. 99, 2006.

Furthermore, I published articles on «Domani» (<u>www.editorialedomani.it</u>), «Europa» (<u>www.europaquotidiano.it</u>), «Qualcosa di Riformista» (<u>www.qdrmagazine.it</u>), «Libertà Eguale Magazine» (<u>www.libertaeguale.com</u>), «IDemLab» (<u>www.idemlab.org</u>), «Patrioti» (<u>http://patrioti.org/</u>), «L'Unità» (<u>www.unita.tv</u>), «In Cammino» (<u>www.italiaincammino.it</u>), MondoDem (<u>www.mondodem.it</u>), «Jazz Italia» (<u>www.jazzitalia.net</u>) and other on line magazines.

### Guest Lectures and Key-note Speeches in university courses and conferences

- Presentazione della Palgrave Encyclopedia of Interest Groups, Lobbying and Public Affairs (Master in Comunicazione e Marketing Politico, LUISS Guido Carli, January 10, 2023)
- Influenzare il potere: il ruolo dei gruppi di interesse Le lobby salveranno la democrazia? (Scuola di dottorato in Istituzioni e Politiche, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, January 9-10, 2023)
- Lobbying & Advocacy: Giano bifronte? (Corso di Politica e Società, Università di Urbino, November 22, 2022)
- The principles of lobbying regulation (Course of Comparative Public Law, University of Florence, September 27, 2022)
- Lobbying regulation in a comparative perspective (Summer School of the ECPR Standing Group on Interest Groups, University of Turin & Online, June 29, 2022)

- Lobbying e policymaking (Corso di Analisi delle Politiche Pubbliche, LUMSA University, April 29, 2022)
- Digital innovation for public administration and policy designing (Jean Monnet course on European Digital Citizenship, Università di Roma Tre, April 22, 2022)
- Framing, persuasione e manipolazione (Percorso executive in Digital Lobbying, Politecnico di Milano and John Cabot University, Rome, April 8, 2022)
- Il metodo del digital lobbying (Master in Management politico, Business School Sole24Ore and LUISS School of Government, Rome, March 11, 2022)
- Book presentation. Marialessandra Carro e Claudio Di Mario: *Digital lobbying* (John Cabot University, Italy, September 15, 2021)
- Il metodo scientifico tra certezza e incertezza (Corso di Logica e Filosofia della Scienza, Università
   G. D'Annunzio di Chieti-Pescara, Italy, April 27, 2021)
- Lobbying in the Digital Space. Masterclass at Belgrade Metropolitan University (Belgrade, Serbia, March 12, 2021)
- Book presentation. Andrea Pritoni: *Politica e interessi. Il lobbying nelle democrazie contemporanee* (Osservatorio AIR, Italy, March 11, 2021)
- Partecipazione e policymaking nell'era della trasformazione digitale (Master in Management politico, Business School Sole24Ore and LUISS School of Government, Rome, January 30, 2021)
- Cambiare paradigma nella regolamentazione del lobbying (Lobbying in tempi difficili, Università di Roma Tre, Rome, Italy, January 10, 2020)
- Lobbying, Open government and digital innovation (Institute of Public Communication, Università della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano, Switzerland, December 11, 2019)
- Ripensare lobbying e partecipazione nell'era digitale (Milano Partecipa, Milano, Italy, November 22, 2019)
- La visione Open Lobby nella regolazione del lobbying (Business Integrity Forum, Transparency International Italia, Scuola Superiore S. Anna, Pisa, Italy, June 13, 2019)
- Oggettività e dubbio nell'era dell'incertezza (Corso di Logica e Filosofia della Scienza, Università
   G. D'Annunzio di Chieti-Pescara, Italy, May 13, 2019)
- La grande truffa della partecipazione (Master in Management politico, Business School Sole24Ore and LUISS School of Government, Rome, March 21, 2019)
- People on the Move. The Politics of Migrations (IES Abroad Rome, Italy, November 19, 2018)
- Lobbying, trasparenza e cittadinanza attiva nei processi di policymaking (Consiglio regionale del Piemonte, Turin, Italy, October 26, 2018)
- Perfeccionamientos a la Ley del Lobby (Consejo para la Transparencia, Centro de Estudios Internacionales de la Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile, July 6, 2018)
- Framing lobbying regulation. Comparative perspectives from EU Member States (Transparency of law in the EU and in Poland, Wroclaw, Poland, February 12, 2018)
- Lobbying and democracy: studying the lobbying industry in EU Member States (PhD in Global Studies – Università degli Studi di Urbino, February 2, 2018)
- Researching interest groups (Scuola Normale Superiore, Palazzo Strozzi, Florence, January 11, 2018)
- Le lobby e la democrazia del paese (Fondazione Lars Magnus Ericsson, Rome, December 13, 2017)
- Lobbying in Europe. Modern democracies between open government and the shadows of power (IES Abroad Rome, November 15, 2017)
- Costruire una società migliore. Nuove forme di partecipazione e social network (Turin, November 11, 2017)
- La sfida della trasparenza (Istituto dell'Enciclopedia Italiana, Rome, October 25, 2017)

