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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## RESEARCH PROFILE

An internationally oriented scholar with a sustained track record of publications, collaborations, and knowledge exchange on regulation and comparative public policy

Principal investigator or co-investigator of three large research projects

Design and deliver of innovative classes across all levels of higher education

Well-established research esteem (research collaborations with international organisations, visiting research appointments, research fellowships, consultancies for international organisations and national governments)

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Regulatory governance and institutions, impact assessment

Comparative public policy and administration

EU, OECD and World Bank as global knowledge institutions

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2019–present	Senior Lecturer in Public Policy, School of Government and Public Policy, University of Strathclyde
2012–2019	Lecturer in Public Policy, School of Government and Public Policy, University of Strathclyde
2018	Visiting scholar, Institute of Public Administration, University of Leiden [July-August]
2018	Visiting scholar, Institut für Politische Wissenschaft, University of Heidelberg [March-April]
2015	Visiting scholar, Institut d'études politiques, historiques et internationales, University of Lausanne [June-December]
2011–2012	Teaching fellow, University of Tuscia, Viterbo, Italy

2009–2012	Postdoctoral Research fellow at the Institut d'Études Politiques et Internationales (IEPI), University of Lausanne and at the Institut für Politikwissenschaft, University of Zurich
2004–2008	Research fellow, Centre for European Governance, Department of Politics, University of Exeter and at the Centre for European Studies, University of Bradford <i>Nominated research assistant in a DG Enterprise grant and an ESRC grant. Research assistant for 3 EU 6th Framework Projects.</i>

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## EDUCATION

2014	Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Academic Studies, University of Strathclyde
2011	PhD in Politics, University of Exeter <i>A Comprehensive Analysis of Policy Diffusion: Regulatory Impact Analysis in EU and OECD Member States</i>
2001	M.A. in European Integration, University of Bradford
1998	B.Sc. in Economics, University of Rome "La Sapienza"

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## PUBLICATIONS

**Google Scholar profile:** [goo.gl/DsEqbX](https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=I-DsEqbX)

**h-index:** Google Scholar 13; ResearchGate 9; Scopus 6; Web of Science 5

### Books and Special Issues

4. De francesco and C.M. Radaelli (eds) (2022) "Elgar Companion to the OECD", Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

3. Bach, T., F. De francesco, M. Maggetti, and E. Ruffing (eds) (2016) "Transnational Regulatory Networks as Means of EU Governance: The Administrative Dimension of Multilevel Coordination", *Public Administration*, 94:1.

2. De francesco, F. (2013) *Transnational Policy Innovation: The OECD and the Diffusion of Regulatory Impact Analysis*, Colchester: ECPR Press, (224 p.)

**REF 2014**

*Reviews:*

- Aydin, U. (2015) in *Revista de Ciencia Política*, 35:3, 645-653.

1. Radaelli, C.M. and F. De francesco (2007) *Regulatory Quality in Europe. Concepts, Measures and Policy Processes*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, (272 p.)

*Reviews:*

- Vibert, F. (2008) in *Common Market Law Review*, 45:4, 1287-1288.

- Robertson, C. (2008) in *European Law Journal*, 14:5, 684-686.
- Hancox, E. (2013) in *EUSA Review*.

