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a daughter, born in 2004

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CAREER

- 2006* Tenure, Università degli Studi di Milano.
- 2002* Lecturer in Political Sciences, Unimi.
- 2001* PhD in Sociology, Unimi.
- 1996* MA in Sociology of Law, IISL Onati (ESP).
- 1996* Honors in Sociology, Free University of Urbino.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Theoretical* Citizenship entitlements • Effective governance designs • European integration • Substantive and procedural policy tools • Policy paradigms
- Field* Regional policy • Infrastructural policy • Sustainability policy • Fiscal policy, budgeting and taxation • Higher education policy • Accountability • Corruption
- Methodological* Causation • Mechanisms • Qualitative comparative methods

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**RESEARCH
PROJECTS***Ongoing*

- 2017 national grant PRIN on "Politics e Policy in Europa in tempo di crisi: Cause e conseguenze"
Principal Investigator: Marco Giuliani, Unimi.
PRIN 2015P7RCL5 - SH2, 3 years from Jan. 2017
- 2016 H2020 ERC Advanced Grant PROTEGO – "PROcedural Tools for Effective GOVERNance"
PI: Claudio M. Radaelli, Exeter University
EU proposal 694632; 4 years from Sept. 2016

Closed

- 2015 Affiliate member of the local project GRASP-HES – "Governance Regimes and System Performance in Higher Education Systems"
PI: Giliberto Capano, SNS Pisa.
SNS internal grant.
- 2008 Researcher, national project on "Infrastrutture e territorio"
Led by Alessandro Palanza and Luciano Violante.
Principal: Associazione ItaliaDecide.
- 2007 Research director in the regional project on "Conoscenza e democrazia".
Research manager: Alessandro Colombo (IReR);
PI: Gloria Regonini (Unimi).
Principal: Regione Lombardia.
- 2006 Sr. researcher, PRIN project on "Accountability democratica, e-government, valutazione delle politiche pubbliche".
PI: Gloria Regonini (Unimi).
Italian Government grant, 2 years.
- 2005 Sr. researcher, regional project on "L'esperienza dei consigli dei sanitari nella clinical governance".
PI: Gloria Regonini (Unimi).
Principal: Regione Lombardia and IReR.
- 2004 Jr. Researcher, project on "Partecipazione pubblica e governance dell'innovazione".
PI: Federico Neresini (Observe, VI).
Principal: Fondazione Bassetti.
- 2003 Research director, national project on "e-government e Regioni".
Principal: Istituto Cattaneo and Formez.
- 2001 Sr. researcher, regional project on "L'analisi ex-post delle leggi"
PI: Gloria Regonini (Unimi).
Principal: Regione Lombardia and IReR.

PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 "Gauging fiscal worlds: how the EU countries balanced equality and wealth between 2007 and 2016". *Quality and Quantity* Online first, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11135-018-00833-x> (with F. Negri).
- 2018 "Gauging the Import and Essentiality of Single Conditions in Standard Configurational Solutions". *Sociological Method and Research* Online first, <https://doi.org/10.1177/0049124118794678>.
- 2017 "Deploying Administrative Accountability to Hinder Systemic Corruption: What Do We Know, and What Can We Expect?", *Rivista Italiana di Politiche Pubbliche*, 2017(3), 417-441.
- 2017 "Regulatory Reform: Research Agendas, Policy Instruments and Causation", *European Journal of Risk Regulation*, 8(1), 72-76 (with C. Dunlop e C.M. Radaelli).
- 2014 "Toward a Better Fiscal Governance?", *World Political Science Review*, 10(2): 261-280.
- 2014 "Controlling Bureaucracies with Fire Alarms: Policy Instruments and Cross-Country Patterns", *Journal of European Public Policy*, 21(9), 1330-1349 (with C. Dunlop e C.M. Radaelli).
- 2014 "Policy tools for green growth in the EU15: a Qualitative Comparative Analysis", *Environmental Politics*, 23(1), 18-40.
- 2013 "Verso un migliore governo della spesa?", *Rivista Italiana di Politiche Pubbliche*, 3/2013, 317-42. Best RIPP paper 2013.
- 2012 "Nuova governance fiscale e Parlamento", *LPF Working Papers*, n.5.
- 2011 "Dispositivi istituzionali per buone politiche pubbliche: il *notice-and-comment*", *LPF Working Papers*, n.1.
- 2010 "L'altro lato della delega", *Rivista Italiana di Politiche Pubbliche*, 3/2010, pp. 5-27.
- 2010 "Procedura o sostanza? Perché le politiche infrastrutturali sono così difficili in Italia", *Rivista Italiana di Politiche Pubbliche*, 2/2010, pp. 87-114.
- 2009 "Sapere e politiche pubbliche: come è cambiato il discorso sulla 'buona conoscenza per le politiche', e cosa implica", *Rivista di Politiche Sociali*, 3/2009, pp. 23-45.
- 2008 "La governance europea", in Giuliani M. and M. Ferrera (eds), *Governance e politiche nell'Unione Europea*, Bologna, il Mulino, pp. 145-176.
- 2007 "Recensione: Europeizzazione e rappresentanza territoriale il caso italiano", *Polis*, 21, pp. 154-157.
- 2007 "Recensione: Goodbye Europa, cronache di un declino economico e politico", *Polena*, 2/2007, pp. 113-118 (with M.R.C. Jessoula).
- 2007 "Which Policy Frame for a Common Europe? LTC Market as a Way to Think about the EU Actual Integration" in J. Radcliffe, M. Dent (eds), *Proceedings of the Dilemmas in Human Services International Research Conference Hosted by Staffordshire University*, Staffordshire University, pp. 3-7.
- 2006 "La governance europea", *URGE Working Paper*, 6/2006.
- 2003 "Sostanzialmente escluso. Il law-making regionale dopo le riforme degli anni Novanta: riflessioni sul caso lombardo", *Rivista Italiana di Politiche Pubbliche*, 1/2003, pp.131-62.
- 2001 "L'approccio italiano al negoziato. Attori e logiche di un mutamento istituzionale", *Le istituzioni del federalismo*, 2/2001, pp. 393-417.
- 1997 "La normazione dell'altro: la partecipazione alle consulte regionali per l'immigrazione", *Sociologia del Diritto*, 3/1997, pp. 83-106.