- How to regulate lobbying (Presidency of the Republic of Latvia, Riga, Latvia, June 9, 2017) (www.lobbyingineurope.com/seminar-riga-regulation-lobbying-latvia/)
- Comparative perspectives on lobbying and public affairs in European Union Member States (European Commission, Brussels, Belgium, May 30, 2017)
- Book presentation: *Lobbying in Europe* (Euralia, Brussels, Belgium, May 30, 2017)
- Book presentation: *Lobbying in Europe* (Italian Chamber of Deputies, Rome, Italy, April 20, 2017) (www.lobbyingineurope.com/presentazione-camera-deputati-italia-chiostro/)
- El lobby en la Unión Europea (V Foro de Transparencia y Buen Gobierno "Chile España Gobierno y Empresa: Los grupos de interés y el nuevo desafío de la transparencia, Madrid, Spain, April 4-5, 2017)
- Comparative international perspectives on lobbying (Master in Comunicazione per le Relazioni Internazionali, IULM, Milan, Italy, March 28, 2017)
- Open Government e Advocacy. Opportunità e limiti della partecipazione (Master in Management politico, Business School Sole24Ore e LUISS School of Government, Rome, March 17, 2017)
- Gruppi di interesse, lobbying e processo decisionale (Corso di Teorie e tecniche del lobbying, LUMSA, Rome, March 22, 2016)
- Italian politics and the European agenda (IES Abroad Freiburg, November 20, 2015)
- The Quest for the Public Interest (IES Abroad Newberry Library, Chicago, July 29, 2015)
- Presenting Italian institutions and political system (International Executive MBA Program of the Asian Institute of Technology – Vietnam, Rome, Italy, May 6-27, 2013).
- Dogmi, dubbi e certezza nella ricercar scientifica (Course on Philosophy of Science, Luiss Guido Carli, Rome, Italy, April 24, 2013)
- Politics of interests in European Union (Course on Italy and the European Union, IES Abroad, Rome, Italy, April 17, 2013)
- Comparative perspectives on lobbying in Europe (Master Course in Communication for International Relations, IULM University, Milan, Italy, March 15, 2013)
- The EU political game (Course on Italy and the European Union, IES Abroad, Rome, Italy, November 22, 2012)
- The game of interests in European Union (Course on Italy and the European Union, IES Abroad, Rome, Italy, April 19, 2012)
- Italian and American constitutions. Past, present & future (Course of Contemporary Italian Politics, IES Abroad, Rome, Italy, February 20, 2012)
- The institutional system and the legislative process in Italian constitution (Course of Contemporary Italian Politics, IES Abroad, Rome, Italy, September 26, 2011)
- Comparing Italian and American constitutions. Past, present & future (Course of Contemporary Italian Politics, IES Abroad, Rome, Italy, September 21, 2011)
- Comunicare gli interessi della propria organizzazione (Master Sole 24Ore in Corporate Communications & Public Affairs, Rome, September 9, 2011)
- Il concetto di Interesse Pubblico (Centro di ricerca "Vittorio Bachelet", Luiss Guido Carli University, Rome, Italy, July 18, 2011)
- Interests game and normative postulates of democracy (Master Course in Public & Parliamentary Affairs, LUMSA University, Rome, Italy, June 10, 2011)
- Interessi pubblici e private in democrazia (Corso di Scienza politica, University of Urbino, Urbino, Italy, March 9, 2011)
- La teoria dei gruppi in sociologia e in scienza politica (Corso di Sociologia politica, University of Urbino, Urbino, Italy, March 8, 2011)

