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PERSONAL DATA

Postdoctoral Researcher and
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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

FEB 2024-PRESENT | Postdoctoral Researcher and Member of the project *VIPOp* at
UNIVERSITY OF MILAN–BICOCCA

Collaboration in the drafting and development of the project “The Visual Politics of Populism” (Call: PRIN 2022 - Prot: 20222ERHBA).

PI: Prof. Mattia Zulianello Co-PI: Prof. Fedra Negri

MARCH 2021-MARCH 2022 | Member of the project *POPULITE* at UNIVERSITY OF MILAN

Member of the project “POPUList Language in Italian political Elites”, involving the Department of Social and Political Sciences and the Department of Computer Science Giovanni degli Antoni, University of Milano (Call: Seal of Excellence – SEED 2020). PI: Prof. Fedra Negri

FEB 2021-NOV 2023 | Postdoctoral Researcher at UNIVERSITY OF MILAN

Postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Social and Political Sciences of the University of Milan within the research program *Data analytics for politics, society and complex organizations* (DAPS&CO)

SEPT 2019-JAN 2021 | Postdoctoral Researcher at UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH

In charge of the “Text-as-data” work package of the European Research Council-funded project “The politics of disintegration” (Grant agreement No. 817582).

PI: Prof. Stefanie Walter

SEPT 2015-AUG 2017 | Research Assistant at TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

Data gathering and data processing using R, Stata, Python.

PI: Prof. Constantine Boussalis

JAN-JUL 2015 | Research Analyst at ALTHESYS, Milan
Renewable Energy Consulting

Consulting project for a leading energy company. IREX annual report: research report concerning investments, M&A, strategies and policies of the renewable energy industry

🌐 www.althesys.com

SEPT-DEC 2014 | Trainee at GTECHNOLOGY, Milan
Market & Social Research

Market and social research, startups incubation, support in writing projects to participate in European Commission calls

🌐 www.gtfondazione.org

JUN-AUG 2014 | Trainee at EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK, Frankfurt
Economics Department—Monetary Policy Strategy Division

Analysis of monetary policy in DSGE models, of the role of money and credit aggregates for asset price developments and, ultimately, of the conduct of monetary policy

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SEPT 2024	Instructor at POLIMI GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT <i>Metodi di valutazione delle politiche pubbliche (2 hrs)</i> – Workshop for the students of the DIPA Master-Master per la Trasformazione Digitale della Pubblica Amministrazione 4th edition
SEPT 2023	Instructor at SISP 2023 TEXT ANALYSIS WORKSHOP, Genoa <i>Automated Text Analysis for the Social Sciences. A Gentle Introduction (7 hrs)</i> – Workshop for Junior & Senior Scholars financed by Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP)
FEB 2021-SEPT 2024	Adjunct Professor at UNIVERSITY OF MILAN <i>Policy Design Analysis and Evaluation: The Statistics of Causal Inference (20 hrs per a.a. - 60 hrs total)</i> from A.A. 2021/2022 to A.A. 2023/2024 – MA in Public & Corporate Communication (DAPS&CO) & Ph.D. in Political Studies (NASP Graduate School)
OCT 2022-OCT 2023	Adjunct Professor at UNIVERSITY OF MILAN <i>Multivariate Analysis for Social Scientists (10 hrs)</i> A.A. 2022/2023 – MA in Public & Corporate Communication (DAPS&CO)
OCT 2022-OCT 2023	Tutor & “Cultore della Materia” at UNIVERSITY OF MILAN-BICCOCA <i>Politiche pubbliche (84 hrs)</i> A.A. 2022/2023 - BA in Scienze dell’Organizzazione - Instructor: Prof. Fedra Negri
SEPT 2015-AUG 2019	Teaching Assistant at TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN 2015-2016 <i>Introduction to Political Science (22hrs)</i> - Junior Freshmen (BA students) 2016-2017 <i>Research Methods for Political Science (22hrs)</i> - Junior Sophister (BA students) 2016-2018 <i>Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods (44hrs)</i> - Ms.C. in International Politics 2017-2019 <i>Comparative Politics (66hrs)</i> - Senior Freshmen (BA students)

EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 2020	Doctorate in Philosophy, PhD in POLITICAL SCIENCE, Trinity College Dublin Thesis: “Electoral Incentives to cultivate a Personal Vote and Political Particularism: a Text Analysis Approach”. Supervisor: Prof. Constantine Boussalis
DECEMBER 2013	Master of Science in ECONOMICS, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore 110/110 <i>summa cum laude</i> English-taught degree Major: Macroeconomics Thesis: “Macroeconomic Uncertainty: theory and evidence from survey data.” Supervisor: Prof. Maurizio Motolese
JULY 2011	Bachelor of Arts in POLITICAL SCIENCE, Università degli Studi di Milano 110/110 <i>summa cum laude</i> Major: Economics Thesis: “Deontology e consequentialism in the theories of Justice.” Supervisor: Prof. Beatrice Magni
JULY 2008	Diploma in Scientific Studies Liceo Scientifico “P. Frisi”, Monza Final Grade: 92/100

SKILLS

Languages

ITALIAN: Native ENGLISH: Fluent FRENCH: Basic

Computer Skills

Automated Text Analysis · CrowdFlower · \LaTeX · Machine Learning · Mac OS · Microsoft Office Suite · Natural Language Processing · Python · R · Stata · WebScraping · Windows OS

PUBLICATIONS

Selected Working Papers

Decadri S., Negri F., Scaduto G. “Visual Conjoint Experiments in Social and Political Sciences: A Systematic Review and a Protocol Blueprint for Cross-Country Applications.” *Under review*.

Decadri S., Negri F., Scaduto G. “Decoding Politicians’ Instagram Profiles: How Visual and Textual Cues Shape Perceptions of Left-Right Alignment and Populist Traits. A Visual Conjoint Experiment.”

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Decadri S., Mancosu M., Negri F., Scaduto G., 2025. “Aligning Emotions: A Comparative Analysis of Text and Imagery by European Party Leaders on Instagram”. *The International Journal of Press/Politics forthcoming*.

Decadri S., Negri F., 2025. “When Women Talk About the Environment: MPs’ Characteristics and Time Trends in Italian Legislative Speeches (1948-2020). *Rivista Italiana di Politiche Pubbliche, Rivista quadrimestrale*” 1/2025, pp. 15-46, doi: 10.1483/115984.

Decadri S., Negri F., 2024. “Playing populist: the relationship of convenience between populist language and demarcationist ideological positions in the Italian parliament (1948-2020).” *South European Society and Politics*, doi:10.1080/13608746.2024.2332048.

Decadri S., Negri F., 2024. “Gender Roles, Perspectives, and Issue Attention in the Italian Political Twit-terverse. An analysis of Politicians’ Network and Top-down Communication”. *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*, doi:10.1080/19331681.2024.2312883.

Curini, L., Decadri, S., Ferrara, A., Montanelli, S., Negri, F. and Periti, F., 2023. The Gender Gap in Issue Attention and Language Use within a Legislative Setting: An Application to the Italian Parliament (1948–2020). *Politics & Gender*: pp.1-30, doi:10.1017/S1743923X2300051X.

Decadri, S. 2023. The impact of Electoral Rules on Political Particularism. Highlights from the Italian Chamber of Deputies. *Italian Political Science*, 17(2):138-168.

Boussalis, C., Chadeaux, T., Decadri, S., Salvi, A., 2022. Public and Private Information in International Crises: Diplomatic Correspondence and Conflict Anticipation. *International Studies Quarterly*, 66(4), doi:10.1093/isq/sqac056.

Decadri S., 2021. “What have you done for me lately?” Re-thinking Local Representation. *Electoral Studies*, 74(14), doi:10.1016/j.electstud.2021.102417.

