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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- Oct 2022—2025 **Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow** – University of Oxford, Nuffield College.
- Mar—Jul 2024 **External Postdoctoral Researcher (Visiting Position)** – UChicago Political Science Department.

## EDUCATION

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- 2019—2022 **DPhil (PhD) in Politics** – University of Oxford, Mansfield College
  - > Thesis : *Essays on Electoral Institutions*. Supervisor : Benjamin W. Ansell. 
  - > Pass without corrections in November 2022. Examiners : Simon Hix, Tarik Abou-Chadi.
- 2017—2019 **MPhil in Politics (European Politics and Society)** – University of Oxford, St. Antony's College
  - > Thesis : *Do Campaign Rallies Matter? Evidence from the Five Star Movement's 'Tsunami Tour' in the 2013 Italian Parliamentary Election*. Supervisor : Andrew C. Eggers.
  - > Graduated with *distinction* (first class honours), obtaining firsts in all components.
- 2014—2017 **BSocSc (Bachelor's Degree) in Politics and International Relations** – University of Manchester
  - > Thesis : *Who Are the Left Behind? The Status Stratification of UKIP Support*. Supervisor : Colin Talbot.
  - > Graduated with *first class honours*, top of cohort.
- 2012 **Maturità Classica (A-Levels equivalent)** – Liceo Classico Sperimentale Bertrand Russell
  - > Graduated with 100/100 *e lode*.

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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- 2024 **Warden's Special Research Grant** – awarded by Nuffield College for the project 'Gendered Effects of PR Rules : Evidence from Italian Municipal Election Reforms (1956-1970)' (£900).
- 2023 **BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grant** – awarded for the project 'Intra-Party Sources of Electoral Reform in the PR Wave', principal investigator (£10,000).
- 2017—2021 **'Grand Union' DTP Studentship** – four-year scholarship (MPhil plus DPhil) awarded by the UK's Economic and Social Research Council (approx. £65,000 stipend + £70,000 fees).
- 2020—2021 **'Admeto Pettinari e Paolo Andreini' Bursary** – awarded by the Bank of Italy (€8,000).
- 2019 **Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods Bursary** – funding to cover costs of additional research training : half bursary from Oxford's DPIP, half through the Grand Union DTP scheme (£670).
- 2017 **Outstanding Academic Achievement Award** – awarded by the University of Manchester to the top final-year undergraduates (~ 0.5%) across all Faculties (£1,000).
- 2017 **University of Manchester Q-Step Dissertation prize** – awarded for best quantitative undergraduate dissertation in the school of social sciences.
- 2017 **Simon Prize** – awarded for highest grade average across politics modules.
- 2017 **Ralph Young Prize** – awarded for top final-year performance in BSocSc (Hons) Politics and IR.
- 2012 **Premio Maturità 'Programma Annuale per la Valorizzazione delle Eccellenze'** – awarded by the Italian Ministry of Education for obtaining 100 *e lode* in secondary school final examinations.

