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**APPOINTMENTS**

2019 – present

Professor of Political Communication

*Loughborough University, School of Social Sciences and Humanities.*

2019 – present

Research Associate

*New York University, Center for Social Media and Politics*

2018 – 2019

Reader in Political Communication

*Loughborough University, School of Social Sciences and Humanities.*

2015 – 2017

Reader in Politics

*Royal Holloway, University of London, Department of Politics and International Relations.*

2014 – 2016

Associate Professor in Political Science (part-time; on unpaid leave from November 2016)

*University of Bologna, Department of Political and Social Sciences*

2013 – 2015

Lecturer in Politics (80% contract)

*Royal Holloway, University of London, Department of Politics and International Relations*

2008 – 2014

Assistant Professor in Political Science (tenured from November 2011)

*University of Bologna, Department of Political and Social Sciences*

2005 – 2008

Research fellow

*University of Bologna, Department of Political Science*

**EDUCATION**

2006

Ph.D. in Communication and New Technologies

*IULM University, Milan*

Dissertation title: 'Strategy, Communication, and Politics: Election Campaigns in the United States between Innovation and Tradition'. Awarded as 'excellent'.

2002

Laurea (B.A. + M.A. degree) *magna cum laude* in Communication Sciences  
*University of Bologna*

Dissertation title: 'How the Most Powerful Man in the World is Elected: Candidates and Mass Media in the 2000 United States Presidential Elections'.

2000 – 2001

Education Abroad Program exchange student  
*University of California, San Diego*

### **AWARDS RECEIVED**

Loughborough University

Performance and Development Review Committee award for exceptional performance: 2019, 2020, 2021.

American Political Science Association, Information Technology and Politics section, 2019

Award for the best paper presented in the 2018 annual meeting for the paper titled 'Digital Political Talk and Participation in Established and Third-Wave Democracies', with Augusto Valeriani.

International Communication Association, Journalism Studies division, 2019

Honorable mention for the Wolfgang Donsbach Outstanding Article of the Year Award for the article titled 'Do Tabloids Poison the Well of Social Media? Explaining Democratically-Dysfunctional News Sharing' (*New Media & Society*, 20 (11), pp. 4255–4274), with Andrew Chadwick and Ben O'Loughlin.

American Political Science Association, Information Technology and Politics section, 2017

Award for the best article published in 2016 for the article titled 'Online mobilization in comparative perspective: Digital appeals and political engagement in Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom' (*Political Communication*, 34(1), pp. 69-88).

Royal Holloway, University of London, 2016

College Performance Award for exceptional contribution to the Department of Politics and International Relations over the 2015/2016 academic year.

American Political Science Association, Political Communication section, 2016

Walter Lippmann Award for the best article published in 2015 for the article titled 'Dual Screening the Political: Media Events, Social Media, and Citizen Engagement' (*Journal of Communication*, 65(6), pp. 1041-1061), with Andrew Chadwick and Ben O'Loughlin.

Italian Society of Political Science, 2014

'Pietro Grilli di Cortona' prize for the best book written by an Italian political scientist under the age of 40 in the years 2012-2013 for the book *La Politica Online: Internet, partiti e cittadini nelle democrazie occidentali* (Il Mulino, 2012) ['Politics Online: The Internet, Parties and Citizens in Western Democracies'].

Italian Society of Electoral Studies, 2014

Prize for the best paper presented by a young scholar at the 2013 international conference of the association (with Augusto Valeriani).

Oxford Internet Institute, 2011

Prize for best poster presented at the conference 'Internet, Politics, Policy 2010: An Impact Assessment'.

Italian Society of Electoral Studies, 2007

'Celso Ghini' prize for the best Italian Ph.D. dissertation in electoral studies in the years 2005-2006.

## **RESEARCH FUNDING**

Leverhulme Trust, 2021-2024

Co-Investigator for the project "Understanding the Everyday Sharing of Misinformation on Private Social Media" (principal investigator: Andrew Chadwick): £347,251.

Facebook, Inc., 2020

Co-Investigator in the project 'What Makes Social Media Content Harmful? A User-Centric Comparative Approach', awarded as part of the Content Governance request for proposals' (principal investigator: Patricia Rossini, University of Liverpool): \$9,500.

Facebook, Inc., 2019

Principal Investigator in the project 'Visual Misinformation in Global Perspective: Platforms, Devices, and Users'. The project involves researchers from Universidade Federal de Pelotas (Brazil), Chinese University of Hong Kong (China), Tel Aviv University (Israel), University of the Witwatersrand and University of Johannesburg (South Africa), University of Oxford (UK), and Syracuse University (USA). Total funding awarded: \$150,000. Duration of the project: 2019-2020.

Social Science Research Council, 2019

Investigator in the project 'SHARENEWS: Predicting the Shareworthiness of 'Real' and 'Fake' News in Europe', awarded as part of the Social Media and Democracy Research Grant (principal investigator: Damian Trilling, University of Amsterdam): €3,300, plus access to privacy-compliant Facebook data.

Norwegian Research Council, DEMOS programme, 2018-2021

External partner for the project "Communication Power of Politicians in a Digital Age. Consequences for Participation and Democracy", Principal Investigator: Kari Steen-Johnsen, Institute for Social Research. Funding awarded to Loughborough University: NOK 600,000. Duration of the project: January 2019-December 2022.

Italian Ministry of Education and Research, 'Future in Research' Initiative, 2013-2016

Principal Investigator for the project titled 'Building Inclusive Societies and a Global Europe Online: Political Information and Participation on Social Media in Comparative Perspective' (project code RBFR12BKZH). Total funding awarded: €917,884 (of which €733,003 accrued to the three Universities involved). Funding awarded to the University of Bologna (employer): €297,400 (of which €238,958 accrued to my Department). Duration of the project: March 2013-March 2016.

Royal Holloway, University of London, 2015

Co-supervisor (with Andrew Chadwick) for the Leverhulme Doctoral Scholarship for the project titled 'Surveilling the Surveillants: Organisational practices, democratic debate, and the ethical challenges of the political monitoring of citizens', funded by the Leverhulme Trust as part of the Leverhulme Magna Charta initiative. Total funding awarded: £48,171. Duration of the project: September 2015-September 2018.

Royal Holloway, University of London, 2014

Principal Investigator for the pilot project titled 'Dual-Screening the Political: Television, Social Media, and Citizen Engagement During the Clegg-Farage April 2 Debate', funded by the Strategic Research Fund. Total funding awarded: £4,450. Duration of the project: April-December 2014.

Bologna City Council, 2013-2014

Scientific coordinator of the research project titled 'Informing, Participating, Communicating: Citizenship in the Web 2.0 Era', funded by the Bologna City Council's Digital Agenda initiative. Total funding awarded: €5,000 (of which €4,000 accrued to the University of Bologna). Duration of the project: September 2013-September 2014.