- Metafisica ed epistemologia del razionalismo critico (Corso di Metodologia delle Scienze sociali, University of Urbino, Urbino, Italy, March 8, 2011)
- Comparing political values and constitutions: US and Italy (Course of Contemporary Italian Politics, IES Abroad, Rome, Italy, February 23, 2011)
- Gruppi e interessi nella teoria politica (Master Course in Public & Parliamentary Affairs, LUMSA University, Rome, Italy, October 2, 2010)
- Strategie per una regolazione del lobbying in Italia, speech at the conference "I rapporti tra le istituzioni e i privati: norme cogenti o autoregolamentazione?" (LUMSA University, Faculty of Law, Rome, Italy, July 16, 2010)
- Lobbying for private or public interests (Master Course in Communication for International Relations, IULM University, Milan, Italy, March 4-5, 2010)
- Lobbying e democrazia (Corso di Scienza politica, University of Roma Tre, Rome, Italy, April 2009)
- Gruppi di interesse e di gruppi di pressione (Corso di Scienza politica, University of Roma Tre, Rome, Italy, March 17, 2008)
- Il fallibilismo e la filosofia della scienza di Karl R. Popper (Corso di Scienza politica, University of Roma Tre, Rome, Italy, March 12, 2008)
- Metodo scientifico e ricercar sociale (Corso di Scienza politica, University of Roma Tre, Rome, Italy, March 11, 2008)

# Appearances on national and international media (radio and TV)

TV: interview on the trends in political communication (RSI, Switzerland, January 18, 2023)

Radio: interview on the tricks used by politicians in political communication (RSI, Switzerland, February 15, 2021)

TV: interview on European politics and the Corona-virus crisis (INDUS TV, Pakistan, April 4, 2020)

TV: interview on European politics and the migratory crisis (INDUS TV, Pakistan, March 30, 2019)

Radio: Interview on Italian ruling class and selection of leaders (GR Parlamento, Italy, November 9, 2012)

Radio: Interview on President Obama's policies on lobbying (GR Parlamento, Italy, January 23, 2010)

#### INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS / GRANTS / FELLOWSHIPS

- Deliberative Quality in Trade-Related International organizations (2021-2023) (<a href="https://snis.ch/projects/deliberative-quality-in-trade-related-international-organizations/">https://snis.ch/projects/deliberative-quality-in-trade-related-international-organizations/</a>), 2-year international project funded by the Swiss Network for International Studies (Cocoordinator of the whole project with Prof. Jean-Patrick Villeneuve).
- Open lobbying. A political theory approach to lobbying regulation (2022), 2-month research visit at the Governance Lab (Northeastern University) under the supervision of Prof. Beth S. Noveck, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (individual research grant)
- Revolutionary Public Interest: A comparative study of the idea of the Public Interest in revolutionary pamphlets and constitutional writings in France and United States (2015), funded by Newberry Library of Chicago and IES Abroad (individual research grant)
- EvoCS The evolving concept of security: A critical evaluation across four dimensions (2015), funded by the Coordination and Support Action Programme (<a href="http://evocs-project.eu/">http://evocs-project.eu/</a>) (external expert).

• EMEDUS – European Media Literacy Education Study (2012-2014), funded by the LifeLong Learning Programme (research leader of one of the partners of the consortium and work-package coordinator, coordinating two different international teams from Italy and Slovakia).

