

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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**ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

- 2007      PhD in European and Comparative Politics. Thesis Title: “Evolution of the EU’s Committee of the Regions: an experience of institution-building”, University of Siena
- 2003      Master of Arts in "European and Comparative Politics", University of Siena
- 2000      Degree (BA) in International Relations, Belarusian State University

**ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH POSITIONS**

Current position

- Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Padua (2015 - )
- Italian ‘Abilitazione’ for full professorship in Political Science (2022)

Previous positions

- Senior Researcher, Project ‘Low Carbon – South East Europe (LOCSEE)’, INTERREG, PROGRAMME SOUTH EAST EUROPE, Institute for Renewable Energy, European Academy of Bolzano (EURAC) (2013-2014).
- Senior Researcher, Project ‘Regulating and promoting public participation in Environmental Impact Assessment in Selected Municipalities and Provinces’, EU – CHINA ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME, Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism, EURAC (2013-2014).
- Researcher, Project ‘BenchPA-bench-marking and bench-learning in the management of local public services’, INTERREG IV ITALIA-AUSTRIA, University of Padova (2011-2013).
- Incoming scholar with the research project ‘The Implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive in the Alpine Italian Regions: a multilevel governance perspective’, Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism, EURAC (2010-2011).
- Post-doc research fellow, Project ‘The territorial dimension of EU cohesion policy before and after the 2007-2013 reform’, Department of Historical and Political Studies, University of Padova (2008-2010).
- Directorate General for Regional Policy, European Commission, Brussels – Blue Book Traineeship (2003-2004).

### Recent research projects and grants received

Local climate policy coordination. A comparative perspective. Strategic Partnership Grant (PI), University of Lausanne - University of Padua (2023-2024).

Climate Adaptation and Resilience in Europe. Policies and institutions for socio-ecological transitions (scientific coordinator) – University of Padua Research Grant (2022-2024)

Research Network on Cohesion Policy (co-organiser) – Regional Studies Association (2019-2021)

The role of EU Structural funds IN Enhancing ReGional and local Institutional and Administrative capacity – SINERGIA (scientific coordinator) – CARIPARO Foundation Research Grant (2018-2019)

Climate policies and governance in the European Union (scientific coordinator) – University of Padua Research Grant (2017-2019)

The Implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive in the Alpine Italian Regions: a multilevel governance perspective (principal investigator) – Province of Bolzano Incoming Scholars Grant (2010-2011)

### Teaching activities

*Graduate courses (in Italian and English):* EU Public Policies, Sustainable Development Policies, Territorial Governance and Public Policies, Local Democracy, EU regional and urban development policies.

*Post-graduate courses:* EU budgetary politics and policies, EU cohesion policy and funds, EU policies for sustainable development.

### Research interests

Policy design and policy mixes, policy integration, policy implementation in multilevel settings, learning and capacity-building, EU public policies, climate policies and governance, regional and urban development policies, sustainability and eco-social transitions.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### Authored Books

*Governing Sustainability in the European Union. From Political Discourse to Policy Practices*, London, ROUTLEDGE, 2018.

*La sfida della sostenibilità. Il governo multilivello delle risorse idriche*. Padova, CEDAM, 2011 (with M. Alberton) [The challenge of sustainability and the multilevel governance of water resources].

*Regioni in Europa. Il ruolo del Comitato delle Regioni nella governance europea*. Roma, CAROCCI, 2010. [Regions in Europe. The role of the Committee of the Regions in the EU's governance].

*La politica di coesione economica, sociale e territoriale nell'Unione europea allargata*. Ferrara, UNIFE PRESS, 2009 (with A. Bruzzo) [Policies for social, economic and territorial cohesion in the enlarged European Union].

### Edited books

*Handbook on European Union Environmental Policy*. De Gruyter, forthcoming (with A. R. Zito)

*The Eco-Social Polity? Theoretical, Conceptual and Empirical Issues*. Policy Press, forthcoming (with P. Graziano and K. Zimmermann)

Journal articles and Special Issues (peer review)

“Policy integration and the eco-social debate in political analysis”. EUROPEAN POLITICAL SCIENCE (forthcoming) (with P. Trein).