MIT-Italy Consortium, 2005

Italia-MIT fellowship as a visiting student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

IULM University, 2002 – 2005

Ph.D. scholarship funded by the Italian Ministry of Education.

## **EDITORIAL ROLES**

2019 – present

Editor-in-Chief, *International Journal of Press/Politics*.

2015 – 2018

Book reviews editor for the *International Journal of Press/Politics*.

2014 – 2018

Editorial committee member, *Comunicazione Politica*.

## **Current Editorial Board Membership**

*Journal of Language and Politics*

*Journalism and Media*

*Comunicazione Politica* (international board)

*Rivista di Digital Politics*

"Journalism and Political Communication Unbound" (book series, Oxford University Press)

## **VISITING POSITIONS**

Spring-Summer 2011

Visiting scholar

*University of Oxford*, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies

Fall 2008

Visiting scholar

*Columbia University, New York City, NY, Graduate School of Journalism*

Spring 2005

Visiting student

*Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, Department of Political Science*

Fall 2004

Scholar-in-residence

*American University, Washington, DC, Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies*

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

C. Vaccari, A. Valeriani (forthcoming Autumn 2021). *Outside the Bubble: Social Media and Political Participation in Western Democracies*. Oxford University Press, ISBN: 978-0190858476.

C. Vaccari (2013). *Digital Politics in Western Democracies: A Comparative Study*. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, ISBN: 978-1421411187, pp. 304.

### **Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

Freeman, D., Lambe, S., Yu, L., Freeman, J., Chadwick, A., Vaccari, C., . . . Loe, B. (2021). Injection fears and COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy. *Psychological Medicine*, 1-11. doi:10.1017/S0033291721002609.

D. Freeman, D., B.S. Loe, L.-M. Yu, J. Freeman, A. Chadwick, C. Vaccari, ..., S. Lambe (2021). Effects of different types of written vaccination information on COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy in the UK (OCEANS-III): A single-blind, parallel-group, randomised controlled trial. *The Lancet Public Health*, DOI: 10.1016/S2468-2667(21)00096-7.

D. Ceccobelli, C. Vaccari (2021). A virus in the hybrid media system: how the Conte government communicated the coronavirus crisis, *Contemporary Italian Politics*, DOI: 10.1080/23248823.2021.1906529.

A. Chadwick, J. Kaiser, C. Vaccari, D. Freeman, S. Lambe, B.S. Loe, ... L.M.-Yu (2021). Online Social Endorsement and Covid-19 Vaccine Hesitancy in the United Kingdom. *Social Media + Society*, 7, DOI: 10.1177/20563051211008817.

D. Freeman, B.S. Loe, A. Chadwick, C. Vaccari, F. Waite, L. Rosebrock, L., ... S. Lambe. (2020). COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy in the UK: The Oxford Coronavirus Explanations, Attitudes, and Narratives Survey (OCEANS) II. *Psychological Medicine*, 1-34, DOI: 10.1017/S0033291720005188.

C. Vaccari, A. Chadwick (2020). 'Deepfakes and Disinformation: Exploring the Impact of Synthetic Political Video on Confusion and Trust in News'. *Social Media + Society*, 6(1), DOI: 10.1177/2056305120903408.

C. Vaccari, K. Smets, O. Heath (2020). 'The United Kingdom 2017 election: polarisation in a split issue space'. *West European Politics*, 43(3), pp. 587-609, DOI: 10.1080/01402382.2019.1655961

- J. Zilinsky, C. Vaccari, J. Nagler, J.A. Tucker (2020). 'Don't Republicans Tweet Too? Using Twitter to Assess the Consequences of Political Endorsements by Celebrities'. *Perspectives on Politics*, 18(1), pp. 144-160, DOI: 10.1017/S1537592719002603
- C. Vaccari, A. Valeriani (2018). 'Digital Political Talk and Political Participation: Comparing Established and Third Wave Democracies'. *SAGE Open*, 8(2), DOI: 10.1177/2158244018784986
- C. Vaccari, A. Valeriani (2018). 'Dual Screening, Public Service Broadcasting, and Political Participation in Eight Western Democracies'. *International Journal of Press/Politics*, 23(3), pp. 367-388, DOI: 10.1177/1940161218779170
- A. Chadwick, C. Vaccari, B. O'Loughlin (2018). 'Do tabloids poison the well of social media? Explaining democratically dysfunctional news sharing'. *New Media & Society*, 20(11), pp. 4255-4274, DOI: 10.1177/1461444818769689
- A. Valeriani, C. Vaccari (2018). 'Political Talk on Mobile Instant Messaging Services: A Comparative Analysis of Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom'. *Information, Communication & Society*, 21(11), pp. 1715-1731, DOI: 10.1080/1369118X.2017.1350730
- C. Vaccari, C. Wagemann (2018). 'Outsiders Looking In and Insiders Looking Out: A Comparative Study of Newspaper Coverage of Italian-German Relationships in the 2013 Elections'. *Contemporary Italian Politics*, 10(1), pp.76-95, DOI: 10.1080/23248823.2018.1435198
- B. O'Loughlin, C. Vaccari, J. Dennis, B. Aslan (2017). 'Twitter and Global Political Crises Cycles of Insecurity in #PrayforParis and #PrayforSyria'. *Middle East Journal of Culture and Communication*, 10(2-3), pp. 175-203, DOI: 10.1163/18739865-01002006
- A. Chadwick, B. O'Loughlin, C. Vaccari (2017). 'Why People Dual-Screen Political Debates and Why It Matters for Democratic Engagement'. *Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media*, 61(2), pp. 220-239, DOI: 10.1080/08838151.2017.1309415
- C. Vaccari (2017). 'Online Mobilization in Comparative Perspective: Digital Appeals and Political Engagement in Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom'. *Political Communication*, 34(1), pp. 69-88, DOI: 10.1080/10584609.2016.1201558.
- C. Vaccari, A. Valeriani, P. Barberá, J. Jost, J. Nagler, J. Tucker (2016). 'Of Echo Chambers and Contrarian Clubs: Exposure to Political Disagreement Among German and Italian Users of Twitter'. *Social Media + Society*, 2(3), DOI: 10.1177/2056305116664221
- C. Vaccari, A. Valeriani (2016). 'Party Campaigners or Citizen Campaigners? How Social Media Deepen and Broaden Party-Related Engagement'. *International Journal of Press/Politics*, 21(3), pp. 294-312, DOI: 10.1177/1940161216642152
- A. Valeriani, C. Vaccari (2016). 'Accidental Exposure to Politics on Social Media as Participation Equalizer: Inadvertent Encounters with Political Information, Interest in Politics and Online Participation in Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom'. *New Media & Society*, 18(9), pp. 1857-1874, DOI: 10.1177/1461444815616223
- C. Vaccari, A. Chadwick, B. O'Loughlin (2015). 'Dual Screening the Political: Media Events, Social Media, and Citizen Engagement'. *Journal of Communication*, 65(6), pp. 1041-1061, DOI: 10.1111/jcom.12187.