#### OTHER EXPERIENCES IN ACADEMIA

**Member of the Editorial Board** of the *Journal of Public Affairs*.

Referee for various journals, including:

- Journal of Public Affairs
- Italian Political Science Review/Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica
- European Journal of Risk Regulation
- Journal of Politics
- ComPol (Comunicazione Politica)
- International Journal of Communication

**Coordinator** of the Standing Group on Interest Groups at SISP (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica) (together with Prof. Renata Lizzi).

### Panel convener / chair / discussant in various academic conferences:

- 35<sup>th</sup> annual conference of SISP (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica), Sapienza Università di Roma, September 8-10, 2022. Implementing the Italian NRRP: the Interest Groups Perspective
- 35<sup>th</sup> annual conference of SISP (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica), Sapienza Università di Roma, September 8-10, 2022. Roundtable 2.2. Regulating lobbying in Italy: what has been done so far and what should be done from now on. The view of policymakers and practitioners
- ECPR General Conference, University of Innsbruck, 22-26 August, 2022. Panel INN423. Democratic innovations.
- 33<sup>rd</sup> annual conference of SISP (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica), Lecce, September 12-14, 2019. Panel 1.1. Open government e innovazione digitale nei processi di governo.
- 26<sup>th</sup> IPSA (International Political Science Association) World Congress, online, July 25-29 2021. Panel RC10: Digital Innovation and Open Government: Tools for an Open World?

# **EDUCATION**

November 2007 – May 2011

University of Roma Tre

Doctoral School of Political Science

**PhD in Political Theory and Public Affairs** (I won a full scholarship in the public competition for the admission). My dissertation (in Political Theory) concerns the concept of Public Interest, seen in its different theoretical conceptions and in a multi-disciplinary approach. It received a special mention by the examining commissioners, Prof. Gianfranco Pasquino (University of Bologna) and Prof. Sebastiano Maffettone (Luiss Guido Carli University).

January 2005 – May 2007

LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome (Faculty of Political Science)

Laurea magistrale (Master's Degree) in Political, Economic and Institutional Communication

Main subjects: Political Theory, Business Ethics, Public and Political Communication, Economics, Language Philosophy, Human Resources Management, Visual Aspects of Communication.

Thesis: The political dynamic of corporations as asset of competitiveness: lobbying, public affairs and Corporate Social Responsibility, an examination of the theories and practices concerning corporate public affairs and CSR, with a focus on the topic of think tanks. I spent a research period in United States (September – December 2006), mostly in New York City and Washington DC, to conduct research on the field and to interview specific opinion leaders from corporations, consultancies, NGOs and most important think tanks (AEI, Brookings Institution, Cato Institute, etc.).

Final Mark: 110/110 summa cum laude

October 2001 - November 2004

**LUISS Guido Carli** University, Rome (Faculty of Political Science)

Laurea (Bachelor's Degree) in Communication and Institutional Relations

Main subjects: History, European and Italian Law, Economy, Sociology, Corporate Communication, Political Science, Statistics, Demography, International Relations.

Thesis: On the Necessity of Historical Revision, an examination of contemporary theories of Hermeneutics and Philosophy of Science concerning the historiography work.

Final Mark: 110/110 summa cum laude

September 1996 – July 2001

Liceo classico "F. Capece", Maglie (Lecce)

Diploma di **Maturità Classica** (grammar school)

Final mark: 100/100

Main subjects: Latin, Ancient Greek, Italian, English, Mathematics, History, Philosophy.

# Special classes and courses

May 2016

TOP-IX Consortium, RENA, Fondazione Torino Smart City

Civic Tech School (www.tecnologieciviche.eu)

March – October 2016

### Partito Democratico, Italy

Classe Democratica, school of politics.

March 2014

# **Democratic Party, Brussels**

European School on Democratic Politics and European electoral campaigning (with full scholarship).

June 2013

# Graduate School in Social and Political Studies (Milan) – Centro Luigi Einaudi (Turin)

Summer School on Research Strategies in Policy Studies (ResPoS) (with full scholarship).