- Journal Articles**
- > Carella, L. (2023) 'Who Runs for Higher Office? Electoral Institutions and Level-Hopping Attempts in Germany's State Legislatures'. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 
  - > Carella, L. and Eggers, A. C. (2024) 'Electoral Systems and Geographic Representation', *British Journal of Political Science*, 54(1):40-68. 
  - > Carella, L. and Ford, R. (2020) 'The Status Stratification of Radical Right Support : Reconsidering the Occupational Profile of UKIP Voters', *Electoral Studies*, 67(2020). 
- Other Publications**
- > Carella, L. (2022) 'The British Elections of 2019 : Not Quite What you Read in the Press', *Political Quarterly*. [book review] 
  - > Raikes, L., Cox, E. and Carella, L. (2016) 'State of the North 2016 : Building Northern Resilience in an Era of Global Uncertainty', *IPPR North*. [policy report] 
- Working Papers**
- > From Context to Congruence : Immigration Salience and Voter Socialisation (with F. Raffaelli). *Under Review*. 
  - > Predicting Candidate Preference Shares in Preferential-List PR Systems. 
- Work in Progress**
- > Intra-Party Sources of Electoral Reform in the 'PR wave' (with K. Wegschaider). 
  - > Baby Boomers at the Ballot Box : Cohort Size and Representation across Electoral Systems.
  - > Gendered Effects of PR Rules : Evidence from Italian Municipal Election Reforms (1956-1970).
  - > Per Una Repubblica Semi-Parlamentare. [essay]
- Media**
- > Social Values, in 'The State of Public Opinion 2023', *UK in a Changing Europe* (with E. Kelly). 
  - > Six Points pour Comprendre l'Élection Présidentielle Italienne, *Le Grand Continent*. 
  - > The Pro-Independence Majority in the Scottish Parliament, *Aspenia Online*. 
  - > Britain's New Relationship with the EU : Politics of Resentment, *Aspenia Online*. 
  - > Status, not Class, Linked to Support for Right-Wing Populism, *US Blog* (with R. Ford). 
  - > El Asalto al Capitolio También Podría Ocurredir en Europa, *El Confidencial*. 
  - Also published in French for *Le Grand Continent*. 
  - > Britain Negotiates a Precarious New Normal amid Daunting Policy Challenges, *Aspenia Online*. 
  - > Veepstakes 2020 : chi è in corsa per il posto di vice di Biden, *YouTrend*. 
  - Also published in French for *Le Grand Continent*. 
  - > Italy's 'Election Day' : A Preview, *LSE Blog*. 
  - Also published in French for *Le Grand Continent*. 
  - > Covid-19 : What went Wrong in Britain, *Aspenia Online*. 
  - > Italy's Regional Elections : The End of the Road for the Five-Star Movement? , *PSA Blog*. 
  - Also published in French for *Le Grand Continent*. 
  - > What Impact Would Election Alliances Have on the Election Results? , *UK in a Changing Europe* (with B. Ansell). 
  - > Comment le Racisme Favorise les Fusillades de Masse aux États-Unis, *Le Grand Continent* 
  - > My research, commentary and tweets have also been featured in ITV's *Peston*, TGCom24's *Dentro I fatti*, LBC's *Shelagh Fogarty*, *The Guardian*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Financial Times*, *El Confidencial*, *Business Insider*, *Open Democracy*, *Huffington Post (DE)*, *Edinburgh News*, *Observador*, *Atlantic Sentinel*, *Compass*, *Left Foot Forward*.

## TEACHING

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Graduate	<b>Lecturer, INTRODUCTORY STATISTICS</b> , Michaelmas Term 2023. DPIR, University of Oxford — co-taught with Rachel Bernhard. <a href="#">Syllabus</a> <a href="#">Slides</a> <a href="#">Lab Material</a>
	<b>Lecturer, POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT OF THE UK</b> , Hilary Term 2023 and Hilary Term 2024. DPIR, University of Oxford — co-taught with Nicholas Dickinson. <a href="#">Syllabus</a>
	<b>Instructor, INTRODUCTION TO R</b> , Hilary Term 2022. Spring School in Advanced Research Methods, University of Oxford. <a href="#">Lab Material</a>
	<b>Teaching Assistant, INTRODUCTORY STATISTICS</b> , Michaelmas Term 2021. DPIR, University of Oxford — Instructors : Tarik Abou-Chadi and Vicente Valentim. <a href="#">Lab Material</a>
Undergraduate	<b>Lecturer, COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT</b> , Hilary Term 2023 and Hilary Term 2024. DPIR, University of Oxford — course taught collectively by Oxford faculty. <a href="#">Syllabus</a> <a href="#">Slides</a>
	<b>Teaching Assistant, INTRODUCTORY QUANTITATIVE METHODS</b> , Hilary Term 2022. DPIR, University of Oxford — Instructor : Spyros Kosmidis. <a href="#">Lab Material</a>
	<b>Tutor, PRACTICE OF POLITICS</b> , Hilary Term 2022. Lincoln College, University of Oxford. <a href="#">Syllabus</a>
	<b>Tutor, POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY</b> , Michaelmas Term 2021 and Hilary Term 2022. St. Hugh's College and Queen's College, University of Oxford. <a href="#">Syllabus</a>
	<b>Tutor, COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT</b> , Trinity Term 2021. Various colleges, University of Oxford.