“Understanding the European Green Deal: A narrative policy framework approach”. EUROPEAN POLICY ANALYSIS, 9(1), 9-29, 2023 (with P. Graziano).

“Catching up with the European Union’s recovery and resilience agenda: green transition reforms in the Italian National Recovery and Resilience Plan”. CONTEMPORARY ITALIAN POLITICS, 14 (4), 424-440 (with B. Cotta).

“Empowerment via delegation? The administrative capacity-building potential of cohesion policy urban development strategies”. REGIONAL STUDIES, 2022. doi: 10.1080/00343404.2022.2058698 (with L.Polverari and P.Graziano).

Introduction Special Issue. REGIONAL STUDIES, 2022 (with J. Bachtler, P. Graziano and L.Polverari).

“The Italian National Recovery and Resilience Plan: coordination and conditionality”. CONTEMPORARY ITALIAN POLITICS, 14 (2), 191-206, 2022 (with I.Guardiancich).

“Engines of learning? Policy instruments, cities and climate governance”. POLICY SCIENCES, 54(3), 507-528, 2021 (with A. Zito).

“Governing by Enabling in Multilevel Systems: Capacity Building and Local Climate Action in the European Union”. JOURNAL OF COMMON MARKET STUDIES, 2021, 1475-1494 (with A. Prontera).

“Introduction: policy integration and institutional capacity: theoretical, conceptual and empirical challenges”, Special Issue ‘Policy integration and Institutional Capacity. POLICY AND SOCIETY, Vol 40(1), 2021, pp. 1-18 (with P.Graziano and L.Polverari).

“Policy integration, policy design and administrative capacities. Evidence from EU cohesion policy”. POLICY AND SOCIETY, Vol 40(1), 2021, pp. 58-78 (with P. Graziano and L. Polverari).

“Experiments in EU climate governance: the unfulfilled potential of the Covenant of Mayors”. GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS, Vol. 20 (4), 2020, pp. 122-142 (with G.Acconcia, L.Bendlin, X.Ruis-Campillo).

“Voluntary instruments for ambitious policies? The Covenant of Mayors of the European Union”. ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS, Vol.28 (2), 2019, pp.293-314.

“Traps of multi-level governance. Lessons from the implementation of the Water Framework Directive”. JOURNAL OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION, Vol.39, N 6, 2017, pp. 657-671.

“Le sfide della politica di coesione europea: la governance multilivello e l’efficacia finanziaria nella gestione dei Fondi strutturali in Italia”. ISTITUZIONI DEL FEDERALISMO, Issue 3, 2014, 539-571.

“La Provincia autonoma di Bolzano. Tendenze e criticità nel consolidamento dell’autonomia fiscale”. ISTITUZIONI DEL FEDERALISMO, Issue 1, 2012, 63-101

“Qualità della governance e regolazione dei flussi finanziari. Il caso dei Fondi strutturali in Italia”. RIVISTA ITALIANA DI POLITICHE PUBBLICHE, Issue 2, 2012, 253-285 (with M.S. Righettini).

“Committee of the Regions: in search of identity”. REGIONAL AND FEDERAL STUDIES, Vol. 19, 2009, 143-163.

“New Members in Old Institutions: The Impact of Enlargement on the Committee of the Regions”. REGIONAL AND FEDERAL STUDIES, Vol. 18, 2008, 429-448 (with M. Brunazzo).

“Il processo di institution-building nell’UE: elementi per una agenda di ricerca”. RIVISTA ITALIANA DI SCIENZA POLITICA, Vol. XXXVIII, 2008, 249-264.

#### Edited Special Issues (peer reviewed)

2023 “Administrative Capacity and Cohesion Policy”, REGIONAL STUDIES (with J.Bachtler, P.Graziano and L. Polverari)

2021 “Policy integration and institutional capacity. Theoretical, Conceptual and Empirical Challenges”, POLICY & SOCIETY, 40(1) (with P.Graziano and L. Polverari)

#### Book chapters

“Green Economy”. In J. Sperling and S. Lucarelli (eds). Handbook on Governance and the European Union, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2023 (forthcoming).

