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Lorenzo De Sio is Full Professor of Political Science at Luiss, Rome, where he teaches several courses at all levels. There, he directs the [CISE](#) (Italian Centre for Electoral Studies) and the Master's Programme in Governo, Amministrazione e Politica (GAP).

Formerly Visiting Research Fellow at UC Irvine, Jean Monnet Fellow at the Robert Schuman Centre of the EUI, Campbell National Fellow at Stanford University, he participated to several international research projects, among which "The True European Voter" (ESF-COST Action IS0806), the "EU Profiler" (2009) and euandi (2014), and since 2004 he is a member of the [ITANES](#) (Italian National Election Studies). Principal Investigator of the international [Issue Competition Comparative Project](#) (ICCP, 2017-ongoing), he is now also the Principal Investigator of the POSTGEN (Generational gap and post-ideological politics in Italy) project, involving four Italian universities and funded by the Italian Government (€730K project budget) under the PRIN (Projects of Relevant National Interest) scheme.

His current research interests are focused (under a mostly quantitative approach) on political attitudes, voting behaviour and party competition in comparative perspective, with a specific focus on the role of issues in party strategy, leading to post-ideological competition. Among his publications, beyond several books and edited books in Italian and English, are articles appearing in journals such as the *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Electoral Studies*, *Party Politics*, *Political Psychology*, *West European Politics*, *South European Society and Politics*, and all major Italian political science journals.

From a previous professional experience as computer programmer and ICT entrepreneur (1995-2004) he retains a passion for computer programming. He still occasionally develops personal tools in various languages; one of them is the staR project, an open-source [R-based online Stata emulator](#) he successfully adopts in introductory courses on quantitative methods.

He is married with Marinella and father of Vittorio. His primary non-professional interest is pop and rock music; in the 1990s and 2000s he has played bass and drums in many independent bands in the Florence area on a semi-professional basis.

#### Current position and responsibilities

2017 – present Full Professor, Department of Political Science, Luiss University, Rome

2018 – present Director, Master's Programme in "Governo, Amministrazione e Politica", Luiss University, Rome

2018 – present Director, CISE – Italian Center for Electoral Studies, Luiss/University of Florence

#### Previous positions

2018 – 2021 Member, National Scientific Habilitation Committee for Political Science (14/A2), ASN (Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale), Italian Ministry for University and Research

2015 – 2017 Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Luiss University, Rome

2011 – 2015 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Luiss University, Rome

2009 – 2011 Jean Monnet Fellow, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute

2007 – 2009 Research Fellow, Department of Political Science and Sociology, University of Florence

#### Visiting and other fellowships

2015 Visiting Fellow, Sciences Po Paris

2012 – 2013 Campbell National Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University

2005 – 2006 Visiting Research Fellow, University of California – Irvine

#### Education

2007 PhD in Political Science – University of Florence, Italy (Joint Graduate School in Political Science – Universities of Bologna, Florence, Genoa, Naples, Trieste, Pisa, Padua). Supervisor: Prof. Roberto D'Alimonte.

2003 B.A. and M.A. in Political Science – University of Florence, Italy

#### Prizes and awards:

2020 Luiss Teaching Excellence Award as Best Instructor in MA courses in the Department of Political Science

2012 Best Under 40 Political Science Book Award for 2010-2011, SISP (Italian Society of Political Science)

2006 Young Researchers Award, *Polis*, Istituto Cattaneo, Bologna

2005 Celso Ghini Award for the best M.A. thesis on electoral topics, SISE (Italian Electoral Studies Society)

## Teaching

PhD level course	Academic year(s)	Language	Institution
<i>Democracy and Representation (with L. Morlino in 20/21, then with D. Angelucci)</i>	2020/21, 21/22	English	Luiss PhD Programme
<i>Citizens, Elections, Parties: The Circuit of Representation</i>	2015/16, 16/17, 17/18, 18/19, 19/20	English	Luiss PhD Programme