- D. Campus, L. Ceccarini, C. Vaccari (2015). 'What a Difference a Critical Election Makes: Social Networks and Political Discussion in Italy between 2008 and 2013'. *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, 27(4), pp. 588-601, DOI: 10.1093/ijpor/edv045
- C. Vaccari, A. Valeriani, P. Barberá, R. Bonneau, J. Jost, J. Nagler, J. Tucker (2015). 'Political Expression and Action on Social Media: Exploring the Relationship between Lower- and Higher-Threshold Political Activities among Twitter Users in Italy'. *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*, 20(2), pp. 221-239, DOI: 10.1111/jcc4.12108
- C. Vaccari, A. Valeriani (2015). 'Follow the Leader! Direct and Indirect Flows of Political Communication During the 2013 Italian General Election Campaign'. *New Media & Society*, 17(7), pp. 1025–1042, DOI: 10.1177/1461444813511038
- C. Vaccari (2015). 'The Features, Impact, and Legacy of Berlusconi's Campaign Techniques, Language, and Style'. *Modern Italy*, 20(1), pp. 25-39, DOI: 10.1080/13532944.2014.985583
- C. Vaccari (2014). 'You've Got (No) Mail: How Parties and Candidates Respond to Email Inquiries in Western Democracies'. *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*, 11(2), pp. 245-258, DOI: 10.1080/19331681.2014.899536
- C. Vaccari, M. Morini (2014). 'The Power of Smears in Two American Presidential Campaigns: Comparing the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth and "Obama is a Muslim" Campaigns'. *Journal of Political Marketing*, 13(1-2), pp. 19-45, DOI: 10.1080/15377857.2014.866021
- C. Vaccari, A. Valeriani, P. Barberá, R. Bonneau, J. Jost, J. Nagler, J. Tucker (2013). 'Social Media and Political Communication: A Survey of Twitter Users During the 2013 Italian General Election'. *Italian Political Science Review / Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica*, 43(3), pp. 381-410, DOI: 10.1426/75245
- R. Nielsen, C. Vaccari (2013). 'Do People "Like" Candidates on Facebook? Not Really: Large-Scale Direct Candidate-to-Voter Online Communication as an Outlier Phenomenon'. *International Journal of Communication*, 7, pp. 2333-2356, DOI: 1932–8036/20130005. Translated into Portuguese as 'As pessoas curtem os políticos no Facebook? Não mesmo! A comunicação direta em larga escala entre candidatos e eleitores como um fenômeno outlier'. *Revista Eletrônica de Ciência Política*, 5(2), 2014, pp. 228-256, DOI: 10.5380/recp.v5i2.41061
- C. Vaccari, R. Nielsen (2013). 'What Drives Politicians' Online Popularity? An Analysis of the 2010 U.S. Midterm Elections'. *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*, 10(2), pp. 208-222, DOI: 10.1080/19331681.2012.758072
- C. Vaccari (2013). 'From Echo Chamber to Persuasive Device? Rethinking the Role of the Internet in Campaigns'. *New Media & Society*, 15(1), pp. 109-127, DOI: 10.1177/1461444812457336
- C. Vaccari (2013). 'A Tale of Two E-Parties: Candidate Websites in the 2008 U.S. Presidential Primaries'. *Party Politics*, 19(1), pp. 19-40, DOI: 10.1177/1354068810391287

- C. Vaccari (2011). 'The News Media as Networked Political Actors: How Italian Media Are Reclaiming Political Ground by Harnessing Online Participation'. *Information, Communication & Society*, 14(7), pp. 981-997, DOI: 10.1080/1369118X.2011.572984
- C. Vaccari (2010). "'Technology is a Commodity": The Internet in the 2008 United States Presidential Election'. *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*, 7(4), pp. 318-339, DOI: 10.1080/19331681003656664
- D. Campus, G. Pasquino, C. Vaccari (2008). 'Social Networks, Political Discussion and Voting in Italy: A Study of the 2006 Election'. *Political Communication*, 25(4), pp. 423-444, DOI: 10.1080/10584600802427039
- C. Vaccari (2008). 'From the Air to the Ground: The Internet in the 2004 US Presidential Campaign'. *New Media & Society*, 10(4), pp. 647-665, DOI: 10.1177/1461444808093735
- C. Vaccari (2008). 'Research Note: Italian Parties' Websites in the 2006 Elections'. *European Journal of Communication*, 23(1), pp. 69-77, DOI: 10.1177/0267323107085839
- C. Vaccari (2008). 'Surfing to the Élysée: The Internet in the 2007 French Elections'. *French Politics*, 6(1), pp. 1-22, DOI: 10.1057/palgrave.fp.8200139

#### Non Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- C. Vaccari (2021). 'The International and Post-disciplinary Journey of Political Communication: Reflections on "Media-centric and Politics-centric Views of Media and Democracy: A Longitudinal Analysis of Political Communication and the International Journal of Press/Politics"'. *Political Communication*, DOI: 10.1080/10584609.2021.1966599
- M. L., Miller, C. Vaccari (2020). Digital threats to democracy: comparative lessons and possible remedies. *The International Journal of Press/Politics*, 25(3), 333-356, DOI: 10.1177/1940161220922323 [introduction to guest-edited special issue].
- G. Mazzoleni, C. Vaccari (2020). 20 years of political communication scholarship: Accomplishments, changes, and challenges. *Comunicazione politica*, 21(1), 5-20 [introduction to guest-edited special issue].
- G. Mazzoleni, C. Vaccari (2010). 'Obama and Internet Politics One Year After: A First Look at the Digital Presidency'. *Political Communication Report*, 20, 1/2, available at [http://politicalcommunication.org/websites/polcomm\\_old/newsletter\\_20\\_1&2.htm#4](http://politicalcommunication.org/websites/polcomm_old/newsletter_20_1&2.htm#4)

#### Book Chapters

- R. Armitage, C. Vaccari (2021). 'Misinformation and Disinformation. In H. Tumber, S. Waisbord (Eds), *The Routledge Companion to Media Disinformation and Populism*. London: Routledge, ISBN: ISBN 978-0-367-435769.
- C. Vaccari (2018). 'Online Mobilization in Comparative Perspective: Digital Appeals and Political Engagement in Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom'. In K. Koc-Michalska, D. Lilleker (Eds), *Digital Politics: Mobilization, Engagement and Participation*. London: Routledge, ISBN: 978-1-138-625396. (reprint of the article published in *Political Communication* in 2018).