“Integrating EU climate action into cohesion policy: instruments, developments and challenges”. In Nicola Francesco Dotti, N. F., Musiałkowska, I. Sonia De Gregorio Hurtado, and J.Walczyk (eds). EU COHESION POLICY: A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH. Multidisciplinary Movements in Research. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2023 (forthcoming).

“Come funzionano le democrazie liberali: rendimento istituzionale e capacità amministrative”, in M. Almagisti and P.Graziano (eds). Manuale di Scienza Politica: “Democrazia”, Carocci, Roma. 2023 (forthcoming).

“Noncompliance”, in Graziano, P. and J. Tosun (eds.) *Elgar Encyclopedia of European Union Public Policy*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2022.

“Financial accountability and the quality of performance in EU cohesion policy. The case of Italy”, in P. Stephenson, M.L. Sánchez Barrueco and A. Hartmut (eds), *Financial Accountability in the European Union - Institutions, Policy and Practice*, Routledge: Abingdon, 2020.

“The role of European cities in the fight against climate change. Networking for local climate policy convergence”, in X. Ruiz-Campillo (ed), *The Transformation of the European Union: The Impact of Climate Change in European Policies*. World Scientific: Singapore, 2020.

“Policy and governance innovations for sustainable urban development. An overview of the 2014-2020 Structural Funds programming in Italy”, in A.Bisello, P. Elisei, D. Vettorato and R.Stephens (eds), *Smart and Sustainable Planning for Cities and Regions*. Berlin: Springer, 2016.

“Politiche di sviluppo territoriale ed enti intermedi: le opportunità offerte dagli strumenti place based in Veneto per la programmazione 2014-2020”, P. Messina (a cura di), *Politiche e istituzioni per lo sviluppo del territorio: il caso del Veneto*, Padova: Padova University Press, 2016.

“Le politiche energetiche e climatiche dell’Alto Adige nello scenario europeo”, in Politika 15 - Annuario di politica dell’Alto Adige, Edition Raetia, 2015, 227-262 (with A. Bisello, A.Lumicisi, E.Mitrotta and D.Vettorato).

“Measuring public participation in EIA: evidences from the Chinese Provinces Yunnan and Shandong”, in M. Alberton (ed), *Public participation in environmental decision-making in EU and China. The case of environmental impact assessment*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2014, 123-136 (with M.Elmi).

“Le sfide della politica di coesione europea: la governance multilivello e l’efficacia finanziaria nella gestione dei Fondi strutturali in Italia”. Istituzioni del Federalismo, Issue 3, 2014, 539-571.

“EU regional policy and the process of institution-building in Central Eastern

European Countries”, in F. Palermo, S. Parolari (eds), *Regional dynamics and Eastern and Central Europe. New approaches to decentralization*, Leiden-Boston: Brill, 2013, 35-59.

“Water Management and Protection in Italy”, in M. Alberton and F. Palermo (eds), *Environmental protection and multi-layered system. Comparative lessons from the water sector*, Leiden-Boston: Brill, 2012, 389-409 (with M. Alberton).

“Le città nella politica di coesione dell’UE”, in P. Messina e M. Salvato (a cura di), *Dalla città alle reti urbane. Politiche per la progettazione di Aree Vaste a confronto*, Padova: Cleup, 2007, 43-56.

Le reti intercomunali in Europa tra governance locale e politiche comunitarie, in P. Messina (a cura di), *L’associazionismo intercomunale. Strumenti e politiche delle regioni italiane. Il caso del Veneto*, Padova, Cleup, pp. 27-57 (con G. Nesti).

“Regional Cooperation under EU Neighbourhood Policy”, in F. Attina e R. Rossi (eds), *EU Neighbourhood Policy: political, economic and social aspects*, Catania, The Jean Monnet Centre “Euro-Med”, 2004, 89-102.

## **SELECTED CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

2022

“The eco-social policy mix: unpacking policy toolboxes and instruments”, ESPANET EUROPE, 14-16 September 2022, Vienna (with K. Zimmermann)

“Policy integration and the eco-social debate in political analysis”, ESPANET EUROPE, 14-16 September 2022, Vienna (with Philipp Trein).