Decadri, S. and Boussalis, C., 2019. Populism, party membership, and language complexity in the Italian chamber of deputies. *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, 30(4):484-503, doi:10.1080/17457289.2019.1593182.

Books

Ceron, A., Decadri, S., Negri, F. 2023. Populismo in Rete. Un’analisi della comunicazione dei politici italiani. *Carocci Editore*, ISBN: 9788829020553.

Decadri, S. 2023. Electoral Incentives and Political Particularism : A Text Analysis Approach: *Aracne*, ISBN: 979-12-218-0638-0.

Books’ Chapters

Decadri, S., Negri F. 2024. “L’azione politica delle donne nel Twitterverse politico italiano. Connessioni, temi e stili comunicativi di chi fa politica”, for the volume *Genere e leadership politica. Le carriere politiche delle donne e delle persone LGBT+ in Italia*, edited by Pamela Pansardi, Fondazione Feltrinelli, Milano, ISBN: 9788868355401.

Ceron, A., Decadri, S., Negri F. 2024. “Perché i partiti politici italiani usano la retorica populista sui social media”, for the volume *Capire il populismo*, edited by Petra Guasti and Mattia Zulianello, *UTET*, ISBN:

9788860089960.

Ceron, A., Decadri, S. 2025. "Intraparty politics and coalitions" for the volume *Handbook on Coalition Politics*, edited by Thomas Bräuninger and Marc Debus, Edward Elgar Publishing, in print.

DISSEMINATION

Blogposts

S. Decadri. ELIZA e GPT-4. Una fiaba cibernetica. *Mondo Economico* - <https://mondoeconomico.eu/sostenibilita-e-futuro/eliza-e-gpt-4-una-fiaba-cibernetica-large-language-models-ai>

S. Decadri, F. Negri. Donne e potere politico: meglio su Twitter-X che in Parlamento. *LaVoce.info* - <https://lavoce.info/archives/104278/donne-e-potere-politico-meglio-su-twitter-x-che-in-parlamento/>

F. Negri, S. Decadri, L. Curini. Resta difficile la relazione tra donne e potere in Italia. *LaVoce.info* - <https://lavoce.info/archives/102732/resta-difficile-la-relazione-tra-donne-e-potere-in-italia/>

A. Ceron, S. Decadri, F. Negri. The populist rhetoric and communication style of Italian political parties and politicians on social media. *TheLoop ECPR's Political Science Blog* - <https://theloop.ecpr.eu/italian-political-parties-and-politicians-populist-rhetoric-on-social-media/>

S. Decadri, G. Malet, M. Martini, S. Walter. Worse chances for the limitation initiative because of the Corona crisis. *DeFacto* - <https://www.defacto.expert/2020/07/06/begrenzungsinitiative-corona/>

Datasets

Decadri, S. Italian Deputies Metadata and Particularistic Individual Member Bill Proposals - I-XVI Legislatures. *Dataverse* - <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=doi:10.7910/DVN/43NNAD>

GRANTS, AWARDS & HONORS

2024 - 2025 18-months Post-doc Fellowship: €30,400

2022 - 2023 One-year Post-doc Fellowship: €24,000

2021 - 2022 Two-years Post-doc Fellowship: €52,000

2016 - 2019 Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship, Irish Research Council: €72,000

2015 - 2016 Political Science Department Award, Trinity College Dublin: €6,500

SELECTED CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

"Decoding Politicians' Instagram Profiles: How Visual and Textual Cues Shape Perceptions of Left-Right Alignment and Populist Traits. A Visual Conjoint Experiment." (with Negri F., Scaduto G.) *European Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2025.*

"Decoding Politicians' Instagram Profiles: How Visual and Textual Cues Shape Perceptions of Left-Right Alignment and Populist Traits. A Visual Conjoint Experiment." (with Negri F., Scaduto G.) *7th Annual COMTEXT Conference, 2025.*

"A Comparative Study of Populist and Mainstream Politicians' visual and textual communication on Instagram" (with Mancosu M., Negri F., Scaduto G.) *Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Society, 2024.*