- S. Castano, A. Ferrara, E., Gallinucci, M., Golfarelli, S., Montanelli, L., Mosca, L., C. Vaccari, (2018). 'SABINE: A multi-purpose dataset of semantically-annotated social content'. In *International Semantic Web Conference* (pp. 70-85). Springer.
- P. Barberá, C. Vaccari, A. Valeriani (2017). 'Social Media, Personalization of News Reporting, and Media Systems' Polarization in Europe'. In M. Barisione, A. Michailidou (Eds), *Social Media and European Politics: Rethinking Power and Legitimacy in the Digital Era*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, ISBN: 978-1-137-59889-9, pp. 25-52.
- L. Mosca, C. Vaccari, A. Valeriani (2016). 'An Internet-Fuelled Party? The Five Star Movement and the Web'. In F. Tronconi (Ed), *Beppe Grillo's Five Star Movement: Organisation, Communication and Ideology*. Farnham: Ashgate, ISBN: 9781472436634, pp. 127-152.
- C. Vaccari (2015). 'Blogging, Political'. In G. Mazzoleni, K. Barnhurst, K. Ikeda, R. Maia, H. Wessler (Eds), *International Encyclopedia of Political Communication*. New York: John Wiley and sons, ISBN: 978-1-118-29075-0, pp. 65-72.
- L. Mosca, C. Vaccari, A. Valeriani (2015). 'How to Select Citizen Candidates: The Five Star Movement's Online Primaries and their Implications'. In A. De Petris, T. Poguntke (Eds), *Anti-Party Parties in Germany and Italy*. Rome: LUISS University Press, ISBN: 978-88-6856-028-7, pp. 165-192.
- C. Vaccari (2014). 'A Europe Wide Web? Political Parties' Websites in the 2009 European Parliament Elections'. In A. Solo (Ed), *Political Campaigning in the Information Age*. Hershey, PA: IGI Global, ISBN: 9781466660625, pp. 66-87.
- C. Vaccari (2013). 'City Hall 2.0? Italian Local Executive Officials' Presence and Popularity on Web 2.0 Platforms'. In P. Nixon, R. Rawal, D. Mercea (Eds), *Politics and the Internet in Comparative Context: Views from the Cloud*. London: Routledge, ISBN: 978-0415638678, pp. 169-185.
- C. Vaccari (2012). 'Online Participation in Italy: Contextual Influences and Political Opportunities'. In E. Anduiza, L. Jorba, M. Jensen (Eds), *Digital Media and Political Engagement Worldwide: A Comparative Study*. Cambridge, MA: Cambridge University Press, ISBN: 978-1107668492, pp. 138-159.
- C. Vaccari (2012). 'The News Media as Networked Political Actors: How the Italian Media are Reclaiming Political Ground by Harnessing Online Participation'. In B. Loader, D. Mercea (Eds), *Social Media and Democracy: Innovations in Participatory Politics*. London: Routledge, ISBN: 978-0415542340, pp. 77-90 (reprint of the article published in *Information, Communication & Society* in 2011).
- C. Vaccari (2010). 'Missed Opportunities: The Debate on Immigrants' Voting Rights in Italian Newspapers and Television'. In M. Ardizzoni, C. Ferrari (Eds), *Beyond Monopoly: Globalization and Contemporary Italian Media*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, ISBN: 978-0739128510, pp. 203-224.
- R. Grandi, C. Vaccari (2009). 'Election Campaigning and the New Media'. In D. Albertazzi, C. Brook, C. Ross, N. Rothenberg (Eds), *Resisting the Tide: Cultures of Opposition under Berlusconi (2001-06)*. New York, NY and London: Continuum, ISBN: 978-1441176134, pp. 46-56.

- C. Vaccari (2009). 'Web Challenges to Berlusconi: An Analysis of Oppositional Sites'. In D. Albertazzi, C. Brook, C. Ross, N. Rothenberg (Eds), *Resisting the Tide: Cultures of Opposition under Berlusconi (2001-06)*. New York, NY and London: Continuum, ISBN: 978-1441176134, pp. 135-147.
- C. Vaccari (2006). 'Meet "Silvio" and "Romano": Political Communication as Personal Storytelling'. In J.O. Frosini, G. Pasquino (Eds), *For a Fistful of Votes: The 2006 Italian Elections*. Bologna: CLUEB, ISBN: 9788849126877, pp. 75-101.

### Public Engagement Contributions

- C. Vaccari (2020). US election 2020: a toolkit for 'democracy-worthy' coverage for journalists. *The Conversation*, available at <https://theconversation.com/us-election-2020-a-toolkit-for-democracy-worthy-coverage-for-journalists-148591>
- C. Vaccari, A. Chadwick (2020). 'Deepfakes' are here. These deceptive videos erode trust in all news media.' *Washington Post, The Monkey Cage*, available at <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/05/28/deepfakes-are-here-these-deceptive-videos-erode-trust-all-news-media/>
- C. Vaccari (2019). Testimony for the Democracy and Digital Technologies Committee of the UK House of Lords. Session transcript available at <http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/democracy-and-digital-technologies-committee/democracy-and-digital-technologies/oral/106914.pdf>
- C. Vaccari, D. Smith (2019). 'Brexit has had more news coverage in the UK election than Labour's core agenda – new data'. *The Conversation*, available at <https://theconversation.com/brexit-has-had-more-news-coverage-in-the-uk-election-than-labours-core-agenda-new-data-128486>
- C. Vaccari, K. Smets, O. Heath (2019). 'Public support for electoral strategies: what can the parties learn from the 2017 General Election?'. *LSE British Politics & Policy Blog*, available at <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/politicsandpolicy/public-support-for-electoral-strategies/>
- J. Zilinsky, C. Vaccari, J. Nagler, and J. Tucker (2019). 'Think celebrities get punished for being political? In fact, they get retweeted.' *Washington Post, The Monkey Cage*, available at <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/10/28/think-celebrities-get-punished-being-political-fact-they-get-retweeted/>
- A. Chadwick, C. Vaccari (2019). *News sharing on UK social media: Misinformation, disinformation, and correction*. Loughborough University, Online Civic Culture Centre, available at <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/research/online-civic-culture-centre/news-events/articles/o3c-1-survey-report-news-sharing-misinformation/>
- J. Tucker, A. Guess, P. Barbera, C. Vaccari, A. Siegel, S. Sanovich, D. Stukal, B. Nyhan (2018). *Social Media, Political Polarization, and Political Disinformation: A Review of the Scientific Literature*, commissioned by the Hewlett Foundation, available at [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3144139](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3144139)
- B. O'Loughlin, J. Szostek, C. Vaccari (2017). Written evidence submitted to the UK Parliament inquiry on 'fake news', available at <http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/culture-media-and-sport-committee/fake-news/written/48178.pdf>