<i>Party Strategy and Party Competition</i> module	2018/19	English	28th Summer School of the ECPR Standing Group on Political Parties, University of Nottingham Luiss PhD Programme
<i>Approaches and Methods in the Social Sciences (in 18/19 with V. Emanuele)</i>	2011/12, 12/13, 13/14, 14/15, 15/16, 16/17, 17/18	English	Luiss PhD Programme
<i>Quantitative Research Methods in Political Science</i>	2008/09	English	University of Siena Graduate School
<i>MA level course</i>	<i>Academic year(s)</i>	<i>Language</i>	<i>Institution</i>
<i>Methods and Techniques of Social Research</i>	2020/21, 21/22 (appointment)	Italian	Luiss
<i>Introduction to Statistics and Data Analysis for Public Policy (from 20/21 with Davide Angelucci)</i>	2011/12, 12/13, 13/14, 14/15, 15/16, 16/17, 17/18, 18/19, 19/20, 20/21, 21/22	English	Luiss School of Government
<i>Public Opinion and Elections (with V. Emanuele)</i>	2020/21	Italian	Luiss
<i>Public Opinion and Political Behaviour</i>	2013/14, 14/15, 15/16, 16/17, 17/18, 18/19, 19/20	Italian	Luiss
<i>Multilevel Political Competition: Parties, Citizens and Elections</i>	2014/15	English	Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona
<i>Introduction to Statistics and Data Analysis</i>	2011/12, 12/13, 13/14, 14/15, 15/16, 16/17, 17/18, 18/19, 19/20, 20/21	Italian	Luiss School of Government
<i>Political Methodology</i>	2008/09	Italian	University of Florence
<i>Statistical Techniques for Survey Analysis</i>	2008/09	Italian	University of Florence
<i>Italian Politics (Lectures and teaching assistance)</i>	2006/07, 07/08, 08/09	Italian	University of Florence
<i>BA level course</i>	<i>Academic year(s)</i>	<i>Language</i>	<i>Institution</i>
<i>Political Science (19/20 with A. Paparo, 20/21 and 21/22 with D. Angelucci)</i>	2015/16, 16/17, 17/18, 18/19, 19/20, 20/21, 21/22	English	Luiss
<i>Methods of Social Research</i>	2014/15, 15/16, 16/17	English	Luiss
<i>Sociology</i>	2012/13, 13/14	English	Luiss
<i>Sociology</i>	2011/12, 12/13	Italian	Luiss

#### MA and BA Supervisions

2013 – present 20 MA theses; 53 BA theses, Department of Political Science, Luiss University, Rome

#### PhD supervisions

Marcellino, C. (with Paolo Bellucci, expected completion 2025), “The role of political efficacy in shaping European identity: A comparison of the national and European level”

Trastulli, F., (with Vincenzo Emanuele, expected completion 2022), “The impact of the economic crisis on policy differentiation among European social-democratic parties” (provisional title), co-supervised with Vincenzo Emanuele (Luiss), Luiss PhD Programme in “Politics”.

Landini, I., (with Laurenz Ennser-Jedenastik, submitted 2021), “Uncovering the Pandora box of welfare chauvinism: types of social benefits and public justifications of migrants’ disentanglement to benefits” (provisional title), co-supervised with Laurenz Ennser-Jedenastik (Vienna), Luiss PhD Programme in “Politics”.

Ozkardes, A.C., (with Vincenzo Emanuele, submitted 2021), “The impact of government participation and external constraints on radical left parties’ economic policy positions” (provisional title), co-supervised with Vincenzo Emanuele (Luiss), Luiss PhD Programme in “Political Theory, Political History and Political Science”.

Salman, M., 2021 “The changing nature of competition in the weak party system of the hybrid regime in Pakistan”, Luiss PhD Programme in “Political Theory, Political History and Political Science”.

Martelli, G., 2017, “Personal vote in Southern Italy: particularism or universalism?”, Luiss PhD Programme in “Political Theory”, <https://eprints.luiss.it/1467/1/20170215-martelli.pdf>

Owaki, Y., 2017, “Modeling immigrant language acquisition and integration: toward an integrated micro-macro modeling”, Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate GEM – Globalisation, the EU and Multilateralism (Luiss/ULB Bruxelles), co-supervised with Assaad Azzi (ULB), <https://eprints.luiss.it/1505/1/20170412-owaki.pdf>

#### Teaching-related responsibilities

2018 – present Director, Master’s Programme in “Governance, Amministrazione e Politica”, LUISS Guido Carli

2013 – 2015 Deputy Coordinator, Ph.D. Programme in Political Theory and Political Science

## Research

Experience in large cooperative research projects (leading roles highlighted):