## CONFERENCES AND TALKS

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Scheduled	EPSA 2024, Cologne; APSA 2024, Philadelphia.
Apr 2024	MPSA 2024 Conference (presenter, chair, discussant), Chicago.
Jan 2024	Departmental Research Seminar (invited speaker), UCL Department of Politics, London.
Nov 2023	Comparative Political Economy Workshop (presenter), Nuffield College, University of Oxford .
Sep 2023	Race and Electoral Systems Reform Conference (invited speaker), Harvard University, Cambridge (MA).
Sep 2023	EPOP Conference (presenter, chair), University of Southampton.
Jun 2023	EPSA Conference (discussant), University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.
Dec 2022	DPIR Research in Progress (discussant), University of Oxford.
Apr 2022	DPIR Politics Colloquium (discussant), University of Oxford.
Sep 2021	Democracy, Elections and Comparative Politics PGR Conference (presenter), University of Manchester.
Feb 2020	European Wednesdays   Italy and Its Discontents (invited speaker), St John's College, University of Oxford.
Nov 2019	Comparative Research on Political Elites Conference (presenter), Hertie School of Government, Berlin.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2019—2022	<b>Research Assistant, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD</b> , DPIR and Nuffield College <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; For Spyros Kosmidis, on a review of teaching material for Introductory Quantitative Methods.</li><li>&gt; For Ezequiel Gonzalez-Ocantos, on a research project about political polarisation in Latin America.</li><li>&gt; For David Rueda and Philipp Rehm, on a research project about social/occupational status.</li><li>&gt; For Jane Gingrich, as part of the SCHOOLPOL project on the comparative politics of education.</li></ul>
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- June—Aug 2016 | **Data Analyst, IPPR NORTH**, Q-Step Internship Programme
  - > Contributed to the think tank's flagship *State of the North* report.
- Jun—Aug 2015 | **Intern, SCIENCE OFFICE**, Italian Embassy in the UK, London
  - > Created a database of Italian scientists working in the UK.
  - > Contributed to the drafting of diplomatic messages on UK science and innovation policy.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, SUPERVISION AND MENTORING

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- 2024 | Organiser of the 'British Politics Election Year Seminar Series' (Nuffield Politics Research Centre).
- 2023 | Admissions (MSc, DPhil) and thesis marking (MPhil) – DPIR, University of Oxford.
- 2022— | Thesis supervisor for an MPhil student in Politics (European Politics and Society).
- 2020— | Reviewer for *Comparative Political Studies* (×2), *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Government & Opposition*, *European Journal of Political Research* (×4), *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Electoral Studies* (×3).
- 2022 | Country expert coder for Italy's 2022 election, PRECEDE project.
- 2021 | Private tutor in 'Politics of Central and Eastern Europe'.
- 2020—2021 | Freelance tutor for current and prospective postgraduate students.
- 2020 | Tutor for Prospective University Applicants – Mentoring for Success (volunteer position).
- 2015—2016 | Peer Mentor – University of Manchester, Politics and International Relations.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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- 2023 | IPCSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods – University of Michigan.
- 2019 | Oxford Spring School of Advanced Research Methods.
- 2016—2018 | Polish language study – Private Tuition (B2), Instytut Kształcenia Obcokrajowców, Warsaw (A2 and B1), University of Manchester LEAP Centre (A1).
- 2016—2017 | President – University of Manchester Italian Society.
- 2016 | DataFest Summer School – Sheffield Methods Institute, University of Sheffield.
- 2014—2015 | Student Representative – Politics and International Relations (First Year).
- 2014 | English tutor and activities organizer – Up! Summer Camp, Ningxia (China).
- 2013 | Summer School – London School of Journalism, London.
- 2010 | Summer School – Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa.

## LANGUAGES

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Italian	● ● ● ● ●
English	● ● ● ● ●
Spanish	● ● ● ○ ○
French	● ● ● ○ ○
Polish	● ● ○ ○ ○

## IT SKILLS

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- > Advanced knowledge : R (RMarkdown, tidyverse, RStan, quanteda), MS Office, SPSS,  $\LaTeX$ .
- > Basic knowledge : Stata, SQL, QGIS, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign.
- > Familiarity with most social media platforms.

## REFERENCES

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