- C. Vaccari, A. Chadwick, B. O’Loughlin (2015). ‘These days we watch debates on two screens: TV and social media. And that’s good for democracy’. *Washington Post, The Monkey Cage*, available at <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2015/12/15/these-days-we-watch-debates-on-two-screens-tv-and-social-media-and-thats-good-for-democracy/>
- C. Vaccari (2014). ‘Response to the consultation themes set forth by the Digital Democracy Commission’. *Speaker’s Commission on Digital Democracy Website*, available at <http://www.parliament.uk/documents/speaker/digital-democracy/VaccariSCDDresponsefinal.pdf>
- C. Vaccari (2014). ‘Most political parties completely fail to respond to email enquiries, wasting an opportunity for politicians to reconnect with voters online’. *Democratic Audit UK blog*, available at <http://www.democraticaudit.com/?p=5940>
- C. Vaccari (2012). ‘Most emails to parties and candidates across Western democracies go unanswered’. *The Monkey Cage*, available at <http://themonkeycage.org/2012/12/04/most-emails-to-parties-and-candidates-across-western-democracies-go-unanswered/>

### Publications in Italian

I have authored two books—one titled ‘Politics Online’, the other ‘Political Communication in the United States’, both with major national university presses—and co-authored three books with Roberto Grandi (University of Bologna), two on the developments of political communication in comparative perspective and one on local election campaigns in Italy.

I have also authored and co-authored more than fifty peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters on the following topics: American Presidential and Congressional elections; British election campaigns; online campaigning in Italy, France, and the United States; political communication in Italian elections; campaigning in local Italian elections; war and American political discourse; personalization of politics; new social movements; media coverage of interest groups; the Five Star Movement.

### **KEYNOTE SPEECHES AND PLENARY APPEARANCES**

‘Outside the Bubble: Social Media and Political Participation in Western Democracies’. International conference ‘Communication Power of Global Citizens and Politicians’, Paris (virtual), 8-9 June 2021.

‘Political Communication in 2020: Assessing the State of the Field’. Plenary of the Political Communication division at the virtual annual meeting of the International Communication Association, 20-26 April 2020.

‘Social Media and Political Participation in Comparative Perspective’. International conference ‘Internet et les nouvelles formes de participation politique’, Université de Lille, France, 28-29 March 2019.

‘Long Live Democracy?’. Closing plenary panel with Kurt Barling, Helen Margetts, and Zizi Papacharissi. Internet, Politics and Policy 2018 conference, Oxford, UK, 20-21 September 2018.

'Online Disinformation in Context: Media, Institutions, and Platforms'. International conference 'Online Campaigning 2017: Fake News, Bots und Propaganda?', Center for Advanced Internet Studies, Bochum, Germany, 23-24 November 2017.

'Social Media and Political Engagement in Comparative Perspective'. International conference 'La nueva comunicación y los procesos de movilización política: partidos, medios y ciudadanos' [New communication and processes of political mobilization: Parties, media, and citizens], Universidad Internacional Menéndez Palayo, Valencia, Spain, 16-18 November 2016.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- C. Vaccari, A. Valeriani (2021). 'Outside the Bubble: Social Media and Political Participation in Western Democracies'. Annual conference of the NYU Center for Social Media and Politics, 22-23 April.
- C. Vaccari, A. Valeriani (2020). 'Outside the Bubble: Social Media Deepen and Broaden Political Participation'. Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, online, 10-13 September.
- C. Vaccari, A. Chadwick (2019). 'Deepfakes and Disinformation: Exploring the Impact of Synthetic Political Video on Confusion and Trust in News'. Presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Washington, DC, USA, 24-28 May and of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, 29 August-1 September.
- J. Zilinsky, C. Vaccari, J. Nagler, J. Tucker (2019). 'Don't Republicans Tweet Too? Using Twitter to Assess the Consequences of Political Endorsements by Celebrities'. Presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Washington, DC, USA, 24-28 May.
- C. Vaccari (2018). 'Assessing the Quality of Political Talk Across Different Spaces: Evidence from Italy'. Presented at the international symposium 'Un-Civility, Racism and Populism: Interactive Practices and Discourses in Europe, USA & Beyond', Uppsala University, Sweden, 6-7 December.
- A. Chadwick, C. Vaccari, B. O'Loughlin (2018). 'Do tabloids poison the well of social media? Explaining democratically dysfunctional news sharing'. Presented at the workshop 'Integrating and Analyzing Data from Surveys and Social Media', Center for Advanced Internet Studies (CAIS), Bochum, Germany, 19-20 February, at the workshop 'Super-size me! Is there room in National Election Studies for big data?', University of Manchester, 14 May, the International Communication Association annual meeting, Prague, Czech Republic, 24-28 May, the American Political Science Association annual meeting, Boston, USA, 30 August-2 September, and at the Internet, Politics and Policy 2018 conference, Oxford, UK, 20-21 September 2018.
- Gibson, R., Musayev, J., Southern, R., Smyth, P., Vaccari, C. (2018). 'Assessing the Impact of Twitter on the Outcome of the 2017 UK General Election'. Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, Boston, USA, 30 August-2 September.
- C. Vaccari, A. Valeriani (2017). 'Digital Political Talk and Political Participation: Comparing Established and Third Wave Democracies'. Presented at the Social Media