## Articles

17. De francesco, F., L. Leopold and J. Tosun (2020) "Distinguishing policy surveillance from policy tracking: Transnational municipal networks in climate and energy governance", *Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning*, 22:6, 857-869  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/1523908X.2020.1785280>
16. De francesco, F. and P. Trein (2020) "How Does Corruption Affect the Adoption of Lobby Registers? A Comparative Analysis", *Politics & Governance*, 8:2, 116-127.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.17645/pag.v8i2.2708>. **REF 2021: Selected article**
15. Wassum, M. and F. De francesco (2020) "Explaining Regulatory Autonomy in EU Network Sectors: Varieties of Utility Regulation?", *Governance*, 33:1, 41-60.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/gove.12437>. **REF 2021: Internal review 4\***
14. De francesco, F. (2019) "Follow evidence practice: An Analysis of Evaluation Studies on the EU Railway Policy", *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*, 60:4, 785-803.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11615-019-00191-9>
13. De francesco, F. and E. Guaschino (2020) "Reframing Knowledge: A comparison of OECD and World Bank discourse on public governance reform", *Policy and Society*, 39:1, 113-128.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/14494035.2019.1609391>
12. Tosun, J., O. Treib, and F. De francesco (2019) "The Impact of the European Youth Guarantee on Active Labour Market Policies: A Convergence Analysis", *International Journal of Social Welfare*, 28:4, 358-368.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/ijsw.12375>
11. Tosun, T., F. De francesco and B.G. Peters (2019) "From Environmental Policy Concepts to Practicable Tools: Knowledge Creation and Delegation in Multilevel Systems" *Public Administration*, 97:2, 399-412.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/padm.12544> **REF 2021: Internal review 3\***
10. Patrikios, S. and F. De francesco (2020) "Churches as Firms: Explaining Regulatory Similarities", *Socio-Economic Review* 18:3, 745-766.  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/ser/mwy013> **REF 2021: Internal review 3\***
9. De francesco, F. (2018) "Evaluer Équitablement les Régulateurs: Aligner les Analyses d'Impact sur le Savoir Scientifique", *Politiques et management public*, 35:3-4, 131-151. <https://doi.org/10.3166/pmp/35.2018.0007>

8. De francesco, F. and M. Maggetti (2018) "Assessing Disproportionality: Indexes of Policy Responses to the 2007-8 Banking Crisis", *Policy Sciences*, 51:1, 17-38.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11077-017-9309-x> REF 2021: Internal review 3\*
7. De francesco, F. and G. Castro (2018) "Beyond Legal Transposition: Regulatory Agencies and *de facto* Convergence of the EU rail liberalisation", *Journal of European Public Policy*, 25:3, 369-388. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2016.1254272> REF 2021: Internal review 3\*
6. Bach, T., F. De francesco, M. Maggetti, and E. Ruffing (2016) "Transnational Bureaucratic Politics: An Institutional Rivalry Perspective on EU Network Governance", *Public Administration*, 94:1, 9-24.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/padm.12252>
5. De francesco, F. (2016) "Transfer Agencies, Regulatory Quality Indices, and the Media: Comparing the World Bank and the OECD", *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*, 18:4, 350-365.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13876988.2014.882648>
4. De francesco, F. (2012) "Diffusion of Regulatory Impact Analysis in OECD and EU member states", *Comparative Political Studies*, 45:10, 1277-1305.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0010414011434297> REF 2014.
3. De francesco, F., C.M. Radaelli, and V.E. Troeger (2012) "Implementing Regulatory Innovations in Europe: The Case of Impact Assessment", *Journal of European Public Policy*, 19:4, 491-511.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2011.607342> REF 2014
2. Quaglia, L., F. De francesco and C.M. Radaelli (2008) "Committee Governance and Socialization in the European Union", *Journal of European Public Policy*, 15:1, 155-166.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13501760701702298>
1. De francesco, F. (2001) "L'Air nel Processo di Riforma della Regolazione (RIA in the regulatory reform process)", *Rivista Trimestrale di Scienza dell'Amministrazione*, 2000, 4, 11-39.

## Articles in pipeline

1. De francesco, F. and V. Pattyn "Understanding the use of consultancy knowledge through a principal-agent perspective: The case of EU rail passenger liberalization", to be submitted to *European Policy Analysis*.
2. De francesco, F. "Framing indicators of circular economy: The European Union, scientific knowledge and the development of policy concepts", to be submitted to *Journal of Cleaner Production*.

1. De francesco, F. and S. Patrikios “Economy, Society and Politics: Towards a Latent Measure of Regulatory Intervention”, to be submitted to *Policy Sciences*.
2. De francesco, F. and J. Tosun “Global Americanization of Rulemaking? Judicial Independence, English Legal Origin, and Parliamentary System as Constraints on Judicial Review of Regulatory Governance” to be submitted to *Governance* or *Public Administration*.