“From cross-sectoral policy integration to policy sector transformation? Insights from European Regional Policy for the European Green Deal”, the 28th International Conference of Europeanists, Lisbon, June 20-22 (with Jale Tosun).

2021

“Understanding the European Green Deal: A Narrative Policy Framework perspective”, International Conference on Public Policy (IPPA), Barcelona, 5-7 July (with P. Graziano)

2019

“Policy integration and administrative capacities: Evidence from EU cohesion policy”, paper presented at the ECPR General Conference, Wrocław, 4-7 September (with Paolo Graziano and Laura Polverari).

“Engines of learning? Policy instruments, cities and climate governance”, paper presented at the panel ‘Problem-Solving and Learning in Multilevel Governance’, International Public Policy Association, Montreal, 24-26 June (with Anthony Zito).

“Empowerment via delegation? Implementing Sustainable Urban Development Strategies in Veneto and Scotland”, paper presented at the Regional Studies Association Annual Conference, Santiago De Compostela 5-7 July (with Paolo Graziano and Laura Polverari).

“Indicators of circular economy: The European Union, scientific knowledge and the definition of influential global policy concepts”, paper presented at the EUREX workshop on “Expertise and policy-making – comparative perspectives”, Institute of Public Administration, University of Leiden, The Hague, May 13-14 (with Fabrizio De Francesco).

“Governing Sustainability in the European Union”, Research Seminar, European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde, 20 February.

2017

“Voluntary instruments for climate change. The Covenant of Mayors of the European Union”, paper presented at the Workshop ‘The Future of Environmental Policy in the European Union’, University of Gothenburg, January 19-20.

“Climate change governance and policy learning in the EU. The role of city networks”,

paper presented at the Conference 'Smart and Sustainable Planning for Cities and Regions – SSPCR', Bolzano, March 22-24.

"Governing through enabling? European Union climate change policies and the experience of the Covenant of Mayors", paper presented at International Public Policy Association Conference, Singapore, June 27-30.

"Understanding accountability: between spending and performance in EU cohesion policy", paper presented at EUFINACCO panel on "Financial Accountability in the European Union" at the 47th Annual UACES Conference, Krakow, September 5-7.

2016

"The challenge of policy integration. Sustainable urban development in EU cohesion policy", paper presented at the Panel 'Territorial Capital, Institutional Capacities, Policy Coordination and Changing Perceptions of Solidarity'. The 8th Pan-European Conference on the European Union, Trento, June 16-18, 2016.

"A new turn in the EU sustainable development strategy? The changing nature of policy integration", paper presented at the ECPR Joint Session Workshop 'Whither the Environment in Europe? Pisa, April 24-28, 2016.

2015

Key-note speaker at the Conference 'Smart and Sustainable Planning for Regions and Cities 2015, EURAC, Bolzano, November 19-20

Coordinator and discussant of the panel "Reinforcing the Foundations for Integrating Sustainable Development into the European Union Policies", UACES Annual Conference, Bilbao, September 6-9.

2014

"Towards a policy paper for Italy. Voluntary tools in the implementation of the European low carbon strategy in Italy: the Covenant of Mayors and other instruments for public - private partnerships at local level", paper presented at the Conference ECOMONDO 2014, Rimini, November 5.

"Democratic Innovations in Non-Democratic States. Institutionalization of Public Participation in EIA in China", paper presented at the Workshop 'Systematising Comparison of Democratic Innovations: Advanced Explanations of the Emergence, Sustenance and Failure of Participatory Institutions', 42d ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Salamanca, April 10-15.

2013

"Territorial governance and institutional sustainability. Current trends and future scenario for the Veneto Region", paper presented at the Regional Studies Association (RSA) Conference, Manchester, November 1-2.

2011

"Qualità della governance e regolazione dei flussi finanziari. Il caso dei Fondi strutturali in Italia", paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Association, September 8-12 (with Mariastella Righettini).

2010

"Water management and protection in Italy. Between continuity and change in the perspective of EU policy requirements", paper presented at the Workshop 'Multilevel governance and environmental protection. Models, tools, comparative experiences and case studies', EURAC, Bolzano, December 13.