- and Political Participation (SMaPP) global conference, New York City, NY, USA, 3-4 November and the American Political Science Association annual meeting, Boston, USA, 30 August-2 September.
- C. Vaccari, A. Valeriani (2017). 'Dual Screening, Public Service Broadcasting, and Political Participation in Eight Western Democracies'. Presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting, San Diego, CA, USA, 25-29 May and at the International Journal of Press/Politics conference, Oxford, UK, 28-29 September.
- A. Valeriani, C. Vaccari (2017). 'Political Talk on Mobile Instant Messaging Services: A Comparative Analysis of Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom'. Presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting, San Diego, CA, USA, 25-29 May.
- C. Vaccari (2017). 'Social media, political parties, and political engagement in comparative perspective'. Presented at the International Communication Association preconference 'Political Communication in the Online World: Empirical Findings and Theoretical Perspectives', San Diego, CA, USA, 25 May.
- C. Vaccari, C. Wagemann (2016). 'Transnationalized Election Campaigns: A Content Analysis of the German and Italian National Elections 2013'. Presented at the international workshop 'Populism, Prejudices, and Perspectives', Frankfurt, Germany, 11-12 November and at the International Communication Association annual meeting, San Diego, CA, USA, 25-29 May 2017.
- C. Vaccari (2016). 'Online Mobilization in Comparative Perspective: Digital Appeals and Political Engagement in Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom'. Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, USA, 1-4 September and at the annual conference of the Political Studies Association, Brighton, UK, 21-23 March.
- A. Valeriani, C. Vaccari (2016). 'WhatsApp...ening to Political Discussion? Mobile Instant Messaging and Political Engagement in Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom'. Presented at the Political Communication preconference of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, 31 August, at the European Consortium for Political Research general conference, Prague, Czech Republic, 7-10 September, and at the Social Media and Political Participation (SMaPP) global conference, New York City, NY, USA, 14-15 October.
- A. Chadwick, B. O'Loughlin, C. Vaccari (2016). 'Why People Dual-Screen Political Debates and Why It Matters for Democratic Engagement'. Presented at the Social Media and Political Participation (SMaPP) global conference, Florence, 23-24 May, at the international workshop "'Re/Constructing Politics through Online and Social Media'", Stockholm, Sweden, 20-21 June, at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, USA, 1-4 September, and at the Political Science Association Media and Politics Group annual conference, London, UK, 12-13 December.
- C. Vaccari (2016). 'An Overview of Cyberparty Supporters'. Presented at the international conference 'Cyberparties: Popular Politics in Digital Times', King's College London, UK, 13 May.
- B. O'Loughlin, C. Vaccari, J. Dennis, B. Aslan (2016). 'Media. Migration. and Violence: #PrayforParis. #PrayforSyria and the Dynamics of Antagonism'. Presented at the

- international workshop 'Communication and Conflict: Iraq and Syria', School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK, 7 May.
- C. Vaccari, A. Chadwick, B. O'Loughlin, A. Valeriani (2015). 'Dual Screening the Political: Media Events, Social Media, and Citizen Engagement'. Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, USA, 3-6 September.
- A. Valeriani, C. Vaccari (2015). 'Accidental exposure to politics on social media as participation equalizer: Inadvertent encounters with political information, interest in politics and online participation in Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom'. Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, USA, 3-6 September.
- C. Vaccari, A. Valeriani (2015). 'Party campaigners or citizen campaigners? How social media contribute to deepening and broadening party-related engagement in comparative perspective'. Presented at the international workshop 'Digital Media, Power and Democracy in Election Campaigns', Washington, DC, USA, 2-3 July and at the International Journal of Press/Politics annual conference, Oxford, UK, 16-18 September.
- C. Vaccari, A. Valeriani, P. Barberá, R. Bonneau, J. Jost, J. Nagler, J. Tucker (2014). 'Polarization is Not Destiny: A Comparative Study of Australian, German, and Italian Political Users of Twitter'. Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, USA, 28-31 August.
- C. Vaccari, A. Valeriani (2014). 'Party politics or social media politics? Party-related engagement on social media in comparative perspective'. Presented at the World Congress of the International Political Science Association, Montreal, Canada, 20-24 July.
- C. Vaccari, A. Valeriani, P. Barberá, R. Bonneau, J. Jost, J. Nagler, J. Tucker (2014). 'Political Expression on Social Media as a Pathway to Engagement: Political Discussion among Twitter Users in Italy'. Presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting, Seattle, WA, USA, 22-26 May 2014, and at the international workshop 'Civic political engagement and social change in the new digital wave', Paris, France, 24-27 June.
- R. Nielsen, C. Vaccari (2013). 'An Ever-More Unequal Playing Field? Comparing Congressional Candidates Across Digital Media, Earned Media, and Paid Media'. Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, USA, 29 August-1 September.
- C. Vaccari, A. Valeriani (2013). 'Follow the Leader! Dynamics and Patterns of Activity among the Followers of the Main Italian Political Leaders during the 2013 General Election Campaign'. Presented at the international workshop 'Social Media and Political Participation', New York University Florence, Italy, 10 May 2013, and at the conference of the Political Communication Section of the European Communication Research and Education Association, University of Milan, Italy, 19-20 September.
- C. Vaccari, (2012) 'You've Got (No) Mail: How Parties and Candidates Respond to Email Inquiries in Western Democracies'. Presented at the international workshop 'Chasing the Digital Wave: International Lessons for the UK 2015 Election Campaign', London, UK, 2 November, and at the Political Communication preconference of the American Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, USA, 28 August 2013.

- C. Vaccari, R. Nielsen (2012). 'What Drives Politicians' Online Popularity? An analysis of the 2010 U.S. midterm elections'. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, USA, 12-15 April, and at the World Congress of the International Political Science Association, Madrid, Spain, 19-24 July.
- R. Nielsen, C. Vaccari (2011). 'Do People "like" Candidates on Facebook? Not really: From direct to institutional and indirect effects of social media in politics'. Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, Seattle, USA, 1-4 September; European Consortium for Political Research general conference, Reykjavik, Iceland, 25-27 August; the international conference 'A Decade in Internet Time', Oxford Internet Institute, Oxford, UK, 21-24 September; and the World Congress of the International Political Science Association, Madrid, Spain, 19-24 July 2012.
- C. Vaccari (2011). 'From Echo Chamber to Persuasive Device? The Changing Role of the Internet in Campaigns'. Presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting, Boston, USA, 26-30 May.
- C. Vaccari (2010). 'A Europe Wide Web? Political Parties' Websites in the 2009 European Parliament Elections'. Presented at the international workshop 'Elections, Campaigning and Citizens Online', Oxford, UK, 15 September, and at the international conference 'Internet, Politics, Policy 2010: An Impact Assessment', Oxford Internet Institute, Oxford, UK, 16-17 September.
- D. Campus, L. Ceccarini, C. Vaccari (2010). 'Political Discussion in Italy between Mass Media and Ideology: Insights from the 2008 Election'. Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, USA, 2-5 September.
- C. Vaccari (2010). 'Institutional Media as Networked Political Actors: How Italian Media are Reclaiming Political Ground by Harnessing Online Participation'. Presented at the international symposium 'Networking Democracy? New Media Innovations in Participatory Politics', Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 25-27 June.
- C. Vaccari (2009). "'Technology is a Commodity": The Internet in the 2008 US Presidential Election'. Presented at the Political Communication Preconference of the American Political Science Association annual meeting, Toronto, Canada, 2 September, and at the international workshop 'Citizen Politics: Are the New Media Reshaping Political Engagement?', Barcelona, Spain, 28-30 May.
- C. Vaccari (2007). 'Informative, but not Engaging: Italian Parties' On Line Communication in the 2006 Elections'. Presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting, San Francisco, USA, 24-28 May, and at the European Consortium for Political Research general conference, Pisa, Italy, 6-8 September.
- C. Vaccari (2006). 'From Message to Organizational Device: The internet in the 2004 U.S. Presidential Campaign'. Presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting, Dresden, Germany, 19-23 June.
- C. Vaccari (2005). 'New Developments in Political Campaigning in Italy: What Next After the 2004 Local Elections?' Presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting, New York City, USA, 26-30 May.