### Chapters in edited books

12. Vantaggiato, F.P. and F. De francesco (forthcoming) “Regulatory networks”, in P. Graziano and J. Tosun (eds.) *Encyclopedia of EU Public Policy*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.
11. De francesco, F. and V. Pattyn (2021) “Designing for coordination: The case of regulatory management policy”, in G. B. Peters and G. Fontaine (eds.) *Handbook of Research on Policy Design*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.
10. De francesco, F. (2021) “The diffusion of regulatory governance innovations”, in O. Porto de Oliveira (ed.) *Handbook of Policy Transfer, Diffusion and Circulation*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, pp. 442-460.
9. De francesco, F. and V. Pattyn (2021) “Policy Evaluation Styles”, in M. Howlett and J. Tosun (eds) *Routledge Handbook in Policy Styles*, Abingdon and New York, NY: Routledge, pp. 408-421.
8. De francesco, F. (2016) “Diffusion across OECD Member States”, in C. Dunlop and C.M. Radaelli (eds) *International Handbook of Regulatory Impact Assessment*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, pp. 271-85.
7. De francesco, F. (2011) “Different Patterns of Institutionalisation: A Comparative Analysis of Regulatory Impact Analysis and Standard Cost Model”, In L. Mader and M. Tavares de Almeida (eds.), *Quality of Legislation: Principles and Instruments. Proceedings of the Ninth Congress of the International Association of Legislation (IAL)*, Lisbon, June 24-25, 2010, Baden-Baden: NOMOS Publishers.
6. Radaelli, C.M. and F. De francesco (2010) “Regulatory Impact Assessment” in (eds.) M. Cave, R. Baldwin, and M. Lodge, *Oxford Handbook on Regulation*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
5. De francesco, F. (2010) “Indicatori per valutare l’AIR: Un’applicazione al caso italiano (Indicators for evaluating RIA: An applications to the Italian Case)” in (eds) A. Natilini and G. Tiberi, *La Tela di Penelope: Primo Rapporto Astrid sulla Semplificazione Legislativa e Burocratica*, Bologna: Il Mulino.
4. De francesco, F and C.M. Radaelli (2007) “Indicators of Regulatory Quality”, in C. Kirkpatrick and D. Parker (eds.), *Regulatory Impact Assessment: To-*

*wards Better Regulation?*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

3. De francesco, F. (2001) "Canada: un approccio fondato sui principi (Canada: An approach based on principles)", in C.M. Radaelli (ed.), *L'Analisi di Impatto della Regolazione in prospettiva comparata* (Regulatory Impact Analysis in Comparative Perspective), Soveria Mannelli: Rubettino, pp. 105-33.

2. De francesco, F. (2001) "Regno Unito: maturazione e apprendimento istituzionale (United Kingdom: Maturation and institutional learning)", in C.M. Radaelli (ed), *L'Analisi di Impatto della Regolazione in prospettiva comparata* (Regulatory Impact Analysis in Comparative Perspective), Soveria Mannelli: Rubettino, pp. 163-97.

1. De francesco, F. (2001) "Governo, interessi e riforma della regolazione: il caso olandese dal neocorporativismo al pluralismo (Government, interests and regulatory reform: The Dutch case from neo-corporativism to pluralism)", in C.M. Radaelli (ed), *L'Analisi di Impatto della Regolazione in prospettiva comparata* (Regulatory Impact Analysis in Comparative Perspective), Soveria Mannelli: Rubettino, pp. 256-74.

### **Book reviews**

1. De francesco, F. (2008) "Bounded rationality and policy diffusion: Social sector reform in Latin America", by Kurt Weyland, Princeton: Princeton University Press 2006, *Environment and Planning C: Government and Policy*, 26:5, 1037-8.

### **Technical papers**

5. Smeriglio, A. J. Bachtler, F. De francesco, K. Olejniczak, R. Thomson and P. Sliwowski (2015) "Administrative Capacity-Building and EU Cohesion Policy". [goo.gl/npj5X](http://goo.gl/npj5X)

4. Radaelli, C.M. and F. De francesco (2011) "Project-Level Indicators", Paper for the "Better Regulation for Growth", Programme of the IFC at the World Bank, Washington DC, World Bank. [goo.gl/X7L9tr](http://goo.gl/X7L9tr)

3. Radaelli, C.M. Radaelli and F. De francesco (2010) "Overview of Regulatory Quality Indicators", Paper for the "Better Regulation for Growth" Programme of the IFC at the World Bank, Washington DC, World Bank. [goo.gl/4Jupn1](http://goo.gl/4Jupn1)

2. Contribution to "Evaluating the Impact of Regulation: Developing a Methodology", SQW Report for the DTI, London, April 2005. [goo.gl/WaEgki](http://goo.gl/WaEgki)

1. Radaelli, C.M. and F. De francesco (2004) "Indicators of Regulatory Quality", Report for DG Enterprise, Brussels: European Commission.

