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Employment History

- March 2025 – Present **PostDoctoral Research Fellow in Public Policy**, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna.
- November 2020 – March 2025 **Ph.D. Candidate**, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna.
- Jan 2023 – Jun 2023 **Visiting Scholar**, Department of Government, University of Essex.
Supervisor: Philip Leifeld
Activities: Development and Empirical Application of Discourse Network Analysis

Education

- 2020 – 2025 **Ph.D. (cum laude), Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna**, Department of Political and Social Sciences.
Thesis title: *Policy Processes in Times of Crises: the Common European Asylum System*
- 2018 – 2020 **Erasmus Mundus M.A., University of Groningen and University of Strasbourg** in Euroculture: Society, Politics and Culture in a Global Context.
- 2015 – 2018 **B.A., Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia** in European Languages and Cultures.

Research Publications

- 1 L. Mastroianni and S. Profeti, "How to talk about crises? Leaders' narrative strategies during the COVID-19 vaccination campaign in Italy and France," *Policy Studies Journal*, vol. Early View, pp. 1–20, 2025. [DOI: https://doi.org/10.1111/psj.12585](https://doi.org/10.1111/psj.12585).
- 2 L. Mastroianni, "How Do Crises Affect Policy Subsystems? The Evolution of Policy Core Beliefs in the EU Asylum Policy," *JCMS - Journal of Common Market Studies*, vol. 62:6, pp. 1475–1499, 2024. [DOI: https://doi.org/10.1111/jcms.13615](https://doi.org/10.1111/jcms.13615).
- 3 F. Trastulli and L. Mastroianni, "What's new under the sun? a corpus linguistic analysis of the 2022 italian election campaign themes in party manifestos," *Modern Italy*, vol. 29:1, pp. 51–72, 2024. [DOI: https://doi.org/10.1017/mit.2023.45](https://doi.org/10.1017/mit.2023.45).
- 4 L. Mastroianni, "Solidarity in EU Immigration and Asylum Law: A Corpus Linguistic Analysis," in *The Principle of Solidarity: International and EU Law Perspectives*, E. Kassoti and N. Idriz, Eds., The Hague: T.M.C. Asser Press, 2023, pp. 181–208. [DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-94-6265-575-1_10](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-94-6265-575-1_10).

Conferences, Workshops and Summer Schools

- 2024 **37th Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Political Science (SISP)**, Panel Chair: Network Approaches to Political and Social Sciences, Trieste (Italy).

Conferences, Workshops and Summer Schools (continued)

- 2023
 - **37th Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Political Science (SISP)**, Paper Presenter, Trieste (Italy).
 - **4th International Workshops on Public Policy (IWPP4)**, Paper Presenter in the Workshop 'The Politics of Governing Crises', Guadalajara (Mexico).
 - **36th Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Political Science (SISP)**, Paper Presenter, Genova (Italy).
 - **ECPR General Conference**, Paper Presenter, Prague (Czechia).
 - **6th International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP6)**, Paper Presenter, Toronto (Canada).
 - **Workshop 'Policy Narratives in Power Plays: Exploring the Narrative Policy Framework's Contributions to the Analysis of Political Dynamics**, Paper Presenter, Speyer (Germany).
 - **ECPR Joint Sessions**, Paper Presenter in the Workshop 'Networks of Political Beliefs', Toulouse (France).
 - **Conference On Policy Process Research (COPPR)**, Paper Presenter, Denver (USA).
- 2022
 - **35th Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Political Science (SISP)**, Paper Presenter, Rome (Italy).
 - **ECPR General Conference**, Paper Presenter, Innsbruck (Austria).
 - **MethodsNET Summer School in Social Research Methods**, Course: Discourse Network Analysis, Nijmegen (the Netherlands).
 - **11th Biennial Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on European Union (SGEU)**, Paper Presenter, Rome (Italy).
- 2021
 - **Conference 'Imagining Solidarity in International and Regional Law'**, Paper Presenter, The Hague (Netherlands).

Teaching and Other Academic Activities

- From 2025
 - Member of the Executive Committee of the Standing Group on Political Research Methods (MetRiSP) - Società Italiana Scienza Politica (SISP)
- 27 November 2024
 - Teaching Seminar **Research Methods in Political Science: a Network Perspective**, Course on Research Methods, M.A. Politics, Administration and Organization, University of Bologna (Italy).
- From 2023
 - Reviewer for Policy & Politics, Policy Studies Journal (PSJ).
- 4 November 2022
 - Presentation in the **European Solidarity: Comparative Interdisciplinary Approach to Law, Politics and Social Challenges**, EU_SOCIAL Jean Monnet Module Kick-Off, University of Bologna (Italy).

Other Experiences

- 2019 – 2020
 - Trainee at **European Commission Joint Research Centre**, Communication and Events Coordinator, H.2 Unit Knowledge Management Methodologies, Communities and Dissemination, Ispra (Italy).