C. Vaccari, G. Mazzoleni (2004). 'A Missed Opportunity to Talk Policy: Framing Immigration in Italy by Media and Political System'. Presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting, New Orleans, USA, 27-31 May.

### **INVITED SPEECHES, TALKS, AND LECTURES**

- 'The Challenge of Simultaneously Studying the Effect of Content, Context, and User Features on News Sharing' (with Damian Trilling). Alan Turing Institute Social Data Science Interest Group Seminar, 12 March 2021.
- 'When Journalists Run for Office: The Effects of Journalist-Candidates on Citizens' Trust, Populism, and Voting Behavior'. Center for Journalism, Media and Democracy, University of Washington, WA, USA, 20 January 2021.
- 'Deepfakes and Disinformation: Exploring the Impact of Synthetic Political Video on Confusion and Trust in News'. Stanford University Law School, CA, USA, 4 February 2020.
- 'Visual Misinformation in Global Perspective: Platforms, Devices, and Users'. Facebook Integrity Research Workshop, Facebook HQ, Menlo Park, CA, USA, 26-27 June 2019.
- 'News Sharing on Social Media: Misinformation, Disinformation, and Correction'. Alan Turing Institute workshop 'Democracy Under Attack?', University of Manchester, UK, 26 April 2019.
- 'Studying Campaign Participants: Twitter as a Survey Fieldwork Site'. International workshop 'The Rise of Digital Campaigning: Challenges, Implications and Response', University of Sheffield, UK, Department of Politics, 24 January 2019.
- 'Social Media and Political Participation in Comparative Perspective'. 6th International Summer School in Political Communication and Electoral Behavior, University of Milan, Italy, 9 July 2018.
- 'Do tabloids poison the well of social media? Explaining democratically dysfunctional news sharing'. University of Liverpool, Department of Communication and Media, Liverpool, UK, 19 April 2018.
- 'Social Media and Political Engagement'. Laval University, Fifth International Workshop on Political Communication, Quebec City, Canada, 22-23 April 2016.
- 'Dual Screening the Political: Media Events, Social Media, and Citizen Engagement'. University of Oxford, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, Oxford, UK, 16 February 2016.
- 'Social Media and Political Engagement: Old and New Puzzles'. University of Oxford, Oxford Internet Institute, Oxford, UK, 9 June 2015.
- 'Social Media and Political Engagement: Old and New Puzzles'. University of California at Santa Barbara, Center for Information Technology and Society, Santa Barbara, USA, 3 November 2014.
- 'What Happens on Twitter... Does Not Stay on Twitter. The Role of Social Media in Online and Offline Political Engagement'. University of Manchester, Institute for Social Change, Manchester, UK, 25 February 2014.



- 'Social Media and Political Communication' (in Italian). Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro (CGIL – largest trade union in Italy), Rome, Italy, 18 October 2014.
- 'New Media and Political Communication: Cases and Outcomes in Comparative Perspective'. University of Oxford, Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policy, Oxford, UK, 14 July 2011.
- 'Comparing Internet Politics: Parties, Candidates, and Citizens in Seven Western Democracies (2006-2010)'. University of Oxford, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, Oxford, UK, 21 June 2011.
- 'A Europe Wide Web? Online Campaigning in the Continent'. University of Oporto, Department of Journalism and Communication Sciences, Oporto, Portugal, 9 March 2011.
- 'The 2010 Regional Elections in Italy: What Happened and what it Means'. Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO) of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russian Federation, 2 June 2010.
- 'Transformations in Italian Political Communication, 1948-2008'. Johns Hopkins University, Bologna Center, Bologna, Italy, 1 July 2008.

## **TEACHING**

### **Qualifications**

- 2018 – National Scientific Qualification as Full Professor in Sociology of Culture and Communication, Italian Ministry of Education.
- 2017 – National Scientific Qualification as Full Professor in Political Science, Italian Ministry of Education.
- 2015 – Fellowship with the UK Higher Education Academy.
- 2014 – National Scientific Qualification as Associate Professor in Political Science, Italian Ministry of Education.

### **Courses Taught**

2018 – present

- Producing the News (UG)
  - Contemporary Media Debates (UG)
  - Political Communication (UG, team-taught)
  - Social Media and Political Communication (PG, co-taught)
  - Data, Power and Democracy (PG, co-taught)
  - Advanced Research Methods (UG, team-taught, until 2019)
  - Key Debates in Global Political Communication (PG, team-taught, until 2019)
  - Marketing Politics (PG, team-taught, until 2019)
  - Presenting Media Debates (UG, until 2019)
  - Researching Communications 2: Texts and Digital Platforms (PG, team-taught, until 2019)
- Loughborough University*

2013 – 2017

- Introduction to Political Communication (UG)

Media, Power and Public Affairs (PG, team-taught)  
Social Media and Politics (PG)  
*Royal Holloway, University of London*

2009 – 2016

Political Communication and Electoral Marketing (PG, in Italian)  
Journalism and Politics (PG seminar, in Italian)  
*University of Bologna*

2012 – 2014

Political Communication (Ph.D. seminar)  
*Scuola Normale Superiore in Florence*

2011 – 2013

Television and Democracy in Italy (UG)  
*New York University Florence*

2003 – 2013

Sociology of News (PG, in Italian)  
*University of Bologna*

2009 – 2011

Communication and Public Opinion (PG, in Italian)  
*University of Bologna*

2008 – 2011

Theories and Techniques of Political Communication (UG, in Italian)  
*San Raffaele University, Milan*

2006 – 2008

Political Communication Lab (UG, in Italian)  
*University of Bologna*

2003 – 2004

Communication, Civic Engagement, and Democracy (UG)  
*Denver University in Bologna*

#### Supervised doctoral students

Diego Ceccobelli, PhD in Political Science, Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, Italy, start date December 2011, completed in October 2015.

Ornella Urso, PhD in Political Science, Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, Italy, start date December 2012, completed *summa cum laude* in October 2016.

Nikki Soo, Department of Politics and International Relations, Royal Holloway, University of London, passed with no corrections in November 2017 (co-supervised with Ben O'Loughlin).

Amber Macintyre, Department of Politics and International Relations, Royal Holloway, University of London, start date September 2015, passed with major correction in December 2019, corrections accepted in January 2021 (funded by the Leverhulme Trust, co-supervised with Ben O'Loughlin and Ursula Hackett).