Project Title	Funding sources and partners	Period	Role and tasks	Resulting publications (see Publication List for details)
POSTGEN - Generational gap and post-ideological politics in Italy	Italian Government (€730K project budget) under the PRIN (Projects of Relevant National Interest) scheme	2022-2025	Principal Investigator. Team assembly. Project design. Development of theoretical framework and data collection scheme and implementation, data collection supervision, project coordination and editorial supervision.	
<a href="#">ICCP – Issue Competition Comparative Project</a>	LUISS Rome, Stanford University, Royal Holloway University of London, University of Vienna, Friedrich Ebert-Stiftung	2017-2020	Principal Investigator. Team assembly, partnership development. Development of data collection scheme and implementation, data collection supervision, project coordination and editorial supervision.	De Sio and Lachat 2020a, De Sio and Lachat 2020b, D’Alimonte, De Sio and Franklin 2020, De Sio and Weber 2020
“EUandI”	Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute	2013-2015	Technical responsibility for data collection design and implementation. (PI: Alexander H. Trechsel)	Garzia, Trechsel and De Sio 2015
The True European Voter	COST Action ISO806	2009-2014	Member of the Methods Working Group. (PIs: Hermann Schmitt and Paolo Segatti) Strategies and implementation of data harmonization and analysis in a large-scale comparative multi-level dataset. Organization of winter schools for methodological training.	v.d. Eijk, De Sio and Vezzoni forthcoming A, v.d. Eijk, De Sio and Vezzoni forthcoming B.
Italian National Election Studies (ITANES)	Government PRIN (national interest) competitive grants, cooperative funding among partner universities (10+ Italian universities)	2004-present	Member (since 2004); Member of the Scientific Council (2011-2019) Strategies and implementation of CAPI, CATI/CAMI and CAWI surveys; questionnaire design and discussion; data analysis; contribution to collective books.	De Sio and Schadee 2013, 2018; Barisione, Catellani and De Sio 2011, De Sio 2008, De Sio 2007, De Sio 2006
PPMD (Party Policy in Modern Democracies)	Trinity College, Dublin	2008	Expert	
CSES (Comparative Study of Electoral Systems) Module 2	Multiple partners	2006	Questionnaire translation, macro report	

Other projects (leading roles highlighted):

Project Title	Funding sources and partners	Period	Role and tasks	Resulting publications (see Publication List for details)
La cultura politica in Toscana: un’indagine qualitativa e quantitativa	Regione Toscana (€ 40K)	2009-2011	Principal Investigator. Questionnaire development and data analysis (quantitative component). Development of track for qualitative interviews; coordination of qualitative interviews. Project direction. Editorial coordination.	Edited book with five contributions: De Sio 2011 various, Cellini, Cigliuti and De Sio 2011, De Sio and Florida 2011

Research management at the Italian Centre for Electoral Studies (grants from Luiss and external funders)

Project	Period	Budget (Euros)	Role and tasks	Activity highlights
Progetto di sviluppo CISE 2018-2021	2018-2021	180K	Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICCP completion and publications;</li> <li>• Occasional CATI/CAMI/CAWI surveys on Italy;</li> <li>• EP Elections collective book;</li> <li>• Italian elections collective book;</li> <li>• “Dossier CISE” <a href="#">open e-book series</a>;</li> <li>• More teamwork international articles;</li> <li>• ERC Consolidator Grant application reached Step 2 (B: not funded; see below).</li> </ul>

Osservatorio Politico CISE: competizione partitica e opinione pubblica	2014-2016, then to 2017	180K	Scientific coordinator (director: Roberto D'Alimonte)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website consolidation;</li> <li>• "Osservatorio politico" CATI/CAMI/CAWI survey series;</li> <li>• EP Elections international collective book;</li> <li>• "Dossier CISE" <a href="#">open e-book series</a>;</li> <li>• ICCP startup;</li> <li>• first teamwork international articles;</li> <li>• participation to a cooperative National Interest Project (PRIN) – Italian Government (€ 47.610 grant for the CISE unit)</li> <li>• ERC Starting Grant application (see below).</li> </ul>
Osservatorio Politico CISE: la transizione dalla Seconda Repubblica	2011-2013	180K	Scientific coordinator (director: Roberto D'Alimonte)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Startup of the public outreach website;</li> <li>• "Osservatorio politico" CATI/CAMI survey series;</li> <li>• Italian elections collective book;</li> <li>• Startup of the "Dossier CISE" <a href="#">open e-book series</a></li> </ul>

NOTE: a list of select publications of all CISE members is available at <https://cise.luiss.it/cise/category/ricerca/pubblicazioni-scientifiche/>

#### Editorial responsibilities

- 2020 – International Advisory Board, *Quaderni dell'Osservatorio Elettorale-Italian Journal of Electoral Studies*  
2016 – Member, *Giovanni Sartori Prize* committee for the best 201 article, *Italian Political Science Review*  
2015 – 2020 – Editorial Committee, *Quaderni dell'Osservatorio Elettorale*  
2013 – Steering Committee, *Italian Political Science Review*

#### Expert anonymous reviews

*Political Communication* (2021 -), *Party Politics* (2020 -), *West European Politics* (2016 -), *Swiss Political Science Review* (2016 -), *European Journal of Political Research* (2015 -), *Political Behavior* (2015 -), *Political Analysis* (2015 -), *European Union Politics* (2014 -), *Archivi di Studi Urbani e Regionali* (2013 -), *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* (2012 -), *Polena* (2010 -), *Partecipazione e Conflitto* (2009 -), *South European Society and Politics* (2008 -), *Italian Political Science Review* (2007 -).