## TEACHING

### Modules Taught

#### Postgraduate

2016–present	Policy Analysis
2012–present	Comparative Public Policy
2012–2017	Qualitative Methods

#### Undergraduate

2018-19	Quantitative Methods for Social Research
2013–2018	Theory and Practices of Regulation and Governance
2011	Policy Analysis (Undergraduate in Italian)

### Supervision of doctoral researchers

1st Supervisor	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Larry Forde on a comparative analysis of evidence-based policy making in education</li><li>2. Moritz Wassum on European competition authorities</li><li>3. Ivan Minguez Guillem on international diplomacy of city councils</li></ol>
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### Supervision of master and honours students

Master	12 dissertations supervised
Honours	24 dissertations supervised

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## RESEARCH GRANTS

### External

2014	Research Grant by the European Investment Bank “Administrative Capacity in Cohesion Policy”, Co-investigator with Prof John Bachtler, Prof Robert Thomson (University of Strathclyde) and Dr Karol Olejniczak (University of Warsaw) (EURO 300,000)
2013	Grant by the European Commission for the project “Global Americanisation of Rulemaking?”, PCIG12-GA-2012 (no. 334008, EURO 75,000) <i>Mid-term evaluation report: “There is evidence of scientific achievements, with a consequent contribution to the state of the art, as</i>

*well as some early indications of impact. The researcher has also managed to extend the reach of the research by applying the findings in other areas."*

- 2009–2011 Grant by the European Commission for the project "Diffusion of administrative and regulatory innovations in OECD and EU member states", FP7-PEOPLE-IEF-2008 (no. 236107, EURO 172,636)
- 5/2007–9/2007 AHRC-ESRC Library of Congress scheme, Research fellow at the Kluge Center, May 2007–October 2007, (GBP 5,500)

### **Internal**

- 2016 Faculty of Humanities and Social Science, University of Strathclyde, Research Excellent Award for a 3 years PhD fellowship with Dr. Stratos Patrikios (GBP 50,000)
- 2015 HASS Global Engagement Fund for an international workshop on disproportionate policy response and risk regulation (GBP 4,500)
- 2015 HASS and University International Student Recruitment Initiatives Fund (GBP 5,000)
- 2004–2005 University of Exeter, Department of Politics scholarship for PhD students (GBP 8,000)

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### **RESEARCH AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2015 Caledonian Research foundation & The Royal Society of Edinburgh European Visiting Research fellowship at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland: "The dynamics of non-proportionate policy response to the 2008-9 financial crisis: A comparative analysis of regulatory reform in six countries" (GBP 5,500)
- 2015 PSA Bursary for attending The Social Innovation Research Conference at Fudan University 21-22 May 2015 (GBP 870)
- 2014 Giandomenico Majone Award for the best paper ("Churches as firms: The regulatory perspective") presented at the 5th biennial conference of the ECPR standing group on regulatory governance by young scholars, Barcelona, 25-28 June 2014
- 2014 Higher Education Academy fellowship in recognition of attainment against the UK Professional Standards Framework for teaching and learning support in higher education: Recognition reference PR074981



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### INVITED TALKS (SINCE 2017)

May 2019	Department of Politics, University of Exeter
May 2019	Workshop on Expertise and policy-making-comparative perspectives, University of Leiden
April 2019	Hertie School of Governance
April 2019	Department of Political Science, University of Padua
May 2018	International Conference on Policy Diffusion and Development Cooperation, Universidade federal de Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo
January 2018	Workshop on Policy Evaluation in the EU organised by Dr. Paul Stephenson and Prof. Frans Leeuw, Maastricht University, Campus Brussels
November 2017	International conference on Impact Assessment organised by the European Court of Auditors, Luxembourg