"Gender Dynamics in Legislative Environmental Discourse. Idiosyncratic Characteristics and Over-Time Trends in the Italian Parliament (1948-2020)" (with Negri F.) *Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Society, 2024.*

Panel Chair: "Text and Image-as-Data Approaches to Understanding Populism and Political Extremism" (Co-chair: Giovanni Pagano) *Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Society, 2024.*

"Post-Defeat Communication Strategies of Political Candidates on Twitter-X" (with Pagano G.) *European Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2024.*

“Post-Defeat Communication Strategies of Political Candidates on Twitter-X” (with Pagano G.)
6th Annual COMPTTEXT Conference, 2024.

Panel Discussant: “Gender and party politics” (Chair: Pamela Pansardi)
Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Society, 2023.

Panel Discussant: “Text as data for the study of political institutions” (Chairs: Valerio Vignoli, Alice Iannantuoni)
Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Society, 2023.

“Gender Roles, Perspectives, and Issue Attention in the Italian Digital Arena” (with Negri F.)
European Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2023.

“Gender Roles, Perspectives, and Issue Attention in the Italian Digital Arena” (with Negri F.)
5th Annual COMPTTEXT Conference, 2023.

“Playing populist: contextual and ideological triggers of populist rhetoric in the Italian parliament (1948-2020).” (with Negri F., Curini L.)
Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Society, 2022.

“Gender Politics and Stereotypes in the Italian Parliament (1948-2020)” (with Negri F., Curini L.)
4th Annual COMPTTEXT Conference, 2022.

“Gender Biases in Issue Attention in the Italian Parliament (1948-2020).” (with Negri F., Curini L.)
Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Society, 2021.

“The construction of a Personal Vote and Political Particularism. The case of Postwar Italy.”
Swiss Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2020.

“What have you done for me lately? Re-thinking constituency service.”
Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference, 2018.

“Diplomatic Correspondence and Conflict Anticipation.” (with Boussalis C., Chadeaux T., Salvi A.)
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2018.

“Truth in Simplicity: Populism and Language Complexity in the Italian Chamber of Deputies.” (with Boussalis C.)
European Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2017.

INVITED TALKS

“Style Matters: Unveiling Gendered Communication Patterns of Italian Members of Parliament” (with Negri F., Curini L., Pagano G.), *Gender&Politics SISP-Standing Group Workshop, Pavia 2023.*

“Gender Perspectives and Issue Attention in the Italian Digital Arena” (with Negri F.),
Connected_Politics Lab - Fall Seminar Series, University College Dublin, 2022.

“Gender Biases in Issue Attention in the Italian Parliament (1948-2020).” (with Negri F., Curini L.),
Bocconi University, Milan 2021.

ORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC EVENTS

Panel Chair - *Text and Image-as-Data Approaches to Understanding Populism and Political Extremism* (with Giovanni Pagano), *Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Society, 2024.*

Coordinator of the Organizing Committee - *Research Strategies in Policy Studies* 9th Edition - Doctoral Summer School at the University of Milan NASP Graduate School in Social and Political Sciences, 2022.

Panel Chair - *From Words to Data: the Potential of Text Analysis and Topic Models for Political Studies* (with Fedra Negri), *Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Society, 2021.*

Coordinator of the Organizing Committee - *Research Strategies in Policy Studies* 8th Edition - Doctoral Summer School at the University of Milan NASP Graduate School in Social and Political Sciences, 2021.

Member of the Organizing Committee - *Quantitative Text Analysis Dublin (QTA-DUB) Workshop, Dublin 2019.*

ACADEMIC DUTIES AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for Scientific Journals

American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, European Journal of Political Research, iScience, Journal of Computational Social Science, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, Political Psychology, Political Studies, Political Research Exchange.

Thesis Supervision

Thesis supervision and co-supervision as Adjunct Professor at University of Milan–Department of Social and Political Sciences, for students of the MA in Public & Corporate Communication (Curriculum: DAPS&CO; 7 students).