September 2012

# RENA – Rete per l'Eccellenza Nazionale

Summer School "Buon Governo e Cittadinanza Responsabile" (with full scholarship).

March 2012 – June 2012

Ethica – University of Asti – Princeton University

**Master in Civic Education** (with full scholarship), under the direction of Prof. Maurizio Viroli (Princeton University).

My thesis (*La passione della libertà e il ruolo dell'exemplum nell'educazione civica*, on the relationship between passion and reason in civic education) received a special mention by the scientific committee of the Master.

December 2009 – January 2010

# American University (Washington DC, USA) – School of Public Affairs

#### The Art and Craft of Lobbying

Intensive course of the **Public Affairs and Advocacy Institute** on the strategies of lobbying campaigns in United States.

**April** 2009

# (Italian) **Democratic Party**'s Center for Studies and Training – A Train for Europe

Intensive school on European politics, European integration and political cultures. The seminars were held during a trip through Europe (on a train), visiting Turin, Paris, Prague, Berlin and Venice.

January 2007 – today

# **Eidos Communication (Rome)**

I regularly attend workshops on subjects such as "Public Speaking" and "Persuasion techniques".

June 2005

Association "www.scuoladicinema.it", Rome

Course in **Press Office for Cinema**.

July 2004

### **PES** - Party of European Socialists, **Brussels**

Summer School on the **legislative process in the European Union** (with full scholarship).

### **LANGUAGES**

ITALIAN: mother-tongue

**ENGLISH** 

European level C1 (Cambridge First Certificate in 2001)

Reading: excellent. Writing: excellent Oral expression: excellent

**FRENCH** 

Reading: very good. Writing: working knowledge Oral expression: good

**SPANISH** 

Reading: good. Writing: Beginner level Oral expression: Beginner level

Basic knowledge of LATIN and ANCIENT GREEK.

# POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY and SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In September 2022, I was elected coordinator of the Standing Group on Interest Groups at SISP (Società Italiana di Scienza Politica), together with Prof. Renata Lizzi.

Founder (in 2018) and coordinator or the civic-academic project Open Lobby (<a href="www.openlobby.it">www.openlobby.it</a>), a coalition of civil society organizations and single scholars committed to change the conception of lobbying in policymaking through the lenses of open government.

Since March 2016 I am a member of the **Open Government Forum** at the Italian Ministry of Public Administration, as expert and representative of civil society (RENA, Open Lobby).

In 2014 I was chosen as a member of the national special Committee studying the organization of the Democratic party, together with various ministers and MPs.

In 2013, I was elected Secretary (Chair) of the Democratic Party of Rome – Trastevere, leading the party as for organization of activities, electoral campaigns, education and communication to citizens. In all elections I led, the party results in my area have been the highest in the whole city of Rome (in 2014 52,22%).

In 2008 I joined **Il Chiostro**, the new-born **association of Italian lobbyists**, whose aim is the promotion of transparency in politics and public affairs. I was the youngest member of the association, but I immediately proved to be one of the most active, so I was put in charge of on-line communication and social networks (Facebook, LinkedIn, etc.) and of the workgroup on Books and Studies.

At the end of 2009 I was elected **General Secretary of the association**, having to coordinate all the activities of the association. In 2011 I have been elected **Member of the Board**. Since 2015 to 2018 I was **in charge of the Scientific Committee**.

Once I began the PhD course at the University of Roma Tre in 2007, I was **elected PhD students' representative** at the Doctoral School council, where I tried to make useful suggestions for the improvement of our courses.

In 2005 (first year of master's degree), **I founded (and directed)** a small university **journal** (called «Bazar»; the subheading was "Marketplace of ideas"), which dealt with philosophical and political topics; I pooled the smartest students of the university to form the editing staff, and raised funds from local and national sponsors, in order to distribute free copies in university. I could easily "sell" my product, so much that I chose only sponsors in line with our profile and vision, such as civil rights associations, organizations promoting international exchanges or other political magazines. «Bazar» had a good success; we printed 4,000 copies of each number, and distributed it also in other universities in Rome. Appreciating the quality of our articles, even some professors from LUISS Guido Carli (such as Prof. Dario Antiseri and Prof. Gaetano Pecora) wanted to contribute writing pieces for «Bazar». Indeed, my aim was to spread what we were learning in our courses to a wider public, and to try to apply political theories and philosophical models to the everyday politics, making the connection between what we were studying and what was happening around visible to everybody.