"Territorial Governance and Water Management: Regional Challenges of the Water Framework Directive Implementation in Italy", presented at the 61st Annual Conference of Political Studies Association, London, April 20.

2009

"The Lisbon Agenda and EU Cohesion Policy: implications for territorial governance", paper presented at the Workshop 'The Politics of Governance Architectures: Institutions, Power and Public Policy', ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Lisbon, April 14-19.

## **INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH NETWORKS**

Member of Italian Political Science Association

Member of European Consortium of Political Research

Member of Regional Studies Association

Member of INOGOV – Innovation for Climate Governance Network

Member of the University Association for Contemporary European Studies of UACES  
(The Academic Association for Contemporary European Studies)

Member of the International Association for Public Policy

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **Journal referee and editorial positions:**

Referee for the following journals:

Global Environmental Politics, Environmental Politics, Governance, Italian Political Science Review, Journal of Cleaner Production, Journal of Common Market Studies, Journal of European Integration, Nature Communications, Journal of Environmental Planning and Management, Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis, Relaciones Internacionales, Rivista Italiana di Politiche Pubbliche, Policy Sciences, European Journal of Social Science Research

Book proposal referee for: Routledge, Peter Lang

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board - Policy & Society (2021-)

### **Administrative Positions**

2018 - Director of the MA Programme ‘EU policies, project-management and funding’, Department of Political Science, Law and International Studies, University of Padua

Reference person for International Mobility, MA Programme European and Global Studies (EGOS), University of Padua (2018 – )

### **PhD supervision and examination**

Member of the Scientific Board of the Ph.D. in Political Studies (POLS), University of Milano (2022 - )

Member of the Ph.D. Supervisory Committee for the thesis ‘The emergence of carbon pricing in Senegal and Côte d’Ivoire’ within the framework of the project ‘POLYCENTRIC CARBON PRICING GOVERNANCE’ (PolyCarbon - ERC), coordinated by Prof. Katia Biedenkopf (KU Leuven) (15-09-2021 - now)

Member of the Ph.D. Examination Board - University of Siena (November, 2017)

### **Short term visiting positions**

2022 Centre d'études européennes et de politique compare, Sciences Po

2021 Institute of Political Science, Heidelberg University

2019 European Policies Research Centre, University of Strathclyde

### **Research reports:**

‘Weaknesses of the public participation in Environmental Impact Assessment process in China’ (D.2.1); ‘Chinese and EU best practices of public participation in Environmental Impact Assessment procedures’ (D.2.2), ‘Present situation of EIA public participation in selected Provinces in China: the NGOs and local communities’

perspectives' (D.3.3) Project *Regulating and promoting public participation in Environmental Impact Assessment in Selected Municipalities and Provinces* - EU - CHINA ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME, (2013-2014) (with M. Alberton et al.).

'Voluntary Tools in the Implementation of the European Low Carbon Strategy in Italy: the Covenant of Mayors and Other Instruments for Public-Private Partnerships at Local Level' (2014), Policy paper, Project *Low Carbon - South East Europe* (LOCSEE), INTERREG, PROGRAMME SOUTH EAST EUROPE (with A.Bisello, A. Lumicisi et al.).

'Voluntary tools, energy policies and networking for a low-carbon agenda' (2014), Process Plan, Project *Low Carbon - South East Europe* (LOCSEE), INTERREG, PROGRAMME SOUTH EAST EUROPE (with A.Bisello, A. Lumicisi et al.).

'Inclusione sociale: riduzione della povertà e sviluppo economico nelle aree rurali, Relazione realizzata in convenzione con la Regione Veneto - Settore Primario, nell'ambito dell'elaborazione del Programma di Sviluppo Rurale (PSR) 2014-2020 (with P. Messina, N.Parise, L.Rizzo).

'Politiche multilivello per lo sviluppo sostenibile. Quali strategie per la gestione e la tutela delle acque nelle regioni italiane dell'Arco Alpino?' (Policy paper - Project *The Implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive in the Alpine Italian Regions multilevel governance perspective* (2010-2011).