CONFERENCE &
WORKSHOP PAPERS

- "Modeling configurational explanations".
2019 SISP-MetRiSP 2nd Workshop. Catania, April 26.
- "Proof by testing individual necessity and joint sufficiency: Explanatory Qualitative Comparative Analysis"
2019 PSA method conference, University of Warwick, Jan 11.
- 2018 ReSPoS Workshop on "Detecting Causation", NASP-Milan, Nov. 8-9.
- "Limited diversity as overspecification. Assessing the explanatory merit of single conditions in configurational models"
2018 PSA method conference, Essex University, Jan 12.
- 2017 5th International QCA Expert Workshop, ETH Zuerich, Dec. 13-14.
- "Beyond the paradox of administrative accountability"
2017 EGPA Conference, Milan, Aug.30 – Sept.1
- "Designing Regulatory Accountability" (with C. Dunlop and C. Radaelli)
2017 24th International Conference of Europeanists, Glasgow, July 12-14.
- 2017 ecpr general conference, Oslo, Sept. 6-9.
- "Convincing Explanations with QCA"
2017 ecpr Joint Sessions of Workshops, Nottingham, April 25-30.
- 'Tackling the fiscal paradox from the angle of taxation. A comparative analysis of the strategies followed by EU member States (2007-2015)' (with F. Negri).
2017 Research Seminar on "*Fiscal Union, Social Europe: Synergies and Tensions*", the Institute for New Economic Thinking, Brussels, April 13.
- 2017 SISP annual conference, Urbino, Sept. 16-18.
- "Administrative accountability from an IAD perspective"
2016 ecpr general conference, Prague, Sept. 7-10.
- "A trustee like any other. Regulatory policy instruments and accountability – do the same concepts apply to the ECB?"
2016 Interdisciplinary workshop on *The ECB Communication: An Instrument of Monetary Policy and a Vector of Accountability*, Università di Pavia, May 30. Convenor: J. Ziller.
- "Explaining the Performance of Governance Reforms in Higher Education: A Systematic Assessment (with G. Capano).
2016 MPSA annual conference, Chicago, April 7 – 10.
- "Can we establish causation in very small N designs?" (with B. Cotta).
2016 APSA national meeting and exhibition, Philadelphia, Sept. 1-4.
- 2015 3rd International QCA Expert Workshop, ETH Zurich, Dec. 2-3.
- "No Recommendation Without Mechanistic Explanation? The case of Higher Education Governance" (with G. Capano).
2015 IPSA International Conference on Public Policy, Milan, July 1-4.
- 2015 ecpr General Conference, Montreal, August 16-29.
- "Hindering Corruption" (with C.A. Dunlop, and C.M. Radaelli).
2015 ecpr Joint Session of Workshop, Warsaw, March 29-April 2.
- 2015 IRVAPP/FBK International Seminars, Trento, May 7.
- 2015 Social Innovation Research Conference, Fudan University, Shanghai, May 21-22.
- 2015 APSA annual meeting, San Francisco, Sept. 3-6.
- "Interesting results - but are they valid?"
2015 Conference on *Qualitative Comparative Analysis: Social Science Applications and Methodological Challenges*, Tilburg University, January 15-16.

- "Accountability Devices That Make Doing Business Easy". (with C.A. Dunlop, and C.M. Radaelli).
- 2014 Workshop on *Consequences of Multilevel Governance*, Hanse Wissenschaftskolleg, University of Bremen, 14-15 November 2014.
- "Does Accountability Make 'Doing Business' Easier?" (with C.A. Dunlop, and C.M. Radaelli).
- 2014 ecpr Joint Session of Workshops, Salamanca, April 9-12
- "Defining Recipes for Policy Failures: A Realist, Configurational Approach".
- 2014 Research Conference on Policy and Governance Failure, National University of Singapore, Singapore, February 20-21.
- "Policy Causal Complexity: How can QCA tackle it better?"
- 2013 IPSA International Conference on Public Policy, Grenoble, June 26-28.
- "Taming bureaucracy? Policy instruments, trade-offs and cross-country patterns", (with C.A. Dunlop, C.M. Radaelli).
- 2012 Conference on "Coping with Power Dispersion", Copenhagen, Dec 13-14.
- "The issue of limited diversity in public policy".
- 2012 QCA Expert Seminar on *QCA in policy-oriented and public administration research*, Louvain-la-Neuve, Dec 03.
- "Greening Paths"
- 2010 CERES 21 Workshop on Sustainability, Dubrovnik, Sept 27-Oct 1.
- "Questioni di governance".
- 2009 SISP National Conference, Rome, Sept. 17-19.
- "La controversia intrattabile dell'integrazione europea".
- 2009 SISP National Conference, Rome, Sept. 17-19.
- "Yardsticks, Paradigms and the Beast".
- 2008 BISA International Conference, Exeter, Dec. 15-18.
- "Murphy's Laws and Administrative Innovation" (with G. Vecchi).
- 2008 SISP National Conference, Pavia, Sept. 6-8.
- "Has the Paradigm Really Shifted?".
- 2008 Ratio Institute Colloquium, Stockholm, Aug. 22-24.
- "EU integration as Rodrik's Trilemma",
- 2008 DSSP Working Paper Seminars, http://www.socpol.unimi.it/papers/2008-07-08_Alessia%20Damonte.pdf.
- "The Need for Backward-Mapping European integration".
- 2007 ecpr General Conference, Pisa, Sept. 6-8.
- "Changing Tools to Catch the Beast".
- 2007 EUSA X Biennial Conference, Montreal, May 17-19.
- "Sostanzialmente escluso. Il law-making regionale dopo le riforme degli anni Novanta: riflessioni sul caso lombardo".
- 2002 SISP National Conference, Genoa, Sept. 18-20.
- "Le Regioni tra Stato ed UE: l'emergere di un 'terzo livello'?"
- 2000 SISP National Conference, Naples, Dec. 27-29.