In 2003 (end of the second year of my Bachelor) I was **elected Students' Representative** in different councils at **Luiss Guido Carli University** (Council of the Faculty of political sciences, Council for food services, Council for scholarships and financial aids): I intensely used my diplomatic abilities to negotiate and reach compromises between professors and students during the difficult phase of University reforming in Italy (my class was the first to experiment the new course).

In 2000, I was chosen to represent my high school into the Certamen Latinum Capuanum, a yearly contest of translation of a classical Latin text, held near Paestum (Italy).

# **KEY SKILLS**

High **communicational skills** (very good ability to understand people, to write and speak effectively, to debate and make presentations).

Very good interpersonal skills, as regards the ability to lead and facilitate teamwork, to negotiate under pressure and **resolve conflicts**.

Very good administrative skills (decision making and **problem solving**), improved throughout my several professional and academic experiences, for example working as General Secretary for the Italian Lobbyists Association (Il Chiostro) and as Chair and community organizer for a local section of the Democratic Party.

### IT SKILLS

Confidence with both Windows and Mac environments, basic knowledge of Linux/Ubuntu.

Excellent knowledge of Office applications (Word, Power Point, Excel, Access), of most important social platforms, of Google Tools, of bibliography management systems (Endnote, Refworks) and of various presentation tools such as Genially and Prezi (<a href="http://prezi.com/user/albertobit">http://prezi.com/user/albertobit</a>); good knowledge of Adobe Creative Suite (InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Acrobat) and of Web-content management platforms such as Wordpress, Moodle, Canvas. Very good knowledge of music-sequencing applications (Cubase, Nuendo), of music-writing software (Sibelius, Finale), sound-mastering (Soundforge) and video-editing (Avid Studio). In 2001 I got the *European Computer Driving License*.

# ARTISTIC SKILLS

Deep musical knowledge due to the study of classical piano for many years. I specialized in jazz and Middle Ages music, in addition to modern electronic music. As a side-job, I compose soundtracks for theater dramas and short films. Since 2007, I am a member of SIAE (Società Italiana degli Autori e degli Editori, the public organization of artists and publishers) as **music composer**.

Good knowledge of audiovisual language in general (<a href="https://vimeo.com/albertobit">https://vimeo.com/albertobit</a>), with a special ability to create emotions by combining images and sounds.

# OTHER SKILLS

Sailing, horse-riding, snowboarding, skiing, scuba-diving, skydiving, medieval sword-fighting.

# PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- (2021-today) Swiss Political Theory Network (SPTN)
- (2021-today) Swiss Political Science Association (SPSA)
- (2021) American Philosophical Association (APA)
- (2019- today) International Political Science Association (IPSA)
- (2017 today) EuDem (<u>www.eudem.org</u>) (Member of the Board)
- (2016 2020) MondoDem (www.mondodem.it) (Member of the Board)
- (2013 today) RENA Rete per l'Eccellenza NAzionale
- (2009 today) Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP)
- (2009- 2011) UK Political Studies Association (PSA)
- (2008 2018) Il Chiostro. "For the transparency of lobbying" (member of the Board)
- (2007 today) Società Italiana degli Autori e degli Editori (SIAE) musical section
- (2005 2018) Libertà Eguale (member of the Board)

# **REFERENCES**

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Prof. **Maurizio Viroli** (Professor Emeritus of Politics, Princeton University; Email: viroli@princeton.edu)

Prof. **Jean-Patrick Villeneuve** (Professor of Public Administration and Public Management, Università della Svizzera italiana; Email: <u>jean.patrick.villeneuve@usi.ch</u>)

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