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### PRESENTATIONS AT THE MAJOR POLITICAL SCIENCE CONFERENCES

**ECPR:** 2004, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

**ECPR Reg.Gov.:** 2006, 2010, 2014, 2016, 2018

**PSA:** 2006, 2008, 2009, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021

**MPSA:** 2007, 2011 (poster), 2013, 2016

**APSA:** 2016

**IPSA:** 2016

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### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS AND CONSULTANCIES

March 2020	Evaluator: Research Executive Agency of the European Commission H2020 projects
May-June 2019	Evaluator and Panel evaluator: Research Executive Agency of the European Commission H2020 projects
March 2019	Evaluator: Research Executive Agency of the European Commission H2020 projects
since 2016	Expert Volunteer: The Good Lobby, a platform for connecting experts and allowing them to share their skills with NGOs
2015	Consulted expert: Brian Titley Consulting Ltd for Regulatory Policy Committee, Business Innovation and Skill

2009	Expert: IFIS, World Bank “Better Regulation for Growth”
2004	Advisor: SQW Consulting, London Report for Department of Trade and Industry on cumulative impact of regulations
2003–2004	Advisor: Formez, Naples, Italy Training of regional high-level civil servants on regulatory impact assessment methods and techniques. Reporting and presenting the training outcome. Drafting of an impact analysis of a legislative proposal to liberalise the retail sector
2000–2001	Researcher: Department for the Public Administration, the Italian Presidency of the Ministers’ Council, Rome, Italy Contribution to the drafting of the first Italian regulatory impact assessment guidelines and to the training of the chiefs of the legislative affairs units. Drafting of an impact analysis case study. Interviews conducted at the Cabinet Office on the evolution of regulatory reform in UK

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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Editorial service

Associate editor *PRX* (2020–present)

### Scientific Committees

Member of the scientific committee of the *Osservatorio AIR*, an Italian research think tank dedicated to the promotion of better regulation and regulatory impact analysis

### Organisation of conferences panels and workshops

Workshop on new modes of evaluation of Impact Assessment, Italian School of Public Administration, Rome 7 June 2019

Panel on “Practices of Modeling and Regulatory Governance” organised for the 2016 ECPR general conference in Prague, September 2016

Workshop on “Disproportionate Responses to Risk Regulation: Non-communicable Disease and Banking Crises in Comparative Perspective”, University of Strathclyde, 27–28 June 2016

Panel on “Regulatory Governance Indicators” organised for the 2014 ECPR general conference in Glasgow, September 2014

Panel on “International Regulatory Cooperation in Hard Politics” organised for the ECPR general conference in Bordeaux, September 2013

## Reviewer

**Publons profile:** <https://tinyurl.com/y5h35kzx>

**Journals:** *British Journal of Political Science; Comparative European Politics; Environment and Planning C: Government and Policy; Environmental Challenges; European Journal of Political Research; Governance; International Review of Public Policy; Journal of Business Ethics; Journal of Contemporary European Research; Journal of Environmental Policy and Planning; Journal of European Public Policy; Journal of Politics; Journal of Public Policy; Management and Business Administration. Central Europe; Emerging Markets Finance and Trade; Policy Sciences; Public Administration; Public Policy and Administration; Public Money & Management; Regulation & Governance; World Development*

**Publishers:** *Springer; Oxford University Press; Routledge*

**Research councils:** *Flanders Research Foundation; National Science Centre Poland; Israel Science Foundation; French Fund for Scientific Research-FNRS (Wallonia-Brussels Federation); DFG (German Research foundation)*

## Administrative committees

Member of the hiring committee for Strathclyde Chancellor's Fellow in Transport Policy (March 2021)

External examiner for MA in Public Policy King's College London (2020-21)

External examiner for Diploma in Health Care Management at Ulster University (since 2019-20)

External examiner for module course "Contemporary Issues in the World Economy", Glasgow Caledonian University (2019-20)

External Panel Member for the Subject Review Department of Law, Economics, Accountancy and Risk, Glasgow Caledonian University (April 2017)

Chair of the School ethics committee (since 2016)

Member of the faculty appeal committee (2016-18)

Member of the School PG quality board (2016-17)

Erasmus and internationalisation coordinator (2013-2015; 2017)

Member of the UG quality board (2013-2015)

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