RESEARCH REPORTS

- 2009 "I fabbisogni informativi dei consiglieri regionali Lombardi", Milan, IReR Lombardia and Lombardy Regional Assembly.
- 2009 "Accountability: condizioni e aspettative: un'analisi qualitativa comparata dei modelli di *performance budgeting*", Milan, Dept. of Social and Political Studies.
- 2009 "Processi decisionali sul territorio: interazione dei gruppi sociali e degli attori istituzionali", Roma, Italiadecide (with A. Campi and L. Di Gregorio).
- 2005 "La ricerca quantitativa", Milan, IReR and Lombardy Regional Assembly (with F. Maino).
- 2004 "Come differenti procedure deliberative influiscono sul *framing* del problema", Milan, Fondazione Bassetti.
- 2003 "I fabbisogni informativi nell'assemblea legislativa nazionale lombarda", Milan, IReR and Lombardy Regional Assembly.
- 2002 "La ricerca: sintesi" and "La regione Lombardia", Rome, Formez.
- 2001 "L'analisi ex-post delle leggi: progetto, contesti, metodo, applicazioni sperimentali", Milan, IReR and Lombardy Regional Assembly.

TEACHING & LECTURING

PhD

- "Qualitative Comparative Analysis", 20 hrs., 3 credits. PhD in Institutions and Public Policies, Graduate School, Unimi (from 2013).
- "Comparative Public Policy", 20 hrs., 3 credits. PhD in Institutions and Public Policies, Graduate School, Unimi (2007 to 2010).
- "La governance europea". Doctoral seminar held at the Real Collegio Carlo Alberto, Moncalieri, Turin (2006).
- "La governance: contenuto, limiti, potenzialità", 20 hrs, 3 credits, PhD in Institutions and Public Policies, Graduate School, Unimi (2005).
- "Policy networks, governance, e arene del potere", 20 hrs, 3 credits, PhD in Institutions and Public Policies, Graduate School, Unimi (2004).

Honors

- "Models of Governance", 60 hrs, 9 credits, Unimi program in Political and Government Sciences and Administration and public policy (since 2009).
- "Amministrazione e società in Europa", 40 hrs, 6 credits, Unimi program in Administration and Public Policy (2005 to 2008).

BA

- "Politiche europee", 40 hrs., 6 credits, Unimi program in European Economics (2004 to 2006).
- "Scienze dell'amministrazione", 40 hrs., 6 credits, Unimi program in Political Sciences (2004).
- "Analisi delle politiche pubbliche", 40 hrs., 6 credits, Unimi program in Organization and Human Resources (2003).

MA

- "Citizenship and governance", 10 hrs., 1 credit, European Program in Multilevel Constitutionalism (2008 to 2012).
- "Politiche, dinamiche e istituzioni europee", 9 hrs., 1 credit, program in Euro-projecting, ASERI – Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano (2008).
- "Il gioco dello sviluppo. Le dinamiche interistituzionali nel negoziato italiano 2000-06 sull'ob.2", program in European Institutions and Policies, Alta Scuola di Studi Internazionali, Europei e Sullo Sviluppo, Università di Bologna (2002).

Lectures

"Explaining with QCA". ReSPoS Summer School (2013-2018).

"Tackling complexity with configurational methods". EUROLOC PhD Training School, Florence, June 16 (2017).

"Why did it fail here?", Chess -GPI Seminar Series in Philosophy, Economics and Public Policy, Durham, November 19 (2014).