#### Organisation of scientific meetings

- 2019 Local organizer, SISE (Società Italiana di Studi Elettorali) International Conference, LUISS, Rome.  
2017 Organizer, *International Workshop "Anything Goes? Issue Competition in Europe and the U.S."*, CISE (Italian Centre for Electoral Studies), Rome, Italy.  
2016 Local organizer, IMEBESS - International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral Social Sciences, Rome.  
2016 Organizer, *Workshop "Turbulent Times: Economic Change and Political Instability in Western Democracies"*, CISE (Italian Centre for Electoral Studies), Rome, Italy. <http://bit.ly/2ch1Db8>  
2014 Co-chair, Section "Changing patterns of voting behaviour and party competition", *ECPR General Conference*, Glasgow, Scotland.  
2014 Co-chair, Section "Elezioni e Comportamento di voto" [Elections and Voting Behaviour], *SISP (Italian Society of Political Science) General Conference*, Perugia, Italy.  
2013 Co-chair, Section "Elezioni e Comportamento di voto" [Elections and Voting Behaviour], *SISP (Italian Society of Political Science) General Conference*, Florence, Italy.  
2012 Local organizer, *Winter School on "Methodological Issues in Comparative Electoral Analysis"* (scientific coordinator: Cees van der Eijk), COST Action IS0806 "The True European Voter", Rome, Italy.  
2011 Organizer, *Conference "Revisiting Party Identification: American and European Perspectives"*, CISE (Italian Centre for Electoral Studies), Rome, Italy. <http://bit.ly/rpid2011>  
2010 Co-chair, Panel "I rapporti cambiano, i valori restano? Una ricerca quantitativa e qualitativa sulla cultura politica in Toscana" [Relationships change, values stay? A quantitative and qualitative research on political culture in Tuscany], *SISP (Italian Society of Political Science) General Conference*, Venice, Italy.  
2008 Co-chair, Panel "Le elezioni 2008" [The 2008 Elections], *SISP (Italian Society of Political Science) General Conference*, Pavia, Italy.

#### Institutional responsibilities – research

- 2021 – Expert reviewer, FRS-FNRS – Belgian Fund for Scientific Research  
2020 – Expert reviewer, GACR – Czech Science Foundation  
2018 – present – Director, CISE – Italian Center for Electoral Studies  
2017 – present – Member of the Electoral Committee, Standing Group on Public Opinion and Voting Behaviour of the European Consortium for Political Research  
2015 – Expert reviewer, FWO – Research Foundation-Flanders  
2013 – 2014 – Member of the Executive Committee, "EUandI" (formerly EU Profiler) Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute  
2011 – 2019 – Member of the Scientific Council, Italian National Election Studies (ITANES)  
2011 – 2018 – Coordinator, CISE – Italian Center for Electoral Studies

Select conference presentations:

APSA 2020, 2018, 2015 (3 papers); ECPR General Conference 2020, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2011; ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops 2011, 2010, 2006; EPOP 2012; EPSA 2018, 2017, 2015; EUDO Dissemination Conference 2013; MPSA 2016 (2 papers), 2015 (2 papers), 2012, 2011; True European Voter 2014, 2011 (2 papers).

AIS (Italian Sociological Association) 2007; SISE (Italian Society of Electoral Studies) 2014; SISP (Italian Society of Political Science) 2018, 2013 (3 papers), 2010, 2009, 2007, 2006.

Select international invited talks and other international presentations

University of Nottingham 2020; MZES Mannheim 2017; Center for Comparative & International Studies, ETH & University of Zurich 2016; Centre d'Études Européennes, Sciences Po Paris 2015; Colloquium on Electoral Behaviour, EUI 2015, 2013; Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University 2013; Hoover Institution, Stanford University 2013; Stanford University 2012 (2 presentations); CARTELEC-GAEL, Sciences Po, Paris 2012; Shanghai Normal University College of Law and Politics 2009.