Rachel Armitage, School of Business and Economics and Online Civic Culture Centre, Loughborough University, start date October 2018 (co-supervised with Martin Sykora and Cristian Tileaga).

Andrew Ross, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Loughborough University, start date October 2020 (co-supervised with Andrew Chadwick, funded by the ESRC).

Harvey Dodds, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Loughborough University, start date October 2020 (co-supervised with Andrew Chadwick and Martin Sykora).

Edmund Holmes, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Loughborough University, start date April 2021 (co-supervised with Andrew Chadwick, funded by the Leverhulme Trust).

Willem Buyens, University of Antwerp, start date September 2021 (co-supervised with Peter Van Aelst, Steve Paulussen, and Julie Sevenans).

#### Examined doctoral students

Jorge Luis Salcedo Maldonado, Universitat Autuoma de Barcelona, 2012 (external examiner *in absentia*).

Marta Cantijoch, Universitat Autonomia de Barcelona, 2013 (external examiner).

Billur Aslan, Royal Holloway, University of London, 2015 (internal examiner).

Francesco Bailo, University of Sydney, 2017 (external examiner).

Silvia Majó Vázquez, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Barcelona, 2017 (external examiner).

Lukas Schlogl, King's College London, 2017 (external examiner).

Ewa Widlak, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, 2017 (external examiner).

Chrysi Dagoula, University of Sheffield, 2017 (external examiner).

Riccardo Ladini, University of Trento, 2018 (external examiner).

Trevor Diehl, University of Vienna, 2018 (external examiner).

Dan Paget, University of Oxford, 2018 (external examiner).

Claudia Zucca, University of Exeter, 2018 (external examiner).

Anthony Kelly, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2020 (external examiner).

Susan Vermeer, University of Amsterdam, 2021 (external examiner).

#### **CONFERENCE ORGANIZING**

Seventh *International Journal of Press/Politics* annual conference held virtually on 13-16 September 2021: conference organizer and host.

*International Journal of Press/Politics* special issue symposium on Visual Politics, held virtually on 27 January 2021: co-organizer with Erik Bucy and Jungseock Joo.

Sixth *International Journal of Press/Politics* annual conference held virtually on 21-24 September 2020: conference organizer and host.

International Communication Association preconference on "Visual Politics: Image Production, Perception and Influence", held virtually on 20 May 2020: co-organizer with Erik Bucy.

Fifth *International Journal of Press/Politics* annual conference, Loughborough University, UK, 15-17 September 2019: conference organizer and host.

International workshop 'Digital Threats to Democracy', organized by Social Science Research Council Media & Democracy Program, New York City, USA, 13-14 June 2019: academic convenor.

2019 International Conference on Social Media & Society, Toronto, Canada, 19-21 July 2019: program committee member.

Fourth *International Journal of Press/Politics* annual conference, University of Oxford, UK, 10-12 October 2018: co-organizer with Rasmus Kleis Nielsen.

International Communication Association, San Diego, CA, USA, 25-29 May 2017, panel 'Comparing Contexts: Diverse Methodological Approaches in Comparative Research': co-convenor with Abby Jones.

### **SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION**

2021

At-large member of the Executive Board Committee, Political Communication section, American Political Science Association.

2020 – 2023

Member of the Publications Committee, Information Technology and Politics section, American Political Science Association.

2020

Member of the committee awarding the "Habilitation a diriger des recherches" [Accreditation to full professor] for Fabienne Greffet, Université de Lille, France.

2020 – present

Member of the Scientific Committee, Fondazione di Ricerca "Carlo Cattaneo".

2020

Chair, best paper award committee, Information Technology and Politics section, American Political Science Association.

2020

Section chair, Information Technology and Politics section, American Political Science Association.

2019 – present

Co-Director, Centre for Research in Communication and Culture, Loughborough University.

2019

Program chair, Information Technology and Politics section, American Political Science Association.

2019

Doctoral Programme Lead, Communication and Media, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Loughborough University.

2018 – present

Member, Social Science One commission, Disinformation and Electoral Integrity committee and Europe committee (2018-2020).

2018

Chair, best article award committee, Information Technology and Politics section, American Political Science Association.

2017

Member, best book award committee, Information Technology and Politics section, American Political Science Association.

2016 – 2017

Co-director, New Political Communication Unit, Department of Politics and International Relations, Royal Holloway, University of London.

2016 – 2017

Director, Politics MSc stream, Department of Politics and International Relations, Royal Holloway, University of London.

2015 – 2017

Director, MSc Media, Power and Public Affairs, Department of Politics and International Relations, Royal Holloway, University of London.

2012-2013

Member of the Academic Senate of the University of Bologna.

The Academic Senate is a 35-member elective assembly which represents the academic community and participates in the governance of the University. I was elected as representative of more than 650 members of staff in social sciences.

2012 – 2013

Member of the Academic Advisory Committee of New York University Florence.

The Committee advises the Director on curricular development and the overall governance of NYU Florence, which includes a Faculty of about 60 instructors and hosts more than 350 students per semester.

2009 – 2010

Director of the postgraduate diploma on 'Journalism and Communication in Public Services', University of Bologna.

2006 – present

Grant applications reviewer: European Research Council (European Union), National Science Foundation (United States), Economic and Social Research Council (United Kingdom), Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Italy), Agence Nationale de la Recherche (France), National Science Center (Poland).

### **MEMBERSHIP IN ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS**

International Communication Association

American Political Science Association

European Consortium of Political Research – Standing group on Internet Politics

International Political Science Association

UK Political Studies Association

Italian National Election Studies (ITANES)

Italian Association of Political Communication  
Italian Political Science Association

## **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

2020 – 2021

Co-Rapporteur of the Committee of Experts on Freedom of Expression and Digital Technologies  
*Council of Europe*

2015 – 2017

Analyst responsible for Ireland, Italy, and the United Kingdom  
*Freedom House – Freedom of the Press*

2007 – 2010

Commentator on U.S. politics and local politics of the Emilia-Romagna region  
*Dire* [Italian national news agency]

2003 – 2004

Communication consultant and director of internet strategy  
*Sergio Cofferati for Mayor 2004* [mayoral campaign for the city of Bologna]

## **SELECTED TRAINING**

2018 – Introduction to R, Goldsmiths University, London.

2010 – Summer school in “Global Media Policy”, Programme in Comparative Media Law & Policy, University of Oxford & Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania.

## **SKILLS**

### Language

*Italian*: mother tongue

*English*: excellent reading, writing, listening and speaking (European C2 level)

*Spanish*: elementary reading and listening (European A2 level)

*French*: elementary reading and listening (European A2 level)

### Software and programming

R: advanced

STATA: advanced

SPSS: advanced

Python: elementary

NVivo: elementary