"Qualitative Comparative Analysis", 3 hrs., Summer School on Research Strategies in Policy Studies, Graduate School in Social and Political Sciences and Dept. of Social and Political Sciences, Unimi (2013, 2014).

"Policy tools", 6 hrs., 1st Summer School in Public Policy, Standing Group "Political Science and Public Policy" of the Italian Society of Political Science (SISP), Università di Bologna a Forlì (2010).

"Politiche pubbliche, interessi e governance", 6 hrs. and "Politiche europee, governi nazionali e integrazione", 6 hrs., IV training courses for public managers, Scuola Superiore di Pubblica Amministrazione, Bologna and Rome (2008).

**HIGHER EDUCATION
PROJECTS**

- 2019 Proposal of the NASP International Seminar on "Causal Ontologies Matter" (with F. Negri). Invited speaker: Daniel Little (Michigan Dearborne). Milan, Feb. 6. A NASP project funded by Compagnia di San Paolo.
- 2018 Proposal of the MeMa Crash Course on "Bayesian Inference in Qualitative Research". Invited speaker: Tasha Fairfield (LSE and Stanford). Milan, Nov.5-6. A NASP project funded by Compagnia di San Paolo.
- 2018 Proposal & Design of the Summer School "Research Strategies in Policy Studies" (ReSPoS), on "Gauging Concepts", Milan, June 25-29. A NASP project funded by Compagnia di San Paolo.
- 2017 Proposal & Design of the Summer School "Research Strategies in Policy Studies" (ReSPoS), on "Design Matters", Genoa, July10-14. A NASP project funded by Compagnia di San Paolo.
- 2016 Proposal & Design of the Seminar Series MeMa – "Methodology Matters". A NASP project funded by Compagnia di San Paolo.
- 2016 Proposal & Design of the Summer School "Research Strategies in Policy Studies" (ReSPoS), on "Sound Observational Results?", June 29-July 1, Genoa. A NASP project funded by Compagnia di San Paolo.
- 2015 Proposal & Design of the Summer School "Research Strategies in Policy Studies" (ReSPoS), on "Validity across Methods", July 6-10, Genoa. A NASP-WEST project funded by Compagnia di San Paolo.
- 2014 Proposal & Design of the Summer School "Research Strategies in Policy Studies" (ReSPoS), on "Detecting Causality", June 16-20, Santa Margherita Ligure (GE): A NASP-WEST project funded by Compagnia di San Paolo.
- 2013 Proposal & Design of the Summer School "Research Strategies in Policy Studies", Turin, June 5-7 and Milan, June 17-19, a NASP-WEST project funded by Compagnia di San Paolo.
- 2011 Proposal & Design and organization of the Summer School in Public Policy on "Methods and Policies: the Qualitative Comparative Analysis" of the Standing Group "Political Science and Public Policy" of the Italian Society of Political Science (SISP), held in Milan, June 13-17.
- 2007 Proposal & Design and organization of the "LabInRes-PA", 4 lectures for the MA students in Administration and Public Policies given by leading innovators of the Italian National and Regional Public Administration, joint initiative with the Fondazione Giannino Bassetti.