Large-scale grant applications (leading roles highlighted):

Project Title	Funding source	Amount (Euros)	Year (Proposed duration)	Role	Status
POSTGEN - Generational gap and post-ideological politics in Italy	PRIN – Progetto di Rilevante Interesse Nazionale [National Interest Project] – Italian Government	730 K	2021 (3 years)	Principal Investigator	FUNDED
SOCIODEMICS	H2020-SC1-PHE-CORONAVIRUS-2020-2	4.935 K	2020 (2 years)	Partner (multi-partner grant)	Evaluation pending
BoT	H2020-SC6-GOVERNANCE-2018-2019-2020	2.997 K	2019 (3 years)	Partner (multi-partner grant)	Not funded
Issue Competition: Issue Opportunities, Political Entrepreneurs and Challenges to Electoral Democracy in Europe	European Research Council – Consolidator Grant	1.999 K	2018 (5 years)	Principal Investigator	Admitted to selection step 2 (interview). Evaluation: B (not funded)
Democracy by stealth? Does the rise of populism challenge the participatory paradigm of European democracy?	Volkswagen Stiftung (application S129855)	999 K	2018 (3 years)	Co-applicant (multi-partner grant; applicant: Julie Hassing-Nielsen)	Pre-Proposal (Not invited to full proposal)
Italy at the forefront. Ideological destructuring, generational discontinuities and disruptive political change	PRIN – Progetto di Rilevante Interesse Nazionale [National Interest Project] – Italian Government	959 K	2018 (3 years)	Principal Investigator (multi-partner grant)	Not funded
ILLDEM: Illiberal Democrats	Volkswagen Stiftung (application S125251)	1.000 K	2017 (3 years)	Co-applicant (multi-partner grant; applicant: Hermann Schmitt)	Pre-Proposal (Not invited to full proposal)
EU-CoFeeling	H2020-REFLECTIVE-SOCIETY-2015	2.471 K	2015 (3 years)	Partner (multi-partner grant)	Not funded
Issues and Leaders: Party Competition and Voting Behaviour in an Age of Electoral Mobility (ISLE)	European Research Council – Starting Grant	1.487 K	2014 (5 years)	Principal Investigator	Not funded

Personal (non-CISE) internal Luiss funding record

Title/Type	Funding source	Amount (Euros)	Year
Yearly personal research funding <sup>1,2</sup>	Luiss, Department of Political Science	9.400	2023
Yearly personal research funding <sup>1,2</sup>	Luiss, Department of Political Science	10.000	2022
Yearly personal research funding <sup>1,2</sup>	Luiss, Department of Political Science	10.000	2021
Yearly personal research funding <sup>1</sup>	Luiss, Department of Political Science	9.750	2020
Yearly personal research funding <sup>1</sup>	Luiss, Department of Political Science	8.000	2019
Post-doc researcher funding (competitive assessment with external peer review)	Luiss, Department of Political Science	96.000 (approx.)	2017-2020

<sup>1</sup> Rewards system based on publication record in the last 3 years; established in 2019; maximum allowed reward is € 10,000.

<sup>2</sup> Predicted on 2020 publications.

## Profession and service

### Institutional responsibilities – profession

2018 – 2021 Member, National Scientific Habilitation Committee for Political Science (14/A2), ASN (Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale), Italian Ministry for Education and Research

### Administrative responsibilities

2018 – 2019 Dean's Delegate for Research Quality Assurance, Department of Political Science, LUISS Guido Carli

2016 – present Member of the Internal Committee for Student Support, LUISS Guido Carli

2015 – present Member of the Internal Research Ethics Committee, LUISS Guido Carli

2011 – present Faculty member, Department of Political Science, LUISS Guido Carli

2016 – 2018 Member of the Internal Committee for Quality Assurance, Department of Political Science, LUISS Guido Carli

2014 – 2018 Member of the Internal Research Evaluation Committee (Scientific Areas 10, 11, 14) Department of Political Science, LUISS Guido Carli

2013 – 2015 Deputy Coordinator, Ph.D. Programme in Political Theory and Political Science

### Membership of scientific societies

*European Political Science Association (EPSA, 2017–), Italian Society of Electoral Studies (SISE, 2015–), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA, 2015–), American Political Science Association (APSA, 2011–), Italian Society of Political Science (SISP, 2008–).*

### Media appearances

Dozens of analyses and op-eds: *Il Sole 24 Ore, La Repubblica*. Dozens of interviews on numerous Italian and international press outlets in more than 10 countries. TV interviews and appearances on Italian and international radio and TV channels, including RAI and La7 (Italy), NPR (US), CNN (US), ORF (Austria), ZDF (Germany) and many others.