SERVICE

- 2007 on member of the editorial board of the Rivista Italiana di Politiche Pubbliche.
- 2018 on member of the steering committee of the SISP Standing Group MetRiSP – Research Methods in Political Science.
- 2016 on member of the advisory board of the Compasss network (COMPARative Methods for Systematic cross-caSe analySis) <http://www.compasss.org/people.htm>
- 2016-18 member of the steering committee of the ecpr Standing Group on “Regulation and Governance”.
- 2015-17 chair of the SISP Standing Group on “Political Science and Public Policy” (with Andrea Lippi).
- 2010-12 member of the steering committee of the ecpr Standing Group on “Regulation and Governance”.
- 2007-11 chair of the SISP Standing Group on “Political Science and Public Policy” (with Renata Lizzi).
- 2019 chair, panel on “Detecting Causation” (with F. Negri). PSA Methodology Conference, Warwick, Jan. 11.
- 2018 convenor, workshop on “Detecting Causation” (with F. Negri). NASP-ReSPoS, Università degli Studi di Milano, Milan, Nov. 8-9.
 chair, panel 7.1 “Corruption and its impact on contemporary Italy” (with A. La Spina and A. Vannucci), Section on Administration and Public Policy, SISP annual conference, Torino, Sept. 6-8.
 Discussant, panel 11.4 “Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) in contemporary Political Science”, Section on Research Methodology, SISP annual conference, Torino, Sept. 6-8.
- 2017 chair, panels 7.6 “Corruzione e turbolenza” (with A. La Spina and A. Vannucci) and 7.2 “Are Member States’ Tax Systems in a European Policy Trap?” (with F. Negri), Section on Administration and Public Policy, SISP annual conference, Urbino Sept. 14-16.
 discussant, panel 12.4b “Reshaping EU economic governance? Lessons learned from anti-crisis measures and their implementation - Policy recipes and dimensions of compliance”, Section on Politics and Policy of the European Union, SISP annual conference, Urbino Sept. 14-16.
- 2016 chair, panels 7.1 “Corruzione, amministrazione, e politiche pubbliche” (with A. La Spina and A. Vannucci), Section on Administration and Public Policy; and 11.2 “Gauging for QCA” (with E. Guaschino), Section on Research Methodology, SISP annual conference, Milan Sept.15-17
- 2008 chair, panel on Public Administration and Political Science, SISP annual conference, Pavia, Sept. 6-8.
- 2015 on member of the University committee on Open Access and Open Science, Unimi
- 2004 on board member of the PhD in Institutions and Public Policies, Graduate School NASP, Unimi.
- 2007-15 member of the Career Development Commission, Graduate School, Unimi.
- 2007-09 adjoint vice-head, Dept. of Social and Political Studies, Unimi (web content re-design).
- 2006-08 co-ordinator of the DSSP Lunch Seminar program (with Mauro Barisione).

PHD THESIS SUPERVISION

- 2011 student tutor of the Master Programme in Public Administration of the Collegio di Milano (public policy area, with Simone Buseti).
- 2008-09 student tutor of the PhD program in Regional Institutions, Administrations and Policies, Università di Pavia.
- 2006-08 student tutor of the Honors Program in Administration and Public Policy, Unimi.
- 2003-05 student tutor of the BA program in Administrative Sciences, Unimi.

candidate Mohammed Bashir Abubakar
PhD in Political Studies, NASP; thesis to be defended in 2019.

candidate Giulia Bazzan
PhD in Political Studies, NASP; thesis to be defended in 2019.

candidate Manu Misra
PhD in International Law & Economics, Bocconi University (co-tutorship).

candidate Abdalhadi Alijla
PhD in Political Studies, Unimi; thesis defended in 2016.

candidate Annalisa Staffa
PhD in Political Studies, Unimi; thesis defended in 2014.

candidate Camilla Borgna
PhD in Political Studies, Unimi; thesis defended in 2014.

candidate Marco Michieli
PhD in Political Studies, Unipv; thesis defended in 2013.

EVALUATION COMMITTEES

- 2019 PhD Defense Committee, PhD in Political Studies of the Università degli Studi di Milano (with Paolo Roberto Graziano and Renata Lizzi).
- 2016 PhD Defense Committee, PhD in Sociology of the Università degli Studi di Torino (with Giorgio Osti, Alfredo Augustoni, Giovanna Sissa).
- 2013 PhD Defense Committee, PhD in "Institution, Administration and Regional Public Policies" of the Università degli Studi di Pavia (with Luigi Bobbio, Maurizio Catino).
- 2012 Lecturer Recruiting Committee, Dept. of Architecture and Society, Politecnico di Milano (with Bruno Dente, Mariastella Righettini).

STAYS ABROAD

- 2010 Visiting researcher, Dept. of Sociology, University of Arizona, US.
- 2008 Visiting researcher, Centre of European Governance, Exeter University, UK.